

# The Lorraine Avenue Messenger

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## Worship during March

During the month to come we will keep “marching” (sorry 😊) through the season of Lent, right on up to the edge of Easter. Lectionary texts, and thus sermons, will continue their focus on the covenants God has made with God’s people throughout the Old Testament and leading to the New. On March 18 guest speaker Sarah Thompson (former Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams) will preach the sermon. Come, let us observe the season of Lent together!

March 4 (Lent 3): Sermon by Lois  
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

March 11 (Lent 4): Sermon by Tom  
Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107;  
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 18 (Lent 5): Sermon by Sarah Thompson,  
“MLK and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Revelation 6:1-8

March 25 (Palm Sunday): Sermon by Tom  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Mark 11:1-11;  
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12

## Lovin’ on Jesus

As part of my role on the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, I serve on two sub-committees, one of which is called the “Popular Idiom Subcommittee.” That subcommittee’s task is to review and refer for full committee consideration songs written in—you guessed it—a popular idiom, by which is meant a rock, pop, or folk style. Examples from our current *Hymnal: A Worship Book* include Praise, I will praise you, Lord (HWB 76), Great is the Lord (HWB 87), O Lord, our Lord, how majestic (HWB 112), and Seek ye first the kingdom of God (HWB 324). While HWB had a relatively small sampling of such songs, the next

hymnal will have more. Why? Because more and more churches in Mennonite Church USA are regularly singing these songs in Sunday morning worship.

To help me in that assignment, I recently read a book entitled *Lovin’ on Jesus: a Concise History of Contemporary Worship* (published in 2017). While not focused exclusively on the music of Contemporary Worship, music is the primary focus. More than any other factor, music has driven this worship style.

For many of us at LAMC, our first introduction to Contemporary Worship Music (CWM for short) was in a camp setting, where beloved songs such as They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love and Sanctuary have endured. Another setting where some of us have been exposed to CWM songs have been the youth and adult conventions of Mennonite Church USA, where some of the more current songs are sung, along with traditional hymns. While this might be a first exposure to these newer songs for many Mennonites, for many others in the USA and Canada, these songs are already familiar and beloved.

*Lovin’ on Jesus* lists nine qualities or characteristics of Contemporary Worship Music (and Contemporary Worship in general):

1. Using contemporary, nonarchaic English
2. A dedication to relevance regarding contemporary concerns and issues in the lives of worshippers
3. A commitment to adapt worship to match contemporary people, sometimes to the level of strategic targeting
4. Using musical styles from current types of popular music
5. Extended times of uninterrupted congregational singing
6. A centrality of the musicians in the liturgical space and in the leadership of the service
7. Greater levels of physical expressiveness
8. A predilection for informality, and
9. A reliance upon electronic technology.

The latter characteristic, specifically the use of overhead projectors and now digital technology, has led to the unfortunate (and derogatory) label "Throw Up Music." But considered together, the nine characteristics hint at the genre's historical roots, hidden to many, but powerful in their influence and scope. First, the rise of Pentecostalism in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, along with the later "Charismatic Revival," with their emphases on the Holy Spirit, led to a freer, more expressive worship style. Second, the "Jesus Movement" that caught fire especially among youth in the '60s produced a large number of songs, many based on Scripture, in a folk-rock style. Another significant historical influence was the Church growth movement which began in the '60s and '70's and which emphasized the importance of relevance and popular idiom in worship music as a way to attract new people.

History aside, Contemporary Worship Music currently plays a vital role in Mennonite worship (and thus in the next Mennonite Worship and Song Collection). It enables a more heartfelt, spontaneous style of worship that many find meaningful, and that in combination with traditional hymns, with their highly poetic (albeit sometimes archaic) texts, create a more wholistic (literally whole brain and whole body) worship experience.

As it turns out, this style of worship, and the songs which enable it, isn't all that new. We Mennonites have been "lovin' on Jesus" for a long time. If you don't believe me, just page through our current or past hymnals. You might start with HWB 522.

