



Worship during May

As May begins, the Church is still celebrating the Easter season, but Pentecost, a day and season during which we celebrate the inbreaking of the Holy Spirit in a wide variety of ways, is just around the corner. Aside from a thematic “detour” on Mother’s Day, sermons will be based on one or more of the lections for each Sunday. Come, let us worship and celebrate together!

May 6 (Easter 6): Sermon by Tom
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 13 (Easter 7; Mother’s Day): Sermon by Lois
The Poor People’s Campaign
Micah 6:6-8 and other
peace with justice reminders

May 20 (Pentecost): Sermon by Tom
Acts 2:1-21; Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15)

May 27 (Trinity Sunday): Sermon by Tom
Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

No Trespassing!

It seems that every time we pray the Lord’s Prayer in a worship service, we experience a moment of anxiety as we try to figure out whether to say “Forgive us our trespasses,” “debts,” or “sins.” Some of us may have grown up with “trespasses”; indeed, many Christian traditions continue to use this version. I grew up using the word “debts” and “debtors” (which actually is a more accurate translation of the Greek word used at Matthew 6:12). These days at LAMC we almost always use “sins,” which is closest to our colloquial, every-day speech. More than either trespasses or debts, when we say “sins” we pretty much know what we are talking about.

A case can be made, however, for using the word “trespasses.” We’ve all seen signs saying something like “No Trespassing,” or “Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted” (and sometimes an oblique reference to “Smith and Wesson,” a barely veiled threat in this day and age). The inference is that when it comes to privately owned property, no one is supposed to enter that property or space unless first given permission.

Thinking about sin in this way adds a whole new perspective. As individual human beings, each one of us has our own personal space and property, both literal and figurative. To trespass on someone else’s space in any way, especially without permission, is a sin against them. Of course, some trespasses might be relatively minor (for example, placing a hand on someone’s arm or shoulder without permission when talking with them). But others can be quite grievous (injuring someone, or worse, killing them; unwanted sexual advances are serious trespasses as well). Regardless, in all of these cases, one person’s property is invading another’s in an unwanted way.

We often hear the word “boundaries” used in reference to respecting another person’s space. To “cross a boundary” is to trespass upon another in some way. Conversely, to “respect boundaries” or “maintain appropriate boundaries” is to honor each one’s property as a person. The Board of Deacons has been discussing recently the importance of respecting one another’s boundaries, especially in the church. Indeed, they see this as merely an application or extension of our Safe Sanctuary policy (which argues that the church, of all places should be one where each person feels absolutely safe, physically, emotionally, and spiritually). The key question to keep in mind is, when does something I say or do cross into another’s safe space without permission? This could be anything from an uninvited hug to an inappropriate question.

To consistently respect the boundaries of others requires a considerable amount of self-awareness; chances are many of us cross the boundaries on a regular (or habitual) basis, in large or small ways, without even being aware of it. It also requires that we honor and enforce our own boundaries, so that

if someone else crosses one, we let them know as soon as possible. The Deacons plan to continue this conversation at LAMC, possibly including a book study or presentation in the Faith and Issues class. In the meantime, they have developed and distributed a couple of documents focusing on different kinds or categories of boundaries (see article below). Their hope is that all of us may feel as safe and respected as we deserve to be!

Tom Harder

Boundaries in the Church

Matthew 5:42: "Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you." (NRSV)

It can be very difficult for Christians to maintain our personal boundaries. Jesus tells us to be generous with one another and to love each other. What does this look like in the church—especially in a peace church like LAMC?

One way would be to say that we try to help one another by giving each other what we *need*, not what we *want*.

Financial Boundaries

If a person with a drug or alcohol addiction asks for money, what is a way to be faithful to Jesus' words in Matthew 5:42? If you give the money, it might be spent on drugs or alcohol, which would be harmful to them. It would be giving them what they *want*, but it may not be what they *need*.

