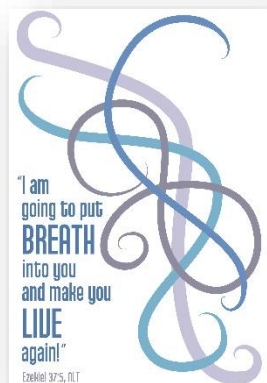


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!
This morning we'll hear from the "eccentric prophet" Ezekiel. Richard Rohr writes, "Ezekiel's prophecies are a good lesson in not throwing out the message because the messenger is a bit quirky." If we did that, we may have thrown them all out by now!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Jason Peters

Lord God, We Sing Your Praises ~Bach
From All That Dwell Below the Skies ~Burkhardt
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~Fedak

Welcome

Laura Unrau

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

VT 383

Leader: The people say:

People: Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished.

Leader: Thus says the Lord God:

All: I will put my spirit in you, and you will live. I will give you rest on your land, and you will know that I am the Lord.

Peace Prayer

Laura Unrau and Family

***Gathering Hymns** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
Spirit, Open My Heart

VT 88

VT 636

Children's Story

Pastor Chris Weaver

Worship Music

Where the Soul Never Dies ~Golden
Kevin Gaeddert, Eric Schrag, Timothy Schrag

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* ~Hayes Jason Peters

***Prayer of Dedication** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* (v.1,3) VT 747

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 2-3:3; 37:1-14 Tammy Flaming
Sermon "Ezekiel: Redemption and the Grace of God" Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song** *Spirit of the Living God* VT 740
***Benediction** Pastor Lois
***Postlude** *Prelude in Classic Style ~Young* Jason Peters

*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 – Craig and Jody Schmidt
South – John and Jenny Fast

Organ / Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert and Delaney Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

May 31 Attendance: Sunday School – 87; Worship -- 136 in person;
6 Zoom Households

May 31 Offering: Sunday School -- \$7.00; First Fruits -- \$3,439.75

June 7 Offering: First Fruits -- \$1,706.12

Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will preach from and about the prophet Micah. As always, it's important for us to read this minor prophet in his own context as well as "in the light and full revelation of God in Jesus Christ" (Anabaptist Community Bible, pg. 1117). Greeters are Denise Duerksen and Garrett and Brittany Hiebert.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for the family and friends of Brenda Franzen who died this past week. Be with them as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life.
- ❖ For people of color who are watching their hard-fought rights being stripped from them on a regular basis, we pray for conviction and courage to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly" with you, God.
- ❖ We pray for our church camps as they begin their summer ministries. Be with campers and staff as they learn more about following Jesus together.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 14

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

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, June 15

4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

5:00 pm – Board of Mission and Service

Tuesday, June 16

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Friday, June 19

10:00 am – Senior Coffee – Jason Peters

Sunday, June 21

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

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

June 19 Senior Coffee with Jason Peters as presenter

June 21-29 Pastor Lois out of the office

June 26-27 MCC Mini Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton

June 28-July 4 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS in Spencer, IA
(Pastor Chris attending)

July 5 Peace Reflection Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCSMT: Thank you for your recent generous donations during our spring fund drive for the Mennonite College Student Scholarship Fund. So far, the donations total \$3350! We are grateful to offer a scholarship for students attending a Mennonite College for the 2026-2027 school year. Please fill out an application at the following link: <https://forms.gle/ijE8FiWBvoeGEaWB8> if you plan to attend such an institution this coming fall and meet the established criteria. Printable copies of the form are also available at our church's website: <https://alexanderwohl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/MCSMT-Scholarship-Application-2026-2027-1.pdf>. Application deadline is July 1st.

Mennonite College Student Ministry Team: Rosi Reimer, Judy Goertzen, Megan Duerksen

Sunday, July 5: The Peace Committee invites everyone to a Peace Reflection Sunday on July 5. Come to worship at 9:30. That will include corporate worship, scripture, personal stories, prayers and singing. Following the service, we will engage in intergenerational activities that will help us think about peace -- what is it, how do we create it, how do we follow Jesus in living it out? There will be opportunities for families and individuals to make art, music, and poetry, play games, participate in a skit, and have time for reflection and meditation. Finally, we'll come back together for closing worship with sharing and song. The service will end by 11:45 with a light

lunch to follow, served in the Shelter House at 12:00. Sign up for lunch on the bulletin board in the south lobby.

Summer Book Study! The Peace Committee, along with the Board of Mission and Service, is hosting a summer book study! Beginning **July 8 through August 26**, each Wednesday evening we'll study *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* by Drew Strait. We have 16 copies of the book on loan from the Western District Conference Library. They can be checked out through either of the pastors or Julianna. For more information, contact a member of the Peace Committee.

Senior Coffee this Friday, June 19, at 10:00a.m. – we'll hear from Jason Peters about what it's like to be nominated for "Teacher of the Year" and what happens in the school year that follows. It was a busy year for Jason!

Pastor Lois will travel to Quito, Ecuador, from Sunday, June 21 through Monday, June 29. Her oldest daughter and son-in-law are there leading a Study Service Term for Goshen College. Pastor Chris will travel with the youth group to an MDS service assignment in Spencer, Iowa from Saturday, June 27 through Friday, July 3. For the three days that both pastors will be away (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, June 27-29), **Deacon Karen Unruh will be available for emergency pastoral care needs.**

Camper Information If you know of people attending church camp (as campers and/or staff) please let Julianna know in the church office so these folks can be included in our prayers!