

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning Travis Duerksen will share with us his reflections on fatherhood. We'll also hear reflections from our youth and sponsors about their service trip last week.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Karen Unruh

Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above ~Portman
All Creatures of Our God and King ~Burkhardt
I Sing the Mighty Power of God ~Payne

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+

Psalm 95:1-7a

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

All: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Gathering Hymns

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns

VT 28
VT 101

Children's Story

Laura Voth

Worship Music

Kyle, Justine, Lillian and Myles Unruh

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Colossians 3:12-17	Brendon Nafziger
Message	<i>What even is fatherhood anyway?</i>	Travis Duerksen
Hymn of Response	<i>Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us</i>	VT 518
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-45	Youth
Sharing from the Youth		
Hymn of Response	<i>The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound</i>	VT 392
Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> ~Miller	Karen Unruh
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715
*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i> ~Patty Shelly	Karen Unruh

*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.

The youth and sponsors who participated in the week-long service trip (June 2-8) to Elk Horn City, KY through MCC Appalachia Build are: Elly Mai, Natalie Church, Jayley Schmidt, Colby Nafziger, Eli Gaeddert, Javin Schmidt, Levi Schrag, Noah Schrag, and sponsors Ben Schrag and Tina Schrag.

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Denise Duerksen

South – Darla Banman and Gary Lyndaker

Visual Arts: Tina Schrag

Nursery Staff: Brittany Hiebert, Delaney Duerksen

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

June 9 Attendance: Sunday School – 91; Worship -- 133 in person;
10 Zoom Households

June 9 Offering: Sunday School -- \$20.64; First Fruits – \$7,038.62

Next Sunday - Pastor Karen Andres will bring the message from Mark 4 – the parable of the mustard seed. Karen served Tabor Mennonite Church as associate pastor for 10 years, chaplain at Prairie View for 7 years, and associate pastor at Zion Mennonite (Elbing) for 3 years. She is currently employed at Kidron Bethel as piano accompanist and keeps busy with farmer husband David and being a grandma to 2 grandsons.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Thank you God for the harvest which has begun and will continue into the coming days. We pray for attentiveness and safety in the fields and on the roads.

- ❖ Thank you God for the fathers and significant caregivers in our lives; we're grateful for the ways we see your love through them.
- ❖ We pray for teachers and students and others whose calendars change with the school year; may they have rest and rejuvenation in these summer months.

+*This week pray for: Dwight and Tammy Flaming, Robyn Hartvickson and Ethan Harris, Riley and Aida, Tom Hiebert, Leroy and Sharon Koehn, Michael and Savanna McMullen, Steve and Nita Nikkel, Lee and Di Suderman, Juliette Tate, Kenneth and Barbara Wedel*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, June 18

9:15 am – Staff Meeting

Thursday, June 20

9:30 am – Pastor Luann meets with Bethesda residents

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Friday, June 21

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Brian Stucky, "Goessel area rural graves"

Sunday, June 23

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois

July 4 Church Offices Closed

July 7-9 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

July 14 "Heritage Talk" Pauline Sharp & Annette Voth, Kaw People and Alexanderwohl People – Side by Side Stories @ Tabor Church

July 19 Senior Coffee with Tim Schrag presenting about MDS

Aug 2-4 Goessel's Threshing Days

Aug 2-4 WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I begin my sabbatical time tomorrow with a grateful heart. Thank you for these weeks to rest my mind and my body. I will keep you in my prayers and I'm looking forward to rejoining you on Monday, August 12! Pastor Lois

Office hours for Pastor Robert Yutzky will be Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00-12:00.

Pastor Robert Yutzky will be teaching several classes using material from the "Managing Differences in the Faith Community" that he co-taught in April for KIPCOR and Bethel College. These sessions will help

persons to examine communication dynamics, gut theologies about differences and conflicts, as well as the connection between community, creativity, and conflict and the transformation God's Spirit may be inviting us to. **This will be offered three consecutive Sundays starting July 7 from 9:30-10:30 (July 7, 14 and 21). Note - Worship will begin at 10:45 on these three Sundays.**

Brian Stucky will present "Goessel Area Rural Graves" for Senior. Coffee on Friday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 55-minute presentation offers additional insight into the migration story of 150 years ago and tells about the research Brian has done to discover and honor the 70+ rural graves in this area.

The garden sharing table will be back in the south lobby, beginning the first Sunday of July. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others - just leave it on the table when you come each Sunday morning. See Megan Duerksen for more information.

The Mennonite Disaster Service Cabinet Shop in Goessel wants to thank the Alexanderwohl Elementary Department for an offering of \$605.57. This year we had expenses related to delivering cabinets to Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. During our first year of operation, a truck driver paid for all his fuel and meals, but he has retired from driving. We are also responsible for utilities and insurance, so local donations like yours are a big help in covering our costs. Since last fall, we have delivered 80 kitchen sets to different MDS worksites. Praise God for volunteers, for donors and for the foresight to start this innovative project. If anyone would like to contribute to this cause, donations can be sent to MDS Cabinet Shop, PO Box 351, Goessel, KS 67053.