

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl! As we consider how God is calling each one of us to discover and use our gifts, we seek insights and wisdom from the story of the Israelite judge Gideon.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering *God of Grace and God of Glory* ~arr. W. Held Jared Janzen
Bachiana on "An Ancient Chorale" ~G. Young

Welcome Pastor Caleb Yoder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Invocation (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12a, 13a)

Leader: Now there are different gifts,

People: but the same Spirit.

Leader: And there are different ministries,

People: but the same Lord.

Leader: And there are different results,

People: but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

Leader: To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all.

People: For just as the body is one and yet has many members...so too is Christ.

All: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

***Gathering Hymn** *What Is This Place* VT 22
Come, Gracious Spirit VT 371

Peace Prayer Renae and Celia Peters

Children's Story Ann Hiebert

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Worship Music Julianna Schrag

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Amazing Grace* ~arr. W. Held Jared Janzen

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Judges 6:11-18, 22-24, 36-40; 7:1-9, 16-21
Brendon Nafziger, Marilyn Unruh Flaming, and Pastor Lois

Message "Courage, letting go, and trust" Pastor Caleb
Responding to the Gospel (Open sharing)
***Song of Response** *We Are One in the Spirit* VT 387 | SWJ 12

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Benediction** Pastor Caleb
***Postlude** *The Solid Rock* ~arr. Wilson Jared Janzen

*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 in uncertain times that God's shalom will prevail.

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Steve Goertzen and Rosi Reimer
South – Gary Lyndaker and Darla Banman

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag, Laura Unrau

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

June 26 Attendance: 127 In person, 10 Zoom households

Questions for Reflection – Judges 6-7

1. Do you struggle with knowing what gift(s) you have to offer, knowing where you fit, or finding the confidence to use your gift(s)? What does this story have to teach us?
2. Where is the balance between trusting and depending on God and discovering our own capacities?

Next Sunday, we will continue our series on offering our gifts. Pastor Lois will preach from Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16.

Praying for our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for Eddie Gaeddert who will be counseling at Camp Mennoscah this week.
- ❖ We pray for Gloria Yoder, Pastor Caleb's mom, who began chemotherapy for uterine cancer this past week.
- ❖ We pray for Caleb, Beth, Austin and Josiah as they travel this coming week to spend time with family.
- ❖ We pray for those in our congregation in ongoing treatment or rehabilitation for major medical concerns.
- ❖ We pray for safety and rest for everyone traveling during these summer months.
- ❖ We pray for the work and witness of the church toward healing, peace, and justice as we live in times that feel uncertain and politically charged.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, July 4

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 5

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, July 10

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- July 13 Health Ministries Mobile Unit in Goessel, 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- July 15 Senior Coffee at 10:00 am – Carol Duerksen will talk about the exchange program/students she's been involved with over the years.
- Jul 29-31 WDC Assembly, Camp Copass, Denton, TX
- Aug 3-5 Serve at New Hope Shelter
- Aug 19 Senior Coffee at 10:00 am – Chris Allen, Outreach Coordinator for Health Ministries will join us to discuss their services right here in Goessel!
- Aug 24 Health Ministries Mobile Unit in Goessel, 1:30 – 4:30 pm
- Sept 5 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 16 Senior Coffee – Bring your Collections 2.0. We had such a good time learning about each other's collections we're going to do it again!
- Sept 24-25 AMC Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's Western District Annual Assembly will be held at Camp Copass, Denton, TX July 29-31. This is an opportunity to connect with others from our conference as well as folks from our sister church, Luz del Evangelio. There will be activities for families, kids, and youth. Please let the church office know if you would consider attending or representing AMC. Our church can reimburse registration costs.

Need something to do on these hot summer days? Come to church and help tie a comforter for MCC. It is set up on the west side of the chapel. You may come any time the south office door is open (Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm) or make arrangements for an evening work time. Supplies are there for you but you might want to bring a scissors. If you let us know you are coming to work, we will turn on the AC.

Pastor Caleb's family will be visiting family in Iowa this coming week (July 4-10). During this time, you may contact Pastor Lois or one of the deacons for any pastoral concerns.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.
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