

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning is our fourth and final session in the series, "Telling a Different Story: Land, Faith and Indigenous Justice". Today's theme is *a different story of gratitude and interconnectedness*.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

All Creatures, Worship God Most High ~Leavitt

God of the Sparrow ~Kerr

O God Beyond All Praising ~Behnke

Welcome

Travis Duerksen

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Moment in Mission

Stephany and Seth Rudeen

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Leader: Praise God! Praise the One from whom all blessings flow!

All: Sun, moon, stars, and clouds, praise Creator God!

Leader: Praise the Eternal Spirit, creatures of the earth and birds of the air.

All: Young, old, everyone! Sing out with joy-filled praise!

Leader: All creation joins in to harmonize:

All: Praise God! Praise the One from whom all blessings flow!

*Gathering Hymns

Praise God

VT 70

This Is God's Wondrous World

VT 180

Children's Story

Julianna Kaufman

Worship Music

Julianna and Jerod Kaufman

Morning Prayer

Karl Brubaker

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Marcia Brubaker

All Creatures, Worship God Most High ~Busarow

Photos from Tim Goertzen's MDS work

***Prayer of Dedication**

Karl Brubaker

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148; Luke 12:22-32 FNV

Travis Duerksen

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Response / Sending** *O God beyond All Praise* VT 814

***Benediction** Travis Duerksen

***Postlude** *All Creatures, Worship God Most High* 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 – DJ and Marilyn Unruh Flaming

South – Anita Boese

Organ/Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Tina Schrag, Levi Schrag

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

July 13 Attendance: Sunday School – 80; Worship -- 118 in person;
15 Zoom Households

July 13 Offering: Sunday School -- \$18.35; First Fruits -- \$8,198.00

Next Sunday – We'll hear from our youth and sponsors about their service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. We'll also hear about MennoCon in Greensboro, North Carolina from Timothy and Gretchen Schrag.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful for the work that Tim Goertzen and the volunteers have been able to do through MDS in Perry, Florida. We pray that the many needs still present there can be vetted and processed in time for Tim and the volunteers to get as much done as possible yet this week.
- ❖ We keep the family from Ukraine (Antonina, Vova, Sasha and Max) in our prayers as they continue to thrive in Manhattan, KS with the help and support of Sharolyn Flaming Jackson and the Manhattan Mennonite Church. The heavy bombing that happened this week is the closest it's been to Antonina's parents; until now it had not been in their area. They are "okay but very scared". Our ongoing prayers for them are much appreciated.
- ❖ We pray for Pastor Juan and the Luz de Evangelio congregation in Dallas. Although they are fearful, they continue to come together for worship and fellowship; their faith is strong and God is faithful.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 20

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

10:30 am – Worship

6:00–8:00 pm – Summer Pool Party for Goessel Area JH at Hesston

Friday, July 25

3:00-6:00 pm – Volunteer at Kansas Food Bank to help with food distribution

Sunday, July 27

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

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

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| Aug 1-2 | Goessel Threshing Days |
| Aug 3 | Joint Community Worship Service at Goessel Park, 10 am |
| Aug 4 | Blood Drive at Goessel Church |
| Aug 8-9 | WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church |
| Aug 15 | Senior Coffee |
| Sept 28 | Community Service sponsored by Board of Mission & Service |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Seth and Stephany (Meyer) Rudeen this morning! They will be embarking on a service year with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala beginning in August and are currently trying to finish the fundraising process for their trip. You can write a check for them this morning (made out to Mennonite Mission Network with Seth and Stephany in the memo) or visit their page on the MMN website at the following link: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/ministry-with-youth-in-guatemala-needs-your-support/>

Pastor Lois is on vacation through Thursday this week, returning to the office on Friday. Please contact any of the deacons for pastoral care needs. Pastor Gail Graber is on call for emergency situations (620.386.0376).

Calling all bug explorers! AMC library invites all children (2 yr olds - 5th grade) to the annual summer story night on Wednesday, **July 30th at 6:30 pm.** Meet at the covered driveway. Storytime features outdoor activities, special guest story reader, quiet reading and snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a blanket to sit on and books for quiet reading time. Let's see if we can catch the "reading bug"! Questions? Contact Sandy Duerksen 620-386-4434.

Regular Sunday School classes for the children and youth will begin on August 31.

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.

Kansas Food Bank produce distribution July 25th -- The Board of Mission and Service has scheduled another service opportunity with the New Life Church and Outreach Center in Wichita to assist them with the Kansas Food Bank produce distribution on **July 25th from 3-6 pm**. A sign-up sheet is in the south lobby. There is usually a group eat out afterwards so come and get in on the action and fun! Contact Judy Goertzen at 316-227-0982 with questions.

The family of Ruben Klassen is requesting a card shower for his 90th birthday on July 25. There will be a small celebration in the sun room in his hall from 3-6 pm. Anyone is invited. Send cards to: Ruben Klassen, Kidron Bethel Rm W23, N Newton KS 67117.

August 3 Worship Service – Joint worship service of the three area churches at the **Goessel City Park at 10:00 am**. Hosted by Goessel Church with Brad Penner preaching. There will be no Sunday or worship service at Alexanderwohl that Sunday. See Announcement Sheet for details.

WDC Annual Assembly is August 8-9 at Hesston College. Delegates from Alexanderwohl will be Pastor Lois, Timothy Schrag and Erica Stoltzfus.

Have you thought about volunteering at the New Hope Shelter and just don't know what's involved? There are two upcoming dates for volunteer training at the shelter. They will be on Monday, **July 28, and August 25** from **6:30–8:00 pm** and led by Jeremy Hadaway, the volunteer coordinator. We could use more of **you** to help fill in the AMC slots when it is our next turn to serve at the end of August. Talk to Janice if you have any questions.

A huge event like Country Threshing Days takes a lot of effort! Still needed are zwieback bakers and workers for the food service lines in both the Goessel Elementary School and the Preparatory School on Saturday, August 2. For early risers, several persons are needed to sugar New Year's Cookies for shifts starting at 6:00 and 7:30 am. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond today. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact Aileen Esau at daesau@gmail.com or 620.386.4463.

Blood Drive: Between your summer activities and vacations, please make time to donate blood on **August 4, between 1:00-6:00 pm** at the Goessel Church. Both single and double unit donations are needed. Sign up at redcrossblood.org. For more information contact Nancy Stucky 620-747-0081.

Thank you for the generous donations that continue to come in to the food pantry! Our freezer is available for donations of meat (1 lb. packages). Please contact Tabor Mennonite Church to arrange a meat donation. Other items we are currently low on include pasta, pasta sauce, box mac and cheese, pancake mix, cereal, ketchup, canned fruit, and canned tuna and chicken.