

# The Lorraine Avenue Messenger

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## Worship during April

Christ is risen—and that is no April Fool's joke! It is the high point of the Christian calendar, and it inspires the rest of the year with its message of love and new life. This year we will again celebrate Easter Sunday with a "Service of Scripture and Song," during which we will listen to and proclaim anew the story of Jesus' Resurrection. On subsequent Sundays in April we will continue to proclaim the good news of Easter in a variety of ways. On April 8, we will again celebrate it through our annual "Holy Humor Sunday." (Joy, if not laughter, is mandatory! 😊) Then for the remainder of the month we will follow the lectionary as it continues to tell the Easter story. Come, let us celebrate together!

April 1 (Easter Sunday):  
Service of Scripture and Song  
John 20:1-31

April 8 (Easter 2): Holy Humor Sunday

April 15 (Easter 3): Sermon by Tom  
Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:16-24; Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 (Easter 4): Sermon by Lois  
Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 29 (Easter 5): Sermon by Pete Emery  
Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

## The Easter Story: What Really Happened

Several years ago, the Faith and Issues Sunday School class discussed a book entitled *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*. The book's two authors, Marcus Borg and N. T. Wright, take turns presenting their contrasting scholarly perspectives on a variety of issues related to the life of Jesus, such as "What Did Jesus Do and Teach?"; "Was

Jesus God?"; "The Birth of Jesus"; "The Death of Jesus"; and "God Raised Jesus from the Dead." Wright's chapter on the latter topic is called "The Transforming Reality of the Bodily Resurrection," and Borg's is "The Truth of Easter." While both scholars agree that the story of Jesus' Resurrection is the heart of the gospel, where they differ is whether that Resurrection was physical or spiritual. That is, did something actually happen to the body of Jesus, such that the tomb was found empty, which is what Wright argues? Or were Jesus' post-crucifixion appearances to the disciples perceived on a spiritual, metaphorical plane, which is Borg's perspective?

There is no extant physical evidence to verify either perspective. No tomb (empty or no) has been found, no burial shroud (notwithstanding fanciful reports to the contrary). Moreover, no disinterested, objective document has reported the Resurrection as a matter of historical fact (although the Jewish historian Josephus, who lived during the time of Jesus, writes about his significance as a religious figure, and mentions that he was executed on a Roman cross.). What we are left with, in short, is the Bible itself, compiled and passed down through the centuries as "scripture," writings accepted as conveying religious truth.

This is no small thing. While the content of scripture texts cannot be considered history (in the modern sense of reporting events objectively and dispassionately), the texts themselves are a matter of history, and there is much to be learned by applying methods of historical, scientific research to their study. For starters, what does it mean that the Bible includes four separate accounts of the life of Jesus (and several additional, partial accounts that didn't make it into the accepted canon)? And, that all four of these include the story of Jesus' Resurrection? Biblical research and study is a complex, multi-faceted, fascinating endeavor that includes a variety of approaches and techniques (often referred to as "criticisms," and collectively as "historical criticism"). Literary Criticism, for example, studies and analyzes the biblical text itself. Much can be learned by carefully comparing the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' Resurrection,

## From the Peace Committee

*Deep down inside of me, I've got a fire goin' on,  
Oh, deep down inside of me,  
I've got a fire goin' on,  
And part of me wants to sing about the light  
And part of me wants to cry, cry, cry.*



including both similarities and differences. All four clearly talk about a physical, bodily Resurrection, after which the Risen Christ ate, drank, and in some cases showed the disciples his scars. All four talk about Jesus' tomb being found empty. Where they differ is in the details. Which of the disciples went to the tomb and found it empty? Were there angels there? How many? What did they say?

What must be kept in mind is that the Gospels were not written as history, but rather as story. Each one has its own context, intended audience, and reason for writing. And each one was handed down through a complex process of oral sharing, recording, editing, and altering. Three of them (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) have significant textual overlap, suggesting a process of borrowing and adapting, while the fourth (John) appears to be more independent and unique. But that the stories exist at all is tremendously significant, and implies at least some historical basis. Moreover, both their differences and similarities ultimately argue for their veracity at a fundamental level.