Tom Harder

## RUN for RELIEF

I have registered to participate in the annual 5K (3.1 mile) *Run for Relief* at Hutchinson, KS on April 14, 2018. My goal is raise as much money as possible for Mennonite Central Committee to help those in need at home and abroad. All money pledged goes directly to MCC.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION - If you wish to sponsor me, make check payable to: KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE and RUN FOR RELIEF on the memo line. No amount is too small or too large. Last year's pledges ranged from \$5.00 to \$400. Pledges are for a one-time amount



(not per mile, or time). Please get checks to me any time between now and April 13. I will turn in all pledge money when I check in for the race at 8:00 AM at Hutchinson. Pledges can be turned in to my church mailbox, or mailed to me at 9414 Pebble Brook, Wichita, KS 67207.

Submitted by Darrel Doerksen

## Work of the Church

### Board of Deacons February 13, 2018

**Attendees:** Mike Feters, Pete Emery, Nadine Reimer-Penner, Adella Ozor, Gerry Lichti, Pastors Tom and Lois, Linda Buller, Sylvia Schmidt

### We Gather in God's Name

Devotions were given by Sylvia reading from the book Moments of Peace in the Presence of God pertaining to what we can do to be followers of Christ referring to scriptures from Mathew 16:24 and Luke 5:27-28.

### Sharing Our Present Work

Plans were put into effect with regards to the pancake and sausage meal which the Deacons were fixing and serving for the *February 14 Wednesday evening supper*.

*The terms of Mike and Sylvia will expire the end of February.* Linda Buller has agreed to fill one position and Mike has consented to remain as Deacon Chair until Nadine Reimer Penner can assume that position at the end of April. Mike will also continue to seek another person for the second open position. Deacon Peter Emery has agreed to assume the duties of secretary replacing Sylvia.

Discussion was held concerning *compensation for guest preachers or teachers...* A review of this process will be discussed in March.

The Deacons will be in charge of the Communion for *Maundy Thursday*, which is March 29.

*Safe Sanctuary Committee* concerns were discussed regarding whose responsibility it is doing background checks and other issues. More discussion on this will happen in the March meeting. Adella will contact Barbara Waltner and the two of them together with another person will

come up with a job description for the Safe Sanctuary Committee along with an annual calendar of tasks.

Church family concerns were discussed.

### **Looking to the Future**

Nadine is the Deacon-on-call in February. Mike will be on call in March; Next Deacons meeting will be March 13, 2018. Hostess, Nadine: Devotions, Pete; Church council attendees on February 19. Nadine and Pete.

Submitted by Sylvia Schmidt

## **Board of Christian Education February 10, 2018**

### **Gathering and Prayer**

#### **Children**

We are looking forward to *Bible school* this summer. Alex will be lead contact. Others will be asked to join for planning later. We reviewed the roster of children and youth. Updates will be made and posted in rooms by next month. *Wednesday night program was attended by 12 young people on 2/7/18.* Children were engaged and it was helpful to have more than one adult for supervision.

#### **Youth**

The youth traveled to *MCC center* in North Newton for bag packing and learning from Megan Seibert about her SALT term in Bolivia. Alex will put an announcement in bulletin about *Camp scholarship availability*. We want a head count to make sure funds are available. *Mentor program* was discussed. Alex has names of Mentor/ Mentee pairs and we had a discussion of the program from the past, present, and what possibilities lie in the future.

#### **Adult**

We *approved payment* from our budget source and donations to go to Jerry Truex and Angie Smith. They are co-teaching a 6-week class on Wednesday night on the book of Revelation. *Faith and Issues upcoming plans: 2/18, Youth leadership article #2; 2/25, Faith Story by Alex Munoz; 3/04, Fresh Air podcast; 3/11, TED talk*

#### **Other**

*MennoMedia* has a new online ordering system. Jill will get that set up so we can avoid a \$10 processing fee for phone orders. *Thank you and*

*farewell to Cindy! Welcome to Rachel Reimer-Kouame and welcome back to Beth Lichty joining us for a 3-year term beginning in March. Council appreciation dinner will be March 2, 6 pm*

### **Coming Up**

Church Council meeting, Tues Feb. 20, 7 pm;  
BOCE meeting, Sat. March, 10 @ 9 am;  
Congregational Meeting, February 4

### **Sending**

Submitted by Jill Robinson

## **Lorraine Avenue Mission Board Minutes February 1, 2018**

*LAMB Mission Statement: To provide leadership and direction for the service programs initiated by the congregation as Christ would have us do.*

**Attending:** Connie White, Pete Krause, Sue Streit, Jeremy Mitchell-Koch, Lois Harder, Meribeth Buhr and new member Dan Eigsti

