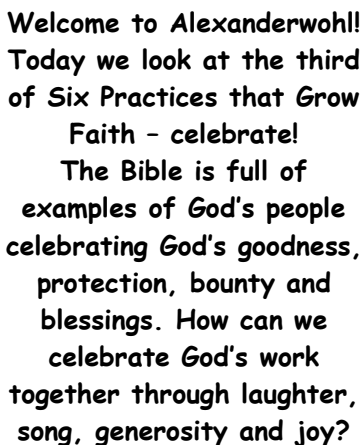


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Gathering Music *Jubilation ~ Paynee* Mary Schmidt
 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ arr. Bish

Welcome Pastor Chris Weaver

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer + V886 (adapted)

Leader: We praise you, God!

People: in the sanctuary and under the stars;

Leader: for your greatness and for your goodness;

People: with loud hymns and quiet prayers;

Leader: with helping hands and dancing feet;

People: with all our breath and with all creation:

All: We praise you, God! Amen.

*Gathering Hymns	<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	VT 91
	<i>O Sing to the Lord</i>	VT 113

Children's Story Pastor Lois Harder

Worship Music *Revive Us Again*

Laura Unrau, Elaine Unruh, and Lynette Duerksen

Morning Prayer Pastor Chris

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings First Fruits Giving

Offertory *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* ~ Tornquist Mary Schmidt

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Chris

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:9-12

Pastor Chris

Sermon

Celebrate!

Pastor Lois

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

VT 103

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

***Postlude**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing ~ arr. Behnke

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 – Eric & Gretchen Schrag

South – Garrett & Brittany Hiebert

Organ / Piano: Mary Schmidt

Song Leader: Braden Unruh

Visual Arts: Courtney Hiebert

Nursery Staff: Aileen Esau, Cambry Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DeAlan Unrau, Steve Goertzen, Delton Voth

July 12 Attendance: Worship -- 89 in person; 11 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – No service at Alexanderwohl. GMA Worship Service at Tabor.

August 9 – Faith Practice #4 – Serve “Serving others is one of the clearest ways we encounter Christ.” In Matthew 25, Jesus reminds us that faith is not revealed in what we claim to believe, but in how we respond to those in need.

Greeters are Lynell & Vickie Hiebert and Blake & Kris Schmucker.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We thank you God, for safe travels and times of rest and rejuvenation.
- ❖ Thank you for our elders, for those who live at Kidron-Bethel, Schowalter Villa, Bethesda or other facilities. Thank you for the staff and volunteers at those places who help to care for those we love.
- ❖ We're grateful God, for Delton and Janice Voth and Sandy Banman who will represent our congregation as delegates at the Western District Conference Assembly gathering August 7-9 in Dallas, TX. Be with them as they prepare to attend. Bless the Luz de Evangelio congregation as they host.

- ❖ As the conflict seems to escalate in the Middle East we pray for cooler heads to prevail, for less aggression and more peaceful ways of proceeding. Lord, hear our prayer.

NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, July 26

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

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, July 28

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 pm – Book Study, Chapter 4

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am – Joint GMA Worship Service @ Tabor

Monday, August 3

1:00-6:00 pm – Goessel Community Blood Drive

4:00 pm – Prayer Team

5:15 pm – Board of Worship

6:30 pm – Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, August 4

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 pm – Book Study. Chapter 5

7:30 pm – Board of Trustees

Sunday, August 9

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

10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

July 29-August 8 Pastor Lois Out of Office

July 31-August 1 Country Threshing Days

August 5-8 Serve at New Hope Shelter

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gifts Survey - In mailboxes July 26th. Please prayerfully consider your interests and gifts that will continue to contribute to the health and wellbeing of this congregation. This survey is done every few years to identify areas you have interest in participating in within each ministry area. Please return the surveys to the boxes in the lobby by August 16.
- Gifts Facilitating Team (Karl Brubaker, Jenny Fast, Tammy Flaming)

NEXT Sunday, August 2 at 10:00 a.m. We'll worship at the Tabor Mennonite Church as the GMA hosts a community-wide service. The potluck afterwards is a "finger food snack" potluck. Please bring items that can be eaten with fingers rather than forks! Plates will be provided; you may also bring your own.

Pastor Lois will be vacationing at Rocky Mt. Menn. Camp from August 1-7

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!

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.

Plastic bags are still being collected at Alexanderwohl. While Bethesda and Goessel Grocery & Deli are no longer collecting plastic bags, bags can also be taken to the Goessel City building (to be delivered to Dillons) or the MCC Center.