

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church  
Wichita, Kansas

First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

***Living Ink: Letting Go of the Pen***  
*When we acknowledge God as the author of life,*  
*“letting go of the pen” becomes possible -*  
*Lenten worship resource*

Prelude                              O Sacred Head                              Hassler/Bach  
*Linda Buller, organ*

\*Call to Worship                      Psalm 91 (adapted)                      Beth Tanner

*Leader: As we gather in this place, let us be drawn into the safety of the love of God. With the psalmist, we proclaim:*

**People: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.”**

\*Prayer

\*Hymns                              And I will raise you up                              HWB 596  
    God of grace and God of glory                              HWB 366

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory                              Ah, Holy Jesus                              arr. Kimball  
Prayer of Dedication                              HWB 639

Time for Children                              Beverly Baumgartner

Anthem                              O My Soul, What Wondrous Love                              Manuel  
*Chancel Choir*

The Lesson                              Luke 4:1-13                              PB 835

Sermon Matt Lehman Wiens  
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,...

\*Hymn Be thou my vision HWB 545  
(omit verse 4)

Celebrating Our Communion with the World Lois Harder

Welcome, passing the Peace  
Greeting from AMBS Ken Hawkey  
Receiving the Feast  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn Create in me a clean heart SS 62

\*Benediction

Response The Lord Bless You Grotenhuis

Postlude O Sacred Head Walther

\*Congregation Stands

HWB =Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;  
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

**We light the peace lamp** as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

**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 Don and Elsie Steelberg. **Nursery workers during worship** are Earl Schlabach and Aimee Leisy; **during Sunday School,** Carmen Tamerius. **Fellowship workers:** Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

**Following the worship service**, you are all 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:**

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, gifts and well wishes from LAMC members in the wake of my recent surgery. It is good to be part of a supportive community. --**Jim Juhnke**

Long-time member of Lorraine Avenue, **Vera Slade**, died on Monday, February 8 at Via Christi Hospital, St. Joseph, due to complications during surgery. There will be no services; the family encourages people to take a moment to remember Vera.

**We extend our love and Christian sympathy to Wes Miller** whose father, Chester D. Miller, died Friday morning, at Schowalter Villa in Hesston. He was 89 years old. Services are pending.

**Also to Andrew Voth and his family** upon the death of his grandfather, Stan Voth. This unexpected loss comes recently after the death of Viola Ediger Voth, Stan's wife.

**Katie Funk Wiebe** has returned to Larksfield Place after a week-long stay in the hospital due to atrial-fibrillation.

**Doug Everingham will be singing and playing at R Coffeehouse**, 1144 Bitting in Riverside, Tuesday evening, 7-9. Come on down!

**LAMP KICK-OFF!** Don't forget to bring items for the LAMP to be donated to newly arrived immigrants through the International Rescue Committee. Take action for "the least of these"! You may also make a **monetary donation** to the LAMP.

**Film Preview and Musical Reception: *Groundswell Rising: Protecting Our Children's Air and Water*, Saturday, February 20, 3:00, in Fellowship Hall, with Renard Cohen**, co-producer/director, who has been producing award-winning television for over twenty years. *Groundswell Rising* is a fracking documentary that gives voice to ordinary folks engaged in a David vs. Goliath struggle against Big Oil and Gas. These individuals from all walks of life decry the energy extraction process known as fracking that puts profits over people. Clips from the film will be shown and Mr. Cohen, who is also an accomplished singer/songwriter, will perform along with other musicians. Light refreshments provided. This film

is part of the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) Film Series. KIPCOR is an affiliate of Bethel College and will host a full screening of *Groundswell Rising* on the Bethel College campus (Luyken Fine Arts Center) on Sunday, February 21 at 3 p.m.

**A brand new flat screen TV and DVD player has been purchased on our behalf!** Jeremy and Katie Mitchell-Koch (along with Larry Mitchell) researched and purchased it and then Jeremy assembled it for us. It's on a cart with wheels so it can easily be moved anywhere in the building. It is being stored in the locked closet just outside the Fellowship Hall on the north side. Please contact the office or the Trustee on call if you'd like to use it, so that it can be set up. This equipment has been purchased with funds from memorials of Ruth Elaine Rose and Reuben Janzen.

**Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton** will cover a wide range of topics on Wednesday, February 17: *Eight Days in Nicaragua (with Clyde and Felice Goering)*; and *Singing the Cattle North (a Kansas Humanities Council presentation with Jim Hoy)*. The sessions begin at 9:30 and run until 12:00. This is the 41<sup>st</sup> year of the program which is especially for adults, 60 years and older. These programs are informative and entertaining – and all for \$2/Wednesday (or \$20 for the entire Spring Schedule). Brochure is on the bulletin board in the south lobby.

