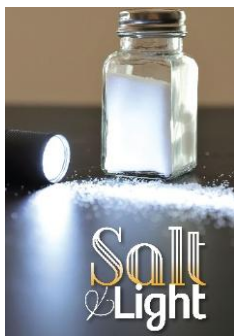


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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!
This morning we conclude
the series *God's Shalom for*
***our Common Home*. We'll**
focus on Singing with
Creation; worship and ways
of living that bring God's
shalom to every corner of
our common home.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Be Thou My Vision* ~ arr. Tonioli

Mary Schmidt

Welcome

Laura Unrau

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

VT 882 (adapted)

Leader: We are a people who must sing you, for the sake of our very lives.

People: **You are a God who must be sung by us, for the sake of your majesty and honor.**

All: ***And so we thank you, for lyrics that push us past our reasons, for melodies that break open our givens, for cadences that locate us home, beyond all our safe places.***

Leader: We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers who have sung you deep and true;

People: **we thank you for the good company of artists, poets, musicians, cantors, and instruments that sing for us and with us, pointing us to you.**

All: ***We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor and we will not keep silent. Amen.***

***Gathering Hymns** *At the Dawn of Your Creation (omit v. 2)*

VT 179

This is God's Wondrous World

VT 180

Time with the Children

Eric Schrag

Confession

Leader: God of transformation –

All: ***We still wait for your healing. We still feel overwhelmed by the brokenness in our lives and in our world.***

Leader: We confess that we do not always live as salt of the earth or shine with your light.

September 20 Attendance: Worship -- 124 in person; 13 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – Seth and Stephany Rudeen will be here to share with us about their year in Guatemala!

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Creator God, we thank you and praise you for the beautiful soaking rain that is restoring our land from the dry, cracked barrenness of just a few weeks ago.
- ❖ We pray your Holy Spirit will bring comfort for Maryanne, Evan, Kennedy and Cameron Esau in the sudden loss of Maryanne's mother, Marilyn Hett. We pray also for her dad, Warren.
- ❖ We pray for children everywhere who live in poverty of food, housing, nurture, safety, and love.
- ❖ We praise you for the beautiful weather and wonderful time of rest and fun together at Camp Mennoscah this past weekend. We thank you for ample outdoor worship space here on the Alexanderwohl campus today!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4

- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 am – Worship @ "Outdoor Sanctuary"
- 1:00 pm – Chapel @ Bethesda
- 1:30 pm – Harvest Giving Walk

Monday, October 5

- 1-6 pm – Red Cross Blood Drive @ Goessel Church
- 5:30 pm – Board of Worship

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, October 7

- 5:45 pm – Midweek Begins (Meal served @ 5:45)
- 7:00 pm – Board of Trustees

Sunday, October 11

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

COMING EVENTS

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| October 7 | Midweek Begins |
| October 16 | Senior Coffee @ Gallery Mostaza, Newton – 10am |
| November 1 | Bethesda Pillars Banquet @ Tabor Mennonite |
| November 2-3 | MCC Relief Meat Canning |
| November 7 | Daughters of Grace Fall Brunch |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, Sunday, October 4, is the Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk! You can still sign up to participate and you can still make a donation, payable to "Harvest Giving Walk." Find a walker today for your generous giving to help

MCC's response to the flooding in Nepal, as well as the expenses of our local Tabor Food Pantry. Walkers, please be at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church shelter house by 1:15 p.m. to sign in and remember to bring your pledge form, all money raised, and an item for the Food Pantry.

Discernment of Congregational Leadership – Forms for discernment of congregational leadership for 2027 were placed in church mailboxes September 20. Please take some time to prayerfully consider and discern those who you believe would best serve the congregation in the needed position. Your input is valued and important to the process! Please return these green forms by Sunday, October 11 in the box provided at the rear of the sanctuary.

Have you ever wanted to preach without actually preaching? Midweek Bible Study this year will be a study of the scripture passage that will be used in the following Sunday sermon each week. The preacher of the week will lead us in gathering around the Word, where we'll dig in and ask questions of the passage, thus contributing to the emerging sermon that is being crafted for that week. We'll meet in the conference room from 7:50-8:30pm beginning October 7. All ages are welcome to come and contribute!
~ Pastors Chris and Lois

Bethel College's Fall Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 17. As is our tradition, our church will be selling New Year's cookies and coffee on behalf of the BC Women's Association. We need volunteers to make this event a success. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the south lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Gaeddert.

Our next opportunity to serve at New Hope Shelter is October 18-20. Please sign up on the south lobby bulletin board for the evening volunteer shifts from 5-9 pm. The meals will be served by the Friends & Followers, Upper Room and Foundation Fellowship Sunday school classes. Your prayers of support are always appreciated.

Wednesday night meals – If you are willing to bring dessert, help serve or clean up, sign up in the south lobby for dates that work for you.

Last weekend, the Board of Mission and Service and others from AMC distributed over 170 full-to-overflowing boxes of fresh produce to people who needed it. We provided some of the labor to help the New Life Center Church in Wichita with their massive project. The soon-to-expire fruits and vegetables are collected from grocery stores across the state by the Kansas Food Bank and brought there for distribution. Stay tuned for the next opportunity AMC has to serve at the New Life Center!

Senior Coffee on Friday, October 16, will be a field trip to Isaac Shue's pottery studio, **Mostaza**, located at **615/617 N. Main Street, Newton**. Parking is either on the street in front of the studio or on the side (6th or Broadway) OR in the parking lot behind (west of) the studio. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit down during **Isaac's 30-minute presentation beginning at 10:00a.m.** There will be some time for Q&A afterwards and a bit of time for shopping. If folks are interested, we may also proceed to Crust and Crumb for lunch afterward?! Car-pooling is encouraged!