

*Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay
in the darkness of our current reality
instead of receiving your miracle of light and new life.*

**People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may
see and celebrate your goodness around us.
Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts,
that we may recognize that you are at work.**

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

People: Restore us.

*Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.
Though we cannot see through the valley of the
shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.*

Hymn Let there be light, Lord God SJ 67

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Jesus, Priceless Treasure Bach
Prayer of Dedication SJ 29

Time for Children Beth Lichty

Music for Meditation The Lord is My Shepherd Goodall
Peter Emery, vocal, DeAnn Diller, piano

The Lesson John 9:1-41 (PB 871)

Sermon Sin, Salvation, and Sight Tom Harder

Hymn Open my eyes, that I may see HWB 517

Work of the Church

Welcome, introduction of visitors
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light SJ 95

*Benediction

***Congregation Stands**

HWB =Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
PB = Pew Bible; SS = Sing the Story

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 Lila Osborne and Sharon Pauls. **Nursery workers during worship** are Alison and Guy Wenzel; **during Sunday School**, Kristina Everingham. (**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.) **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt

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.

Have you noticed? The beautiful window displays (north and south) created by Jane Tanner have an additional color/phrase added each week... that same color is being added with small pieces of cloth to the worship table each Sunday as well. **Thank you, Jane! Thanks to Linda Gebert, also, for the lovely banners.**

Among our friends:

Thank you for your cards, calls and prayers. I am feeling very well; Elsie and I have gone to Chicago for the weekend to celebrate her sister's 90th birthday and our son's 50th birthday. **Donald Steelberg**

Next Sunday, April 2, former associate pastor, **Janeen Bertsche Johnson**, will bring the worship message.

HELP NEEDED! Volunteers are needed at the Day House for Family Promise on the weekends. If you can help, please visit www.familypromisewichita.org/volunteer. Thanks!

NO SUPPER or activities on Wednesday, April 12 (but there will still be Chancel Choir rehearsal). It's Holy Week, so we will observe Jesus' last supper with his disciples, **Maundy Thursday, April 13**, beginning with foot washing in the Gathering Room at 5:45 followed by a simple, Mediterranean supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 during which we will take communion together. We will read the story, sing, pray and fellowship together. At a certain point in the story, we will move upstairs to the sanctuary to end our time with a Tenebrae "service of shadows". All are welcome! Children will have activities during the Tenebrae part of the service.

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.



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, April 12, 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.

Swiss Mennonite Cultural and Historical Association is planning two trips this spring and summer. First is a May 6 day trip through parts of Marion, Harvey and McPherson Counties, pointing out landmarks, trails, history, economic development and more about the

area. At this writing, there is still room. The second is a 3-day tour starting July 18, "Goodwill Tour to Freeman". We will bus to Freeman, learning about their culture and sites, and visit a Hutterite Colony, having dinner there. We will learn what led to five young boys freezing to death during the blizzard of 1888. If you have interest in either of these trips, contact LaVern Stucky, 620-983-2348 or lavern@powwwer.net.

For the next two Sundays, March 26 and April 2, **Willard Ebersole will have a display of Pens and Things** that he has been making for the MCC Sale. This will be your chance to get something before the sale.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for the WDC Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this Friday.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Praise God for the generosity of Bethel College friends and donors, who will be honored with a reception this afternoon, and for the gifts of the Concert Choir as they wrap up their tour with the Home Concert this evening.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates projects in the areas of agriculture, woodworking, and tent-making, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Tamir Pardo, Israel's ex-Mossad chief said publicly that the Israeli occupation is Israel's only existential threat. Pardo said that Israel is sticking its head in the sand regarding the conflict with the Palestinians: 'the conflict won't resolve itself'. *Lord, we give thanks to all voices that continue to speak the unpopular truth. God, grant the needed courage for Israeli leaders of conscience who are still in power to set the Palestinian people free.*

The USA is planning to boycott the United Nations meeting to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. US Ambassador, Nikki Haley, said the US will vote against any item the Human Rights Council puts forth on Israel. *Lord, we give thanks for all the people who continue to work to bring forward the plight of the Palestinian people on the agenda of the world. We pray for an end to the arrogance of the United States administration that continues to be*

a stumbling block to peace in the land we call holy. Lord in your mercy...

Prayers for Peacemakers

This week in Prayers for Peacemakers we lift up a prayer of great thanksgiving for a successful Sabeel conference two weeks ago, and Steering Committee meetings, last week. Paraphrasing Psalm 133:1, "How good and pleasant it is when teammates sit together in unity!" Sabeel, an ecumenical center for liberation theology in Jerusalem, is a partner of Christian Peacemaker Teams Palestine. Together in unity, we affirm the prophetic call of the Gospel to renounce violence and dominative power.

Visitors last week:

Peggy Rodney, OR; Tim Wiens, Newton; Steve, Linda and Sean Everingham, IN; James, Kyoko, Tyler and Eucaly Waltner, Royal Palm Beach, FL; Susan Cochrane, Matthew, Katie, Matt and William Macaluso, Wichita

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.
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Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Council Appreciation Dinner – FH	6:00 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 – 7:30	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: 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 Church Planting Process Fellowship Hall
Marv Zehr, WDC Church Planting Commission

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

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