

The Lorraine Avenue Messenger

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Worship during September

With the resumption of school, and the implied end of summer (which technically doesn't end until September 21), we begin a new routine. Our Sunday School program starts fresh with a new curricular year. The Chancel Choir will soon begin rehearsing, and singing during worship. Perhaps most importantly, most if not all of us have completed our summer travels, and are now home. That is, we are present, here, with heart, soul, mind and strength—ready to participate anew in the transforming experience of corporate worship. So come, let us be participate together!

September 4: Sermon by Tom
Jeremiah 18 :1-11; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11: Sermon by Tom
Jeremiah 4:11-28; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy
1:12-17; Luke 15: 1-10

September 18: Sermon by Lois
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13

September 25: Sermon by Lois
Jeremiah 32:1-15; Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 15:19-31

On Christian Education

Tomorrow is our daughter Anna's first day as a junior at East High School. When I asked her how she was feeling on this final day of vacation, she said, "I don't really want to go back to school, but the routine and structure will be good for me." She then told me about each of the classes she will be taking, which in East's IB (International Baccalaureate) program culminate in a comprehensive examination for each subject. The overall purpose of the IB program is to prepare students for college, and ultimately for life beyond college, as each student begins seeking a vocation

related to their studies, their knowledge, and their passion. In other words, in a myriad of ways, her school education is preparing her for life.

The Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church has a long emphasized the importance of Christian education. One of its four administrative boards (The Board of Christian Education or BOCE) has this as its precise focus. (Interestingly, we do not have a "Board of Christian Worship.") Each Sunday's second hour is at least as important, if not more so, than the first, and for children and adults alike. Indeed, in a myriad of ways, our Christian education prepares us for life.

What is Christian education? The adjective says it all. A "Christian" education is a "Christ-centered" education, a "Christ-focused" education. No English or biology here, just learning about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the most amazing man who ever lived, and his story's powerful implications for our lives.

With this foundational premise in place, what else can be said about Christian education? First, a Christian education will focus on the Bible, the book that tells the story of Jesus Christ. To be clear, the Bible is not a textbook. Nor, in fact, is it a book at all, but rather a compilation of books having a variety of literary types. The compilation's first section, the "Old Testament," tells the story of God's reaching out to God's people prior to the coming of Christ. The compilation's second section, the New Testament, although significantly shorter than the first, is significantly more important for Christians, for it is here that the actual story of Christ and his impact on the world is told. In many ways the New Testament helps us properly understand and interpret the Old. It could be said that a Christian education will strive to read the entire Bible, Old and New, through the eyes of Christ. Such is the challenge of this enterprise that it requires an entire lifetime to learn (and even then our education is only partial, or "preliminary!"). A corollary is that the better one knows the Bible, the more one can learn from it. It's no surprise, then, that Christian education is best begun at an early age, with an age-appropriate curriculum that teaches about and from the Bible.

Second, a Christian education will focus on the Christian faith's implications for our lives and how we live them. (Once again we see that Christian education maintains its importance—indeed urgency—throughout the entire life span.) Mere knowledge, no matter how vast and extensive, isn't enough. That knowledge should result in continually transformed lives. "How does what we learned today shape our lives?" should be a frequently asked question. To be sure, both the question and its answers will increase in sophistication and complexity as the student matures. Nevertheless, a truly Christian education will begin making the connection between what we know and how we live at an early age.

Finally, a Christian education will emphasize the vital role of the church in the Christian faith and life. The Greek word for "church" is *ekklesia*, which literally means "called." We learn early in the Old Testament that God has called (and continues to call) together a people, with a missional purpose in mind. In many ways the church is like an ongoing lab experiment, like a Petri dish. What God intends for all of humanity is first tested or tried out by and within the church. Indeed, the church—or to use a different word, the Christian community—is itself part of what God intends. The Bible reveals over and over that God created us for community. The concept of covenant (with one another and with God) appears in the earliest pages of the Old Testament. Covenant community should be both the subject and object, both the content and the purpose of Christian education. It is therefore all the more important that Christian education take place within the context of community, and that its very methods build community.

