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# Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll wrap up our series on Galatians - the letter of correction. What does it mean to bear one another's burdens?

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Gathering Music Sonatina in G Major ~Beethoven Myra Peters, piano

Invention No. 14 in B-flat Major ~J. S. Bach

Welcome Kyle Unruh

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer + excerpts from Psalm 66:1-4, 8

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People:** sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise. Leader: Say to God, "All the earth worships you; they sing praise to you...

praises to your name."

People: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be

heard!

\*Gathering Hymns Sing Praise to God Who Reigns VT 101

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord VT 131

Children's Story Chrystiana Miller

Morning Prayer Pastor Lois Harder

Worship Music Jesus Loves Me ~arr. John Carter Renae & Myra Peters

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Marcia Brubaker

Praise With Joy the World's Creator ~Behnke (VT 428)

\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Lois Harder

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture ReadingGalatians 6 (NRSV)Justine UnruhSermonLet Me Carry Your BurdenEric SchragSong of ResponseWhat Can I Leave BehindVT 154

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\*Song of Sending We, Your People

We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

VT 849

\*Benediction Pastor Lois

\*Postlude 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.

**Greeters:** North – Tim and Judy Goertzen

South - Garrett and Brittany Hiebert family

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Renae Schmidt Peters

Visual Arts: Janice Voth

**Nursery Staff:** Chrystiana Miller, Jayley Schmidt (nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth June 15 Attendance: Sunday School – 99; Worship -- 131 in person;

13 Zoom Households

June 15 Offering: Sunday School -- \$72.90; First Fruits -- \$16,510.75

**Next Sunday** – Pastor Lois will begin a new series titled "Telling a Different Story". This 4-Sunday series was done at the Madison (Wisconsin) Mennonite Church and then adapted to be offered to the denomination. It brings an awareness of the stories and experiences of the Indigenous peoples who first occupied the lands we now call home. Scripture texts for June 29 will be Ephesians 4:11-16 and Acts 2:1-12.

# Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- We're grateful for a positive experience that Eli Gaeddert had at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp already this summer
- Celia Peters is attending Pre—Junior Camp at Camp Mennoscah June 22-26; Lilly Voth is attending First Camp at Camp Mennoscah June 26-28.
- We pray for Lloyd Voth as he recovers from left reversed shoulder replacement. Thank you God, that such procedures are available and that you have created us with powerful healing abilities.
- We pray for Cheryl (Young) Ellis and her family at the passing of her husband, Robert Ellis. Cheryl is the daughter of Margie (Unruh) and the late Wilbur Young.
- We thank you God, for safe summertime travels and we continue to pray for those whose travels are coming up.
- We pray for your Peace with Justice in this world, God. For leaders and others who promote violence and war, we pray for your wisdom and compassion to prevail.

#### THIS WEEK

## Sunday, June 22

9:30 am – Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)

10:30 am -- Worship

# Monday, June 23

5:30 pm - Board of Deacons

# Tuesday, June 24

9:30 am - Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 25

7:00 – 8:30 pm – Book Study in the Fellowship Hall

# Sunday, June 29

9:30 am -- Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)

10:30 am - Worship

#### **COMING EVENTS**

July 4	Church Offices Closed
July 6-12	Youth Summer Service trip to Rocky Mountain Menn. Camp
July 8-12	MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC
July 18	No Senior Coffee in July – See you in August!
July 20	Area JH summer swim party at Hesston
Aug 8-9	WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Summer book study this Wednesday -- So That We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis by Sarah Augustine and Sherie Hostetler. Meeting dates are June 25 and July 2 and 9 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Inspire a love of reading!!** Summer Children's Sunday School offering will be for the Marion County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Our offering will help pay the postage for the free books being sent to the children in Marion County.

Catch the reading bug! AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool thru adult. How many AMC library books can you read this summer? For every book that you read you can add a circle to our caterpillar's body by the library. The circles will be located on the library book tables in the lobbies and in the library. Please write the book title and your name on the circle. For every circle that you add you will be entered into a drawing at the end of summer. Let's see how long our caterpillar will grow this summer! Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434 or Laura Unrau 620-386-4331.

Don't forget to purchase new baby items for distribution by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Wichita. The list of needed items is on the bulletin boards. Today (June 22) and June 29 are the collection days. If you have questions, contact Judy Goertzen.

Students interested in applying for a church scholarship may find the application on the church's website under: resources/bulletins & links/MCSMT Scholarship Application. Please return the application to the church office or Gretchen Schrag by July 1, 2025.

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.

**Tabor Food Pantry is asking for donations to restock the shelves.** Especially needed are the following: Laundry soap, dish soap, peanut butter, syrup, ketchup, salad dressing, hamburger helper, packaged rice meals, cake mix, frosting, corn muffin mix, and canned chicken. Thank you so much for your continued support of this community ministry!

Josie's Closet Medical Equipment Loan & Recycling has relocated to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Phone and email are the same. Call (620)747-9359 for an appointment to borrow or donate equipment. Josie's Closet is currently looking for "rollator" walker donations.