

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Epiphany 3

January 22, 2017

9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

Prelude

Adagio in A minor  
*Linda Buller, organ*

Bach

\*Prayer of Gathering

Lois Harder

*Leader: Come, Child of Bethlehem,*

**People: Make your presence known to us  
and dwell in our midst as we worship.**

*Leader: Come, servant King,*

**People: Teach us the ways of your kingdom  
and make our hearts your throne.**

*Leader: Come, Lord and friend,*

**All: Show us the meaning of our humanity.  
Help us to find our purpose in you. Amen.**

\*Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at your word

HWB 13

Psalm 139

HWB 823

Hymn

Lord, thou hast searched me

HWB 556

Time for Children

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory            In Heavenly Love Abiding  
Prayer of Dedication

arr. Hobby  
SJ 29

Special Music

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven

*Kalyn Lichty*, accompanied by Catherine Everingham

Dutch Dance

James Bastien

*Jaden Lichty*

The Lesson

John 11:1-7,12-27 (PB 873)



**We welcome you to this service of worship!** Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

**For those with hearing difficulties,** assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

**Greeters this morning are** Beth and Jonas Lichty. **Nursery workers during worship** are Grayce and Reid Kaufmann and Anna Harder; **during Sunday School,** to be determined. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

**Following the worship service,** you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.)

**Among our friends:**

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:**

**Tyler Schroeder** at the tragic and unexpected death of his wife, Amber. She died in a car accident on Thursday, January 19. Services are pending.

**Linda Doll** at the unexpected recent passing of her aunt, Fran Vermillion. Services were yesterday.

**Gerry and Treva Lichti** at the death of his sister, Cheryl, on Wednesday, January 18. Services were yesterday at Schowalter Villa.

**We bid farewell and Godspeed to Daniel and Natasha Buller and their boys, Dmitri, Isaac and Danny.** They have moved to Overland Park, KS where Daniel will continue his law practice with Foulston Siefkin in this new location.

**Please remember Wes Miller** in your prayers as he will undergo the “deep brain massage/stimulus” brain surgery in Kansas City in the coming week.

**From David Mathis:** I am pleased to announce to my church brothers and sisters at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church that Nancy Brown of Americus, Kansas, and I have determined to enter into marriage. We are planning a ceremony at the Americus United

Methodist Church on February 25. I look forward to eventually introducing Nancy to those of you who haven't yet met her. Nancy serves as Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Americus and also in Reading, Kansas. I am most fortunate to have found someone whom I can love, respect, and build a new chapter of life together with, especially after having been previously so blessed with 41 happy years of marriage with Linda. Nancy and I both seek your prayers of support as we take this serious step of joining our lives together.

**We will be doing a new picture directory soon**, and the regular church directory soon after, so **please** send the office any changes to your listing – name, address, phone, email, etc. Also – see Sara or Linda in the Fellowship Hall after worship today and subsequent Sundays to schedule your picture appointment. Photography dates will be Friday, February 17- Saturday 18, and Monday, March 6. Let's see EVERYONE in the new picture directory!

**Your Peace Committee** invites you to “soup at the movies” – this Wednesday, January 25, 5:45 in Fellowship Hall. This week's movie is “He Named Me Malala.” **Please call or e-mail the church office by tomorrow, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you are planning to be here for supper (\$4/person, \$15 for family of 4 or more).**

Speaking of “soup” – **Wednesday night suppers and activities will begin February 1!** It's not too early to start planning – especially if you'll be cooking supper for 80 of your closest friends! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. (Cook books, like the indispensable “Food for Fifty,” are in the kitchen.) Cooking together is a great activity for families, house churches, board and committee members, catechism classes (?). Looking forward to seeing and sharing with you on Wednesday evenings.

**Our next congregational meeting will be after Sunday School on February 5th.** Meal will be potluck; more information to follow.

Just a reminder that the “**Glad you're our neighbor**” signs are in the office, by the printer. These colorful signs are \$10 each (payable to Matt Lehman Wiens) and look GREAT in the front yard! Thanks, Matt!