Fortunately, there are no written examinations in Christian education. But then, the Christian life is itself an examination, every year, day, hour and minute. I guess we better do some educating!

Tom Harder

We Need Your Contributions to Pay Off the 633 Loan in 2016!

When LAMC purchased the 633 S. Lorraine property in January, we borrowed \$75,000 to take advantage of a great opportunity for our long term future. But it came at a high cost - an interest rate of 9 percent over 10 years. During our Annual Meeting in February we committed ourselves to pay off this loan in full in 2016. Here's why.

The loan requires monthly principal and interest payments over 10 years, but allows advance

payments of principal. Here are several examples of how early payments reduce our total interest expense cost -

Total interest if paid off over the full 10 years = \$39,008

If paid monthly in 2016 with a final payment in December = \$6,024

If paid with monthly early payments of \$6,825 = \$3,674

So far this year we've made the three required monthly payments, plus extra advance payments of \$9,500 in March and \$6,400 in April. If we finish the year with eight more advance payments of \$6,520 per month, we will pay off the loan in December and the total interest expense will be only \$3,579.

Please write special contribution checks with "633 Lorraine" in the memo line. Each contribution will be used as an advance principal payment for the next monthly scheduled loan payment.

Murray Reimer Penner, treasurer

Exciting Up-Coming Events at LAMC this Fall – Mark your Calendars!

Beyond Tolerance – September 10 and 11

A little over a year ago Rev. Sam Muyskens and Bishop Wade Moore, two faith leaders here in Wichita, initiated a program called "Beyond Tolerance". Its focus was to help black pastors and white pastors learn to know and appreciate one another (not merely tolerate one another) and then bring their congregations together to do the same. Several churches in town have paired up to build relationships; Lorraine Avenue has partnered with Pastor Cynthia Davis and the Greater Faith Christian Church.



On Saturday, September 10 Greater Faith folks will join us at Lorraine Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m. for a "Beyond Tolerance BBQ".

The entire event will happen on the lawn all around the church. Pastor Cynthia's husband, Ricky, is a chef! He will smoke and grill some ribs and brisket; we'll also have burgers and hot dogs and the fixins! The folks from Greater Faith will bring baked beans, potato and pasta salad. We, from LAMC will bring

green salad, fruit salad, chips and desserts. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Lunch will be at 12:00 noon. After lunch there will be lawn games and fellowship! Croquet, Bocci ball, Corn Toss, Amish Golf, etc. Throughout the afternoon there will be an interactive demonstration called "Tools from the Earth"

On Sunday, September 11 the first 50 people from LAMC who sign up (there's limited space) will be able to go to Greater Faith to worship at 10:00 a.m. (The rest of us will worship at Lorraine Avenue at 9:30, as usual.)

Family Promise Day Center Open House – Sunday, September 18 from 2-5 p.m. At the Day Center (656 S. Chautauqua, The Lorraine Center) Come to see the changes and updates that have been made to the house and celebrate the provisions God has made for the opening of this program! The neighborhood will also be invited, so come to be gracious hosts to our neighbors.

Peace Sunday with Aziza Hasan – Sunday, October 16

Aziza graduated from Bethel College in 2003 and will receive the "Young Alumnus Award" on Monday, October 17. She currently lives in Los Angeles where she is the Executive Director and co-founder of NewGround: A Muslim-Jewish Partnership for Change (which) empowers Jewish and Muslim change-makers with the skills, resources, and relationships needed to improve Muslim-Jewish relations and strengthen cooperation on issues of shared concern. Through a professional fellowship, high school leadership council and innovative public programming, NewGround impacts a broad political and religious spectrum of Muslims, Jews and the institutions. This past year Aziza was appointed by President Obama to The White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She will bring the message in the worship service and will be the facilitator in the Faith and Issues class.

