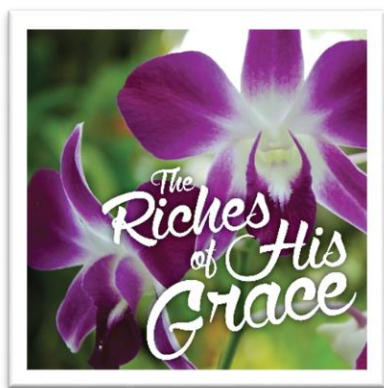


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome to worship at  
Alexanderwohl!**

We welcome Pastor Gail Graber in bringing the message today from Ephesians 1. May we be united in the warmth of God's love.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music**

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* ~arr. Burkhardt  
*Madrigale* ~Simonetti

Jared Janzen

**Welcome**

Travis Duerksen

**Peace Prayer**

Erica Stoltzfus

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

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

**Call to Worship and Invocation+**

Leader: Lift up the gates of your soul,  
open the closed doors of your mind,

**People: that the King of Glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is this king of glory?

**People: The God of countless hosts, this is the King of Glory!**

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People: who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
that is available throughout the whole of time and space.**

~written by Bruce Prewer

**\*Gathering Hymns**

*God of Our Strength*  
*The Love of God*

VT 47  
VT 162

**Children's Story**

Renaë Peters

**Morning Prayer**

Travis Duerksen

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

Justine Unruh

**Message**

*Family: Living With It*

Pastor Gail Graber

**Song of Response**

*When Love Is Found*

VT 524

## Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Chorale ~Brahms

Jared Janzen

\*Prayer of Dedication

Justine Unruh

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending

*God, Be the Love*

VT 43

\*Benediction

Pastor Gail Graber

\*Postlude

*Cortege ~Young*

Jared Janzen

\*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 – Craig and Jody Schmidt

South – Arlin and Mareta Buller

**Visual Arts:** Shari Wiens

**Nursery Staff:** Kim Voth, Janice Voth

**Worship Technology:** DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

**July 28 Attendance:** Sunday School – 92; Worship -- 120 in person; 12 Zoom Households

**July 28 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$32.61; First Fruits – \$3,021.60

**Next Sunday** we welcome Ken Regier. Ken is the Director of Operations at the Kansas Food Bank in Wichita – the primary source of food for hundreds of hunger-relief agencies in an 85-county service area.

+*This week pray for: Jenny Bergen and Mark Wiemers, Wyatt and Owen, Jessica Boese, Peggy Froehlich, Don and Janell Mendenhall, DeAlan and Alma Unrau, Lynel and Vickie Unrau, Martha Voth, Luke and Bethany Wiens, Margie Young*

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 4

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### Monday, August 5

1:00-6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive

### Tuesday, August 6

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### Saturday, August 10

11:00 am – Celebration of Life service for Emmalyn (Duerksen) Hiebert

### Sunday, August 11

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

6:30-8:00 pm – Slip n' Slide Activities for JH at Shelter House

## COMING EVENTS

June 17-Aug 11 Sabbatical time for Pastor Lois  
Aug 16 Senior Coffee with Marcia Sebree presenting on Orphan Trains  
Aug 18 Transitional Meeting during Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 am  
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 are attending Western District Conference Assembly in Beatrice, NE this weekend** and representing Alexanderwohl as our delegates. Pastor Gail Graber (620.386.0376) is on call for crisis care during this time. The deacons are also available for any other pastoral care needs.

**A memorial service for Emmalyn (Duerksen) Hiebert** will be held here on Saturday, August 10, at 11:00 am followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to attend.

**It's time for another transitional meeting! The next meeting will be on August 18 during the Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:30.** The worship service will start later that morning at 10:45. The Young Adult Sunday School class will be providing light breakfast food for us beginning at 9:15. The meeting will be from 9:30 - 10:30 and will focus on what is needed in preparing for a search for future pastoral leadership. Please plan to join us!  
~Pastor Luann

**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!

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.**

**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.

**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](http://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.