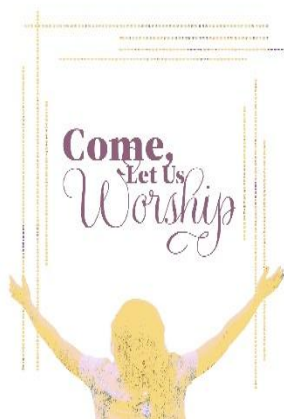


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**Welcome to
Alexanderwohl!**
**Today is the final Sunday
in our series of Six
Practices that Grow
Faith: Worship. Worship
is more than a gathering
of churchgoers; it's
meant to be a way of
life!**

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Marcia Brubaker

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices ~ Burkhardt/Weber

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns ~ Helman

Welcome

Bryant Miller

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +

modified from *The Leader*

Leader: We come to worship in spirit and in truth.

People: God meets us here and everywhere we go.

Leader: Our songs, our prayers, our lives are praise.

People: We shine God's light in all we do; in all we are.

All: God is spirit. Let us worship together in spirit and in truth.

*Gathering Hymns

Mountain of God

VT 11

Holy Holy Holy!

VT 76

Children's Story

Pastor Lois Harder

Morning Prayer

Bryant Miller

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

Beautiful Savior ~ Rice

Marcia Brubaker

*Prayer of Dedication

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 4:19-26

Nathaniel Schmucker

Song of Response

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

VT 718

Sermon

Six Practices: Worship

Pastor Chris Weaver

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Sending Song**

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

VT 95

***Benediction**

Pastor Chris

***Postlude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ~ Rinck

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 – Ben & Tina Schrag

South – David & Aileen Esau

Organ / Piano: Marcia Brubaker

Song Leader: Jacob Schrag

Visual Arts: Janice (Funk) Voth

Nursery Staff: Rosi Reimer, Elly Mai

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

Worship Technology: DJ Flaming, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

August 16 Attendance: Worship -- 160 in person; 9 Zoom Households

Next Sunday – We'll begin a new series of worship resources from *The Leader*, one of our denominational resources. "God's Shalom for Our Common Home" is a 5-week series focused on the relationship between God, humanity and the rest of God's creation and ways we're called to honor those relationships. Week 1 we'll talk about water and ways that we thirst, literally and spiritually. Pastor Lois will bring the message.

Greeters are Steve Goertzen & Rosi Reimer and Evan & Maryanne Esau.

Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond

- ❖ We're grateful, God, for the corn harvest that has happened and is happening.
- ❖ We pray for the family and friends of Margie Young as they grieve her loss and celebrate her life. We think especially of Margie's children, Mark and Cheryl.
- ❖ God, we pray for your peace with justice for the Haitian people as they live with ongoing crises of political instability, violence, and disasters that create food shortages and health emergencies.
- ❖ We pray for the people of Sudan as their life and death struggles continue with aid cut and food, water and life necessities scarce.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23

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

10:30 am – Worship

Tuesday, August 25

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 pm – Book Study, Wrap-Up

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am – Sunday School (New SS year begins; classes in main building)

10:30 am – Worship

12:00 pm – Teacher Appreciation Meal, Fellowship Hall

COMING EVENTS

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 Menno'scah

October 4 Harvest Giving Walk – World Communion Sunday

October 7 Midweek Begins

November 7 Daughters of Grace Fall Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church will have a SAFE CHURCH Safety and Abuse Prevention annual training session on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is required for all adults 18 years and older who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our church in any capacity. Anybody and everybody is welcome! Childcare will be provided. All those attending need to RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the lobbies or contact the church office by Sunday, September 20. Contact Marilyn Unruh Flaming, Malea Hartvickson or Susan Nafziger with questions.

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 TODAY.
~ 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



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