Another response would be to involve some trusted people in the situation. For example, LAMC has a community assistance fund for non-members. The person asking for money can ask a church representative for money at the first of each month, and then the church leadership decides whether or not to give the money. If the person is a church member, then the Board of Deacons has a Member Assistance Fund that can be used. The person wanting money can approach a deacon or pastor, and then the Deacons discuss whether the money should be given or not.

This is not a cop-out. Everyone who gives to the church donates to these funds, so if someone asks for money from you, this is a very valid way for you to respond wisely. Money that you have given in the past may then be used to assist the person, if the church leadership decides that money is indeed the best way to help.

Personal Boundaries

The church should be a place of welcome for all. It should be a place where people deepen their relationships with God and with one another. *This will not happen if personal boundaries are not respected.*

Recognizing Personal Boundaries

When a man makes inappropriate comments to a woman (or vice versa), the church becomes less welcoming for everyone.

Examples of inappropriate behavior:

1. It is not acceptable to make sexual comments about another person in church.

Examples: "Look at you!" "You're beautiful!" "You're hot!" "I want to go out with you."

2. It is not acceptable to repeatedly telephone another person who has said that they do not want to talk with you.

3. If a person touches another person (for example, an unsolicited hug, kiss, hand grasp, etc.) and is asked to stop, then the touching should stop immediately. The person who did the touching should immediately apologize and not touch the other person again.

4. Sexist jokes or suggestive comments are not acceptable in any situation.

Keeping Personal Boundaries

When boundaries are violated, it is not the fault of the victim. If a woman does not tell a man to stop touching her, it is still not her fault that her personal boundaries were violated. Vice versa holds here as well.

Having said that, it is entirely appropriate for a person to let someone else know when they are feeling uncomfortable with inappropriate attention. In fact, when someone tells another that they are uncomfortable, it makes the church a safer place for everyone.

Helping Others Keep Boundaries

What do we do if we see inappropriate behavior at church? Claire Cain Miller's article "Sexual Harassment Training Doesn't Work. But Some Things Do." offers some ideas. For example, if a man is not respecting a woman's boundaries, a bystander could do any of the following:

1. Move closer and begin talking exclusively to the woman;

2. Invite the woman over to talk to you or to go to another room;
3. Disrupt the situation, for example, by dropping a book.

The article also says that you can talk to the harasser later, by asking questions but not lobbing accusations: "Were you aware of how you came off in that conversation?" You may also talk openly about inappropriate behavior, like asking others: "Did you notice that? Am I the only one who sees it this way?"

It is also important for bystanders to talk to targets of harassment. They often feel isolated, and observers might not know if they thought the interaction was consensual or amusing. A bystander could say: "I noticed that happened. Are you O.K. with that?" If not, the bystander could offer to accompany the harassed person to a church leader for discussion about the incident.

Unfortunately, in our society harassment is too often male to female. Another point, then, that should be recognized is that especially in church settings men have a larger role to play in assuring that their behaviors and those of men around them are appropriate and sensitive to personal boundaries. The most powerful changes in environment will come if we share this responsibility among ourselves.

Transitions Update

The Staff Relations Committee (Judy Ebersole, Pete Emery, Doug Everingham, Melanie Mitchell and Myra Swartz) has been tasked with hiring a transitional pastor. To clarify, a transitional pastor is one who has been trained to assist the congregation in making a good transition from one pastor to another. For example, dealing with grief and loss after a long-term pastor leaves and then to help a congregation move on with a new or revised vision and identity.

We have now interviewed three very qualified transitional pastors and hope to have a hiring recommendation within the next few weeks.

So what's next? The transitional timeline may look something like this:

- August 2018* – Celebratory farewell with the Harders
- September 2018* – Welcome transitional pastor

September – December 2018 – Transitional pastor begins process of guiding congregation in "letting go" of the past and assessing the church's identity, structure, relationships and vision.

December 2018 – Council appoints Search Committee. The search committee completes the Congregational Information Form, writes a job description gets the word out about our opening.

