

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Wichita, Kansas

Sunday

September 18, 2016

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

Worship
Fellowship
Sunday School

*Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought
very low. Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.*
Psalm 79:8-9

Prelude

Adagio
We Now Implore the Holy Ghost
Linda Buller, keyboard

Stanley
Buxtehude

Introit

Come and See
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Gerry Lichti

*Leader: Fear not, O my people, for God shall redeem you from
trouble!*

**People: We have spoken words that do not ring true, but the
Lord shall make us stand strong against temptation.**

*Leader: Fear not, O my people, for God shall redeem you from
trouble!*

**People: We have spent hours burdened with distress, but the
Lord shall make us wax confident amidst turmoil.**

*Leader: Fear not, O my people, for God shall redeem you from
trouble!*

**People: We have traveled paths lined with danger, but the
Lord shall make us lie down in safety.**

*Leader: Fear not, O my people, for God shall redeem you from
trouble!*

**People: We have cried tears dripping with guilt, but the Lord
shall make us go forth with joy!**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

I will call upon the Lord

SJ 19

Psalm 79:1-9		PB 470
Hymn	When in the hour of deepest need	HWB 131
Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings		
	Offertory Prayer of Dedication	Beautiful Savior arr. Hobby
Time for Children		
Anthem	The Lord Is My Shepherd	Allen Pote
The Lesson		Luke 16:1-13 PB 851
Sermon	The Parable of the Manager... dishonest, shrewd, or justice seeker?	Lois Harder
*Hymn	God of the Bible	SJ 27
Work of the Church		Tom Harder
	Welcome and Introductions Announcements and Activities Joys and Concerns Prayer	
*Hymn	God of grace and God of Glory	HWB 366
*Benediction		
Postlude	Lord Dismiss Us with Thy blessing	arr. Fedak
*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 Julie and Kelly Dunkelberger. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Kristina Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Aimee Leisy. **Fellowship workers** are Dwayne and Sandy Schrag.

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.)

Among our friends

Lisa Turner is scheduled for surgery in early October. Since she does not have health insurance, a “go-fund-me” page has been established on Facebook to help cover medical bills. Lisa (and Greg) would be very appreciative of any contributions made through this avenue.

Alyssa Penner has a new address: 1316 30th Ave S, Unit B, Seattle, WA 98144.

There are ONLY THREE Wednesdays left (9/28, 10/12, and 11/16) to sign up to cook supper for 70 of your closest friends here at Lorraine Avenue! The sign-up sheet is in the south lobby outside the secretary’s office. We look forward to sharing a meal with you on Wednesday evenings!

The Family Promise Open House is THIS AFTERNOON at the new Family Promise Day Center (the “TLC house”) from 2 to 5:00 pm! Come see the renovations done by Family Promise and enjoy food, fun and games in anticipation of the Center opening. Bring a kitchen or household item to help furnish the Center.

It’s that time again – CROP WALK! The walk is October 2, 2:00 P.M. at Sedgwick County Park. 25% of all receipts from walkers stays locally to help the hungry at: City Life Church Neighborhood

Fellowship, United Methodist Open Door, Inter-Faith Ministries Food Programs, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Community Breakfast. Visit CB at the sign-up table during Fellowship time.

This week's "**Life Enrichment**" at **Bethel College** offers look into the *Building Bridges Art Exhibit*, as well as *writing your own story*, and *Fall Fest Theater Highlights*. The sessions begin at 9:30 in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center and the registration cost is \$2 per week or \$20 per semester. (Brochures are on the south lobby bulletin board.)

Bethel College Fall Fest is just around the corner and BCWA (*Women's Association*) Council is jumping in to something new this year! Due to popular demand, we are hosting a Pie-by-the-Slice Booth as part of our fundraising efforts that benefits our beloved college. Our goal is to get 100 delicious pies for this booth, and we are seeking your contributions! Would you be willing to contribute pies for this endeavor? We are asking for 9" pies, in disposable containers, no cream pies, of course. Pies can be brought to the Student Center on Friday evening, September 30th or Saturday morning, October 1st. *If you are not a pie baker and would like to contribute other baked goodies, BCWA will gladly accept donations.* Thank you always for your ongoing support of Bethel College!

Visitors from last Sunday:

Greg Stucky, St. Simons, GA; Graham and Rachel Unruh, Goessel; Westen Gesell and Olivia Gehring, Wichita; Roseann Siemens, Topeka; John Harder, Windsor, ONT.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Pray for WDC's Dallas-area congregations, hosting a Texas Family Fellowship Festival this coming Saturday at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Today, DOOR Denver is celebrating 30 years of mission and service in the city with a joint worship service and fundraiser connecting churches throughout the metro area. Pray that God's love will be shared in compelling ways.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Recognizing September 21 as the International Day of Peace, pray that adults may bless children by interpreting Christ's love through promoting peaceful environments especially as children encounter

violence, exploitation, discrimination and other injustices. Pray that people of the world will recognize children as a blessing entrusted to them.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

Brothers Mohamed and Mahmoud al-Balboul, along with others, have been on hunger strike for more than two months protesting their administrative detention by Israel. Mohamed has lost his eyesight as a result. Israel's policy of administrative detention, allows the army to detain someone without charge or trial indefinitely. Furthermore, the Israeli Supreme Court has legalized the force-feeding hunger strikers.

Lord, Palestinian prisoners are fasting to cast out the demon of injustice. Please God, fill them with life through your word, as they realize that not by bread do we have life. Lord in your mercy...

Majida Dandies, is the first female Palestinian bus driver in Jerusalem. Majida started working for a private Palestinian bus company in Jerusalem as from September 5, 2016.

Lord, we give thanks for women across Palestine, whose leadership, resilience and resourcefulness, in raising families, resisting despair, embracing new livelihoods, is transforming our community to challenge injustice. Blessed are you, gracious God, who has created women in your image. Lord in your mercy...

Palestinian schools in East Jerusalem are now being asked to adopt the Israeli curriculum if they want their rightful resources. There is a serious shortage of classrooms in East Jerusalem schools, while some of the buildings rented by the Israeli municipality to be used as schools are crowded and unfit.

Lord, we are asked to deny ourselves and forget our narratives in order to receive our rightful funds! We pray for the steadfastness of our schools as they face financial crises to remain faithful to the message of education. Lord, evil tempts us with our own money but we know your will of truth and justice will be done. Lord in your mercy...

Lord, we pray for Sabeel's programs and events this week including women and youth meetings in Nazareth and Jerusalem. We also lift up our gratitude for our friends around the world who translate the Wave of Prayer every week into different languages, including French, Dutch, Japanese, German and others. We also pray for our friends who use this prayer and bless us by their solidarity. Lord in your mercy... We pray alongside the World Council of Churches for the countries of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia Lord, in your mercy...

This Week at Church

Monday	<i>Messenger</i> articles due	
	Library Committee	1:30 p.m.
	Centering Prayer – Gathering Room	4:15 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Church Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Wednesday Evening Activities (see below)	
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	NAMI class – B-3, B-4	7:00 p.m.
	Seasons of Loss – Gathering Room	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.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

The Nature of Peace

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the result of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all, to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is light and duty.

Oscar Romero
20th Century El Salvadorian Archbishop

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 Book Studies Room 208
Teachers: Jill Robinson and Judy Ebersole

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
Learning to Fall – by Philip Simmons

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
Led by Rose Moyer

Men's Group Book Study Library
God's Politics – by Jim Wallis
Led by Doug Everingham

Faith and Issues The New Jim Crow Fellowship Hall
Led by Willard Ebersole and Karl Swartz

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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