Congregational/Council/Stewardship Retreat – Sunday, October 30

Heidi Unruh is a consultant who helps followers of Jesus to reflect on, identify, and utilize the God-given gifts within their community. This is sometimes referred to as "Asset-Based Community Building". It focuses on being attentive to and

building on the abundance of our strengths and assets rather than focusing on our deficits and what we don't have. This event will happen in place of our typical Friday evening/Saturday morning Church Council retreat and will be offered more broadly, to the entire congregation on a Sunday morning. As we enter the "stewardship season" it will give us encouragement and direction. Heidi will preach and be the facilitator in the Faith and Issues class.

WDC Annual Assembly 2016

WDC Annual Assembly was held July 29-30 at Bethel College. A hard copy of the minutes is available in our church library. Below is a brief report from our LAMC delegates about their experience of the Assembly –

Amber and Tyler Schroeder:

A highlight of the assembly for us was participating in Marty Troyer's workshop "Right Where You Are". Troyer challenged the group to consider, "When you walk out your front door, what do you see?" We observed that outside our front door we have neighbors that we often see, but don't know many of their names. Others shared that they live in a rural setting and do not see anyone at all out their front door. Troyer and his congregation in Houston have made it a point to find the gospel close to their home. Maybe this means it's time for us to get to know our neighbors better.

Troyer also guided the group to think creatively about the Gospel. We were challenged to read and rewrite scripture from Isaiah to envision the gospel in our own environment; whether it is right outside our door, 5 miles, 25 miles, or even 50 miles away. We also took away the wisdom that we don't have to reinvent the wheel to have an impact in the community. Troyer encouraged us to become aware of how God is already at work and to work together with the agencies, groups, churches, etc....that started the mission.

Ellsworth Kauffman:

We were appointed to tables of 7 or 8. One of the speakers at the conference, Ruth Harder, Pastor of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City showed pictures of an old apartment building in which some of the people were forced out because it had not been kept up. I talked with her afterwards about what Mennonite Housing has been doing in Wichita. She was interested but had no concept of where to start. Since the conference, contact has

been made with my daughter Lisa in Overland Park, and she has made some initial contacts with Neighborworks in Kansas City with whom Mennonite Housing is a member. At our executive meeting here at Mennonite Housing here in Wichita it was discussed to support them with information to give them some ideas and costs, etc. It is hoped that some help can be communicated even from a distance.

Wednesday Evening Activities Are Coming Back!



As the summer winds down, school starts, people are married, we take off Labor Day to celebrate

“work” – Wednesdays are going to perk up! Supper and activities will begin September 7 and go through November 16. Get your house church together to plan, prepare and serve a meal – your family, your friends. We look forward to eating together – and, if you have been the “chef,” you KNOW how much fun cooking together can be! There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office window. Looking forward to dining with you in the fall.

Work of the Church

Church Council Minutes August 16, 2016

Present: Meribeth Buhr, Nathan Ebersole, Mike Feters, Linda Gebert, Lois Harder, Roger Kaufman, Pete Krause, Beth Lichty, Murray Reimer Penner, Karl Swartz, Myra Swartz, Cindy Thompson, Joel and Ruth Tieszen

Karl opened the meeting with a group reading and a prayer.

God's Work Among Us

The minutes of July 19 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our 2016 budget was balanced to only expected maintenance expenses. With the higher air conditioner repair

costs and the desire for an early pay-off of the 633 house loan, our cash balance is lower than planned. We need at least \$87,000 in additional contributions by Dec. 31. So far, 31 individuals have designated \$32,415 of special giving. More information will be provided at the Aug. 28 special congregational meeting.