January 2019 – August 2019 (or possibly longer) – Transitional pastor continues to guide and lead the congregation while the search committee carries out the candidating process.

Staff Relations Committee

Peace Work Continues

Perhaps you've heard the words "**Poor People's Campaign**" in the past few weeks and you're wondering "what's this?" Well, the Poor People's Campaign, or Poor People's March on Washington, was a 1968 effort to gain economic justice for poor people in the US. It was organized by Martin Luther King, Jr, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and carried out under the leadership of Ralph Abernathy in the wake of King's assassination. This campaign demanded economic and human rights for poor Americans of diverse backgrounds. The Poor People's Campaign was motivated by a desire for economic justice: the idea that all people should have what they need to live.

Here we are, fifty years later, and the **Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival** is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the nation's distorted morality.

Activities and enthusiasm have been growing here in Kansas since August, 2017, when Dr. Rev. William Barber and Dr. Rev. Liz Theoharris spoke to hundreds of activists in Topeka, introducing the declaration of Fundamental Rights and Poor People's Moral Agenda. Since then, many communities in Kansas (and thousands across the country) have been training and recruiting.

Beginning May 14, the Monday after Mother's Day, and for the next 5 Mondays, at 3:00 DCT, folks will march on state capitals across the country – *at the same time* – demanding that the words of the Declaration of Independence – ***we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*** – be realized for all.

If you want to participate, or know more, you may contact Barbara Gingrich or Lois Harder or check out *Poor People's Campaign-Wichita* facebook page.

Submitted by Barbara Gingrich

Other Ways to Work (& Play) for Peace

Mark your calendars! The **14th Annual Alternative Memorial Day Celebration**, sponsored by People of Faith for Peace, is May 28, 2018, Monday, at 1st Church of the Brethren, 10th & Jefferson. Bring your lunch, your beverage, a blanket, or lawn chair – and your VOICE! *Rise Up Singing-Wichita* will lead us in raising our voices for peace – they'll bring the songbooks. It will be a GREAT time!

Coming up on June 12 and July 10 will be **Peace Poetry**, again sponsored by People of Faith for Peace. These events will take place at R Coffeehouse in Riverside and there will be more information coming out – so say tuned!

LAMC FAMILY WEEKEND AT CAMP MENNOSCAH

Our congregational retreat weekend at Camp Mennoscah will be June 2nd and 3rd. We hope you will join us for a time of fun, fellowship, eating, playing, worshipping, singing, and spending time with God's creation!

Our schedule for the weekend will be as follows:

Saturday:

2:00 Check-in opens

2:30 – 5:30 Free time (river play, sports equipment, creative group activities, etc.)

3:30 – 5:30 Pool open, with lifeguard on duty.

6:00 - Supper (provided, with vegetarian option)

7:30 Hymn Sing

8:30 Campfire

9:30 Popcorn and snacks



Sunday:

7:30 – 8:30 Breakfast (provided)

10:00 Worship service

12:00 Potluck lunch

2.00 Check-out deadline

Lodging will be on a first-come, first-served basis during check-in on Saturday afternoon. No sign-up in advance needed. We encourage you to consider staying in a cabin – there are brand new, updated bathhouses with individual shower stalls and power outlets! Pick a cabin as a family, a house church, or group of friends and experience Camp as youth campers do every summer. Sign-in sheets will be at the dining hall for all lodging except the Retreat Center. If you are staying at the Retreat Center, please sign in to the RC kitchenette. Please bring your own bed linens and pool/shower towels.

We are once again asking all weekend attendees to sign up for a cleaning task, either as a family, individual, or house church, since we are responsible for cleaning all common areas at the end of our retreat. Sign-up sheets will be in front of the church office for the two Sundays prior to our retreat weekend. There will also be sign-up sheets for providing breakfast food items.

We will be having a cold salad potluck lunch for the Sunday noon meal. Please bring a dish to share that does not need to be heated up, but don't feel limited to just salads. Sandwiches, desserts, fruit, and other creative non-heated items are welcome, especially those that are "kid-friendly"! Table service will be provided.

