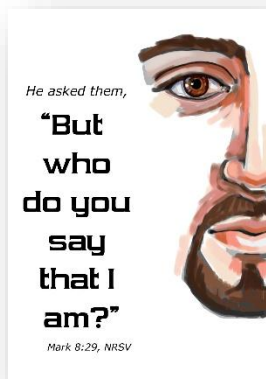


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning, Eric Schrag will wrap up our series on the prophets! After looking at many of the Old Testament prophets, we'll end with the GOAT - Jesus of Nazareth.

How do Jesus' prophetic words speak to us today?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music	<i>Andantino</i> ~ Edwin Lamare	Jared Janzen
	<i>Agnus Dei</i> ~ George Bizet	
Welcome		Bryant Miller
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +		VT 851
*Gathering Hymns	<i>Christ is Our Cornerstone</i>	VT 4
	<i>Love Has Come</i>	VT 258
Children's Story		Chrystiana Miller
Morning Prayer		Bryant Miller
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>Just As I Am</i> ~ arr. Gordon Young	Jared Janzen
*Prayer of Dedication		

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading		Elaine Banman
	Genesis 1:27; John 8:12; Matthew 5:14-16	
Song of Response	<i>What a Friend We Have In Jesus</i>	VT 628
Sermon	<i>But the greatest of these is Love</i>	Eric Schrag

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song	<i>God Be the Love</i>	VT 43
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***Benediction**

Bryant Miller

***Postlude**

Trumpet Tune ~ Gordon Young

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 – Karl and Marcia Brubaker

South – Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert

Organ / Piano: Jared Janzen

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Gretchen Schrag, Julianna Kaufman

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voht

June 7 Offering: VBS offering for MCC Relief Kits -- \$1,773.00

June 7 Attendance: Worship (VBS Celebration at Tabor) -- 205 in person;
68 YouTube Households

June 21 Attendance: Sunday School -- 96; Worship -- 125 in person;
18 Zoom Households

June 21 Offering: Sunday School -- \$30.50; First Fruits -- \$3,968.75

Next Sunday – Peace Reflection Sunday; an intergenerational opportunity to worship, create, fellowship and reflect together on peacemaking. What does it mean to be peacemakers in 2026? How shall we respond to our government – and our neighbors in times of war and seemingly never-ending conflict and injustice? What if there's a renewed effort to draft young people into the military?

Greeters are Darla Banman and Chelan & Megan Duerksen.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We remember Pastor Lois and Tom as they travel home from Quito, Ecuador this week.
- ❖ God, may your Spirit of comfort be especially near to the family of Ruben Klassen in this time of loss. While we grieve the loss of Ruben among us, we also rejoice and find reassurance that he is truly home with you.
- ❖ We pray for the camp staff and campers at Camp Mennoscah as they adapt plans due to storms and rain. May campers and staff experience joy and delight in you, your creation, and each other in spite of having to adjust plans due to the weather.
- ❖ We remember the AMC Youth, Sponsors, and Pastor Chris who are traveling and will be arriving at a Mennonite Disaster Service site in Spencer, Iowa, Sunday evening. May this be a learning and growing experience for all as they interact and empathize with homeowners who have experienced the flooding of their homes, and as they work together to make repairs.

- ❖ O God, we grieve the heightened sense of polarization we feel in this country when it comes to the exchange of thoughts, ideas and ways to move forward. Grant us courage to stay engaged and find common ground and values we share with those with whom we disagree.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 28

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

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, June 30

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 5 – Peace Reflection Sunday

9:30 am -- Worship in Sanctuary

10:20 am -- Peace Reflection Activities

11:45 am – Light Lunch in Shelter House (sign up TODAY in South Lobby)

COMING EVENTS

June 21-29 Pastor Lois out of the office

June 27-July 3 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS in Spencer, IA

July 5 Peace Reflection Sunday

August 7-9 WDC Annual Assembly, Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Garden Sharing Table is available in the south lobby. Gardeners are welcome to bring extra produce to share throughout the summer and all are invited to stop by each week!

WDC Annual Assembly – Registration is now open! Please register at <https://mennowdc.org/2026-assembly-registration/> It is up to registrants to make their own lodging arrangements. The reservation deadline for WDC'S block of rooms is July 24, so move fast to make your reservation! Join us at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, August 7-9.

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

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Womens & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Forms are available on the website for printing for mail-in registration, although online is preferred and easy! Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org.

Sunday, July 5: The Peace Committee invites everyone to a Peace Reflection Sunday on July 5 (next Sunday!). Come to worship at 9:30. That will include corporate worship, scripture, personal stories, prayers and singing. Following this opening, 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. There will also be information on filling out conscientious objector paperwork and exploring alternative service. 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. Sign up for lunch on the bulletin board in the south lobby by TODAY, June 28. Bring a lawn chair!

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 meet at **6:30 pm** to study *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* by Drew Strait. We have 8 remaining 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.

Youth Group Service Trip Attendees 2026

MDS Site in Spencer, IA

June 27-July 3

Adults: *Tina Schrag, Laura Unrau (and Ellie Unrau),
Pastor Chris Weaver*

Youth: *Jayden Barnett, Delaney Duerksen, Elly Mai,
Lily Mai, Bella O'Neill, Myra Peters, Levi Schrag.*

AMC Summer Camp Staff/Campers 2026*

Camp Mennoscah - Campers:

- *Celia Peters (Junior 1): June 15-19*
- *Eli Weaver (Junior 1): June 15-19*
- *Lilly Voth (PreJunior 1): June 21-25*
- *Greyson Voth (First Camp): June 25-27*
- *Delaney Duerksen (Senior High): July 26-31*
- *Myra Peters (Senior High): July 26-31*

Camp Mennoscah- Staff:

- *Tina Schrag (Cook – Junior 1): June 15-19*
- *Noah Schrag (Summer Staff – Maintenance):
All Summer*

Please keep these folks in your prayers this summer! We thank God for safe travels and meaningful fellowship.

*If you have additions/edits to the camp list, please contact Julianna in the church office. The list will be displayed on the south bulletin board throughout the summer.