In addition to the history of the Bible, let us not forget that the Church—and Christianity as a religion—also has a long history, with lots of documentation to support it. To make a very long story short, we may not know what really, factually, or historically happened on Easter (or as Marcus Borg says, what could have been captured on camera, had such technology existed). But something happened. Something that led despondent and defeated followers to come together, share their stories, attract new followers, and often in face of great odds, evolve into a worldwide religion. Something led such historically documented persons as Peter and Paul to completely change their lives. And something continues to lead people today to change their lives in dramatic ways.

The Easter story is clearly as profound and powerful today as it was two thousand years ago. What really happened (to cut to the chase) is, to put it simply, a matter of the miraculous. Somewhere behind the story of Jesus' Resurrection, the story of the Bible, the story of the Church, lives a God of "gospel" good news who, once one invites that God into one's life, continues to give birth and resurrect and turn around and create new life everywhere we turn. That is what really happened, and is still happening today. Christ is risen indeed!

Tom Harder

This was the song that began and ended our afternoon on Sunday, March 18th with Sarah Thompson, former Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), and current fellow at the Martin Luther King Jr Center for Nonviolence Social Change in Atlanta. In addition to attendees from Lorraine Avenue, we were joined by persons from other Mennonite churches and the broader faith community.

There was a feeling of considerable openness and vulnerability—I experienced a sense of belonging and purpose within our body of Christ.

First, we gathered in a circle and spoke about what gives us hope and energizes us, and how we feel when we are worn out. Sarah talked about the need for self-care while we extend ourselves and expend energy to witness and act in our community. Then, we had time to enter the middle and speak in the "public square" about things that make us feel sad, afraid, angry, and/or numb. These wounds that we feel are what we can respond to with nonviolent direct action. Finally, we practiced demonstrating, and being confronted by police. This role play helped us to feel equipped to take action. We learned that there are many roles in nonviolent direct actions, including medic, police liaison, and video recorder, among others. There seemed to be consensus among the Peace Committee (who sponsored the event) that we should have additional training. Sarah told us that there are three "B's" in non-violent action: Blocking (confronting violence), Building (supporting the movement, planning alternatives if the current action does not bring about the desired results), and Being (deep prayer, spiritual support). At different seasons of our life, we will take on different

roles. We need each other for this work: we will be most effective when grounded in prayer, preparation, and community.

This life we share as followers of Jesus opens our eyes and ears and hearts to the suffering of others. What are we to do when a member of our body is suffering? Let us continue to stay alert, discern, pray, plan... together....and...take action!

Submitted by Katie Mitchell-Koch

## Joanna Shenk

**Joanna Shenk, Associate Pastor at First Mennonite Church of San Francisco** has just published *The Movement Makes Us Human; an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK*. (The book is available in the Fellowship Hall – please leave \$10 in the basket. Checks can be written to Joanna Shenk.) Dr. Harding was a good friend of Dr. King and, in fact, drafted the Beyond Vietnam speech. Vincent Harding is “the person who created and defined the field of Black Studies... In this provocative and poignant interview, Dr. Vincent Harding reflects on the communities that shaped his early life, compelled him to join movements for justice, and sustained his ongoing transformation. He challenges those committed to justice today to consider the enduring power of nonviolent social change and to root out white supremacy in all of its forms. With his relentless commitment to education and relationship-building across lines of difference, Harding never doubted the capacity of people to create the world we need.”



**The Greater Wichita Ministerial League** (traditionally made up of African American clergy, but currently including Anglo pastors from Mennonite, Quaker and Church of the Brethren churches) **will host an event with Joanna** as the keynote speaker at **6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church** (2727 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St. North, Wichita). April 4 marks the day, 50 years ago, that Brother Martin was killed. Come to commemorate his life, to learn more about “the movement” and to find out how you can work for nonviolent social change now!