A couple of reminders **regarding Camp Mennoscah rules:** no smoking on camp grounds, no alcohol allowed, and no pets allowed. We appreciate your willingness to abide by camp rules! If you have any questions about the rules, please reference the Camp Mennoscah website at campmennoscah.org or ask Roger Kaufman.

Directions and a map to Camp will be on the table outside the church office for the two Sundays prior

to our retreat weekend, and can also be found on the Camp Mennoscah website, campmennoscah.org.

The expenses for this weekend are paid for by the church, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend! We ask that you consider, in addition to your regular giving, contributing towards the expenses for the weekend. Some suggested amounts, based on lodging chosen are as follows:

Retreat Center \$50/adult, \$30/child
Bunk House \$35/adult, \$25/child
Cabin/Tent/Camper \$30/adult, \$20/child
Day Only \$10/adult, \$5/child

A reminder to all that **there will be no services in our church building on Lorraine Avenue on Sunday, June 3rd.**

Please feel free to contact Roger Kaufman with any questions or comments.

- Roger Kaufman,
2018 Camp Mennoscah
Family Weekend Coordinator

Work of the Church

Board of Deacons April 10, 2018

Attendees: Mike Fetters, (Deacon Chair); Lois Harder, Tom Harder, Gerry Lichti, Adella Ozor, Nadine Reimer Penner, Pete Emery.

We Gather in God's Name

Mike opened and gave devotions.

Sharing Our Present Work

Nadine reported that the Wellness Committee would continue its blood pressure measurement program.

Adella reported that a Safe Sanctuary Committee is in the process of coming together.

Preparations are proceeding for the June 3rd congregational retreat at Camp Mennoscah.

There was a discussion of church family concerns.

Looking to the future

Mike is the deacon-on-call for April; Pete for May. Next Deacons meeting: May 8th.

Submitted by Peter Emery

Board of Christian Education April 14, 2018

Attending: Tom Harder, Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Alex Munoz, Jill Robinson, Beth Lichty, Grayce Kaufmann, and Joel Ewy

Jill gave a welcome comparing the changes in weather to the changes with kids, adults, schools, and congregations.

Children

VBS will be June 8, 9, 10. Fri will be 8-5. Sat will be 9-2 or 3. Sun the kids from VBS will help with the worship service in some fashion. There will be a potluck for the congregation following Sunday school June 10. We have some leads on a couple themes. More details on that later.

Summer Sunday school will start June 10 and end Aug 5. The theme will be Legos. Beth Lichty is creating the lessons. No Shine On curriculum is needed for preschool or elementary ages. Jill will ask the middle school teachers their thoughts. Jill sent letters to current Sunday school teachers asking their plans for teaching this summer and this fall. The board will know then how many teachers to recruit and which grades.

Youth

Mentor Program is a go during this period of transition in the church. Alex reported the council thought a constant for some would be great during this time. First step is to locate adult volunteers. There will be a late summer meeting for the mentors. Then the youth will be asked to participate. Alex has secured some new guidelines for this project and those will be implemented.

Next youth activity is April 28. Working with the group Love Wichita. Rachel will contact parents and youth. The tentative May activity will be at a park with a picnic.

Three middle school youth will be traveling to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, July 3-5. There is also a youth from Shalom Mennonite in Newton also going.

Adult

Faith & Issues class for April, May, June, July and August have been scheduled. April 8th is intergenerational games in the fellowship hall. April 15th is WDC. April 22nd is Bob Ratzlaff with his Life Story. April 29th & May 6th is the Bystander Intervention Series. May 13th is a gardening panel. May 20th & 27th is a transition panel to hear from

folks that have done a church transition before. June 3rd is Camp Mennoscah. June 10th – August 12th is sermon discussions.

Other

BOCE has some questions to complete or think about from the Congregational Informational Form. Jill will email those to members and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Upcoming

BOCE meeting, Sat May 12 at 9:30am.

