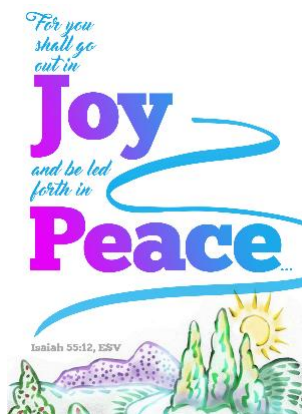


Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we welcome Timothy Schrag back to the pulpit as he brings the message on "Little Joys" from Isaiah 55: 12-13. Timothy comes to us in his new role as the Director of Development at Camp Mennoscah.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Morning Has Broken* ~ Hayes Jason Peters
 From All That Dwell Below the Skies ~ Burkhardt

Welcome ElRoy Wiens

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer + VT 886 (adapted)

Leader: We praise you, God -

People: in the sanctuary and under the stars;

Leader: for your greatness and for your goodness;

People: with loud hymns and quiet prayers;

Leader: with helping hands and dancing feet;

People: with all our breath and with all creation;

All: We praise you God!

***Gathering Hymns** *Could it Be That God is Singing* VT 42
 All Creatures, Worship God Most High (vs. 1,2,3) VT 81

Peace Prayer Pastor Chris Weaver and Rosi Reimer
 adapted from *Strange Worship* by Drew Strait

Time with the Children Karl Brubaker

Morning Prayer Pastor Chris

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ~ Held Jason Peters

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois Harder

Worship Music

Wondrous Love

Schrag/Kaufman Family

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:12-13

ElRoy Wiens

Hymn of Response

My Life Flows On

VT 605

Sermon

Little Joys

Timothy Schrag

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

You Shall Go Out With Joy

VT 847

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song ~ Leavitt

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 – Pastor Chris Weaver

South – Evan & Maryanne Esau

Organ / Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Visual Arts: Brianna Combs

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Myra Peters

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Laird Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

August 30 Attendance: Worship -- 131 in person; 11 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – We'll return to our God's Shalom series. The texts will be Isaiah 55:3-5 and Matthew 5:17-20. Pastor Lois will preach on the theme "Living in Relationship"; right relationships with our Creator, ourselves, each other, the land and all other creatures.

Greeters are Eric & Gretchen Schrag and Nathaniel Schmucker.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We thank you, God, for the ministries that happen at Camp Mennoscah and other camps. You make your Presence known in particular ways in the midst of your creation; we pray for your blessing on campers and staff as they embrace and experience your Love and Joy at Camp.
- ❖ We pray for Ann Flaming as she makes the adjustment from her duplex to being a resident at Bethesda Home. Let her know your comfort and peace even as the Parkinson's Disease progresses in her body.
- ❖ We pray for all the residents and staff from Alexanderwohl and our community at Bethesda, Showalter Villa and Kidron-Bethel.

- ❖ O God, we continue to pray for those in Nepal and Tibet who suffer from the unusual weather event of the past couple of weeks. Be with those who are in need of help as well as those who are offering it.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Offices CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

6:30 pm – Safe Church Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

September 18	Senior Coffee; Jerod Kaufman, presenter
September 23	Midweek Staff Informational Meeting, 5:45 pm
September 23	Annual Safe Church Training, 6:30 pm
September 26-27	Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
October 4	Harvest Giving Walk – World Communion Sunday
October 7	Midweek Begins
November 7	Daughters of Grace Fall Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church will have a SAFE CHURCH Safety and Abuse Prevention annual training session on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is required for all adults 18 years and older who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our church in any capacity. Anybody and everybody is welcome! Childcare will be provided. All those attending need to RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the lobbies or contact the church office by Sunday, September 20. Contact Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Malea Hartvickson or Susan Nafziger with questions.

New Life Church and Resource Center, located in Wichita, would again welcome our assistance with food distribution on Friday, Sept. 25, from 3:00 to approximately 6:00pm. Their operation is growing in size due to the need for food, so we are asked to arrive a little earlier than we have in the past. There is a sign-up sheet in the south lobby for approximately eight people and we will help to arrange carpooling. If you have questions, contact Pastor Chris, Sandy Banman, or John Fast. ~ Board of Mission and Service

Midweek is starting up again! Wednesday, October 7, will be Kickoff Night – the first evening of Midweek meals and activities at Alexanderwohl this fall. If your child plans to be involved in Midweek and/or Sunday School this year, please register online by Wednesday, September 30 (see the Friday email from amc@alexanderwohl.org) or scan the QR code on the flyers in the lobbies. Feel free to invite friends from the community! With questions, contact one of the Midweek Coordinators: Sandy Banman, Julianna Kaufman, or Kyle Unruh.

2026 Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Retreat: Come to Camp Mennoscah September 26-27 and enjoy God's creation, fellowship, tasty meals, and worshipping our Maker! Come for one day or both days. Thanks to First Fruits giving throughout the year, most of the retreat fees are covered. Opportunity will be given for donations to assist with expenses. For planning purposes, please complete the online registration form (see the weekly email from amc@alexanderwohl.org) OR the registration form that can be found on the back table in the sanctuary, by Sunday, September 20th. Feel free to invite friends!

Save the date for an autumn-themed Daughters of Grace brunch on Saturday, November 7. We're trying this new date instead of the typical Christmas brunch due to the many other holiday opportunities in early December. Plan to come for a fun fall festive event! More details to be announced later. ~ Daughters of Grace Leadership Team



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