

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Today we start a new worship series titled

"Six Practices that Grow Faith"

from the *Leader* worship resource. Today's practice is simply, TALK. Talk and ask questions with children about things related to faith as they come up in daily life. Eat meals together. Take walks together.

Talk about God and our questions about what God is like!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Braden Unruh

Welcome

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson

Leader: I have so many questions, God!

Child: *Who are you? What are you?*

Leader: How did you make the universe? How did you make me? Whales, moose and bears? Why do bad things happen even when we try our best to be kind and good? I have so many questions, God!

Child: *Who are you? Where are you?*

Leader: Do you really love me? And my friends? And my not-friends? And even the people I don't even know? Do you really forgive us, no matter what? Can I learn to do that, too? I have so many questions, God! Who are you? Are you really here right now? As we worship? As we sing? As we pray? As we talk and listen?

Child: *Be here God! Because we have lots of questions.*

All: *And maybe, just maybe, our questions will bring us closer to you.*

*Gathering Hymns

*Let's Walk Together
Come and See*

VT 6
VT 282

Moment in Mission

MDS Trip Report

Youth Group

Peace Prayer

Levi Schrag

Children's Story

Delbert Peters

Worship Music

Braden Unruh and Jill Siebert

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois Harder

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory *Shout On, Pray On* ~ arr. Joseph M. Martin Karen Unruh

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Marilyn Unruh Flaming

Sermon

Six Practices that Grow Faith: Talk

Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

Lead Me, Guide Me

VT 601

(During hymn, bring speech bubbles to the front of the sanctuary.)

***Benediction**

Pastor Chris

***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 – Kim Voth

South – Tim & Judy Goertzen

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh

Song Leader: Marcia Brubaker

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Chrystiana Miller, Jayley Schmidt

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Lynel Unrau, Delton Voth

July 5 Attendance: Worship -- 110 in person; 10 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – The second Sunday in our series, “Six Practices that Grow Faith,” is *PRAY*. We will all be encouraged to learn simple, daily rhythms of prayer that fit our lives, our culture and our homes along the road of life.

Greeters are DJ & Marilyn Flaming and Jerod & Julianna Kaufman.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We thank you, God, for last Sunday's stories, conversations, information, and exchange of ideas here at AMC on our Peace Reflection Sunday. Help us keep the conversation going about what it means and looks like to be a people of peace in today's world.
- ❖ We pray for a quick recovery for Cameron Esau who had surgery to remove her adenoids and tonsils this past week.
- ❖ We remember John Flaming as he receives rehab following back surgery.

- ❖ We pray for Megan and Delaney Duerksen and Bella O'Neill as they travel today to Virginia Beach for the Jr. National Beach Volleyball Championship.
- ❖ We pray for the safety of the staff at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp as they watch for wild fires in the area. We ask God for the protection of the staff and property of the Camp as well as for the surrounding areas and the firefighters.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12

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

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, July 13

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Tuesday, July 14

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 am – Private Graveside Service for Ruben Klassen

11:00 am – Memorial Service for Ruben Klassen

6:30 pm – Book Study

Friday, July 17

10:00 am – Senior Coffee – David and Lori Yoder

Sunday, July 19

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

July 15 Memorial Service for Ruben Klassen

July 17 Senior Coffee with David and Lori Yoder, presenters

July 18-25 Pastor Chris Out of Office

July 31-August 1 Country Threshing Days

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

August 5-8 Serve at New Hope Shelter

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service Project Opportunity: Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 am. Any/all are invited to lend a hand in helping distribute 1.3 ft³ of dirt to raise the ground base around Ilene Franz's front porch (107 N. Church St., Goessel – across from the Goessel High School gym entrance). We will begin the project at 7:30 and aim to wrap up by 9:00 am. This project primarily involves moving and spreading dirt; bring your wheelbarrows and shovels (and perhaps a rake)! Contact Matt Voth with questions at 620-747-2245.

Donley and Carol Duerksen's 60th Wedding Anniversary was June 10, 2026. You are welcome to stop by their home (325 140th) 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 140th Street.

Help celebrate America 250 by sharing your creativity in a special quilt show at the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum during the Goessel Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 3, 2026. The quilt committee warmly invites entries featuring red, white, and blue themes, state symbols, redwork embroidery, or white wholecloth designs. Whether you have a quilt, wall hanging, or table runner to showcase, we would love to see it. To enter, send a photo of your piece to Sandy Duerksen at 620-386-4434 or sandyduerksen@hotmail.com. The committee will review all submissions and notify you by August 9 if your item is selected. Be sure to submit your entry by July 31.

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 1. Please see the volunteer sheet in your church mailbox and respond by July 19. YOU really are needed! For questions, contact LeNora Duerksen at lenoraiduerksen@gmail.com or 620.877.0644.

There WILL be Sr. Coffee on Friday, July 17 at 10:00a.m.! David and Lori Yoder, friends and neighbors of Lynel and Vickie Unrau, travelled with their Methodist Church in Hillsboro to Zimbabwe on a Mission trip. They'll bring pictures and stories to share!

The Garden Sharing Table is available in the south lobby. Gardeners are welcome to bring extra produce to share throughout the summer and all are invited to stop by each week!

Summer Book Study! The Peace Committee, along with the Board of Mission and Service, is hosting a summer book study! It began July 8 and will be going through August. Each Wednesday evening, we'll be looking at *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* by Drew Strait. We have a few copies from WDC left! They can be checked out through either of the pastors or Julianna.

THANK YOU! Arlin and Maretta thank the friends and relatives who helped celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. We are most abundantly blessed and thankful for the fellowship we share. ~ Arlin and Maretta Buller