

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

This morning we'll hear from our youth and sponsors about their service trip to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp as well as from Timothy and Gretchen Schrag about their experiences at MennoCon '25.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Karen Unruh

Mountain of God ~Phil Campbell-Enns (VT 11)

For the Beauty of the Earth ~Lee Dengler

As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus ~Mark Hayes

Welcome

Timothy Schrag

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship / Opening Prayer +

Levi Schrag and Colby Nafziger

Psalms 8 (adapted) from *The Soil and the Seed*

*Gathering Hymns

My Soul Cries Out

VT 412

Rain Down

VT 703

Children's Story

Youth and Tina Schrag

Hymn of Praise

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

VT 118

Morning Prayer

Timothy Schrag

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Kinderstück ~Felix Mendelssohn

Karen Unruh

*Prayer of Dedication

Seeds

VT 777

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalms 8, Luke 14:25-35

Youth

Sharing Reflections from Camp and MennoCon

Youth: Colby Nafziger, Levi Schrag, Jayley Schmidt, Aida Hartvickson, Jayden Barnett, Eli Gaeddert, Elly Mai, Delaney Duerksen, Rosie Gaeddert
Sponsors: Tina Schrag, Kevin and Bonnie Gaeddert

MennoCon '25 Delegates

Timothy and Gretchen Schrag

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Response / Sending**

VT 718

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

***Benediction**

Timothy Schrag

***Postlude**

The Lord Lift You Up ~Patty Shelly

Karen Unruh

*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 – Bob Boese

South – Garrett and Brittany Hiebert family

Organ/Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Laura Unrau and Grace Meier

(nursery available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

July 20 Attendance: Sunday School – 60; Worship -- 94 in person;

12 Zoom Households

July 20 Offering: Sunday School -- \$14.03; First Fruits -- \$3,555.71

Next Sunday – We'll worship together with Tabor Mennonite Church and Goessel Church at the Goessel Park with the Goessel Church hosting. 9:30 coffee cake potluck (drinks provided), 10:00 worship service. Offering will be split between the GMA and Bethesda Home. Please bring lawn chairs.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ Delaney Duerksen will be attending Senior High Camp at Camp Mennoscah July 27 – August 1. Peter Voth will be a camp counselor.
- ❖ We pray for the community worship service next Sunday at the Goessel City Park. May it be a blessing to all who attend.
- ❖ We pray for students and staff as they prepare to return to school and different schedules.
- ❖ We pray for all those involved in Threshing Days. May it be a time to renew old friendships and make new connections.
- ❖ We ask for continued wisdom and discernment as we try to be good stewards of the land and the resources we bring to it.
- ❖ We continue to pray for those impacted by recent weather events.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 27

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

10:30 am – Worship

Wednesday, July 30

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons, Conference Room

6:30 pm – AMC Library's Summer Story Night

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am – Coffee cake potluck at Goessel City Park

10:00 am – Joint Community Worship Service at Goessel City Park

NOTE: There will be no Sunday school or worship at AMC today

COMING EVENTS

Aug 1-2 Goessel Threshing Days

Aug 4 Blood Drive at Goessel Church

Aug 8-9 WDC Annual Assembly at Hesston Mennonite Church – AMC delegates are Pastor Lois, Timothy Schrag and Erica Stoltzfus

Aug 15 Senior Coffee

Aug 31–Sept 2 Serve at New Hope Shelter

Sept 28 Community Service sponsored by Board of Mission & Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

The Pastor Search Committee continues to work through the search process. We welcome your prayers for us and for everyone involved in the search process. We've been in contact with several people in the past several months and continue to work with Western District Conference. Your input, suggestions, prayers and encouragement are appreciated. Thank you! ~Karen Unruh, Megan Duerksen, Julianna Kaufman, Weston Hiebert and Tina Schrag

A financial gift of support for Seth and Stephany (Meyer) Rudeen can be made anytime! Their one-year service assignment with Mennonite Mission Network in Guatemala begins in August. You may write a check (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/> Please keep them in your prayers as well, throughout the year!

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

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

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.

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 Voth if you have any questions.

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.