### **Program Updates:**

***Inter-Faith Ministries update*** -- Nancy Wiebe, Development Director and Nile Dillmore, board member, came to speak to us. They described their existing programs and facilities as follows: The *Inter-Faith Inn* is a 52-bed facility at which homeless folks are assisted in finding permanent housing after staying 45 days or less. There are 2 other shelters that are open November 1 to March 1. Their facility for the chronically homeless is one of 7 left in the country supported by HUD that is still funded. This funding will only last until June 1 (their fiscal year-end). There are 105 subsidized apartments that homeless or low-income folks move into but they must have some kind of income or vouchers (from Section 8) to qualify. *Safe Haven* is for the mentally ill and government subsidized funding is slated to end this year for that program. 761 people have been served so far in this fiscal year and over a 1,000 are anticipated to be served throughout the rest of the year. IFM works with people in crisis but then tries to get people jobs, housing and mental health services.

IFM anticipates participating in "*Bridges out of Poverty*," "*Circles*" and a program which teaches people who are not poor what poverty is like.

13,500 were served through *Operation Holiday* in 2017. IFM has a 19-member Board of Directors.

Nile extended thanks for our church's support of the mission of Inter-Faith Ministries. He said the Board would welcome any of our church members to be IFM board members. They invited us to come to their offices to see some new beautiful sculptures of the 7 major religions. They are focused on the homeless but wish that they had more staff and time to do inter-faith dialogue and events. They still do humanitarian awards every year. Connie expressed appreciation for all that is done for the homeless and also expressed her desire that their work get more attention and support from the city. They have 3 fund raisers – Souper Bowl, Operation Holiday and Humanitarian Awards Banquet. The book Evicted was promoted as being an excellent resource on housing and poverty.

**633 House** -- Some Alexanderwohl church members want to meet with us to explore how they might be involved in the house maintenance. We plan to have a meal and have them come meet with us March 1 at 6:30.

**Family Promise** -- There is an interim director, Katy Penner, right now.

**LAMP/IRC** -- IRC continues to have immigrants arrive. They are requesting tooth brushes to be added to the kits that we provide. Pete went to a volunteers meetings at IRC and one correction he had was to say that the Episcopal Immigration Ministries will NOT be closing (as we were told last meeting) but will be merging with Saint Francis Social Services. Many of the IRC agencies will be closing nation-wide. The Garden City one is among those that are closing.

#### **Current Business:**

*From Church Council via Pete:* The LAMB's total portion of the proposed budget did not change, but after discussing the philosophical reasons for putting LAMP in the budget (Lois helped explain this), council proposed the LAMP budget as \$1500 and the Camp Menno's amount as \$2000.

*From Murray:* Regarding the LAMB Sharing the Good News **restricted fund balance** of \$2,623 as of Dec. 31. Wrote a donation check to Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services for \$1,500.00. Wrote a donation check to Kansas Food Bank for \$500.00; Wrote a donation check to Family Promise of Greater Wichita for \$625.00

#### **New business:**

The *NAMI organization* gave \$100 for use of the church for their meetings and this will go into the

church general fund. The *Serendipity group* has been contacted about their remaining funds from the budget. Sue contacted Willard (*Christian Peacemaking Teams*) and Catherine Everingham (*MCC Relief Sale Rep*) and they are willing to continue. Meribeth contacted Linda Doll and she will continue leading LAMC's efforts for *Operation Holiday*. Pete says Eugene Kaufman will continue with *MDS*.

Contacts of others who are serving will be continued to make sure they are willing to continue. Lois learned at the Greater Wichita Ministerial League of a program called LOVE Wichita which is a cooperative event between local congregations and the city of Wichita. It is an effort to work with home owners who are in danger of losing their homes if they don't make required improvements to their property. She suggested that the Mission Board might want to promote this effort which happens on Saturday, April 28.

*Connie and Pete were thanked* for their service as their term is up and this was their last meeting with the Board. We discussed who would take leadership going forward.

Pete and Dan will attend the next Council meeting which is February 20. Our next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Meribeth Buhr

### **Board of Trustees February 11, 2018**

#### **Attendees:**

Al Beck, Roger Kaufman, Joel Tieszen, Eugene Kaufman, Dave Mathis, Bryce Schmidt; **Special Guest Star:** Melanie Mitchell

**New Trustee candidates** - One new candidate has accepted the position (Matt Lehman-Wiens), and we are still seeking a 2<sup>nd</sup> one.