Submitted by Jill Robinson

Lorraine Avenue Mission Board Minutes April 5, 2018

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

Present: Dan Eigsti, Lois Harder, Jeremy Mitchell Koch, Sue Streit, Cindy Thompson

Dan opened the meeting by reading a scripture from Romans as referenced in an MCC flier. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as emailed.

Old Business

Dillons cards - **Dan** has put announcements in e-news and the bulletin; he was encouraged to do so again, and to make a verbal announcement Sunday. We're reminded to look at the bottom of our receipts to verify if we're currently signed up.

LOVE event - **Sue** will try and get more details and make another announcement. It looks like this may be an all-day event on April 28.

Program Updates

633 house/IRC - We currently have residents who have been there for 5 months; the agreement with them is for 6-12 months. Alexanderwohl and Tabor are both interested in helping with projects as the need arises. Trustees will also include the house in their spring work day.

Family Promise - one family is graduating; Samuel has resigned, adding to the state of flux within the staff, but Jeremy feels things are moving forward.

MCC Sale - it was suggested we sign a "thank you" card for Cathy and Cathy next month. **Cindy** will bring one.

New Business

LAMP Anniversary Drive - will be May 6. Folks will be encouraged to donate money or items purchased from the list of household necessities, which we will publicize. **Who?** Dan will arrange for refreshments that day - Jane Tanner to be asked first.

MCC kits - Dan passed out a list of the various kits MCC puts together for distribution. Due to there being many, it was decided that only one Kit would be publicized at a time in the Messenger and bulletin (LAMP in May, School kits in July, Relief/Hygiene kits sometime in the fall). **Dan** will check MCC site for most recent lists.

Thrift Store - Dan attended the most recent meeting; others from LAMC also present - Chuck Graber, Willard & Ellen Ebersole, Andrea Unzicker. Dan passed out info on their organizational plan. MCC is planning to partner with a prisoner outreach program. They're looking into a location near Harry & Woodlawn.

Church Council report - Cathy Neufeld Dunn spoke about the pastoral transition process. Boards as well as individuals will be receiving questionnaires in the near future.

Quarterly payments - **Dan** will check with Murray to see which are automatic and which need to be triggered by us.

Greater Wichita Ministerial League - Lois is a member and requested we contribute \$300 towards a scholarship program they're sponsoring (Six awards of \$1000 each given as a result of an essay competition). Approved. Awards banquet for this will be June 8.

New Poor People's Campaign - William Barber has revived MLK's vision. Lois is going to training on April 14. She also reported meeting with Chief Ramsey on a project to target the most at-risk young people for an early intervention program involving family, teachers, clergy, etc.

Next meeting: May 3

Submitted by Cindy Thompson

Board of Trustees April 8, 2018

Attending: Joel Tieszen, Bryce Schmidt, Marcel Kouame, Matt Lehman; **Absent:** Eugene Kaufman and David Mathis.

Keys for new Trustees – Joel provided church keys to Matt and Marcel; an old key was used to make the copies, so they should work better than some newer keys.

Request from LAMB regarding the 633 house – Alexanderwohl and Tabor churches are interest in helping out; Joel will connect with Eugene, and then Eugene, Dan, and Mike Fetters, if they are all willing, will do a walk-through of the 633 house. Eventually, we'll need to work with Murray on the financial side of things.

T-Loop System – the wire will go into Fellowship Hall; no other bids were received. Joel will inquire at church council about approval process.

Dishwasher – no update from Robert (who was not present)

Parking Lot – reviewed three bids; general consensus is to go with "Pave the Way." Checked the schedule for camp weekend. Joel will e-mail council for general approval.

Water heater – Bids for a tankless system are in work so we can be prepared when our current water heater fails.

Door locks – Joel will call Central Key and Safe.

Work day – possible tasks include: replace ceiling tiles, polish the overflow floor, fix parking lot sign, gutter on parsonage is falling off, banner rod permanent repair, balcony trim piece, light at bottom of north stairs needs a cover, nearby riles need replace. Joel will find a couple options for dates; will try to have at least 4 trustees in attendance.

