

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

God, the Author of the grand story, invites us to drink in the words of covenant, the good news that we are part of an abundant narrative. As we do, we become living words that leap off the page into all aspects of relations: with God, each other, and the earth.

Prelude Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart arr. Sorenson
DeAnn Diller, keyboard

Introit O Let All Who Thirst Foley
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63) Rachel Reimer Kouame

Leader: O God, you are our God, we seek you, our souls thirst for you; our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

Leader: We will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

People: Our souls are satisfied, for you have been our help, and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy!

*Prayer

*Hymns Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB 76
God of the Bible SJ 27

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether arr. R. Chapin
Prayer of Dedication

Time for Children Beverly Baumgartner

The Prophet Isaiah 55:1-9 PB 598

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 Barbara and Bob Waltner. **Nursery workers during worship** are Catherine and Doug Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Mildred Franz. **Fellowship workers** are 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.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement.

Among our friends:

There are just a few days left to get your additions/corrections in for the **2016 LAMC Directory!** Please put your note in the "Administrative Assistant" mailbox in the office or send an email to secretary@lorraineavenue.org. Thank you!

Your LAMB (Lorraine Avenue Mission Board) is making good use of your LAMP donations! This past week, 11 household kits were delivered to the IRC (International Rescue Committee) and 9 more will be delivered in the next 2 weeks! At this point, we are planning to deliver 10 kits per month – keep those donations coming for the immigrant families arriving in Wichita!

We hope **April 8 & 9** are marked on your calendar as days you'll be in Hutchinson at the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale! There's a TON of work that goes into the "getting ready" part: *Quilters' corner Opportunities – volunteers are welcome and needed each Tuesday evening, 6:30-8, at the MCC Center in North Newton to help sort and price items for the Sale (as well as March 19, between 9:00 and 3:00). Quilting donations are also welcome and needed. Service*

Opportunities – by tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world, furthering the work of MCC. Committee openings include *Children's Activities*, *Feeding the Multitude cashier chairperson*, *Table Waiters for Feeding the Multitude on Friday night*, *New Year Cookies*, *Bohne Beroggi Baking committee*. **Check with Catherine Everingham or Kathy McColpin for details.**

Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton will cover some interesting and timely topics on Wednesday, March 2, from an update on the *Newton YMCA* to “*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of a Political Candidate*” to “*Reconciling Parents in the United Methodist Church*” – it’s ALL good! The sessions begin at 9:30 and run until 12:00. This is the 41st 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.

The **Bethel College spring opera**, scheduled for **Friday, March 11, and Sunday, March 13**, will be *Iphigenia in Tauris* by Christoph Gluck, not Bizet's *Carmen* as originally planned. The Friday performance is at **7 p.m.** and the Sunday performance is at **3 p.m.** (not 2 p.m. as appears on printed calendars). Tickets on sale at Thresher Shop in Schultz Student Center.

If you are a local history enthusiast, want to know more about the area, or just need a great way to fill a day, **Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association** can help. On Saturday, April 30, 2016, SMCHA is again sponsoring a bus tour throughout the area featuring more than 55 sites of interest. Included will be sites of interest to Mennonites, sites of general historical significance, and many human-interest items. For more information, contact LaVern Stucky @ 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net

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 pastoral search committees in WDC congregations, and for potential pastoral candidates, as they discern God’s guidance for the future.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for those who follow Jesus in Middle Eastern countries where it is lonely and sometimes dangerous to be faithful.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray for the European Convergence currently taking place in Hamburg. Pray for the participants as they come up with strategies for a CPT training in Europe this year and for continuing CPT-Europe's ministry to refugees and asylum-seekers crossing the Mediterranean.

Prayers from *Sabeel*:

A Bedouin school was demolished by Israeli forces early Sunday morning in the Jahalin Bedouin encampment near occupied East Jerusalem. This was the only school in the Bedouin community, and provided education to 60 students in grades 1 and 2. Not only was the structure destroyed, but all items within the school were also confiscated, including student's records and files, which will make it difficult for families to transfer their children to other schools.

Lord of all, you said to let the little children come to you, yet in this place sometimes it feels like you are not to be found. Our heads are dizzy from the effort of trying to understand why those who are the most innocent and young must also be the ones to suffer at the hands of violence. Grant strength to these children and their families, God, as they struggle against these injustices. Lord, in your mercy...

There has been a dramatic increase in the demolishing of Palestinian homes in 2016 by Israel. In just the first six weeks of this year, 293 homes have been destroyed, in comparison to the 447 that were demolished within the whole of 2015. This is an average of 49 homes demolished per week. Over 480 Palestinians have been made homeless from these demolitions, including 220 children. The majority of these demolitions occur because the families are denied permits to build on their own land, others are demolished as collective punishment.

God of mercy, we mourn with these families the loss of their homes, their possessions, their sense of security and safety. We ask that you make your presence known to them, and shelter them with your love as they pick up the pieces of their lives and attempt to rebuild again. We pray, too, for an end to the unjust policy that allows for this destruction to continue. Lord, in your mercy...

Lord, we rejoice at this long-awaited agreement, and ask that you send your Holy Spirit to influence and guide those with the power to make it succeed. Be with all of those who have fled

Syria as refugees, and also with those who still remain there living in fear. Lord, in your mercy...

The Sabeel office in Nazareth is taking 50 people on a trip to Biquei'a and Hurfeish to meet with Christian and Druze communities there and visit churches in the area. Also, Sabeel Jerusalem is currently recruiting facilitators to train for an upcoming Bible study program.

God, we give you thanks for the active, growing Sabeel communities. Please be with those participating in these programs, and allow them to continue learning more about you. Lord, in your mercy...

Visitors from last Sunday:

Bill Anquoe, Wichita; Tucker and Greta Ebersole, Wichita; Daniel Klaassen, Topeka

This Week at Church

Monday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Wellness Committee	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Serendipity	1:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Lorraine Ave Mission Board Meeting	5:00 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)
still deciding

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:

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Pastor Lois Harder	Mon. & Wed. 9:30-5:00 Tues. & Fri. 9:30-12:30 Thursday is Lois' day off
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