

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**  
Wichita, Kansas

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

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

Worship  
Fellowship  
Sunday School

*As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.*

Prelude Pange Lingua arr. Burkhardt  
Jesus, Still Lead On arr. Manz  
Galen Shriner, keyboard

\*Call to Worship Darrel Doerksen

*Leader: O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!*

**People: For when we judge ourselves unworthy to be called the children of God, the Lord looks upon us with compassion, and runs to embrace us while we are still far away.**

*Leader: O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!*

**People: For when we judge our neighbors unworthy to be called the children of God, the Lord looks upon them and weeps for joy, and prepares a great feast while we stand at a distance.**

*Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt God's name together!*

**People: For the humble shall be received with honor, and the haughty shall be humbled; every prodigal shall return with hope, and every elder shall rejoice with gladness!**

\*Prayer

\*Hymns I sought the Lord HWB 506  
We sing to you, O God SJ 1



**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 attendee. 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 Alison and Guy Wenzel. **Nursery workers during worship** are Hennie and Mark Janzen and Anna Harder; **during Sunday School**, Grayce and Reid Kaufmann. **Fellowship workers** are Marie and Roy Krehbiel.

**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.)

**For the first three Sundays of April**, the Faith and Issues class will study and discuss the new book *Trouble I've See: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart (\$16.99). Katie Mitchell-Koch will lead these discussions. To read more about the book, see the February, 2016 issue of *The Mennonite*. Herald Press gives a 25% discount for an order of 5 or more books. *Please let the church office know by Sunday, March 13, if you would like us to order a book for you.*

**Among our friends:**

Mike Poage was dismissed from hospital on Thursday and is recuperating at home after successful back surgery.

**Many thanks to Linda Doll** for hanging new/old art work! In the Fellowship Hall you will see Lucille Phillips' original drawings for the stained glass windows and in the overflow of the sanctuary are two fabric pieces by Anna Adrian who was a member here from 1948 until her death in 2003.

**Women offering Inter-faith Prayers for Peace!** Lorraine Avenue is hosting an area-wide group of women of various faith traditions. Thursday, March 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come to join

other women as we pray for peace – within ourselves, our faith communities, our neighborhoods and our world.

**Dillon’s shoppers!** If you have not had a chance to re-register your Dillon’s card to ensure that our own Lorraine Avenue Mission Board (LAMB) can be the recipient of the “Dillons points” when you shop, **PLEASE see Roger Kaufman in the south lobby TODAY or next Sunday, March 13, during the coffee/fellowship time.** He will have a computer on which he can quickly make sure you’re properly registered. The charitable funds received from this organization have dropped significantly since Dillon’s required people to RE-REGISTER. Help us bring these dollars back up so that simply by shopping you can contribute! Many thanks to Roger for this assistance!

**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!



**If you would like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone to share with the congregation on Easter morning,** please call the church office or send an email to secretary@lorraineavenue.org by Wednesday, March 16, to request and tell us in whose memory or honor your lily is. Cost is \$15 and should be indicated as “Easter lily” in the memo line on a check. You may take your lily home after the worship service.

**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!

*The Global Learning Center invites you to learn about life and culture in Japan and how the Japanese are coping with the aftermath and radiation five years after the Fukushima nuclear plant disaster.* The program is this evening at 6:00, at The Olive Tree Banquet Hall, 2949 N. Rock Rd.

**The Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale invites you to join the family.** By tithing a little bit of your time each year, you have an amazing opportunity to impact your world by furthering the work of

Mennonite Central Committee. *Check with Catherine Everingham or Kathy McColpin for details.*

There are some cool topics coming up at **Life Enrichment program at Bethel College in North Newton**, on Wednesday, March 9: from *The Aging Mind* to *Secrets of the Cuban Missile Crisis* to *Coaching without a Whistle* – it's ALL good! 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.

**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 God's strength and peace for families, congregations, pastors and community leaders in the Hesston/Newton, KS area as they continue to respond to the recent shootings.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:**

Praise God for protecting Mission Network personnel and our partners in Burkina Faso during the coup last September and during the January attacks. May Christians share the good news of the Prince of Peace in this time of fear and uncertainty.

**Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:**

We pray for the EMU Young People's Christian Association students as they embark on spring break trips to serve in communities across the east coast and South.

**Prayers from *Sabeel*:**

A teachers strike throughout the West Bank has caused schools to be closed for over two weeks now, affecting an estimated 1 million Palestinian children. The teachers are asking for regular salary increases that can keep up with the rising cost of living. The Palestinian Authority has been coming down harshly on protestors, and is refusing to cede to their demands.

God of all, we pray for perseverance for these teachers who are trying, peacefully, to have their voices be heard. We ask that you give their leaders ears to hear and hearts that will be open to

understanding their struggles and concerns. God, be also with the children whose lives have been disrupted these past two weeks with no school, and allow their routines to return back to normal soon. **Lord, in your mercy...**

Imprisoned Palestinian journalist Muhammad al-Qiq ended his 94-day hunger strike last week after a compromise was reached with the Israeli authorities. Al-Qiq will remain in custody until May 21 to finish his 6 months of administrative detention, a policy by which Israel imprisons individuals without trial or charge.

God of mercy, we rejoice that al-Qiq’s life has been saved while also recognizing that his battle for justice and freedom must still continue. We ask that you lay your healing hands upon him and his family, and also send strength and courage to all those who remain wrongly imprisoned without support or legal aid. **Lord, in your mercy...**

**Visitors from last Sunday:** Lisa Kelley, Overland Park, KS; Isaac and Azaria Pauls, Newton; Jesse Huxman, Waterloo, Ontario; Julia and Trey Ronnebaum, Lawrence; Steve and Linda Everingham, Rolling Prairie, IN

### **This Week at Church**

Monday	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	OZ Bike Group	6:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	11:30 a.m.
	Deacons Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies	5:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education Meeting	11:00 a.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 provide*

# 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 Creation Fellowship Hall  
*Led by Cindy Thompson*

**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)*

## Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

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