Maintenance issues – south stairway glass crack – Marcel will call glass repair; door closers need adjustment; figure out for work day. What day do we shut down the boiler? Joel will find out who can help.

File clean-out – Roger is providing a binder or two of files to go through. Matt and Joel will work on this.

Church audit – need to pull together an audit committee; Marcel and Matt will help with this; Joel will provide names of previous members of committee – goal is to have audit completed by fall, and restart in January.

Tool drive initiative – donate tools people aren't using; Matt will write an announcement; Joel will dig up list of tools.

Church walk-through – Joel took the new Trustees around the church to show them the typical Sunday morning tasks.

Submitted by Matt Lehman Wiens

Church Council Meeting April 17, 2018

Attending: Peter Krause, Adella Ozor, Linda Buller, Lois Harder, Melanie Mitchell, Nadine Reimer Penner, Murray Reimer Penner, Alex Muñoz, Joel Tieszen, Jill Robinson, Katie Mitchell-Koch, Mike Fetters, Dan Eigsti, Tom Harder, Eugene Kaufman, Reid Kaufmann (listed in order around the tables)

Centering and Prayer

The gathered board sang HWB 366, God of Grace and God of Glory.

God's Work Among Us

The minutes were approved with an additional note from the Trustees that the Executive Council approved their plan to have the parking lot resealed and repainted around the Mennoscah Retreat weekend when it will be empty.

Murray gave the treasurer's report. It was noted that the change year-to-date of \$-11,798 reflects (normal) spending and should not be reason for concern considering the large infusion of 2018 contributions received at the end of 2017 (\$48,150). Last Sunday's giving was the lowest in years, but that was brought up as a point of interest, not concern (also in the context of earlier giving).

Cash and Monthly Income and Expenses thru April 15, 2018

Cash balance	General fund	Restricted	Total
Apr 15 2018	\$ 162,374	\$ 17,440	\$ 179,813
Dec 31 2017	121,444	70,168	191,611
Change ytd	40,930	(52,728)	(11,798)
Recd last yr for 2018	48,150	(48,150)	-

Year to date	General fund	Restricted	Total
Income	74,355	2,168	76,523
Expenses	80,505	6,696	87,201
Profit	(6,150)	(4,528)	(10,678)

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 (4)	25,769	13,309	19,486
April (3)	19,327	13,150	10,982
Year to date	96,635	74,355	80,505
Variance		(22,279)	(16,130)

By board year to date	Budget	Actual income	Actual expenses
Education	1,875		1,494
Mission	13,990		10,300
Trustees	19,183		9,685
Deacons	6,548		4,113
Office	5,337		4,889
Wages and benefits	49,702		50,024
Total	\$ 96,635	\$ 74,355	\$ 80,505

Furthering the Kingdom

The council discussed a request from Wheatland Mission Church, a congregation that does not own its own building, to lease our building on Saturdays for their worship space. Concerns about custodial arrangements and embarking on a new venture during our pastoral transition were raised. Others wondered why we should not share what we have and we were also encouraged to consider the stewardship lessons the Parable of the Talents -- that we should invest the assets we have been given. Given the lack of clear direction and outstanding questions we tabled this item until the next meeting. Reid and Katie will work together to communicate with Wheatland to answer some questions, float different ideas on timelines, determine how much we've used our building on Saturdays, and ultimately bring back a more focused proposal for consideration on whether to proceed and bring this to the congregation in the tentative June 24th congregational meeting.

A concern was raised because the Hearing Loop contract was not handled by the Board of Trustees. However, Council had authorized the Treasurer to move forward expeditiously and this decision was recorded in the minutes. It was noted that we trust our Treasurer with a lot of responsibility and that the role is bigger than in decades past. Murray suggested that we may need to document and refine our business practices, but there was resistance to making our processes more stringent out of concern that it would be an encumbrance for our small, volunteer-powered, consensus-driven organization. It was suggested

that we may want to review this along with the revised constitution (currently in the hands of Karl Swartz) with a transitional pastor.

