

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel,
that this man is standing before you in good health
by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,
whom God raised from the dead.*

Acts 4:10

Prelude	In Heavenly Love Abiding <i>Linda Buller, organ</i>	Hobby
Introit	This is the Day <i>Chancel Choir</i>	Grotenhuis
*Call to Worship		Jim Juhnke

*Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you have ascended beyond horizons
which our eyes can see, and further than the limits
which our minds can reach. No longer restricted to one
place, you are seated on the throne of heaven,
and present in all places.*

**People: We praise you, our glorious Lord and Savior, and are
forever glad that now there is in heaven One who
intercedes for us.**

*All: Hallowed be your name!
Hallowed on earth as now in heaven.
Amen.*

*Hymn	Low in the grave he lay	HWB 273
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Psalm 118:15-18, 21-24

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
**“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”**

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.

Greeters this morning are Marie and Roy Krehbiel. **Nursery workers during worship** are Aimee Leisy and Leilani Salas. **Fellowship workers** are Robert and Sylvia Schmidt.

Many thanks to Peter Emery for bringing the message next Sunday, April 29. Lois and Tom will be in Seattle (leaving Thursday evening, returning Monday evening) to officiate at the wedding of Alyssa Penner and Naveen Makineni. The Deacon on Call for the month of April is Mike Fetters.

Among our friends...

Congratulations to **Al and Carolyn Beck** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20! They are providing cake during fellowship time – please be patient while Carolyn and Al make their way to Fellowship Hall. We will give witness and celebrate with them as they cut the cake.

We celebrate with **Bryce and Betty Balton** as they dedicated Hendrix Monroe last Sunday, April 15.

Our love surrounds Kermit Daum and his family as we grieve the loss and celebrate the life of Anne Daum. There was a viewing/visitation here at Lorraine Avenue on Friday afternoon and a Memorial service at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church on Saturday morning, April 21. Anne suffered a stroke on Thursday evening, April 12 and died on Sunday morning, April 15.

...in our community, our city, and beyond.

A BIG THANK YOU! to all of you for your donations to the 2018 Run For Relief. \$32,000 was raised for relief and development work around the world. There were 297 registered and 202 finished the race. Top 3 Fund Raisers were Bo Bachman, \$7410; Darrel Doerksen, \$4000; and: Debbie Claasen, \$2560. Darrel Doerksen

Bethel College announcements:

TODAY – Opening of “Newton Kids Create: Storytelling Through Art,” an exhibit of art by children from Newton USD 373, 1-5 p.m. (extended hours), Kauffman Museum (in conjunction with KIPCOR anniversary event featuring Rafe Martin)

TODAY – Performance by children’s book author and storyteller Rafe Martin (KIPCOR anniversary event), **3 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College;** reception and book-signing to follow.

Thursday, April 26 – Closing reception for annual Student Art exhibit, 6-8 p.m., Regier Gallery in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28 – The Bethel College theater department presents *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, a revisiting of Lorraine Hansberry’s classic *A Raisin in the Sun*; **7:30 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center** (ticket purchase required). A talk-back session will follow each performance. Please note: The play contains strong language and adult themes and is not suitable for young audiences.

Sunday, April 29 – Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert, 3 p.m., Memorial Hall.

Sunday, April 29 – Open Road concert, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall at Bethel College (Note Change from previously printed calendars).

Saturday, May 5 – Westen Gesell senior recital (saxophone), 6 p.m., Administration Building chapel at Bethel College.

Prayer Request from the Western District Conference:

Pray for credentialed leaders in WDC attending Healthy Boundaries training next weekend in Dallas, TX.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Adolphe Lukoka Kialemba and Alain Paul Badajika, two successful Congolese farmers, are studying sustainable, small-scale “farming as business” techniques in Benin. Pray for open and creative minds so they can return to their communities and share what they have learned.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Today we celebrate Earth Day. Pray that adults will engage children in developing habits to care for God's good earth. The current campaign to end plastic pollution includes rejecting, reducing, and recycling plastic materials.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Pray that the Moria 35 receive justice when they stand trial on 20 April 2018. If convicted, they could receive sentences of up to ten years and/or deportation. On 18 July 2017, thirty-five people were arbitrarily arrested during a violent police raid in Moria camp on Lesbos. That morning a peaceful protest took place in Moria camp, where people demanded that the authorities lift the geographical restriction imposed by the EU-Turkey statement, allow people to travel to mainland Greece, and denounced the inhumane living conditions in the camp. During the demonstration, a confrontation occurred between the police and some of the protesters. An hour after this skirmish had ended, riot police violently raided the African section of the camp and arrested people at random. There is substantial evidence of brutal police violence during the raid, the arrests and in the police station. Many of the people arrested were not even present in Moria camp at the time of the protest. The Moria 35 all face identical criminal charges including arson, resisting arrest, attempted assault, rioting, damage to private property and disturbing the public peace. No credible or individual evidence appears to exist against any of them. Authorities have kept them in prison since 18 July. The risk of conviction not only includes a prison sentence, but also an impending threat of deportation.

Members of CPT Lesbos visited some of the people in Chios prison to collect their personal stories in order to counter the state narrative that paints these people as criminals. The team acts as a part of a broader campaign that calls for justice and solidarity for the Moria 35. Pray for justice.

Prayer Requests from Sabeel:

Since the protests of the 'Great March of Return' began on the 30th of March, thirty six Palestinians have been killed and over two thousand have been injured in Gaza by the Israeli occupation forces. *Lord, we give thanks for the Palestinian people. We are grieved by those who lose their lives in their challenge against oppression. We pray for those who trust that 'the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings'. (Malachi 4:2) Lord in your mercy...Hear Our prayers*

Last Saturday, four Palestinians were killed and others were injured after an Israeli artillery attack targeted an auto rickshaw in the city of Rafah, in the southern area of the Gaza Strip. Haaretz, the Israeli news website, reported that the Israeli army is: ‘investigating the possibility that the shooting incident was a work accident.’ This further incident now brings the death toll in Gaza to thirty six people, since the protests began on the 30th of March. ***Lord, the Israeli army continues to target the Palestinian people. We pray for an end to the Israeli occupation and to a full restoration of the rights of the Palestinians. Lord in your mercy...***

Late last Monday night, the Israeli forces demolished a Palestinian primary school in the district of Hebron in the southern region of the Occupied West Bank .The demolition left forty two children without a place to learn. The school was opened on the 26th of March, together with six other schools in the area which were built to provide an education for children in vulnerable communities. In spite of the demolition, the school children still came to school the following day and their teachers taught their classes on the floor of the remaining structure, in the rain. ***Lord, we pray for our students and schools especially when they are targeted by the Israeli occupying forces. Dear God, please strengthen us and help us towards fulfilling the right of every child to receive an education. Lord in your mercy...***

Visitors last Sunday:

Rayna, Shana and Dorothy Balton, Wichita; Twila and Lowell Pottenger, Chris and Curtis Allen, Newton; Jennifer Ruggles, Wichita; Judy Mitzner, Wichita; John Harder, Windsor, Ontario; Analaura and Amira Ruiz, Wichita; Lisa Kelley, Overland Park, KS; Kathy Neufeld-Dunn, North Newton.

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>The Messenger</i> articles due	
	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – FH	5:30 p.m.
	NAMI – B3, 4 & 5	6-10 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast	8:00 a.m.

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Study Group Book Study South Lobby
*Reviving Old Scratch:
Demons & the Devil for Doubters & the Disenchanted*
by Richard Beck
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Faith and Issues Class Faith Story Fellowship Hall
Bob Ratzlaff

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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