

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship here at Alexanderwohl!

This morning Pastor Luann will bring the message from Mark 6:1-13 and the stubbornness of Jesus' hometown and his response.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Lord God, We Sing Your Praises* ~Bach Jason Peters
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart ~Hayes
Devotion ~Leavitt
Prelude in Classic Style ~Young

Welcome | Peace Prayer Pastor Robert Yutzey

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

(raise your hand for the microphone or come to the front)

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+

Leader: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –

People: We bring the burdens of the week.

Leader: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.

People: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.

Leader: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.

All: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

(Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good')

***Gathering Hymns** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* VT 103
Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing VT 7

Children's Story Delbert Peters

Morning Prayer Pastor Luann Yutzey

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Mark 6:1-13 Megan Duerksen

Message *A Receptive Place* Pastor Luann

Song of Response *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT 1

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* ~Carter Jason Peters

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending

The Lord Lift You Up

VT 832

*Benediction

Pastor Luann

*Postlude

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.

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Greeters: North – Ruth and Myron Goertzen

South – Megan and Chelan Duerksen

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Laura Unrau, Aida Hartvickson, Rosie Gaeddert

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth

June 30 Attendance: Sunday School – 82; Worship -- 120 in person;

11 Zoom Households

June 30 Offering: Sunday School -- \$64.75; First Fruits – \$6,307.90

Next Sunday Pastor Robert will be using the first creation account (Genesis 1:1 - 2:2) to begin a conversation on the "Nature of the Church". With so much chaos in our world and divisiveness in congregations, we may wonder how in the world did we get here!?? Going back to where it all began may be helpful in understanding what God may have had in mind.

+*This week pray for: Craig Banman, Lauren and Christine Flaming, Kendall Hiebert, Lucas and Michelle Hiebert Mickey and Anne Harvey, Dwight Klassen, Larry and Mary Lindeman, Blake and Kris Schmucker*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship (note time change for the beginning of worship)

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

Monday, July 8

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

Tuesday, July 9

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship (note time change for the beginning of worship)

7:00 pm – "Heritage Talk" Pauline Sharp and Annette Voth – *Kaw People and Alexanderwohl People Side by Side Stories*, Tabor Church

COMING EVENTS

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
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
Sept 7-8 WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning today, 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 in the Fellowship Hall (July 7, 14 and 21).** Note - Worship will begin at 10:45 on these three Sundays.

The church office will be closed on Monday afternoons in July beginning July 8 (July 8, 15, 22, and 29). Office hours on Tuesdays – Fridays will be 8:30 – 12:30 and 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Myra Peters and Delaney Duerksen will be attending Camp Mennoscah July 7-12. Also volunteering at Camp Mennoscah this summer are Jacob Schrag, Timothy Schrag, Eddie Gaeddert, Nathaniel Schmucker, Peter Voth and Darla Banman.

Calling All Delegates: Western District Conference is having its annual assembly at First Mennonite Church in Beatrice, NE August 2-4. We are looking for volunteers to attend the assembly. If you have interest, please contact the AMC office or Justine Unruh, Deacon Board Chair. We are hoping for a good representation from our congregation this year! Registration is due by July 21. If you are interested in learning more, you can find additional information at:

<https://mennowdc.org/2024-annual-assembly/>

The garden sharing table is available in the south lobby. Everyone is welcome to bring extra garden produce to share with others. See Megan Duerksen for more information.

Join us for Senior Coffee on Friday, July 19 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall – Tim Schrag will be sharing about MDS.

Reminder: As you read library books this summer, remember to fill out the paper forms entering you for the library prize drawings to be held at the end of summer. Forms are located on the book tables in the lobbies and in the library. ~AMC Library Committee

Hey kids - come pick up an ocean make and take craft project at the library. When finished, bring it back to the library and we'll use it to decorate. ~AMC Library Committee

The Tabor Food Pantry requests your donations! Items currently needed include laundry pods, dish soap, canned chicken and tuna, canned soups (other than tomato), cake and muffin mixes, pasta sauce, pancake mix, and peanut butter. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. It is much appreciated! Note: Our collection box is at the north end of the education hallway.

On Sunday, July 14, 2024 to continue the 150th celebrations there will be an opportunity to hear story telling from two women, Pauline Sharp, Kaw People and Annette Voth, Alexanderwohl People. Their stories told side by side present a unique perspective of the history of the Kaw and Alexanderwohl people. The event will be held at the Tabor Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm.

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! We know that many hands make work light. Bakers, servers, and cashiers are needed for the Low German meal at the Goessel Elementary School and food service in the Preparatory School on the museum grounds on Saturday, August 3. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond by July 21. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact Aileen Esau at daesau@gmail.com or 620.386.4463.