## House Church at LAMC – April 2018

House Church is another way of describing a small group composed of fellow church-attenders. Its purpose varies, according to each group, but broadly speaking it is to offer an opportunity to strengthen relationships, encourage and support one another, share the joys and sorrows of life. “... it is an extension and expansion of the Sunday morning experience, making possible a deeper, more meaningful experience of church.” (Guidelines and Suggestions for House Churches at LAMC, 2013)

Most house church groups at LAMC meet monthly, for a meal and conversation. Many groups meet at the church, some meet in homes. For some, the conversation is informal and may or may not include the entire group at any given time. For some, there is more structure and time is taken to focus on a particular topic or question; the group listens as each person shares. Some groups choose a book, a video series, a YouTube or some other type of media that can focus their time together for a given period of time. Some groups are homogenous with people of similar age/life stage. Others are more intergenerational, being intentional about including ages across the spectrum.

Many LAMC attenders are already part of a house church group, but not all! Your LAMC Board of Deacons is asking for your thoughtful reflections on your house church involvement.

During the month of April, please;

- Let your Deacon and/or one of the pastors know if you're not part of a house church and you'd like to be.
- If you're already in a house church, please reflect and review with your group.
- Is the group ready/open for change? Some changes might be:
- Inviting new people
- Being more intentional about what happens at your gatherings
- Disbanding so new groups can be formed

If you're not sure who your deacon is, the list is as follows, alphabetically according to last name.

Nadine Reimer Penner is the deacon for Bill Anquoe through Kristina Everingham family ([nadine@reimerpenner.com](mailto:nadine@reimerpenner.com))

Linda Buller Is the deacon for Ewy/Baumgartner family through Tom/Lois Harder family ([linda@ddtr.net](mailto:linda@ddtr.net))

Peter Emery Is the deacon for Andy/Jenna Hill family through Larry/Melanie Mitchell family ([pete\\_emery@hotmail.com](mailto:pete_emery@hotmail.com))

Gerry Lichti Is the deacon for Jeremy/Katie Mitchell-Koch family through Reimer-Penners ([tlichti@cox.net](mailto:tlichti@cox.net))

Mike Feters Is the deacon for Mike/Jill Robinson family through Greg/Gracia Stucky family ([mike.feters@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike.feters@sbcglobal.net))

Adella Ozor Is the deacon for Karl/Myra Swartz family through Vern/Myrna Zielke ([adellaozor@gmail.com](mailto:adellaozor@gmail.com))

## MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT LORD'S DINER

LAMC volunteers staff the South Hillside Lord's Diner every second Friday of the month. There is a team of volunteers, but some Fridays there is a shortage of people available due to those having other plans that particular day. We arrive around 5:15 p.m. and leave around 7:30 p.m. Volunteer positions include registering participants in, filling glasses and cups, having trays ready with silverware and napkins, etc., so you can see it's not hard work, but everyone feels it is very gratifying work! ... *Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me...*

If you are interested in volunteering at The Lord's Diner give Marie Krehbiel a call to be added to the team! A food handler's permit is required, so here are a couple of food-handler training sessions coming up:

**Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Riverside Christian Church** - 1001 Litchfield N, Wichita, KS 67203; 9:30 A.M. All are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church** – 600 N Greenwich Rd, Wichita, KS 67206, 6:30 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

Please plan to arrive at either location a bit early to complete paperwork.

## 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

## From YOUR Mission Board

**Do you shop for some of your needs/wants at Dillon's?** If you do, be sure you are enrolled in the Dillon's donation program. Your enrollment will provide support to the Missions programs of LAMC. If your receipt says “...donating to Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church” then you are enrolled. If not, consider enhancing your shopping experience by enrolling your Dillon's loyalty card at the web site [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards). If you need assistance in doing so, let me know and help will be provided.



Submitted by Dan Eigsti

## THANK YOU!

A hearty **thank you** to all who participated in this season's Wednesday night suppers and activities! It takes a village of cooks, cleaner-uppers, eaters, teachers, child care workers to make it all work – and you all are that village! Look for us again in the fall.

