

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

Volume LXXII

July 19, 2026

No. 28



## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

"Prayer grounds our faith in relationship - between us and God. Prayer draws us to each other as well. As we pray together, we learn to trust that God listens, provides and responds. Prayer is not performance but practice."

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

**Gathering Music** Variations on *Kum Ba Yah* ~ Behnke Marcia Brubaker  
1. *Someone's Praying, Lord*; 2. *Someone's Crying, Lord*;  
3. *Someone's Singing, Lord*

**Welcome**

Kyle Unruh

### Opportunities for Celebration and Service

**Call to Worship/Opening Prayer +** *Words for Worship* – Ted Loder

**Leader:** Praise be to you, O Lord, who spins shining stars across the wondrous heavens, and stretches out the seas;

**People:** **who lifts the dawn into place and sets boundaries for the night;**

**Leader:** who awes the earth with storms and gentles it with rainbows;

**People:** **who gives everything a season and breathes life and love into the dust of us,**

**All: Praise be to you, O Lord!**

**Leader:** Praise be to you, O Lord, in all times and for all things;

**People:** **the soft slant of sunlight, the evening breeze, the sweat of labor, a sweet song to lighten the heart;**

**Leader:** the deep breath, the tended wound, mercy, quietness, a friend;

**People:** **for the miracles of the daily and the mysteries of the eternal,**

**All: Praise be to you, O Lord!**

**Leader:** Praise be to you, O Lord, from all creatures: laughers and list-makers, wonderers and worriers, poets and plodders and prophets,

**People:** **the wrinkled, the newborn, the whale, and the worm – from all, and from us.**

**All: Praise, praise be to you for the amazing grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omit v. 3)*

VT 88

**Children's Story**

Kyle Unruh

**Worship Music**

Kyle and Justine Unruh Family

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Lois Harder

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

First Fruits Giving

**Offertory**

*Be Thou My Vision ~ Bober*

Marcia Brubaker

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

*Rain Down, vs. 1,3*

VT 703

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 11: 1-13

Justine Unruh

**Sermon**

*"When you pray..."*

Pastor Lois

**Hymns** 1. *Children of the Heavenly Father, vs. 1, 3, 4 (VT 517)*

2. *Beyond a Dying Sun (VT 416)*

3. *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (VT 682: 2x through)*

## **SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Sending Song**

*Like a Rock*

VT 63

(During hymn, bring prayer pages to the front of the sanctuary.)

**\*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 – DJ & Marilyn Flaming

South – Jerod & Julianna Kaufman

**Organ / Piano:** Marcia Brubaker

**Song Leader:** Julianna Kaufman

**Visual Arts:** Courtney Hiebert

**Nursery Staff:** Ann Hiebert, Janice Voth

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

**July 12 Attendance:** Worship -- 125 in person; 10 Zoom Households

**Next Sunday** – Practice #3 – celebrate! "God's people have always celebrated together – marking moments of grace, recovery, and new beginnings... Celebration is not an escape from the hard work of faith but its natural overflow, reminding us that God's goodness is best experienced in community – around tables, in song, and through laughter shared across generations." Scripture is Nehemiah 8:9-12

Greeters are Eric & Gretchen Schrag and Garrett & Brittany Hiebert.

## *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We thank you, God, for the beauty of the floral arrangement this morning. It was given by the family of Ruben Klassen.
- ❖ We remember John Flaming as he continues to recover from back surgery.
- ❖ We pray that Pastor Chris and his family have a refreshing time at Family Camp at RMMC.
- ❖ We pray for the family of 25-year-old Joan Guerrero from Columbia who was killed in Maine this week by ICE officers. We pray for his wife and his 3-year-old daughter who are here in the U.S. and his family in Columbia, all victimized by this careless injustice.
- ❖ We long for just resolutions and peace in the conflict with Iran, and in the war in Ukraine, and many other places. May calm heads prevail, and peace find footholds. May the futility of war and bloodshed become clearer to people the world over.

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday, July 19**

9:30 am – Sunday School (all children through HS meet in the Shelter House)

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Intergenerational Chapel Service @ Bethesda

#### **Monday, July 20**

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

#### **Wednesday, July 22**

6:30 pm – Book Study, Chapter 3

#### **Sunday, July 26**

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

### **COMING EVENTS**

July 18-25 Pastor Chris Out of Office

July 31-August 1 Country Threshing Days

August 1-8 Pastor Lois Out of Office

August 2 Joint GMA Worship Service @ Tabor Mennonite, 10:00am

August 3 Blood Drive @ Goessel Church

August 5-8 Serve at New Hope Shelter

August 7-9 WDC Annual Assembly, Iglesia Luz del Evangelio in Dallas, TX

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We will be serving at New Hope Shelter August 5-8.** We need volunteers for the evening shifts from 5-9pm. You will find the sign-up sheet on the south lobby bulletin board. The Sunday School classes who will be serving the meals are: Seekers & Sojourners, Route 15, Friends & Followers, and Foundation Fellowship.

**Hey Quilters!** As the hot temperatures keep you inside and you decide to sort through your quilting supplies and fabric stash, don't forget that **Quilters Corner is seeking your donations year round** to help us have another successful KMRS sale in 2027! Donations can be dropped off at MCC Center in North Newton labeled for QC or if you need pick-up or help sorting, call Ann Yoder Smith at 919-604-3282. Thank you!

**Donley and Carol Duerksen's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary was June 10, 2026.** You are welcome to stop by their home (325 140<sup>th</sup>) on Saturday, July 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for a reception in their shed to wish them well. Wear casual summer attire. Either come and go, or bring a lawn chair to stay and visit. In addition, this gathering will mark the end of the Duerksen's 55-year residence on 140<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Julianna will be out of the office from July 21-28.** Nancy Stucky will be helping to provide office coverage. If you do not reach anyone on the church office phone during office hours, please leave a message on the machine or contact Nancy or Pastor Lois directly. Nancy: 620-747-0081; Lois: 316-617-3497

**In the interest of ecological care (saving paper) as well as procedural clarity, please note that Church-related events and activities will be included in the bulletin.** Community events will be listed in the announcement sheet as well as the MailChimp weekly email. There are also posters and announcements on the bulletin boards in both lobbies.