

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship at
Alexanderwohl!**

Today we will hear the story of twin brothers, Jacob and Esau, and how their family relationships were shattered. Where did they find hope for the future?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~Wood Karen Unruh
 Gather Us In ~Behnke
 God of Grace and God of Glory ~Manz

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: God of the past, who has created and nurtured us

People: We are here to thank you.

Leader: God of the present, who is here in the midst of us

People: We are here to thank you.

Leader: God of the future, who is always ahead of us

People: We are here to thank you.

Leader: God of life, who is beyond us and within us,

All: We rejoice in your glorious love.

***Gathering Hymn** *Jesus Calls Us* VT 30

Children's Story Kyle Unruh

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Pearl* ~Vandercook

Rylee Schmidt-Stapleton, trombone; Erica Schmidt, piano

***Hymn of Dedication** *God of the Fertile Fields* (vs. 1 & 2) VT 750

Morning Prayer Pastor Robert

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Genesis 27:1-35 Noah Schrag

Message *When the Center Breaks* Pastor Robert

Song of Response *Could It Be That God Is Singing* VT 42

Sharing Communion

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Benediction** Pastor Robert

***Song of Sending** *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

***Postlude** *Sent Forth By God's Blessings* ~Behnke 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.

Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman

Greeters: North – Bob Boese

South – Garrett and Brittany Hiebert

Visual Arts: Shari Wiens

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

July 21 Attendance: Sunday School – 76; Worship -- 104 in person;

12 Zoom Households

July 21 Offering: Sunday School -- \$10.54; First Fruits – \$4,877.50

Next Sunday we welcome Pastor Gail Graber as she brings the message from Ephesians I with the focus on living as family.

+*This week pray for: Ronald Ediger, John and Jenny Fast, Evelyn Matz, Gene and LeDean Morley, Barton and Mary Nickel, Lonnie Schmidt, Timothy Schrag, Rodger Voth*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship with Communion

Monday, July 29

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Tuesday, July 30

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Friday, August 2

7:00 pm – Heritage Presentation, *From Russia to Kansas: A Story of the 1874 Mennonite Immigration*, GHS Auditorium

Saturday, August 3

Goessel's Threshing Days

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

- June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois
Aug 2-4 WDC Annual Assembly, First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE
Aug 5 Goessel Community Blood Drive, 1:00–6:00 pm
Aug 10 Memorial Service for Emmalyn (Duerksen) Hiebert, 11:00 am
Aug 11 Community Junior High event at Shelter House, 6:30 pm
Aug 16 Senior Coffee with Marcia Sebree presenting on Orphan Trains
Sept 7-8 WDC Women's Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Sept 22 Immigrant Site Pilgrimage
Sept 28-29 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah
Oct 5 Goessel Harvest Festival
Oct 6 Harvest Giving Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastors Luann and Robert will be attending Western District Conference Assembly in Beatrice, NE August 2-4 and representing Alexanderwohl as our delegates. Pastor Gail Graber will be on call for crisis care during this time. The deacons are also available for any other pastoral care needs.

Our group subscriptions to the magazine *Anabaptist World* need 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) plus your check of \$44 payable to Alexanderwohl by **August 25, 2024**.

All 6th-8th graders (from the previous school year) are invited for an evening of slip 'n slide activities and ice cream sundaes on Sunday, August 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will meet at the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church shelter house area. Please wear clothes that can get wet and bring your favorite ice cream topping to share. Questions? Contact Kristi Unruh or Megan Duerksen. Additional info can also be found on the Goessel Community Jr. High Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you at this summer send-off!

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.

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.

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.

Senior Coffee will be on Friday, August 16, at 10:00 a.m. - Come to hear Marcia Sebree (representing the Peabody Historical Museum) tell about the Orphan Trains that brought orphans from the east to be adopted by families here on the plains.

The presentation "From Russia to Kansas" will be given on Friday night, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Goessel High School auditorium. We need to borrow men's very dark suit coats or vests for the performance. If you have any to loan us, please contact Leann Toews at 620.367.8257. Thanks.