

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

**This morning we welcome
Seth and Stephany Rudeen
as they share with us about
their year in Guatemala with
Mennonite Mission Network.**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Morning Has Broken ~ Callahan

Marcia Brubaker

Psalms XIX ~ Marcello

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

VT 855 (based on Psalm 19)

Leader: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

People: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

Leader: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

People: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

All: *Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.*

***Gathering Hymns**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

VT 88

Creation is a Song

VT 181

Time with the Children

Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship Music

"Sing for Joy" ~ Handel, arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple ~ Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

You Are All We Have

VT 701

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings Psalm 19:1-4, 14; James 2:14-17

Pastor Lois

Sharing from Seth and Stephany

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

VT 401

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ Rinck

Marcia Brubaker

*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 – Jim & Mary Schmidt

South – Matt & Laura Voth

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

October 4 Attendance: Worship -- 115

Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will preach from Joshua 24:1-15. We'll spend the rest of the year in the Narrative Lectionary as we hear the stories of God's creativity and faithfulness, leading us up to and through Advent and Christmas.

Greeters are Darla Banman and Karl & Marcia Brubaker.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Carol Eck as she cares for her sister Mary who had partial hip replacement surgery last week. Give Carol wisdom and patience as she and Mary try to figure out next, best steps.
- ❖ We pray for Marilyn Schmidt who has recently moved into Bethesda Home after receiving rehab there for a couple of weeks.
- ❖ We pray for Julianna, Jerod and baby Kaufman as Julianna will be induced to give birth on Wednesday.
- ❖ We pray for Pastor Chris as he runs the Prairie Fire Marathon in Wichita this morning!
- ❖ We pray for the people of Palestine and Israel as the war there, claiming thousands of lives, continues past the 3-year mark.
- ❖ We also pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia as the conflict between those two nations continues.

- ❖ We pray for the ministry of New Hope Shelter and other local agencies who offer help and hope to many.
- ❖ We give thanks for Stephany and Seth and others who serve in places like Guatemala through Mennonite Mission Network and other organizations.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, October 12

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:45 pm – Board of Mission & Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, October 13

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities

Friday, October 16

10:00 am – Senior Coffee @ Gallery Mostaza, Newton

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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

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 TODAY, 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

Love bringing joy to the community with a beloved annual tradition?

If you have fond memories of sharing New Year's Cookies with family and friends, we'd love your help creating those memories for others! Join us to serve New Year's cookies and coffee at the Bethel College Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17. To volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the south lobby bulletin board. For any questions, reach out to 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.

Senior Coffee THIS Friday, October 16, at 10:00a.m. will be at Gallery Mostaza! Isaac Shue creates beautiful pottery at his studio at **615/617 N. Main Street, Newton**. Bring a yard chair to sit in as he shows and tells us about his work. You may want to purchase some of his wares. You may want to go for lunch at Crust and crumb afterwards at 507 N. Main. Carpooling is encouraged!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. You are invited and encouraged to offer your appreciation for Pastors Chris and Lois, if you feel so led. If you do not catch the pastors during office hours (or via cellphone), you are welcome to drop off cards/notes in the church office box and they will be delivered accordingly. Thank you, Pastors, for all you do!

The 2026 Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk took place on Sunday, October 4, beginning and ending at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church.

Thirty-seven participants enjoyed a perfect fall afternoon and completed a route between 2 and 6 miles. Over **\$5,500** was raised for this event and will be dispersed to MCC's Nepal flooding response and the Tabor Church Food Pantry. Additionally, nearly 20 items were collected for the Tabor Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this annual community event – by walking, donating money or non-perishable items, and praying for us!

~Kevin & Yvette Nickel, area coordinators