

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Faith Practice: SERVE

Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Our practice for today
in our series of
"Six Practices That Grow
Faith" is...(drumroll please)
SERVE! In Matthew 25,
Jesus reminds us that
faith is revealed not in
what we claim to believe,
but in how we respond to
those who hunger, thirst,
or need welcome. So, how's
your serve?

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Jason Peters

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices ~ Burkhardt
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need ~ Hayes
Christians, We Have Met to Worship ~ Hayes

Welcome

Pastor Lois Harder

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

The Leader: Summer 2026

Leader: When did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

People: We serve God when we serve others.

Leader: When did we welcome you in?

People: We serve God when we serve others.

Leader: God meets us in every act of love.

People: When we welcome others, we welcome Christ.

All: Come, let us worship with hearts ready to serve.

*Gathering Hymns

What Is This Place
Draw the Circle

VT 22

VT 802

Peace Prayer

Larry Voth

Children's Story

Aileen Esau

Children's Worship Dance Group

Thank You Isn't Enough ~ Tasha Layton

Morning Prayer

Pastor Lois

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Myra and Celia Peters

Before You Formed the Highest Mountains ~ Seth Thomas Crissman

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lois

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Travis Duerksen

Hymn of Response *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

VT 778

Sermon

How's your serve?

Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Sending Song

I Will Follow

VT 775

*Benediction

Pastor Chris

*Postlude

Jason Peters

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service ~ Leavitt

*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 – Lynell & Vickie Hiebert

South – Blake & Kris Schmucker

Organ / Piano: Jason Peters

Song Leader: Kyle Unruh

Children's Worship Dance Group: Cameron Esau, Kennedy Esau, Elliot Hiebert, Haydin Hiebert, Reagan Hiebert, Celia Peters, Ellie Unruh, Lillian Unruh, Chrystiana Miller & Julianna Kaufman (leaders)

Visual Arts: Janice (Funk) Voth

Nursery Staff: Travis Duerksen, Celia Peters

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Myron Goertzen, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

July 26 Attendance: Worship -- 128 in person; 15 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – Practice #5 is LEARN. How do we create practices and rituals in church that encourage learning? How do we build a culture of curiosity and learn the Bible together?

Greeters are Ann Hiebert & Cindy Hastings and Jason & Renae Peters.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We remember Delton and Janice Voth and Sandy Banman who have been representing our congregation at the Western District Conference Annual Assembly in Dallas this weekend. May the Iglesia Luz del Evangelio congregation be blessed as they host.

- ❖ We pray for Erica Stoltzfus and Travis Duerksen as they prepare for the expected arrival of their baby on Monday. We pray, also, for soon big brother Luka during this time of waiting and anticipation.
- ❖ We prayerfully remember teachers, professors, and other school and university staff as they prepare for another academic year. We pray for the students and their parents, as they all adjust to school routines.
- ❖ We pray for rain, God! We thank you for the rain we have had that has produced a fall crop. We pray for the safety of farmers who will soon be harvesting corn.
- ❖ We pray for the leaders of nations all around the world. Embolden them to make good choices that benefit everyone. May wise and long-term objectives win out over short-term profits that often solely benefit those in positions of power and privilege.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9

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

10:30 am – Worship

Monday, August 10

5:45 pm – Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm – Church Council

Wednesday, August 12

5:00 pm – Peace Committee

6:30 pm – Book Study, Chapter 6

Sunday, August 16

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

10:30 am – Worship

1:00 pm – Chapel at Bethesda

COMING EVENTS

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

August 21 Senior Coffee, Donley & Carol Duerksen presenting

September 23 Annual Safe Church Training, 6:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all school-aged children and youth! If you are attending school this year, you are invited to bring your backpack, book bag, lunchbox, or other item you'll be toting to school, to church next Sunday, August 16. You will be invited to receive a backpack blessing for the upcoming school year during the service. Looking forward to seeing many youth and many bags next week!

Save the Date! The Alexanderwohl Church Retreat is fast approaching and we are looking for YOU to save the date...September 26th-27th. The weekend will have opportunities for fun, food, fellowship, and faith building. More details and registration will be made available later this month. Keep a lookout!!! ~ Judy Goertzen, Contact Person

It's time to register for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Womens & Girls (ages 8 – high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Detailed schedule information and registration is at www.mennonitewomeninmission.org. The retreat theme is "My Time is in Your Hands" with session speakers Melissa Atchison & Audrey Ratzlaff. Girls leaders are Schyler Entz and Emily Brandt with an additional girls tie dye bandana session with Marla Sowatzky Rowe. Questions? Email mennonitewomeninmission@gmail.com.

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)

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.

The board and staff of the Mennonite Heritage & Agricultural Museum would like to thank everyone for your support and attendance at Country Threshing Days last weekend. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the dozens of volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talents. Whether you welcomed visitors, staffed an area or activity, helped prepare or serve food, cashiered, provided transportation, set up or cleaned up, or pitched in wherever needed, all was greatly appreciated. Most importantly, thanks be to God for the beautiful weather and the opportunity to come together to celebrate our rich history and the blessings of this community!