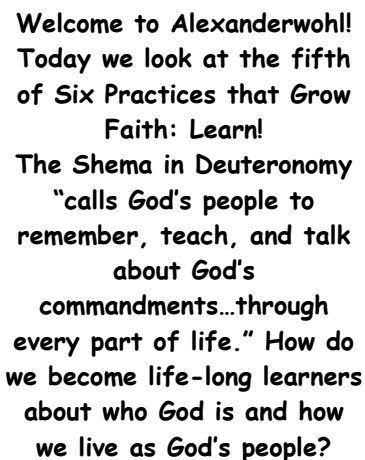


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Karl Brubaker

Worship Music

Denise Duerksen Family

God So Loved ~ We the Kingdom
*As the Deer ~ Martin Nystrom***Sharing from WDC Delegates**

Sandy Banman, Delton & Janice Voth

Morning Prayer

Pastor Chris

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory*Children of the Heavenly Father ~ Helvey*

Karen Unruh

Prayer of Dedication*HEARING GOD'S WORD****Scripture Reading**

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (VT 187)

Brendon Nafziger

Sermon*Life-long Learning*

Pastor Lois Harder

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE***Sending Song***O Little Children Gather*

VT 515

***Benediction**

Pastor Lois

PostludeKinderstück ~ Mendelssohn*

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 – Ann Hiebert & Cindy Hastings

South – Jason & Renae Peters

Organ / Piano: Karen Unruh**Song Leader:** Renae Peters**Visual Arts:** Janice (Funk) Voth**Nursery Staff:** Laura Unrau, Grace Meier

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: Steve Goertzen, Caiden Duerksen, Delton Voth**August 9 Attendance:** Worship -- 139 in person; 10 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – Pastor Chris will wrap up our six-session series on practices to help grow our faith. The practice is WORSHIP: "...participating regularly in a faith community is a source of encouragement, inspiration, and practical support for our growth in faith."

Greeters are Ben & Tina Schrag and David & Aileen Esau.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We pray for all students, parents, teachers and staff as they begin the school routine again.
- ❖ God, we give you praise for the birth of baby Theo Stoltzfus Duerksen! We pray for Erica, Travis and Luka as they all adjust to this delightful addition to their family!

- ❖ We cannot make sense of the recent tragic loss of a family in Winfield, Kansas, O God. Comfort their friends, relatives, and neighbors. Give the first responders who responded to the scene courage to work through their exposure to this trauma.
- ❖ O God, we are mindful of your people in Columbia who have experienced a devastating earthquake. May your Spirit of comfort be near to the families of those who have lost their lives, those whose family members are missing, and the rescue and humanitarian workers.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday, August 17

- 4:00 pm – Prayer Team

Wednesday, August 19

- 6:30 pm – Book Study, Chapter 7

Friday, August 21

- 10:00 am – Senior Coffee w/ Donley & Carol Duerksen, presenters

Sunday, August 23

- 9:30 am – Sunday School (all children through HS meet in the Shelter House)
- 10:30 am – Worship

COMING EVENTS

- August 21 Senior Coffee, Donley & Carol Duerksen presenting
- August 30 Teacher Appreciation Meal, Beginning of New Year for Children's Sunday School
- September 23 Annual Safe Church Training, 6:30 pm
- September 26-27 Church Retreat at Camp Mennoscah

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your important role of teaching at Alexanderwohl this past year! Please join us, along with your family, for a Teacher Appreciation Meal on August 30th. Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies, and we ask that you sign up by August 23.
~ Board of Christian Education

Our group subscription to the magazine *Anabaptist World* needs to be updated. The cost for each subscription is \$49. If you have been part of our group subscription and wish to continue or if you would like to participate as a new reader, please return to Dwight M. Flaming a completed form (found on the table at the back of the sanctuary and also attached to the church email) plus your check of \$49, payable to Alexanderwohl by **August 30, 2026.**

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

Gifts Survey – Found in your mailboxes (delivered July 26). 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 TODAY. - Gifts Facilitating Team (Karl Brubaker, Jenny Fast, Tammy Flaming)

Senior Coffee – Friday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donley and Carol Duerksen will show us and tell us about their recent Icelandic cruise. Come to enjoy coffee and goodies and hear about their adventures!

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.