## Work of the Church

**Board of Deacons  
March 13, 2018**

*(unavailable at printing time)*

## Board of Christian Education March 10, 2018

**Attending:** Joel Ewy, Grayce Kaufmann, Beth Lichty, Alex Muñoz, Jill Robinson.

### Gathering and Prayer

#### Children

*VBS discussion:* Hope Mennonite has no kids of VBS age and prefer not to host. We had an important conversation about the WHY of VBS. Bible school is important to us not only because of tradition, but we get to show kids that church is fun. We have a chance to involve/ make connections/ build relationships with adults in the church who don't normally interact with the kids in Sunday school and it is a unique opportunity to build spiritual formation in children. We decided to make a change to the traditional VBS format and hold it for 1½- 2 days on June 8, 9, and 10 here at Lorraine. The 10<sup>th</sup> will have some form of presentation in church service. Other churches will be invited. Beth will lead committee with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

There is a *new label maker station*. Murray has offered to show me how to use this. We have not met yet (my fault).

*Library will be open during Sunday school time.* Teachers are invited to bring kids for book check out and reading time. Adults may also use the library during SS time. Goal: to use the library more. Summer Sunday school preliminary plans are in the works. Beth has been working on lessons with a Lego theme! K-4 grades will be combined this summer.

*K-2 class will begin to move away from Shine lessons as written.* The teachers in that class will follow a similar timeline, but they would like to be more creative with activities.

#### Youth

*Alex shared update about his work* on planning the mentor program. It involves careful selection of mentors and pairing with eligible mentees, a regular cycle of planned events beginning with training mentors (for expectations and safe sanctuary training), group activities and checking in, and ending with an end of school year / graduation event. Target ages are 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. The program is organized on paper and designed for

delegation. We will discuss again in April if we are ready for this summer to put it into place or wait to launch in 2019.

*Youth attended the Wichita ICE center and Old Mill Tasty shop on March 9.* Next month they will participate with LoveWichita organization for a service project.

Beth has contacted parents of camp-age kids regarding *Camp scholarship availability*. The tally will be sent to Murray in order to supply the funds to the camp.

#### Adult

*Men's class has been renamed* and is now reading and studying *Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and the Devil* for the *Disenchanted* by Richard Beck. They are meeting in the south lobby/ lounge  
*Faith and Issues:* Grayce will be making a suggestion box for any ideas from people with suggestions for class topics.

**3/11 pod cast** pt. 2; 3/18 CPT speaker;

**3/25 TED talk**, Richard Beck topic, *The Devil*;

**4/1 Easter, no Sunday school**

**4/8 Holy Humor, community games**

**4/15 WDC representative "transitions"**

**4/22 and 4/29 Bystander Intervention series** from Peace and Justice Support Network (Peace Committee)

**5/6 Faith story, Bob Ratzlaff**

**5/13 Mother's Day Gardening panel** (Cindy Thompson)

**5/20 and 5/27 panel discussion about transitions and change**

Other ideas for the future: Growing Young by Powell, Mulder, and Griffin for book study and MCC speaker, Austin Regier, Bethel senior, trip to Sudan and South Africa

#### Other

*Welcome to Rachel Reimer-Kouame and Beth Lichty.* Thank you for volunteering for the Board of Ed. Beth has volunteered to be BOCE secretary. BOCE meeting, Sat. April 8, 9 am

Submitted by Jill Robinson

## **Lorraine Avenue Mission Board Minutes March 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: Dan Eigsti, Sue Streit, Lois Harder, Pete Krause, Meribeth Buhr, Jeremy Mitchell-Koch (Chuck Graber attended to give a report and Gene Kaufman attended in order represent the trustees in the meeting concerning the 633 House).

### **Program Updates:**

IRC: Pete Krause and Meribeth attended a monthly "brown bag luncheon" at IRC, International Rescue Committee. Someone there presented what is being done for adult services with the refugees that they are helping.

Family Promise: There is a graduation from the program tonight of a single lady. There is still a interim director and the search continues.