**AED** – Melanie Mitchell came to our meeting to show us the new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) that The Wellness Committee has bought for our church. We took the device out of its wall-mounting case and looked it over. We even powered it up and listened to the built-in voice directions. To find a good place to mount it, we took a field trip to the north and sound lobbies and

decided on some available wall space outside of the church office. The Trustees will work on mounting the metal case for the AED on that wall area. There is a new first aid kit that will be mounted nearby as well.

**Window glass crack** - We also looked at a crack in the glass of the window pane on the landing of the south steps. It does not seem like a mechanical problem at this time, only cosmetic. We might have a window glass professional come out to take a look at it.

**Parking lot lines and cracks** - We continued our field trip out to the north parking lot to look at the condition of the surface. The painted yellow lines are wearing thin, and some cracks are appearing in the pavement surface. Might be time to have a paving contractor come out to do a crack fill / surface seal / paint re-spray. We could not remember what paving contractor we hired the last time we had some parking lot repair done. We will try to look it up in our records.

**This was the last meeting that the outgoing Trustees, Roger Kaufman and Al Beck, will be attending.** In March, the new Trustees will be joining the Board to start their Trustees activities.

The next monthly Trustees meeting will be Sunday morning, March 11, 2018, in the blood pressure room.

Submitted by Roger Kaufman

**Church Council Meeting  
February 20, 2018**

**Attending:** Dan Eigsti, Linda Gebert, Lois Harder, Tom Harder, Roger Kaufman, Grayce Kaufmann, Reid Kaufmann, Pete Krause, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Murray Reimer Penner, Joel Tieszen, Ruth Tieszen

**Centering and Prayer**

Katie read a Bible verse, and a writing on the church.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of January will be emailed to Council members for approval.

**Treasurer's Report**

Murray explained that the larger general fund balance was due to donations people made at the

end of 2017 for the 2018 year, which was now added into the cash on hand.

| Cash and Monthly Income and Expenses, January 31, 2018 |              |            |            |
|--|--------------|------------|------------|
| Cash balance   | General fund | Restricted | Total      |
| Jan 31 2018  | \$ 168,823   | \$ 18,027  | \$ 186,850 |
| Dec 31 2017  | 121,444      | 70,168     | 191,611    |
| Change ytd   | 47,379       | (52,141)   | (4,762)    |

| Year to date | General fund | Restricted | Total   |
|--------------|--------------|------------|---------|
| Income       | 27,715       | 703        | 28,418  |
| Expenses     | 28,781       | 4,644      | 33,425  |
| Profit       | (1,066)      | (3,941)    | (5,006) |

| General fund monthly | Budget | Actual income | Actual expenses |
|----------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| January (4 Sundays)  | 25,769 | 27,715        | 28,781          |
| Year to date         | 25,769 | 27,715        | 28,781          |
| Variance             |        | 1,946         | 3,012           |

| By board year to date | Budget    | Actual income | Actual expenses |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Education             | 500       |               | 537             |
| Mission               | 3,731     |               | 8,100           |
| Trustees              | 5,115     |               | 2,334           |
| Deacons               | 1,746     |               | 660             |
| Office                | 1,423     |               | 1,568           |
| Wages and benefits    | 13,254    |               | 15,582          |
| Total                 | \$ 25,769 | \$ 27,715     | \$ 28,781       |

**Furthering the Kingdom:**

Family Promise has requested that they be able to use a room at the church for meetings. Lois explained that these would take place only in the daytime, and she suggested they give the Director a key. The nursery was decided upon, as the two-room configuration would allow the children to play in one room while they adults met in the other. The Council was agreeable with the arrangement. Lois also said that Family Promise is working on having a second group of supporting churches. After discussion, it was decided that Dan would take this information to LAMB so they could discuss whether it would be feasible for LAMC to be a supportive church for the rotation of sleeping arrangements and meals.

Regarding the Youth Pastor position, the First Church of the Brethren is agreeable to having people on the ad hoc task force to study the idea of sharing a Youth Pastor. Our ad hoc committee will be adjusted some as to membership.

