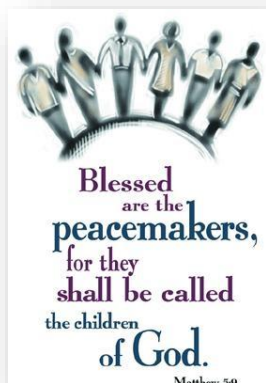


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

On this weekend of observing the nation's 250th birthday, we'll take time to reflect on what it looks like to follow Jesus as peacemakers. We'll begin with corporate worship, move to individual, family or group time and re-gather for sharing and closing worship together. How is the Spirit of Peace moving among us?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Hymns

Siyahamba

VT 793

We Are People of God's Peace

VT 797

If I Had a Hammer

Welcome

Pastors

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

VT 862 (adapted)

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,

People: open our hearts to praise you, that we might live the full truth of who we are,

Leader: that we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers and enemies;

People: open our hearts to the transforming power of your love, that we might forgive and reconcile, making peace and learning war no more,

Leader: that we might be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to all the world.

All: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother and friend. Amen.

Introduction to the Morning

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-16

Storytelling

- Ted and Frieda Flaming (read by D.J.)
- Arlin and Maretta Buller
- Les Flaming (read by Ruth Goertzen)
- ElRoy Wiens
- Marcia Brubaker
- Dwight M. Flaming

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR ACTIONS

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Are One in the Spirit

VT 387

Going to Peace Reflection Stations

(see options)

GATHERING AGAIN AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Regathering Hymn

Peace Like a River

Popcorn Sharing Time

***Sending Song**

If I Had a Hammer

***Benediction**

Pastors

*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 – Darla Banman

South – Chelan & Megan Duerksen

Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Myra Peters

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Laird Goertzen, Colby Nafziger,

Delton Voth

June 28 Attendance: Sunday School -- 71; Worship -- 99 in person;

14 Zoom Households

June 28 Offering: Sunday School -- \$18.76; First Fruits -- \$3,502.25

Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will lead us into a six-week series called “Shine Everywhere.” We’ll look at six practices – rhythms that shape our everyday faith and life. Week 1 – talk. Grow faith by having honest conversations and welcoming good questions. Scripture is Luke 24:13-25.

Greeters are Kim Voth and Tim & Judy Goertzen.

STATIONS

Meditation Station – Start in the lower south lobby where Pastor Lois will have some books, paper with prompts and writing/drawing utensils. Feel free to wander the church grounds – inside or out, by yourself or with a friend.

Poetry Station – Find Megan Duerksen's table out under the trees on the east side of the church. She'll have some suggestions for your poetry creation. Or, follow your own ideas! Good for families, groups or individuals. (Megan will also have books available)

Peace Play/Activity Station – Head out to the Shelter House/yard where you'll find Maryanne Esau, Julianna Kaufman, and Myra Peters with some activities to do as a family unit, individually or with whoever's there!

Art Station – Jill Siebert will also be under the trees on the east side of the church with some simple art projects to suggest! Kid and family-friendly as well as good for individuals. Also, don't miss Brian Stucky's, Cambry Duerksen's, and ElRoy Wiens' art pieces exhibited in the Fellowship Hall!

Information and Resources on How to Create a File for Yourself as a Conscientious Objector – This table will be in the upper south lobby and will provide forms to fill out, prompts to help you write a faith statement and other resources.

Alternative Service Resources – At the back of the sanctuary, you will find information about alternative ways to serve our country. Tina Schrag will represent Mennonite Central Committee. Travis Duerksen can tell you about Mennonite Mission Network. Cleo Koop and Gail Graber will have information about Mennonite Disaster Service.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for our nation this weekend in the midst of the 250th anniversary celebration. May we be as wise as serpents and as gentle as doves as we express appreciation and love for our country along with concern and critique.
- ❖ We pray for those in Venezuela who continue to mourn the loss of so many to the earthquakes last week.
- ❖ We pray for Cameron Esau, who will undergo surgery to remove her tonsils and adenoids on Tuesday, July 7. Grant your Spirit of Healing to Cameron and the Esau family during this time, Lord. May it be a smooth surgery and a swift recovery.
- ❖ We pray for John Flaming who is recovering from back surgery.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, July 6

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team
- 5:15 pm – Board of Worship
- 6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, July 7

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 8

- 6:30 pm – Book Study

Sunday, July 12

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

- July 31-August 2 Country Threshing Days
- August 5-8 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- August 7-9 WDC Annual Assembly, Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! We know that many hands make work light. Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 1. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond by July 19. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact LeNora Duerksen at lenorajduerksen@gmail.com or 620.877.0644.

There WILL be Sr. Coffee on Friday, July 17 at 10:00a.m.! David and Lori Yoder, friends and neighbors of Lynel and Vickie Unrau, travelled with their Methodist Church in Hillsboro to Zimbabwe on a Mission trip. They'll bring pictures and stories to share!

Summer Book Study! There are still 6 copies of *Strange Worship* available for anyone who would like to join the book study group. Beginning on Wednesday, July 8, at 6:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall – then each Wednesday through August. Come and learn about Christian Nationalism and how to challenge it.

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.