Church Council Meeting Report: Dan reported that the Council agreed to let the Family Promise use the two nursery rooms in our church to do their intake interviews.

Future LAMB meeting time will continue to be the first Thursdays of the month if that suits Cindy Thompson, who was unable to attend this meeting.

### **New Business:**

Sue agreed to organize our church for a one morning city-wide work day called LOVE Wichita program. This will be explained and promoted in the church in the near future. The work day will be by April 28.

The time for collecting items for the IRC that we give through the Pantry (LAMP) is coming up. Dan will talk to Connie White (who just went off the Mission Board) about this for this Spring.

Mennonite Housing: Chuck Graber has been learning about Mennonite Housing and he came to share his interest in being involved on the Board.

Dillon's dollars were discussed, and it was felt that information should be shared with the congregation again about the value of signing up and how one signs up.

At 6:30 we hosted 11 members from the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Mission Board for supper and conversation about the 633 House.

They wanted to dialog about how they could be involved in house maintenance or other aspects of the care of this mission. We will come up with project ideas and pass them along for their consideration.

Submitted by Meribeth Buhr

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

**Present:** Joel Tieszen, Robert Gaeddert, Bryce Schmidt, David Mathis, Marcel Kouame, Matt Lehman Wiens

*Joel agreed to chair the committee, providing administration issues, so long as others are willing to pitch in on issues that require work week involvement at LAMC. Matt will take minutes, with Marcel as backup when Matt is unavailable. Monthly meetings will occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month during Sunday school.*

### **Trustees Committee duties were discussed:**

*Committees under trustees: sound, cemetery, auditing; 2 workdays per year: one in April, one in October; each trustee is on call once every six weeks – walkthrough after next meeting.*

### **Stewardship committee proposal:**

*House church groups allowed to sponsor rooms and projects, providing labor, resources, money, etc.: house churches will submit proposals to trustees for approval; Stewardship will facilitate; Trustees will also provide a list of items that need done.*

### **Potential projects for this year:**

- upgrade the hot water system to tankless
- upgrade lightbulbs to LEDs
- upgrade locks to take electronic key fobs
- mount AED and first aid kit by pastor's office
- resealing and painting of parking lot ("Pave the Way" was used in the past)
- Nursery ceiling tiles need replaced

### **Follow up:**

Joel will submit a schedule for trustees to unlock the church. Joel will make keys for Matt and Marcel. Robert will send his list of annual items to Joel for comparison with Roger's list. Matt will take Trustees' approval to Stewardship.

Submitted by Matt Lehman Wiens

## Church Council Meeting March 20, 2018

Attending: Meribeth Buhr, Linda Buller, Dan Eigsti, Pete Emory, Tom Harder, Reid Kaufmann, Pete Krause, Melanie Mitchell, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Alex Munoz, Adella Ozor, Murray Reimer Penner, Nadine Reimer Penner, Jill Robinson, Joel Tieszen

### Centering and Prayer

Katie read Psalm 25 followed by group singing *To You Yahweh*

### Approval of Minutes

March minutes were approved as written

### Treasurer's Report

Murray reported that we now have a 6-month cash balance on hand which is a sign of financial health. In addition, our expenses are currently \$10,000 less than budgeted amount.

Cash and Monthly Income and Expenses thru March 18, 2018						
Cash balance	General fund		Restricted	Total		
Mar 18 2018	\$	165,088	\$	18,842	\$	183,930
Dec 31 2017		121,444		70,168		191,611
Change ytd		43,645		(51,326)		(7,681)

Year to date	General fund		Restricted	Total	
Income		57,733		1,576	59,310
Expenses		60,996		4,702	65,698
Profit		(3,263)		(3,126)	(6,389)

General fund monthly	Budget	Actual income	Actual expenses
January (4 Sundays)	25,769	27,715	28,781
February (4)	25,769	20,181	21,257
March (3)	19,327	9,837	10,959
Year to date	70,865	57,733	60,996
Variance		(13,132)	(9,869)

By board year to date	Budget	Actual income	Actual expenses
Education	1,375		1,368
Mission	10,260		8,750
Trustees	14,067		7,484
Deacons	4,802		3,165
Office	3,913		3,384
Wages and benefits	36,448		36,845
Total	\$ 70,865	\$ 57,733	\$ 60,996

### Furthering the Kingdom

Murray shared hearing loop information and price quotes received from the Electronic Contracting Company. Council approved proceeding with the purchase and installation of a hearing loop.

