

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to worship at Alexanderwohl!

Our wonderfully creative God has also given us the ability and freedom to create, to even bring something into existence that has never been.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~Hobby Marcia Brubaker
How Great Thou Art ~Hobby
All Creatures of Our God and King ~Hobby

Welcome Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer+

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.**

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

***Gathering Hymns** *Morning Has Broken* VT 495
As We Rise, O God, to Meet You VT 39

Children's Story Karl Brubaker

Worship Music Laura, DeAlan, Travis, Erica

Morning Prayer Marilyn Unruh Flaming

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Genesis 1:1 - 2:2 (NLT) Marilyn and DJ

Message *Going back to where it all began* Pastor Robert Yutzky

Song of Response *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* VT 182

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Marcia Brubaker

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaves ~Kerr

*Prayer of Dedication

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Sending

You Shall Go Out with Joy

VT 847

*Benediction

Pastor Robert

*Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King ~Rice 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.

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Greeters: North – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert family

South – Darla Banman

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Levi Schrag, Delton Voth

July 7 Attendance: Sunday School – 87; Worship -- 120 in person;

8 Zoom Households

July 7 Offering: Sunday School -- \$9.27; First Fruits – \$16,186.23

Next Sunday Pastor Luann will preach from Ephesians 2:11-22 on The New Humanity, the kingdom Jesus ushered in where no one is more valued than another.

+*This week pray for: Rod and Sherry Boese, Josh, Bethany and Saige Boese, Brian, Amber and Ezra Hiebert, D. John Schroeder, Kyle, Justine, Lillian and Myles Unruh, Jason, Renae, Myra and Celia Peters*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 14

9:30 am – Sunday School with Pastor Robert in the Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, July 16

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:00 pm – Board of Worship

5:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Wednesday, July 17

6:30 – 8:30 pm Jigsaw Puzzle/Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 19

10:00 am – Senior Coffee with Tim Schrag presenting

Sunday, July 21

9:30 am – Sunday School with Pastor Robert in the Fellowship Hall

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

COMING EVENTS

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
July 23 AMC Library Splish Splash outdoor story time for kids
Aug 2 Heritage Presentation: *From Russia to Kansas: A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration*
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

Join us during the Sunday School hour July 14 and 21 when Pastor Robert will be teaching a class using material from "Managing Differences in the Faith Community". We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Worship will begin at 10:45 am.

Impromptu Treble Choir Invitation: Sopranos and Altos are invited to sing with an Impromptu Choir on **Sunday, July 21**. There will be a short practice from 9:00-9:15 in the sanctuary. The song will be a three-part arrangement of "Heaven Is Singing for Joy." The melody and text is *Voices Together* 665 with the Spanish title "El cielo canta alegria" (we'll sing the English words). If you have questions, contact Renae Peters (renae.schmidt.peters@gmail.com).

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

Come One, Come All of any age!! Beat the heat by coming to Alexanderwohl's first Jigsaw Puzzle/Game Night in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm on **Wednesday July 17th**. Bring a game, a deck of cards, a jigsaw puzzle and your own drink cup. It is come and go. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored by the Board of Mission and Service.

The AMC Library is inviting all children to a Splish Splash outdoor story time on July 23 at 6:30 pm. Meet at the covered driveway for stories, water activities and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434.

Noah Schrag will be a counselor at Camp Mennoscah July 14-19.

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.

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.

Thank you: Deacons, pastors and friends at Alexanderwohl – Thank you for the memorial flowers that you sent in honor of my mother, Gloria Yoder. They moved me to tears when I saw them along with other flowers for her visitation and memorial service. Our family appreciates the care and support we have received in this time of loss. Blessings in your continued ministry in the Goessel community and beyond. ~Caleb Yoder on behalf of the Galen Yoder family (note is posted on the south bulletin board)

Thanks to your generosity in supporting our Mennonite College Student Ministry Team campaign this spring, scholarships of \$800 per student were issued this week for fall semester. MCUSA colleges match our scholarships \$1 for \$1 up to \$500 per semester, \$1 to \$4 for the remainder. This translates to \$1,375 for our students attending our church colleges next semester. Students attending Bethel are Eddie Gaeddert, Jacob Schrag, Noah Schrag, Timothy Schrag, & Elizabeth Schmucker; Hesston, Cambry Duerksen; and Tabor, Javin Schmidt. Another fundraiser campaign will occur in Fall to fund scholarships for spring semester. (MCSMTeam: Carol Reimer Duerksen, Treasurer, Bonnie Gaeddert, Rosi Reimer, and Gretchen Schrag.)

THANK YOU!! We are overwhelmed by the many donations that have come in for the Food Pantry during the last few weeks. Our shelves are well stocked! ~Pam, Sara, Lindsey, Janice, and Elaine

Today -- July 14 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.

What was it like to travel from the home you knew across a vast ocean to start all over on a treeless prairie? The presentation on Friday, August 2, 2024, "From Russia to Kansas: A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration" will help give some insight. A narrated pictorial presentation, with firsthand accounts, will describe the journey of the Alexanderwohl immigrants leaving South Russia and finding a new home in Kansas. This benefit event for the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum will be held at the Goessel High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Donations gratefully accepted.