Roger Kaufman, chair of trustees demonstrated the new defibrillator, purchased by the Wellness Committee, as well as a new First Aid Kit. The defibrillator will be installed by the office in the main hall, and a notice that there is a defibrillator will be in the north lobby as well. He also told that he and Murray met with a representative of a company that installs the hearing loop and he was confident that installing one in our church would work well. Roger

will request price quotes on different configurations, as to how many areas of the church will be wired, and a decision will be made at such time.

A reminder was made that the Council appreciation dinner will be a catered dinner on March 2. A sheet was passed around at council, and an email announcement will be sent out by Ruth Tieszen.

Assistant WDC pastor Kathy Neufeld Dunn will visit council in March, and the Faith and Issues class on April 15, to discuss the steps to be taken with the resignation of Tom and Lois, and the hiring of an interim pastor and the search for a pastor. A reminder was made that everyone is invited to attend council meetings if they wish.

There was a discussion of a series of ideas coming from the recent Faith and Issues Sunday School discussion of youth and the church. Several ideas are proposed, and some are already being planned.

New Business: Grayce announced that Dwayne Schrag has asked to retire from chairing the library committee, and Janice Penner has agreed to become chair after she retires from USD 259 at the end of this year. Grayce also said that Jill Robinson would like to take her Sunday School children to the library sometimes but has not been able to because of the men's Sunday School class meeting there. That group will be asked to meet elsewhere.

Katie closed the meeting with a poem.

Submitted by Linda Gebert, church clerk

## **Congregational Meeting February 4, 2018**

The meeting began a prayer on justice, hope and mercy from *Sing the Journey*, led by Congregational Chair, Ruth Tieszen.

The minutes of the November 11, 2017 meeting were approved.

The Annual Report was reviewed by Ruth, noting a few corrections: Under the Deacons, the report on the music committee had "2016" instead of "2017" in the paragraph listing the committee members on pg. 6; in the Peace Committee under LAMB, Terry Unruh's name was misspelled; and in the LAMP report under LAMB, Beth Lichty's name was misspelled.

The Election of Officers and Board Members was approved, although there are still several positions to be filled. New members known and approved are as follows: Dan Eigsti and Cindy Thompson for LAMB; Matthew Lehman Wiens for Trustees; Rachel Reimer Kouame and Beth Lichty for BOCE; and Reid Kaufmann for Congregational Chair.

The budget of \$335,000 is based on the amount of giving estimates received, and the Treasurer's projections of what will yet come in. Murray spoke to the purpose of our budget and of the need to sustain our church in a good fashion for the future. This is the 85<sup>th</sup> year since the incorporation of LAMC. He talked about the difference between the general fund budget and the restricted funds. He then went board by board through the budget with some explanations about variations in amounts from previous years. Alison Wenzel's question was to clarify whether the Camp Mennoscah line item under Board of Deacons was a general fund donation to Camp or the scholarships for youth attending summer camps. Murray clarified that it was a general fund donation to Camp and the scholarships for youth attending summer camps were part of a line item under BOCE. Alison expressed her appreciation for the scholarships for youth summer camps. Murray explained that the Trustees broad line item "maintenance" covers a wide range of known needs and unforeseen problems possible with any of the large systems of the church, such as heating and cooling. People were unsure what the line item "Congregational services" entailed, and it was explained that it was for unplanned needs, such as funerals, and such things as new candles for the Christmas Eve Service, as examples. Murray spoke to the recent interest in some upgrades for the church such as a "hearing loop", a new and much improved assistance for those with hearing aids. A plan for higher internet speed will improve our connectivity throughout the church. Under wages, the line item was increased to reflect that we are using paid child care workers more frequently. This whole category of Wages and Benefits will probably be in flux with the pastors leaving in August, the need for an interim minister and the addition of interim youth minister Alex Muñoz added. However, Murray feels he is in the "ballpark" of the funds needed. After a few questions, the budget was approved. Ellsworth Kaufman asked that we express our appreciation to the Treasurer.

Under New Business, Ruth gave us an update on the process to occur with the pastors leaving in August. Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Associate Conference Minister, will attend the March Council

meeting and Sunday School on April 15 to talk about the process as we move forward.

Ruth thanked everyone who helped the meeting run smoothly, including those who helped set up lunch, cleaned up lunch, provided child care, and closed the meeting with prayer from *Sing the Journey*.