Joel reported that Trustees will compile a list of work to be done for the next work day. This will be shared with the congregation in advance and then volunteers can sign up ahead of time. Hopefully, this will encourage more involvement from the youth and congregants of all ages.

Board of Education update:

Vacation Bible School will be at LAMC this year.

LAMC will do the planning and hosting but other churches will be invited to attend. The format will be different this year – held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.

Alex reported on the Youth Mentoring Program and distributed a framework for discerning mentors and matching up with youth. Also provided handout describing accountability and expectations for a long-term mentoring program. Discussion followed about timing for the start of the mentoring program. Council consensus to go ahead with mentoring program this August/September to help with stability during transition time.

Church Clerk position is still open. Melanie will take minutes tonight and Reid will take Council minutes for the rest of the year. Katie will take minutes at the congregational meetings.

Congregational meeting will be Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Neufeld Dunn from Western District Conference met with us regarding the Pastoral Transition process. She gave everyone a Ministerial Transitions Committee Packet and reviewed the included documents. These documents can be accessed at [mennoniteusa.org/resource/ministerial-transitions-committee-packet/](http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/ministerial-transitions-committee-packet/)

Katie closed the meeting with a quote from Pope Francis and a prayer.

Submitted by Melanie Mitchell

 **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.



### **Birthdays and ANNIVERSARIES**

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

- 3 Eunice Doerksen
- 5 **ROBERT & RUTH HOLLIDAY (38<sup>th</sup>)**
- 6 Mildred Franz
- 6 Terry Unruh
- 8 John Siemens
- 8 Wes Miller
- 9 CB Balbierz
- 9 **LINDA GEBERT & CATHERINE "CB"  
BALBIERZ (32nd)**
- 18 Ruth Tieszen
- 18 Beth Tanner
- 18 **LINDA & PAUL BULLER (49<sup>th</sup>)**
- 20 **AL & CAROLYN BECK (50<sup>th</sup>)**
- 21 Morris Birch
- 21 Lois Harder
- 21 Janice Penner
- 24 Allan Tanner



APRIL 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>Happy Easter!</b>	<b>2</b> 4:45 Centering Prayer 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Sunnyside Assn. 6:45 Wellness Group	<b>3</b> 9-11 Women's Group Room 208	<b>4</b> 4:45 Yoga  6:45 Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm <b>5:00 LAMB</b> - GR 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH 6:00 NAMI	<b>6</b> (no yoga today)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Holy Humor            Sunday!!!</i>  <b>10:45 Trustees</b>	<b>9</b> 4:45 Centering Prayer  5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	<b>10</b>  <b>7:00 Deacons</b>	<b>11</b> 4:45 Yoga  6:45 Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm  5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH 6:00 NAMI	<b>13</b> 12:00 Yoga  <b>MCC SALE</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>11:00 BOCE</b>  <b>MCC SALE</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:45 Centering Prayer  5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	<b>17</b> 9-11 Women's Group Room 208  1:00 Library Cmte  <b>7:00 Council</b>	<b>18</b> 4:45 Yoga  6:45 Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies - FH 6:00 NAMI 7:00 knit4peace	<b>20</b> 12:00 Yoga  4:00 Peace Cmte	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>EARTH DAY</b> 	<b>23</b> <i>Messenger</i> articles due  4:45 Centering Prayer 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4:45 Yoga  6:45 Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH 6:00 – NAMI -B3-5	<b>27</b> 12:00 Yoga	<b>28</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:45 Centering Prayer  5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group					



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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).*