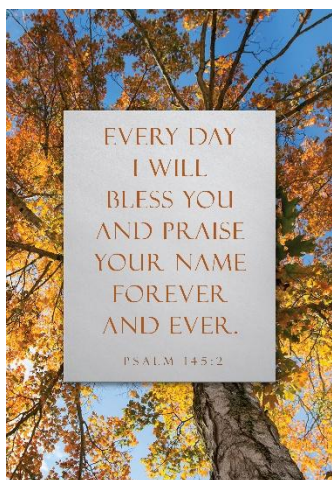


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

We welcome our pastoral candidate, Chris Weaver this morning! Today we continue in Luke's gospel chapter 20:27-40. Jesus has been teaching daily in the temple court. Several groups of religious authorities come to challenge Jesus. In today's text one group comes with a rather bizarre question...

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

How Firm a Foundation
God of Grace ~Manz

Marcia Brubaker

Welcome

Judy Goertzen

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Psalms 145:1-5 CEB

Leader: I will lift you up high, my God, the true king.

People: I will bless you every day.

All: *I will praise your name forever and always.*

Leader: The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped.

People: One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

Leader: They will talk all about the glorious splendor of your majesty;

All: *I will contemplate your wondrous works.*

*Gathering Hymns

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
You Are Exalted

VT 126

VT 86

Children's Story

Karl Brubaker

Worship Music

Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song ~Leavitt

Chancel Choir

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *This Is God's Wondrous World* ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication** *You Are All We Have*

VT 701

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Luke 20:27-40 CEB	Judy Goertzen
Song of Response	<i>Faith Begins by Letting Go</i>	VT 585
Message	<i>sad, you see?</i>	Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>God of the Bible</i>	VT 420
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	<i>Old Hundredth</i> ~Hayes	Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe that God's shalom will prevail.

Greeters: North – Jeremy and Maggie Schroeder
South – Dwight and Tammy Flaming

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Guitar: Eric Schrag

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Schmidt Peters

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

November 2 Attendance: Sunday School – 105; Worship -- 183 in person;
18 Zoom Households

November 2 Offering: Sunday School -- \$85.75; First Fruits -- \$8,917.47

Next Sunday – ElRoy Wiens will bring us the message about Light. Scripture texts are Exodus 3:1-5 and Acts 12:6-7. Greeters are Arlie and Kay Schroeder and Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We thank you God, that Chris, Steph and Eli can be with us this morning and we ask for your blessing on all of us as we worship together.
- ❖ We pray for our communities, our state and the nation as we adjust to some new people in positions of leadership; may the commonwealth of all people be cared for.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 9

9:30 am -- Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Chris Weaver preaching

Noon Potluck in the Fellowship Hall

12:45 pm – Chris Weaver shares his faith story / informal time for Q & A

4:30 pm – Youth pizza and bowling after meeting with Chris Weaver

Monday, November 10

Church offices closed

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:15 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, November 11

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

5:45 pm – Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm – Midweek Activities

Sunday, November 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Noon – Light meal served followed by congregational meeting and vote

COMING EVENTS

Nov 10-11 MCC Relief Meat Canning

Nov 21 Senior Coffee – Kendra Burkey, Salted Creamery Ice Cream

Nov 21 Distribute fresh produce at Kansas Food Bank, 3-6 pm

Nov 30 First Sunday of Advent

Dec 6 Daughters of Grace Christmas Brunch

Dec 7 Newton Community Children's Choir concert at AMC, 3 pm

Jan 7, 2026 Annual Reports due in the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome our pastor candidate Chris Weaver, his wife Stephanie, and son Eli to our worship service. Chris is bringing our message today and will share more about himself and his faith journey this afternoon following a potluck meal together.

Next Sunday, November 16, there will be a light lunch provided by the Reception Committee after the church service. Following lunch, we will return to the sanctuary for a congregational meeting and vote to call Chris Weaver for a three-year term as co-pastor beginning January 2026. Please plan to participate in this important step in the life of our church.

In your mailbox today you'll find the pink Gifts Discernment Survey.

Listed on the survey are the persons currently serving on our various Boards and those who will not be continuing in 2026. Please give prayerful thought to who within our congregation has the gifts and skills to serve on the Boards so we can fill the vacancies. Write in the names and return the forms to the boxes in the lobbies by November 23. Thank you for participating in this important church work of discernment.

Reminder -- The church offices are closed on Mondays and the building will be locked. The office hours will remain the same Tuesday-Friday (8:30-

12:30 and 1:00-4:00). Pastor Lois may be reached on her cell phone 316.617.3497.

The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team is now collecting donations for the upcoming spring semester. Our students attending Mennonite Colleges appreciate your support, as these dollars are matched \$ for \$ by the colleges. If interested in donating, please place contributions in the designated envelopes found in church mailboxes and return to the church office or Gretchen Schrag by November 30. Thank you!

Daughters of Grace invites all women and girls of Alexanderwohl to a vintage brunch on Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 am in the church fellowship hall to kick off the Christmas season.

We will enjoy a meal followed by a beginner-friendly origami Christmas craft session led by Pat Penner and music. Our offering project will benefit the Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum.

Please sign up by Sunday, November 23, sheets posted in both lobbies so we know how many places to set at the tables. We look forward to celebrating with you.

MCC Relief Meat Canning is coming up November 10 & 11. Please sign up in the south lobby. We need your help!

Kansas Food Bank Produce Distribution November 21st, 3-6 pm. The New Life Church and Outreach Center is welcoming AMC to join them to distribute fresh produce on Friday Nov. 21st. Additionally, New Life has a Clothing and Household Closet where they distribute needed items, for free, to those who come for the produce distribution. Suggested clothing items: gently used coats/jackets/hoodies/gloves/scarves/stocking hats. Suggested household items: used but in good repair...baking sheets, cake pans, muffin tins, measuring cups/spoons, mixing bowls. Bring items to church by Nov. 20th. A sign-up sheet is in the South Lobby for volunteering. For questions, contact Judy Goertzen, Board of Mission and Service Chairperson.

The **Goessel Ministerial Alliance** is again sponsoring the **Christmas Giving Tree**. The tree will be at Citizens State Bank. Through this project the GMA tries to alleviate some of the expenses of Christmas. Families who could benefit from assistance are invited to complete an application (available at the Goessel Elementary and High School offices, the City Office, the Crossroads Credit Union and the Citizens State Bank). **Deadline for applications is Friday, November 21.** Applicants' "tags" will be available for choosing from the tree at the CSB on **Tuesday, November 25.** Gifts need to be returned to the Bank wrapped and ready to be received by **Monday, December 15.** For more details see the fliers on both bulletin boards and in the email. Thanks for your consideration and generosity!