Treasurer's Report August 13, 2016

	Aug 13 2016	Dec 31 2015
Cash		
General fund	21,079	81,775
Loan reserve	40,577	-
Restricted	18,643	39,646
Total	80,298	121,422
32 weeks	Year to date	Budget ytd
Contributions	210,582	(194,909)
Expenses	(194,529)	(243,446)
Loan pymts scheduled	(2,775)	(2,775)
Loan pymts advanced	(31,649)	(48,985)
Expenses	Year to date	Budget ytd
Supported organizations	(26,250)	(29,650)
Programs	(1,610)	(5,539)
Programs	(3,971)	(3,139)
Programs	(4,118)	(4,000)
Maintenance	(27,470)	(10,461)
Utilities	(13,961)	(14,277)
Property insurance	(6,750)	(6,100)
Office	(5,476)	(7,653)
Interest expense	(3,192)	(3,876)
Wages and benefits	(101,730)	(110,215)
Total	(194,529)	(194,909)

Furthering the Kingdom

The Special Congregational Meeting will be held August 28. Marv Zehr and Nita Nikkel, representatives of WDC Church Plant Commission, will be here talking about church plants. Following their presentations, we will discuss possible funding. There will be a report from the Aposento Alto search committee regarding the new pastoral candidate. We will also have a financial report from our Treasurer.

The scheduling of the **fall Congregational Meeting** will be postponed until after the Stewardship schedule is planned.

633 House: Lois gave the Council an overview of the “learning curve” with using the 633 house as an IRC emergency residence. The LAMB board is in the process of forming a committee of four people to liaison with IRC and deal with maintenance issues at the house. With the first resident, Lois had to spend a good deal of time on issues. IRC appreciates our using it as emergency housing.

Family Promise: Two people from Family Promise visited and we reviewed and approved the Lease Agreement. FP is planning an open house at the FP Day Center (TLC) on September 18. They will plan and advertise the event. Host churches, LAMC folks, and the neighborhood will be invited. On November 19 they will have the "big opening" of the Day Center. They would like to have a LAMC member on their Executive Board.

Lois reported that the **WDC Annual Assembly** did not deal with any issues, only elections. A report is in the library.

The Council Retreat will have a different format this year. An individual determined by Lois and Beverly Baumgartner may be invited to speak during worship and the Sunday School time following, involving all church attendees, not just Council members. Possible date is October 30.

We closed with a group reading.

Linda Gebert, Church Clerk

Board of Deacons Minutes August 9, 2016

Attendees: Mike Feters, Adella Ozor, Cheryl Schmidt, Myra Swartz, Susan Unruh, Miles Thompson

We Gather in God's Name

Devotion was skillfully offered by Adella. In spite of the hopelessness presented to us by news media, God is in control. She recited text from the hymn; Praise with Joy the world's Creator (p.16 Sing the Journey).

Sharing Our Present Work

- 1.) New deacon selection
Passionate and thoughtful discussion resulted in several candidates.
- 2.) Western District Conference
Adella reflected on her experience at the conference and concern for a church that left the conference.
- 3.) Church Family Concerns
Thoughtful discussion centered on concerns and needs of the congregation.
- 4.) Others

Looking to the future:

Adella is on call for August; Sylvia for September
Next Deacon's meeting is September 13th, 2016.

Devotions: Sylvia; Host: Susan

Church council attendees: August 16 - Myra and Mike.

Submitted by Miles Thompson

Lorraine Avenue Mission Board Minutes August 2, 2016

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

We Gather in God's Name: (Present: CB, Pete, Connie, Meribeth, Jeremy, Lois)

Sharing Our Present Work:

July 5, 2016 minutes -- approved

Ellsworth Kaufman gave us an update on Mennonite Housing

Bluffview Place open house Sept. 7, 2:00 p.m 28 units (temporary housing for victims of domestic abuse)--\$4 million project (70% Menno Housing/30% Catholic sisters)

Two other major projects in progress

Ellsworth spoke with Ruth Harder, pastor of Rainbow Mennonite in KC, about her interest in a program in KC similar to Menno Housing

CB reported on the Church Council meeting.

