

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship at
Alexanderwohl!**

The New Humanity that
has the foundation of
Jesus, who breaks down
walls of hospitality has so
much potential to be Good
News to the world.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *Son of God, Eternal Savior* ~Burkhardt Jason Peters
The Church's One Foundation ~Burkhardt
We Are People of God's Peace ~Fedak

Welcome Pastor Robert Yutzy

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship and Invocation+

Leader: We are all welcome here –

People: We, who are no longer strangers and aliens;

Leader: We, who are citizens with the saints;

People: We, who are members of the household of God.

Leader: We are all welcome here –

People: Whatever our worldly status might be;

Leader: Wherever our earthly citizenship lies;

People: Whoever makes up our primary household.

Leader: We are all welcome here.

People: We are all loved here.

Leader: We gather to welcome and love each other,

People: Following the example of Jesus Christ,

All: The One we gather to worship.

(By Rev. Joanna Harader, from SpaciousFaith.com)

***Gathering Hymn** *What Is This Place* VT 22

Children's Story Laura Voth

Worship Music Impromptu Treble Choir

Heaven Is Singing for Joy ~Sosa, arr. Bergs

Morning Prayer Pastor Luann Yutzy

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22 Matthew Voth

Message	<i>The New Humanity</i>	Pastor Luann
Song of Response	<i>How Can I Say</i>	VT 388
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory	<i>Jesus Calls Us</i> ~arr. Bell (VT 30)	Jason Peters
*Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Luann

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Sending** *Go Now in Peace, Worship Continues* VT 829

***Benediction** Pastor Luann

***Postlude** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ~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.

Song Leader: Renae Peters

Greeters: North – Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert family
South – Anita Boese

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Maryanne Esau, Myra Peters

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

July 14 Attendance: Sunday School – 82; Worship -- 120 in person;
11 Zoom Households

July 14 Offering: Sunday School -- \$16.03; First Fruits – \$3,710.92

Next Sunday Pastor Robert will focus on Genesis 27, the story of Jacob stealing his father's blessing from Esau through a scheme devised by their mother. How can relationships be healed when the very center has been broken?

+*This week pray for: Ryan and Miriam Goertzen-Regier, Kim Lewis, Stephan and Lynda Kim, Will and Amy Kanagy, Kent Peters, Nic Peters, Tia, Kyle and Lucy Regier, Susan Voth*

THIS WEEK

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)

Tuesday, July 23

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

6:30 pm – AMC Library Reading Event for Kids – Splish | Splash

Thursday, July 25

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Communion

COMING EVENTS

- June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
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
Aug 5 Goessel Community Blood Drive, 1:00–6:00 pm
Sept 7-8 WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Sept 22 Immigrant Site Pilgrimage
Oct 6 Harvest Giving Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Join us for Sunday School 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.

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 camper at Camp Mennoscah July 21-26.

Congratulations to Jerah Schmidt and Danielle Allison who were married July 20 in Oakley, Kansas. We wish you God's blessings as you establish your home.

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 if you have questions.

Our group subscriptions to the magazine *Anabaptist World* needs to be updated. The cost for each subscription is \$44. If you have been part of our group subscription and wish to continue or if you would like to participate as a new reader, please return a completed form to Dwight M. Flaming (found in the lobby and also attached to the church email) plus your check of \$44 payable to Alexanderwohl by **August 25, 2024**.

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! Servers, cashiers, and several more zwieback bakers 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. If you can help, please return the green volunteer sheet TODAY or contact Aileen Esau at daesau@gmail.com or 620.386.4463. Thank you!

Blood Drive: Between your summer activities and vacations, please make time to donate blood on August 5, between 1:00-6:00 pm at the Goessel Church. Give a single unit or Power Red double unit donation. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

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.