**You are invited to a forum on “Native American Justice”** on Saturday morning, February 11 from 9:00 – 12 noon at Mennonite Church of the Servant, 2401 N. Woodland in Wichita. The focus will be on the North American history of colonization and land loss, the

Kanza story, and practical steps toward justice. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

**Hesston College is hosting a new fine arts series** – the Andover Organ Series – which will bring four talented organists to south central Kansas in three concerts to perform on Hesston Mennonite Church’s Andover pipe organ during the spring 2017 semester. The first concert is at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31, and will feature Emmanuel Arakélian of Paris, France. The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow.

**Sat., Jan. 28** – Kauffman Museum marks the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail with its **Kansas Day celebration: 11 a.m., program by Jim Gray**, executive director of the National Drovers Hall of Fame, *Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center; 1-4 p.m., special activities in and around the museum.*

**Bethel College is offering many of its classes for community audit.** You pay \$50 per credit hour (compared to the normal audit rate of \$85 per hour) OR, if you’re age 62 and older, a flat rate of \$30. For more information, go to [www.bethelks.edu/audit](http://www.bethelks.edu/audit), where there is a link for **spring 2017 course schedule** (enrollment deadline **Feb. 13**, classes start Jan. 31).

### **Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for junior high youth gathering next weekend for “Know Jesus,” a retreat sponsored by the joint WDC and South Central Conference Youth Ministry Committee, hosted at Hesston College.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Lauren Francisco works as an expressive arts counselor at Eastwood Primary School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Pray for her as she listens to stories of victims of neglect and trauma, and empowers them to be creators.

### **Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

January 22 is when **World Fellowship Day** is celebrated. It falls annually on the Sunday that is the closest to January 21, and marks the date in 1525 when the first Anabaptist baptisms took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Pray as adults remember their worldwide *koinonia*, that they give thanks for God’s all-inclusive family.

### **Prayer Request for Peacemakers**

Many of us might be contemplating about the difficult days that are about to come. Wars keep on raging around the world and powerful

discriminatory systems are on the rise. Presidents and political leaders speak of preparations for new wars on different religions, sects, ethnicities, races and nationalities. Let’s all work together as one global community to resist nonviolently against all oppressive systems around the world and pray for each other on our long journey towards peace and justice. The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.

**Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Pope Francis and the Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas met Saturday to open a Palestinian embassy in Vatican City. Issa Kassissieh, the Palestinian ambassador to the Holy See, called the move "a significant achievement for the Palestinian people..." *Lord, we thank you for the world leaders who recognize our country and acknowledge our rights even though we are under military occupation. We pray for more steps of courage to be taken by the decision makers of the world that lead to our independence. Our freedom is inevitable and we are sure of this. Lord in your mercy...*

**This Week at Church**

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Soup & Movie Night – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	NAMI – Gathering Room	10:00 a.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

## Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

**Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206**  
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole, Beth Lichty, Ruth Wiens

**Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201**  
Teachers: Kelly Cleary and Grayce Kaufmann

**Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202**  
Teachers: Allison Wenzel and Julie Dunkelberger

**Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum & Games B4**  
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Joel Ewy

**Eighth-Twelfth Grades Catechism Room 208**  
Teacher: Lois Harder

## Adult Sunday School Classes

**Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)**  
Learning to Fall by Philip Simmons

**Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room**  
*led by Rose Moyer*

**Men's Group Book Study Library**  
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg  
(there will also be time for prayer and journaling)  
*led by Doug Everingham*

**Faith and Issues Trip to South America Fellowship Hall**  
*led by Michelle Armster*

## Mission Statement\*

We are called to be followers of Christ  
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit  
sharing the good news of love, peace,  
healing, and hope  
through worship, fellowship, and service  
in our community, our city, and beyond.



*\*Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28)*

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert Weds. 10:30 – 2:30, Thurs. 3:00 – 4:00

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