Linda Gebert, Church Clerk



## Birthdays and ANNIVERSARIES

Please let the office know if any birthdays or anniversaries are not included)

- 2 Connie White
- 5 Jenna Streit
- 5 Tristan Waltner (4)
- 5 Lillian Galle
- 6 Kevin Doerksen
- 12 Nadine Reimer Penner
- 15 Roy Krehbiel  
**MARLA KAUFFMAN & WARREN YODER (31<sup>st</sup>)**
- 16 Don Steelberg
- 22 Meribeth Buhr
- 22 **GLENN & LOIS JANZEN (61<sup>st</sup>)**
- 24 Sara Penner
- 25 Freya Morris (11)
- 27 **JONATHAN BEACHY & GLORIA HEGGE (30<sup>th</sup>)**
- 27 Don Klaassen
- 28 Julie Dunkelberger
- 28 Sylvia Kaufmann (7)
- 30 Marie Krehbiel

### Contributions to LAMC by electronic payments are now

possible through PayPal! Just follow these steps –

- Go to the PayPal website, [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), and select **Send**
- Enter the pay-to email address of [treasurer@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:treasurer@lorraineavenue.org) and the amount to be paid, and then click **Continue**
  
- Select the **Friends or family** option· Add a note to explain the purpose of the contribution (such as “General fund”)
- Follow the online instructions to complete the payment. If you instruct PayPal to send the money from your bank account, rather than from a credit card, no fees will be charged to LAMC. Contact our treasurer, Murray Reimer Penner, for more details.

**MARCH 2018**

**Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**

| Sunday                                 | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                     | Saturday   |
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|  |   |   |                                  | <b>1</b><br>12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm<br><b>5:00 LAMB</b> - GR<br>5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH | <b>2</b><br>12:00 Yoga                     | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>4</b>                               | <b>5</b><br>4:45 Centering Prayer<br>5:30 Yoga<br>6:45 Wellness Group                                   | <b>6</b><br>9:00 Women's Group Rm 208                     | <b>7</b><br>4:45 Yoga<br>5:45 Supper<br>6:15 Music Cmte.<br>6:30 Children's Acts/ Bible Study<br>7:15 Chancel Choir | <b>8</b><br>12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm<br>5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH                          | <b>9</b><br>12:00 Yoga                     | <b>10</b><br><br><b>11:00 BOCE</b>   |
| <b>11</b><br><br><b>10:45 Trustees</b> | <b>12</b><br>4:45 Centering Prayer<br>5:30 Yoga<br>6:45 Wellness Group                                  | <b>13</b><br><br><b>7:00 Deacons</b>                      | <b>14</b><br>4:45 Yoga<br>5:45 Supper<br>6:30 Children's Acts/ Bible Study<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                    | <b>15</b><br>12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm<br>5:30 Lifestyle Strategies - FH<br>7:00 knit4peace      | <b>16</b><br>12:00 Yoga<br>4:00 Peace Cmte | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>18</b>                              | <b>19</b><br><i>Messenger</i> articles due<br>4:45 Centering Prayer<br>5:30 Yoga<br>6:45 Wellness Group | <b>20</b><br>1:00 Library Cmte<br><br><b>7:00 Council</b> | <b>21</b><br>4:45 Yoga<br>5:45 Supper<br>6:30 Children's Acts/ Bible Study<br>7:15 Chancel Choir                    | <b>22</b><br>12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm<br>5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH<br>6:00 – NAMI -B3-5    | <b>23</b><br>12:00 Yoga                    | <b>24</b><br>8:00 Men's Breakfast<br><br>1:30 <b>NAMI</b> - GR   |
| <b>25</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>        | <b>26</b><br>4:45 Centering Prayer<br>5:30 Yoga<br>6:45 Wellness Group                                  | <b>27</b><br><br>6:00 MCC Thrift Store meeting - FH       | <b>28</b><br>4:45 Yoga<br><br><i>(no supper/Bible study tonight)</i><br>6:45 Chancel Choir                          | <b>29</b><br><br><i>Maundy Thursday</i>  | <b>30</b><br><i>Good Friday</i>            | <b>31</b><br><i>Holy Saturday Retreat</i><br><br> |



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## **Mission Statement of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church**

*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.*

Scripture passages foundational to this statement include: 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; and 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).*