

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Timothy Schrag will bring the message this morning, reminding us of the importance of listening carefully to the stories of those who came before us; they can teach us how to steward and care for the earth and all of creation.

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

### Gathering Music

*Holy, Holy, Holy* ~arr. Wyrzten

Mary Schmidt

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks* ~Leatherman

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone* ~Payne

### Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

### Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

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Leader: We offer thanksgiving to our Creator, recalling that Christ is the center of creation and our lives as Christians.  
As we face west, where we receive teachings of faith, we offer thanks for the gifts of the rock world and the purifying and fruitful waters.

**All :** *Sustain us and the earth through your Holy Spirit, and give us faith as strong as the rock.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face south, where we receive warmth, we offer thanks for the gifts of the animal world and for the call to be humble.

**All :** *Enable us to walk good paths, to live as family should, and, with you, to renew the face of the earth.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face east, the direction of the rising sun, we offer thanks for the gifts of the tree world and for new beginnings.

**All:** *Help us to be honest with you and others and to be wise and just in our use of the resources of the earth.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

Leader: As we face north, the direction of wind and snow, we offer thanks for the plant world, and for kindness and wisdom.

**All:** *Breathe your strength and endurance into us, and give us wisdom to treat each other with kindness.  
We give thanks to you, O God.*

**Next Sunday** – Pastor Lois will bring the third message of the 4-part series, “Telling a Different Story”. What are the stories we have told about how we came to be here and how do those stories impact our call to be God’s people in this place and in the world? Texts are Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12.

# *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We pray for the youth and sponsors who left this morning for Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp where they'll do a week of service. Youth going are Aida Hartvickson, Colby Nafziger, Delaney Duerksen, Eli Gaeddert, Elly Mai, Jayden Barnett, Jayley Schmidt, Levi Schrag and Rosie Gaeddert. Sponsors are Tina Schrag, Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert.
- ❖ We pray for Timothy Schrag and Gretchen Schrag as they leave on Tuesday to attend MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC.
- ❖ We pray for the farmers who have experienced a strange and frustrating harvest season.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, July 6**

- 7:30 am – Youth depart AMC for summer service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp
- 9:30 am – Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)
- 10:30 am – Worship
- 1:00 pm – Bethesda Chapel with Pastor Lois leading

### **Monday, July 7**

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team, Conference Room

### **Tuesday, July 8**

- 9:30 am – Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 9**

- 6:30 – 8:30 pm – Final Book Study in the Fellowship Hall with *More With Less* potluck

### **Sunday, July 13**

- 9:30 am -- Sunday School (Summer SS meets in Shelter House for age 3 through high school)
- 10:30 am – Worship
- Noon Potluck for Friends and Followers Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall

## **COMING EVENTS**

- 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 1-3 Goessel Threshing Days
- Aug 3 Joint Community Worship Service at Goessel Park, 10 am
- Aug 8-9 WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church
- Aug 15 Senior Coffee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Vacation Bible School directors and church leadership would value your feedback about this year's VBS collaboration** with Alexanderwohl and Tabor Mennonite Churches. Please see the Friday email for a link to the online feedback form.

**Catch the reading bug!** AMC summer reading program June 1 – August 31 for preschool thru adult. For every book you read, add a circle to our caterpillar's body by the library. The circles are located on the library book tables in the lobbies and in the library. 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. Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434 or Laura Unrau 620-386-4331.

**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.

**Items for the Sunday, July 13 bulletin are due in the church office at noon on Wednesday, July 9.**

**The 2025-2026 AMC Greeter Schedule has been distributed to your church mailbox.** If the date assigned will not work, please make an attempt to trade with someone and then notify Kevin Gaeddert with the changes made via text/email @ 573-789-3584 or [k.gaeddert@gmail.com](mailto:k.gaeddert@gmail.com). As always, we are grateful for your willingness to serve. Thank you!

**WDC Annual Assembly is August 8-9 at Hesston College.** Would you like to participate as a delegate from Alexanderwohl? Please let Pastor Lois or one of the deacons know. Click here for more Assembly information and to register: <https://mennowdc.org/2025-annual-assembly/>

**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 2. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond by July 20. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact Aileen Esau at [daesau@gmail.com](mailto:daesau@gmail.com) or 620.386.4463.