

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we'll be encouraged to think of the book of Job as a prophetic narrative - rather than its usual association with the wisdom literature of the Bible.

What can we learn from this narrative of Job's suffering and transformation that can guide our lives today?

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Prelude and Fugue VIII ~Bach</i>	Jared Janzen
<b>Welcome</b>		Eric Schrag
<b>Opportunities for Celebration and Service</b>		
<b>Mennonite Disaster Service Trip Report</b>		Tim & Judy Goertzen
<b>*Hymns of Praise</b>	<i>O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above</i>	VT 74
	<i>Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord</i>	VT 131
<b>Children's Story</b>		Janice Voth
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Pastor Lois Harder
<b>Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		First Fruits Giving
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour ~arr. Young</i>	Jared Janzen
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Job 1:1-22; 42:5-6	Gretchen Schrag
<b>Hymn of Response</b>	<i>O God, You Search Me</i>	VT 199
<b>Message</b>	<i>Job: A Prophetic Narrative</i>	Pastor Chris Weaver

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

<b>*Sending Song</b>	<i>I Know Not Why God's Wondrous</i>	VT 590
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Chris
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>Jubilation ~Gordon Young</i>	Jared Janzen

\*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 – Tim and Judy Goertzen  
South – Jason, Renae, Myra and Celia Peters

**Organ / Piano:** Jared Janzen

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Visual Arts:** Brianna Combs

**Nursery Staff:** Aileen Esau and Elly Mai  
(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**May 17 Attendance:** Sunday School – 82; Worship -- 149 in person;  
13 Zoom Households

**May 17 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$21.07; First Fruits -- \$4,491.22

**Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will highlight the three Isaiahs.** Three? Bible scholars suspect that the book of Isaiah is the work of three writers, not one. Can the works of these three writers of Isaiah stand together to bring us an “alchemy” of spiritual growth over time?

Greeters are Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen and Eric and Gretchen Schrag.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for Craig Schmidt and his family as they grieve the loss and celebrate the life of his father, Ronnie Schmidt.
- ❖ We pray for Jill Siebert and her family as they grieve and celebrate her grandfather, Marles Preheim.
- ❖ We give thanks for the birth of Grayson Cole Hernandez to Adrian and Kara (Burkholder) on Thursday, May 14. Grandparents are Brian and Rachael Burkholder.
- ❖ O God, we pray for those whose lives are filled with fear and uncertainty as they live in the midst of war, famine, fear or illness.

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, May 24**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Brief memorial service in the cemetery kiosk following worship

### **Monday, May 25**

Church offices closed for Memorial Day

### **Tuesday, May 26**

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

4:30 pm – Peace Committee, Conference Room

### **Wednesday, May 27**

7:00 pm – Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting

### **Sunday, May 31**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

- May 31-June 2    Serve at New Hope Shelter  
June 1-5        Vacation Bible School at Tabor Menn. Church 8:30-11:45 am  
June 5          MCC Sale Celebration – See announcement for details  
June 7          VBS Worship Service at Tabor Church – no service at AMC  
June 8          Goessel Blood Drive  
June 19         Senior Coffee with Jason Peters as presenter  
June 28-July 4   Youth Summer Service Project with MDS  
July 5          Peace Reflection Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today there will be a brief Memorial Service at the kiosk in the cemetery.** All are welcome to come and remember, honor and thank God for loved ones who have died. This service will begin immediately following the worship service.

**On Sunday, May 31 (NEXT SUNDAY!) the Foundation Fellowship class will host a party during the SS hour for all children - through High School!** This special "end-of-the-school-year" time together will be held in the Shelter House and all families with children are invited to participate and bring easy-to-eat, finger-foods to share. There will be no regular SS classes that day for the children. Please come and join in for fun and fellowship! Questions? Contact Maryanne Esau.

**It is time to serve at New Hope Shelter! Please sign up on the south lobby bulletin board for May 31 - June 2.** The Seekers & Sojourners class will serve supper on May 31, Foundation Fellowship will be June 1 and Friends and Followers will serve on June 2.

**VBS Worship Service:** You are invited to the VBS celebration worship service at Tabor Mennonite Church the morning of **Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 am.** The children will share the songs, stories, and lessons learned during the week. Following the service, everyone is invited to tour the classroom and session spaces to see what the kids have created and then enjoy a potluck lunch in the hospitality hall. Please bring a potluck dish to share. You are encouraged to bring your own table service, or you can use the table service that will be provided. Drinks will be provided. (There will be no worship service at Alexanderwohl on June 7.)

**It's time to celebrate Ruth!** May 31 marks the end of Ruth Goertzen's role as the Administrative Assistant for Alexanderwohl. She has faithfully served our congregation for the past 15 years, and it's time to celebrate those years of work! Please share a memory, funny story, words of appreciation, encouragement and celebration through cards or notes left in her church mailbox throughout the next several weeks.

**Instant Church Directory Update --** The complete church family has been added including full members and associate members. The Directory serves

as our always-up-to-date pictorial directory, as well as replacing the annually printed yearbook. With your smart phone or computer, you can access the pictures, family information, birthday and anniversary calendars, as well as the list of boards and committees in the "additional pages". If you do not have phone or computer access there will be a *limited* number of copies printed. Due to the cost of color printing and in an effort to reduce costs, a donation of \$3.00-\$5.00 is suggested. Contact the church office if you would like a copy.

**VBS is around the corner and the "snack ladies" are asking for monetary donations for purchasing snack ingredients and supplies.** Please put your donation in the box in either lobby by May 31. Thanks for your help!

**Sunday, July 5:** The Peace and Social Concerns Committee and pastors are working to plan a **Peace Reflection Sunday!** In the place of our usual Sunday school and worship service programming, we are planning a full morning of peace-related storytelling, activity stations set up inside and outside for the creation of art, poetry, music and singing, play, and time to read, write, or meditate on peace. Additionally, we will have information, resources, and guidance available for those who desire to create a written record of religious objection to war to help establish your status as a conscientious objector (especially for those age 16-25), as well as information regarding alternative service options. More information to come soon!

**Summer Book Study!** The Board of Mission and Service and Peace and Social Concerns Committee are organizing a summer book study of *Strange Worship: Six Steps For Challenging Christian Nationalism*. The book study will meet for 8 Wednesday evenings beginning **July 8 thru August 26**. Please add your name to the sign-up on the south bulletin board or let the church office know if you would like to participate so we can reserve your copy of the book that we'll borrow from the WDC Resource Library. For more information, contact a member of the Peace Committee.

**Bethesda Home's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.** in Bethesda's Chapel. An update of Bethesda, election of board members, financial report, AND a piece of pie – you won't want to miss! It's time to celebrate the ministry of Bethesda. We hope you can join us!

**Blood Drive: "Celebrate More Life" when you donate blood - June 8 between 1:00-6:00 pm** at Goessel Church. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.