

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

Restore us, O God! We thirst.

Our bodies know the desperate need for water: we cannot survive without it. Likewise, our deepest selves are parched and yearn to be drenched in God's love. God, who is Love, quenches our thirst so that we can live into the fullness of life.

Prelude	A Way to Calvary Leadeth	arr. Wood
	My Song is Love Unknown	arr. Wood
	<i>Erica Schmidt, organ</i>	

*Call to Worship Tom Harder

Leader: In a dry and weary land,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Parched and depleted,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: Longing for your living water,

All: restore us, O God.

Leader: We thirst. Receive our worship as a sign of our yearning for you.

*Hymn Rain down SJ 49

Psalm 95

Response	O come, let us worship	J. Harold Moyer
	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, *you* are the living Water. You restore us to life. We confess that in the desert moments of our lives we forget your faithfulness. Our bodies grow tired; our hearts dry up. Our minds become clouded and we do not remember that you are our deliverer.

Among our friends:

Don Steelberg is recovering nicely after experiencing chest pains, a rushed trip to the St. Francis CCU, a heart catheterization and one stint.

A special welcome to Tyler Waltner and his parents, James and Kyoko. Tyler is Robert and Barbara Waltner's grandson. He is in the 5th grade at H.L. Johnson Elementary School in Royal Palm Beach, FL. Thanks to Tyler for his offering of worship music this morning!

Next Sunday, **March 26, the Faith and Issues class will host Marv Zehr from the WDC Church Planting Commission.** Marv will help us understand where the Aposento Alto church plant is now, in the "church planting process". He will offer explanations, answer questions and be available to receive ideas or feedback. AND, on Sunday, April 2, former associate pastor, **Janeen Bertsche Johnson,** will bring the worship message.

NEEDED: Volunteer to record Sunday School attendance. Involves minimal time - approximately 20 minutes during Sunday School time. Scheduled for 1 month at a time but only every 4th month. If interested, contact Melanie Mitchell.

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.**

Hesston College will host the second of three concerts in the Andover Organ Series at Hesston College at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at Hesston Mennonite Church. The concert will feature Kevin J. Vaughn, director of music and organist at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (South Bend, Ind.), instructor of organ at Goshen College, and adjunct assistant professor of piano and organ at the University of Notre Dame. The concert is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow the concert.

HELP NEEDED to detail the donated vehicles for the MCC sale. Help clean windows, vacuum, and wax vehicles. Volunteer days will be the week of March 26. Call Jerry Toews at 620-367-8257 for details. Thanks.

From our MCC Reps – our church needs to provide 30 pies to the MCC relief sale. Fruit pies only, no cream or custard pies. Donated cans of fruit pie fillings would be appreciated, and there will be a box in the kitchen to collect them before April 6. If you'd like to bake with a group, there will be a pie baking session on Thursday, April 6 from 9:30 to noon. If you are bringing pies for the sale, they must be here by Friday, April 7 at 9:00 am. You may donate zwiebach and breads too.

Have you considered purchasing MCC Bucks? MCC Bucks are good for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, co-workers, friends, enemies, or anyone. They come in books of 10 one dollar bills for \$10 and spend like cash at the MCC sale on April 7 and 8, 2017 and can be used to purchase anything. There is one more chance to get MCC Bucks before sale day. If you are interested, contact your church MCC Sale Liaison and they can pick them up at this Thursday's meeting.

THIS IS YOUR FINAL NOTICE about having correct addresses, emails, phones, cell phones, birth dates, etc. in the "regular" directory that we publish each spring. So please send any changes or corrections in to secretary@lorraineavenue.org by April 1 – no joke!!

Retirees Relaxation Retreat at Camp Mennoscah will be April 24-26 and registrations are due April 10. Looks like a good weekend with presenters Stan Bohn, Jay Goering, John Otto, Gwen and John Haspels, Amanda Rempel, Stand and Marlene Smucker, Jerry and Leann Toews, and Michael Unruh, plus lots of time for visiting and relaxing. Brochures are on the table under the south lobby bulletin board.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC board, commission and congregation members participating in adaptive leadership training programs at the Kansas Leadership Center, that God would use this experience to equip them more fully for effective ministry.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for high school students who are considering testing their gifts for ministry and developing their leadership skills this summer at

AMBS through “!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth.” May their pastors, teachers, parents and other trusted adults provide encouragement and affirmation.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Brian and Noelia Fox work with Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain, to discern God’s call on their lives and to reach out into the community. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they also direct an English-language academy and parent their three daughters.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

We pray for all the lives touched by the Sabeel 10th International Conference that ended Monday, including safety for travellers and strength and encouragement for everyone to use the insight and experiences from the conference to challenge injustice in all its forms and places. Lord in your mercy...We join the World Council of Churches in praying for the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Lord in your mercy...

Visitors last week:

Visitors from this past Sunday were: Jim and Marjorie Gundy, Burton, KS; Edgar Jaimes, Wichita; Arlin and Marietta Buller, N. Newton, KS; Mikayla Bomgardner; Peggy Rodney, OR

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee Meeting	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	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.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	5:45 p.m.
Thursday	Women’s Group – Gathering Room	9:30 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.

Wednesday Evening Activity Schedule

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

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

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)
Laughter Is Sacred Space by Ted Swartz

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 The Scientific Side of Mental Illness F. Hall
Matt Macaluso

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

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

Bookkeeper, Beth Tanner Weds. mornings

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