





**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** Larry and Melanie Mitchell. **Nursery workers during worship** are Judy Ebersole; **during Sunday School,** Melanie Mitchell. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

**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.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

*In our community, our city, and beyond:*

**Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent.** The Ash Wednesday service will be in the sanctuary from 6:30-7:15. Supper that evening, served from 5:45-6:15 will be pancakes and sausage, in the tradition of "Fat Tuesday".

**The Board of Deacons think this year's Lenten season would be a good time to renew our house church program** at LAMC (see the March Messenger cover article). We encourage all existing house churches to discuss their goals for the coming year, and to consider including a spiritual practice of some sort. Please also discuss the size of your group, and whether there is room for additional members. A deacon will be contacting each LAMC house church in the coming weeks. **If you are not presently in a house church but would like to be, please contact Lois or Tom.**

**"The Meaning of Life"** is an exhibit of black and white portraits of men and women serving life sentences in Pennsylvania, combined with short quotations from interviews with them. It is based on the book "Doing Life: Reflections of Men and Women Serving Life Sentences" by Howard Zehr. The project is designed to encourage thought and constructive dialogue about violence, justice and life, and it's on display this morning in fellowship hall. Check it out!

**WSU Political Science Dept., WSU Muslim Students Association and the Peace and Social Justice Center present “*Breaking the Silence: U.S. Drone War Insiders Speak Out.*”** Air Force veteran Lisa Ling, a former technical sergeant on drone surveillance systems will speak. Her experiences are documented in the new film *National Bird*. Breaking the silence around this controversial form of military intervention, Lisa and other drone program personnel have been sharing their insight and experience. **Friday, March 10, 7:00 pm, Hubbard Hall 208, WSU.** The film *National Bird* will be shown Friday March 3, 7:00 pm, at the Peace Center, 1407 N. Topeka.

There remain **five Wednesday supper dates** needing cooks/chefs. If you and/or your house church, family, bicycling buddies would like to prepare supper for the folks who gather here on Wednesday evenings, that would be TERRIFIC! The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. There are cookbooks in the kitchen to help. Looking forward to breaking bread together!

**Parents especially, please email or loan us pictures from children’s activities and programs from this past year.** Nothing dates a directory more than children’s pictures that are outdated. We would also like any good pictures you have of other church activities, like Sunday School classes, Wednesday night suppers, house churches, etc. Please email to [linda.gebert@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:linda.gebert@lorraineavenue.org). ***Remember - If you have a photo session scheduled for March 6, please bring a can of food and you will get \$5.00 off your picture order. We will donate the food to the Food Bank.***

**Nursery volunteers during Sunday school** need to check in with Ellen Ebersole in the preschool room to assist her if needed. The church currently has no babies in the nursery most Sundays. Thanks, LAMC Nursery Committee

**Prayer Request from Western District Conference:**

Pray for WDC members participating in a Hispanic women’s gathering in Dallas this weekend.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Mary Beyler accompanies Mennonite congregations in Hokkaido, Japan. Pray for her as she teaches, preaches, leads music, and serves on conference committees.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

Please pray for the Bluffton Choral Society and University Chorale

as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" during the Masterworks Concert today in Bluffton.

### **Prayer Request from Sabeel:**

Last Sunday morning, Israeli occupation forces surrounded a primary school in the bedouin village of Khan al-Ahmar in the occupied West Bank and delivered a demolition order. The school was built in 2009 with the assistance of an Italian NGO, Vento Di Terra, using ecological methods including construction out of used car-tires. *Lord, we pray for the courage and steadfastness of the students, teachers and administrative staff of the primary school of Khan al-Ahmar. We remember the parents of the students as they have no choice but to send their children to school. We ask you Lord to be with all people of good will as they work day and night to advocate on behalf of the school to be spared and not become rubble. Lord in your mercy...*

A Palestinian family of thirteen is left homeless after they were forced to demolish their own home in the neighborhood of Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem. The family demolished their own home in compliance with orders from Israel's Jerusalem municipality to avoid extreme punishment. It is almost impossible to obtain a building permit for Palestinians living under the Israeli occupation, thus forcing the community to build without a building permit as an act of resistance. *Lord, the people of your city Jerusalem continue to be bullied and harassed by the Israeli occupation. We remember the family of Shweiki and acknowledge their pain. Comfort the family as they become homeless, not by their own hands but by the discriminatory policies of the evil Israeli occupation. Lord in your mercy...*

Last Friday, on the 12th anniversary of the popular movement in the village of Bilin, demonstrations were held in the villages of Bil'in, BeitJala, Jabalia, Nilin and KafrQaddum in the occupied Palestinian territories. The demonstrations are held to protest the Israeli settlements and the separation wall. Bil'in is one of the most active Palestinian villages in nonviolent protests against the Israeli occupation policies. *Lord, even in the midst of despair thousands continue to resist the unjust powers that dominate. We give thanks to the organizations, leaders, community members and international supporters who continue to bravely march against an enemy that seems for many as undefeatable. Lord in your mercy...*

Fifteen Christian organizations sent a briefing paper to all members of Congress and to the Trump Administration last week calling for

U.S. policies that promote peace, justice, and equality between Israelis and Palestinians. On the “International Day for Social Justice” we give thanks for the prophetic, honest and brave stand of the fifteen Christian organizations. *Lord, may this initiative open the door for other Churches and organizations to follow suit. Lord in your mercy... We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of France, Germany and Monaco. Lord in your mercy...*

**Visitors last week:**

Bryce Hostetler, Sam and Luana Schrag, Pretty Prairie; Carla Stucky, Moundridge; Kathy and Randy Preheim, Peabody; Zachary Preheim, Bethel College; Rick and Rhonda Brown, Rusty and Lisa Jolliff, Scott and Cindy Erb, Newton; Arlyce Friesen, Henderson NE; Rob and Diana Schunn, Whitewater; Jim and Lois Kaufmann, New Paris IN; Dale and Cindy Wiens, Robin Schrag, Lee and DeVon Hiebert, Hoxie Hiebert.

**This Week at Church**

Monday	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.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	5:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:45 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.

**Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule**

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

5:45 – 6:30	Supper	Fellowship Hall
6:30 – 7:15	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
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: 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 Sermon Discussion Fellowship Hall**

## 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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### Staff:

Pastor Lois Harder  
Pastor Tom Harder

### Office Hours

Tues. to Fri. 9:30-5:00

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Monday is the pastors' day off

Admin. Asst., Barbara Gingrich Tues. 9:30-1:30, Fri. 10:00-12:00

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

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