

# Vision, Mission, and Values - Waldheim MB Church

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**Vision:** That everyone in our valley will experience how Jesus can change lives.

**Mission:** Creating opportunities for people to encounter, know, love and become like Jesus.

## **Value #1 - Relationship with God and Each Other**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ (Matthew 22: 37-40).

- Prioritizing our relationship with God and living that out in our church and community is the authentic life we strive to live. Extending compassion and care is reflected in our community involvement and love for our valley – both the people and the land.

## **Value #2 - Word of God**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 16-17).

Living our lives on the foundation of God’s word – being doers and not just hearers. Commitment to God’s word as truth for life - not a legalistic rulebook.

## **Value #3 - Discernment Through Prayer**

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5).

- We are a church that relies on prayer for guidance and direction.

#### **Value#4 - Relevance Without Compromise**

Always be prepared to answer everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

- Unlike God's truth, culture and methods change. While honouring God's word, we want to be intentional and creative in responding to and engaging our ever-changing culture.

#### **Value #5 - We are a Sending Church**

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So, after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13: 2-3)

- Sending out those we love and have invested in is hard (especially our own young people), but it is also a reality and privilege in our context. May building His kingdom always take priority over our own needs.

#### **Value#6 - Hands-On/Practical Serving and Caring**

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40).

...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders... (1 Thessalonians 4: 11-12).

- We love to serve in practical ways where we "get our hands dirty" and use our various gifts to give physical evidence of care. Mennonite Disaster Service is an example of the kind of ministries we are drawn to.