**Bryan Stevenson, Author of "Just Mercy" will be here in Wichita**, Saturday, February 20th from 1:30-2:30. 856 S. Green St. at St. Mark United Methodist Church South East. He has been a steadfast advocate against the Death Penalty and has worked tirelessly to help right some wrongs against individuals who were unjustly incarcerated.

**Devotionals for children—at home or at church:** Living Ink, the 2016 Lent At-Home devotionals from Mennonite Church Canada, is now available as a free download. This illustrated devotional appeals to families with children. Created by Elsie Rempel, this booklet is perfect for at-home, but also could be used for Sunday morning worship (children's time) or for a special Lent emphasis for children on Wednesday. It can be found at [http://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/21831/2016\\_Lent\\_at\\_Home\\_-\\_Living\\_Ink.pdf](http://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/21831/2016_Lent_at_Home_-_Living_Ink.pdf)

**Halstead's First Mennonite Church invites you to their Annual Verenike Supper** to raise money (by donations) for church

Missions. This is Saturday, February 20, 5-7 pm, 427 W. 4<sup>th</sup> in Halstead, and the menu is Verenike, ham gravy, sausage, green beans, zwieback, cherry moos, pie, relishes – mmm-mmm!

**Prayer for *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto*:**

Please continue prayers and support for our Wichita Latino brothers and sisters of *Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto* as we join with them in missional community as they grow in Christ. - LAMC Support Group

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for Byron Pellecer as he prepares for a transition to a new role as Associate Conference Minister in Texas beginning in May.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

The cooler dry season in Cambodia began in December and will soon be ending. Many weddings occur this time of year. On this Valentine's Day, pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo, as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships.

**Prayers from *Sabeel*:**

God of mercy, be with us as we enter this season of reflection and repentance. Give us the strength to look into our hearts and souls and find those areas in which we desperately need your help and guidance. Grant us also the hope that comes with the good news of your son's resurrection, and let it stir life within us as we look towards an end to the suffering all around. Lord, in your mercy...

Three Arab members of the Israeli Parliament - the Knesset - have been suspended for several months after visiting families of individuals who carried out attacks on Israelis. The Arab MKs were intervening as a humanitarian act, on behalf of the bereaved families, so as to get their children's bodies returned for burial which are currently being held by Israeli authorities. These families usually have no prior knowledge of their children's intentions, but are still subjected to collective punishment like having their homes demolished.

God, we weep at the current political situation here, where parents on both sides mourn the loss of their children. We beg you God, calm the fear that causes us to dehumanize the other, and allow people to view all life as precious, and the ending of all life as a loss. Lord, in your mercy...

**Visitors from last Sunday:**

Natalie and Camille Shelton, Tulsa, OK; Jim and Karen Fleming

## This Week at Church

Monday	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Peace Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies- Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Serendipity (organizational meeting)	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
	<i>knitting4peace</i> (Gathering Room)	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	KIPCOR Movie event – Fellowship Hall	3:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

(Supper is \$4.00 per person or \$15 per family)

5:30-6:00	Shining Lights Choir Rehearsal (children)	Sanctuary
5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:30	Children’s Activities	Classrooms/Playground
6:30 – 7:15	Bible Study	Gathering Room
7:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

*Nursery care for preschool children is provided*

# Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

**Early Childhood (3- 4 year olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206**  
Teachers: Linda Doll, Ellen Ebersole

**Kindergarten - First Grade Shine! Room 201**  
Teachers: Kelly Cleary, Jill Robinson, and Alison Wenzel

**Second - Fourth Grades Shine! Room 202**  
Teachers: Julie Dunkelberger and Beth Lichty

**Fifth - Tenth Grades Shine! – L.E.D. Room B4**  
Teachers: Catherine Everingham and Ann Fetters

**Fifth – Tenth Grades Room B5**  
**Faith Formation through Games**  
Teachers: Beverly Baumgartner, Joel Ewy, Kristina Everingham

## Adult Sunday School Classes

**Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)**

**The Seekers Book Study Room 208**  
Living More with Less  
*Doris Janzen Longacre*

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

**Faith & Issues Stewardship of Money Fellowship Hall**  
*Led by Andrea Unzicker and Everence staff*

**Men's Group Book Study Library**  
*Better Dads, Stronger Sons*  
*Led by Doug Everingham*

## 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)

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### Staff:

### Office Hours

Pastor Lois Harder	Mon. & Wed. 9:30-5:00 Tues. & Fri. 9:30-12:30 Thursday is Lois' day off
Pastor Tom Harder	On temporary leave
Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich	Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 11:00-1:00
Admin. Asst., Linda Gebert	Weds. 1:30-5:30, Thurs. 2:30-4:30
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