633 House Update--Lois/CB

Loan repayment status--need roughly \$40,576 to pay off the loan

Appliances--we would gratefully accept the offered donation of a used clothes washer. Washer can be stored in the garage until an appropriate opportunity for installation is available.

Meeting with IRC representatives to review rental agreement--Lois

Bereket will be vacating the house by August 26 due to his failure to fulfill his part of the agreement with IRC relative to his housing needs.

The board spent considerable time discussing future use of the house in relation to IRC

There is a real need for 'emergency' type housing where IRC could place people in critical situations

We recommend formation of a small group (3?) to 'manage' the house

Meribeth and Lois will work on ideas for such a committee and present them to the church council.
Family Promise Update--Jeremy and Lois
Results of congregational survey--additional responses will be sought from the congregation
City of Wichita hearing--some issues are still under discussion with the city

Aposento Alto update--Lois and Pete
Pastoral candidate is being considered --Angel Campos and his wife will be coming August 14 to visit the Aposento Alto congregation

Pete will attend a meeting of the supporting congregations tonight this Thursday

1st budgeted quarterly commitment of \$5000 has been sent to WDC.

We are also due to make the 2nd quarterly commitment payment.

A special congregational meeting has been called for August 28 to discuss our future involvement with this church plant.

LAMP: LAMP Thanksgiving drive will be on Sunday, November 20--suggest families might wish to sponsor a kit (\$45 value) or a monthly delivery cost (\$450).

New Business:

There has been a great response to the MCC appeal for Hygiene Kits and School Kits. Thank you will go into the bulletin.

TKAAM annual Trailblazers event September 16 (The Kansas African American Museum). Would LAMC want to purchase a table for the event? We will continue this as an email discussion. (Update: cost for a table is \$100 per person with 10 persons per table = \$1000)

Lois will post information about a poverty simulation in Hutchinson, August 31.

Submitted by Connie White

Board of Trustees Minutes August 14, 2016

Attendees: Al Beck, Nathan Ebersole, Roger Kaufman, Bryce Schmidt, Joel Tieszen, Robert Gaeddert

Meeting chaired by: Roger

Intercom button --- Roger got a phone call Saturday evening about a strange noise coming from the locked secretary's office. It turned out to be one of the intercoms (there is one at the north building entrance and the south entrance) that had a button stuck down and was causing the unit in the office to beep continuously. Sheesh.

Big air conditioning system --- our big system is up and cooling again with the newly-replaced compressor in the boiler room. Repairs were also made to little individual circuit breakers that are housed in metal conduit boxes in 4 of the 6 air handler closets.

Insurance --- We filed a claim with our church insurance company, claiming that a lightning strike caused damage to our a/c equipment. The insurance company has a lightning strike report that shows lightening did not strike our premises on the day our problems started, so they have denied our claim. Roger and Murray are following up with our insurance agent about adding to our policy to cover these events.

Westar Energy --- Can we make a claim against Westar Energy, claiming their failure to provide the proper power to our building is what damaged our equipment? None of the Trustees has ever heard of anyone making a claim against the power company.

Office air conditioning system --- We had to call in our electrical contractor, Graf Electric, to replace a rusted-out shutoff box up on the roof that was blocking power to the compressor unit that powers our office a/c system.

Room 208 air conditioning --- The separate a/c system that cools room 208 on the 2nd floor quit working just after the big system came back online, our Fahnestock repair tech found and replaced a toasted motor-starting capacitor.

Elevator inspection --- A few weeks ago the city inspector was at the church for our annual elevator safety test. This is the test that broke our elevator

a year ago. This time we passed with flying colors, and they even commented that the oil leak is not leaking anymore. That is good news!

Boiler inspection --- The state boiler inspector was recently at the church. Our boiler passed the inspection, but he said it could use a bit of cleanup on the floor underneath the gas burners. We'll do that when we start it up in the fall.

