

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Our prophet of the day is Isaiah.

In these pages we'll trace the movement from **order**

(reward/punishment), to **disorder**

(the tears of exile), to **reorder**

(maybe God's grace, mercy and love are bigger than we thought!)

**Where do you find yourself in this movement?**

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say, Come Unto Me and Rest ~Burkhardt  
Laus Regis ~Weber*

Karen Unruh

### Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Recognition and Appreciation for Ruth Goertzen

### Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

VT 859 (adapted)

Leader: God of every place, some of us seek you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.

**People: Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion.**

Leader: And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward. When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground.

**People: When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.**

**All: Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.**

### \*Gathering Hymns

*Mountain of God  
We Sing to You, O God*

VT 11

VT 80

### Children's Story

Eric Schrag

### Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

### Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Dove of Peace ~Cherwien*

Karen Unruh

\*Prayer of Dedication

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 6:1-8; 49:14-15; 61:1-2a Megan Duerksen

**Sermon** *Three Isaiahs: The Heart of Prophecy* Pastor Chris Weaver

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Vacation Bible School Dedication

**\*Sending Song** *Here I Am, Lord* VT 545

**\*Benediction** Pastor Chris

**\*Postlude** Karen Unruh

\*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 – Marvin and Rosalie Duerksen

South – Eric and Gretchen Schrag

**Organ / Piano:** Karen Unruh

**Song Leader:** Julianna Kaufman

**Visual Arts:** Brianna Combs

**Nursery Staff:** Laura Unrau and Grace Meier

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**May 24 Attendance:** Sunday School – 103; Worship -- 133 in person;  
9 Zoom Households

**May 24 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$81.24; First Fruits -- \$3,814.83

**Next Sunday – We will worship at Tabor Mennonite Church at 10:00 am.**

We will celebrate the week of collaborative VBS and hear about our many significant connections – to one another, to Creation and to our Creator.

There will be no services here at Alexanderwohl next Sunday.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We thank God for the beauty of the floral arrangement this morning. It was given by Lorna Wilson in memory of her parents Averil (Unrau) and Robert Leach, both of whom were buried in the Alexanderwohl cemetery yesterday.
- ❖ Thank you God for the gift of new life! We pray for Caleb and Jayla Burkholder as they welcome Kinsley Kate to their family. Kinsley was born on May 17. Brian and Rachael Burkholder are her grandparents.
- ❖ Loving God, we pray for your Spirit of Peace to move in your people throughout the world. Where there is hatred, let your people bring love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, may your people bring Joy.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, May 31

9:30 am – Sunday School (all children through HS meet in the Shelter House)

10:30 am – Worship

### Monday, June 1

8:30–11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

5:15 pm – Board of Worship

6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

### Tuesday, June 2

8:30–11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

### Wednesday, June 3

8:30–11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

### Thursday, June 4

8:30–11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

### Friday, June 5

8:30–11:45 am – VBS at Tabor Mennonite Church

### Sunday, June 7

No worship service at AMC

10:00 am – VBS Worship service at Tabor Mennonite Church followed by potluck lunch

## COMING EVENTS

May 31-June 2 Serve at New Hope Shelter

June 5 MCC Sale Celebration at Duerksen/Knepp farm

June 7 Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser at White Owl Barn

June 8 Goessel Blood Drive

June 19 Senior Coffee with Jason Peters as presenter

June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS in Spencer, IA

July 5 Peace Reflection Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please pick up flowers or other items that you wish to keep in the cemetery by June 7.**

**Today -- Sunday, May 31 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 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 for the children. Please come and join in for fun and fellowship!

**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 next 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.

**Instant Church Directory Update --** The complete church family has been added including full members and associate members. Contact the church office if you would like a paper copy. A donation of \$3.00-\$5.00 is suggested.

**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 today, 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.

**Mark your calendars for Bethesda's Annual Summer Fundraiser which will be held from 5p-7p on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at the White Owl Barn.** We will once again be serving pulled pork sandwiches with all the fixings. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening by the creek.

**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.