Closing and Sending

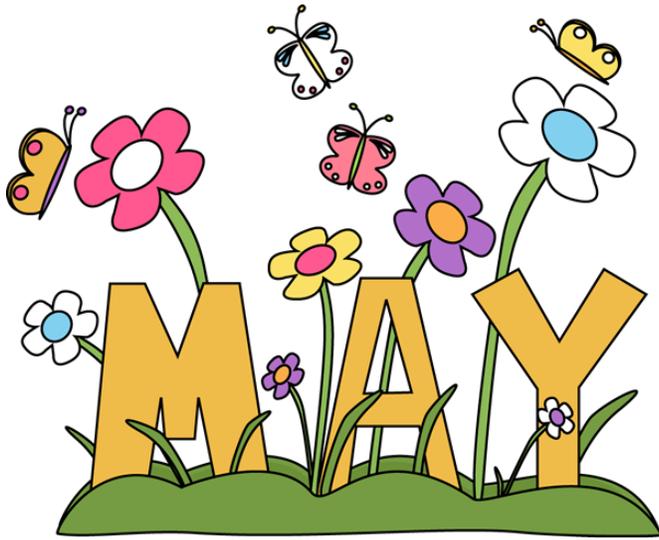
Katie adjourned the meeting by reading the poem, *Morning Person*, by Vassar Miller.

Submitted by Reid Kaufmann



Contributions to LAMC by electronic payments are now possible through PayPal! Just follow these steps –

- Go to the PayPal website, www.paypal.com, and select **Send**
- Enter the pay-to email address of 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)

- 2 Molly Mitchell-Koch (10)
- 2 Eric Crawford
- 4 Cindy Thompson
- 5 Judy Loganbill
- 5 Erica Schmidt
- 5 Bryson Waltner (2)
- 8 Cathy Christman
- 8 Tynan Pankratz (12)
- 9 Betty Ratzlaff
- 12 **MILDRED & DON FRANZ (56th)**
- 14 Jim Juhnke
- 16 Sofia Dunkelberger (13)
- 16 **SHARON EICHER & BILL MORRIS (18th)**
- 17 **JEAN WOLLMANN & JOHN SCHMIDT (10th)**
- 18 Doug Everingham
- 19 **JUDY & NATHAN EBERSOLE (34th)**
- 20 Sharon Pauls
- 26 **EUNICE & DARREL DOERKSEN (59th)**
- 26 **DIXIE & EARL SCHLABACH (39th)**
- 27 **BETH & ALLAN TANNER (46th)**
- 27 Melanie Mitchell
- 27 Dolly Seibel
- 28 **KELLY & JULIE DUNKELBERGER (24th)**
- 28 **JOHN & IRIS SIEMENS (63rd)**
- 28 **ROBERT & KATHRYN GAEDDERT (30th)**
- 30 **MONA & KEVIN DOERKSEN (31st)**

MAY 2018

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9-11 Women's Group Room 208	2 4:45 Yoga 6:45 Chancel Choir	3 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm 5:00 LAMB - GR 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH 6:00 NAMI – B3,4,5	4 12:00 Yoga	5
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13 10:45 Trustees	14 4:45 Centering Prayer 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	15 9-11 Women's Group Room 208 1:00 Library Cmte 7:00 Council	16 4:45 Yoga 6:45 Chancel Choir	17 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies - FH 6:00 NAMI – B3,4,5 7:00 knit4peace	18 12:00 Yoga 4:00 Peace Cmte	19
20	21 <i>Messenger</i> articles due 4:45 Centering Prayer 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	22	23 4:45 Yoga 6:45 Chancel Choir	24 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies- Gath Rm 5:30 Lifestyle Strategies – FH 6:00 – NAMI – B3,4,5	25 12:00 Yoga	26 8:00 Men's Breakfast
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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).*