Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Volume LXXI



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. Wyrtzen On Jordan's Stormy Banks ~Leatherman Christ Is Our Cornerstone ~Payne Mary Schmidt

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

adapted VT 864

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.

Leader: As we face center: From above comes the unconditional love of God. From the earth comes the gift of life.

All: We give thanks for love like the wings of the eagle.
We dedicate our lives to you, our Creator and Savior.
As we walk on this earth, may we learn together and celebrate the way of peace, harmony, and tranquility.
We give thanks to you, O God.

*Gathering Hymns	Creation Is a Song Here in This Place	VT 181 VT 10	
Peace Prayer		Myra Peters	
Children's Story		Ann Hiebert	
Morning Prayer		Pastor Lois	
Worship with Our Tithes and OfferingsOffertoryTell Me the Stories of Jesus ~arr. Tonioli*Prayer of Dedication			
HEARING GOD'S WORD			
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-5; Hebrews 1:1-3 FNV M	egan Duerksen	
Message	If we are listening	Timothy Schrag	
SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE			
*Song of Response /	Sending O God, Our Help in Ages H	Past VT 203	

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*Benediction		Pastor Lois
*Postlude	Praise Him! ~McDonald	Mary Schmidt

*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 – Darla Banman	
South – Chelan and Megan Duerksen	
Organ/Piano: Mary Schmidt	
Song Leader: Julianna Kaufman	
Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert	
Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen	
(nursery available for children age 3 and under)	
Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth	
June 29 Attendance: Sunday School – 93; Worship 113 in person;	
13 Zoom Households	
June 29 Offering: Sunday School \$22.27; First Fruits \$4,104.38	

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 <u>k.gaeddert@gmail.com</u>. 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 or 620.386.4463.