

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!
Today we will be using the
Narrative Lectionary, which
takes us right to the
culmination of the book of
Joshua in 24:1-15. Joshua
challenges the nation of
Israel, and us, to make a
choice as to which God or
god(s) we will serve.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Icicle Waltz - Bober
Forest Song - Faber

Lillian Unruh

Welcome

Justine Unruh

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

***Gathering Hymns**

Let's Walk Together
In Christ There Is No East Or West

VT 6
VT 390

Seeds of Faith (Time with Children)

Kyle Unruh

Morning Prayer

Justine Unruh

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need ~ Leavitt*

Jason Peters

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Joshua 24:1-15 CEB

Megan Duerksen

Hymn of Response

Ask the Complicated Questions

VT 440

Sermon

What's It Going To Be?

Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

Hear the Turmoil of the Nations

VT 201

***Benediction**

Pastor Chris

***Postlude** *Praise the Almighty* ~ Burkhardt

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 – Darla Banman

South – Karl & Marcia Brubaker

Organ / Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

October 11 Attendance: Worship – 139 in person, 9 Zoom households

Next Sunday – Pastor Lois will preach from 1 Samuel 11:1-5, 26; 12:1-9, the story of David and Bathsheba. 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 Alan and Sharon Boese and Denise Duerksen.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Analene Klassen who has moved to Bethesda. Be with her as she continues to make this big life adjustment.
- ❖ We are grateful for the birth of Joshua Daniel Kaufman, born Wednesday evening, October 14, to Juliana and Jerod Kaufman.
- ❖ We pray for the ministry of New Hope Shelter as we serve there October 18-20.
- ❖ In this time of "election weariness", help us to stay engaged and compassionate.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:00 pm – Peace Committee

6:30 pm – Safe Church Committee

Wednesday, October 21

5:45 pm – Midweek Fellowship Meal

Midweek Activities

Sunday, October 25

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

November 1	Bethesda Pillars Banquet @ Tabor Mennonite
November 2-3	MCC Relief Meat Canning
November 4	Mennonite Heritage & Ag Museum Pizza Fundraiser
November 7	Daughters of Grace Fall Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come see my office after church today! The Board of Trustees have invested time, energy and resources in making some changes and upgrades that give it a new look and feel. I LOVE IT! You are welcome to come by and check it out right after the benediction today (or anytime I am at church for that matter!). Kids, you *might* see a toy combine in there with its grain tank full of small treats. Everyone may take one! Pastor Chris

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 will 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. All ages are welcome to come and contribute! ~ Pastors Chris and Lois

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.

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!

Elsie Unruh will celebrate her **100th birthday** on November 5. She is approaching this milestone with humility and gratitude to God for the extended life God has granted her. Birthday greetings can be sent to her at Bethesda Home, Box 37, Goessel, KS 67053.

Bethesda Home Community Survey. Remember to complete the survey via the QR code on the flyer that was in the Friday email and in your mailbox, or the hard copy on the back table, by October 30.

2027 MDS Service Opportunity. I have made arrangements for a group to go to San Saba, TX during the week of March 14 – 20, 2027. This MDS project is in response to the 2025 flooding and consists mainly of new builds. There are still several openings available in our group. Please contact me for more information and/or to join the service group going from Alexanderwohl. Dwight M. Flaming