Water heaters --- One of our two hot water heaters has quit working. The pilot light went out and cannot be re-lit. This is very disappointing, as we had a lot of trouble with these water heaters just 6 months ago in February. We ended up getting one replaced and one repaired. For providing a large volume of water for the dishwasher, we should consider a tankless water heater. We will do some research.

Meeting interrupted --- This is the point in the meeting where the Trustees noticed that the air handlers had gone quiet and were not pushing out any cold air. We know what causes this, and went right to the 220-V circuit breaker panel in the boiler room. The master breaker had tripped off, and could not be reset until it cooled down (apparently) for a few minutes. We are trying to figure out what is causing this to happen occasionally, at inopportune times.

Broken window --- The Trustees took a look at the east window in Pastor Lois' office. The storm window has a baseball-sized hole in it. We will get this repaired.

Fluorescent lights --- Robert has done some work on the light fixtures in the secretary's office and other places. Now there is light where there was darkness.

Church Council meeting this Tuesday --- This month's Church Council meeting is this Tuesday, August 16.

Next meeting - Our next Trustees monthly meeting will be Sept. 11, 2016.

Written and submitted by Roger Kaufman

Board of Christian Education Minutes August 13, 2016

Gathering & Prayer Children/ Youth

Mentor/Mentee gathering rescheduled to Aug 10. Good turnout.

Prepare & mail parent & teacher letter for *fall Sunday school*. UGH!!

Starting with *fall teachers on Sept. 4th*. Continue with summer teachers through Aug.

Distribute updated Sunday school lists to classrooms.

Ellen Ebersole is teaching *preschool*. Grayce Kaufmann is teaching *Kindergarten & 1st*. Beth Lichty is teaching *2nd-4th*. Jill Robinson & Judy Ebersole are teaching *8th-12th*. *Natasha will remain as a substitute. Kelly will remain a floater* for the rooms that need one. *Pete agreed to help on random days when shorthanded. Katie is willing to help with a class after the Jim Crowe Series.*

Bev & Joel wish to teach a Faith Formations Through Games class for those interested. Will be held in basement corner room. Joel has matched games with the lectionary text.

Match new 6th graders with a mentor. Sophia Dunkelberger, Sam Unzicker, Leah Robinson, Cameron Cleary, Braeden Cleary

Adult

Other

Suggestions, positives, negatives for *alternate Sunday school gatherings?*

Education Sunday is tomorrow. Presenting bibles to 1st graders. Announcing new teachers. *Thanking Linda Doll for service.*

Safe Sanctuary training with Kathy Wiens in fall. Take place during worship and F&I. There would be a lunch with training for Sunday school teachers. *Oct. 30 HMC & LAMC are considering swapping teachers.* Bev knows more.

Appoint director of *children's Christmas program*.

Coming Up

Church council Tues Aug 16 at 7pm; *BOCE* Sat Sept 10 at 11am.

Submitted by Beth Lichty



Birthdays and ANNIVERSARIES

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

1	Adrian Bartel	
1	Eldon Epp	
2	Jeff White	
5	Karen Young	
6	Betty Balton	
6	Bill Morris	
6	Rachel Tamerius	
6	Elease Thompson	
9	LuVerna Duerksen	
9	Martha Wiebe	
9	Doyle Wilcox	
10	Magdalena Nyagwegwe	
10	Dixie Schlabach	
10	Jason Streit	
11	Stephen Carty	
13	ALANA & VIRGIL EWY (56th)	1960
14	Mike Poage	
20	Linda Buller	
20	Adella Ozor	
22	Joel Ewy	
22	LaVona Franz	
23	Reid Kaufman	
23	JOEL EWY, BEVERLY BAUMGARTNER(21)t	1995
24	Delores Funk	
25	Sandy Hayden	
26	Roland Krause	
26	DON & ELSIE STEELBERG (57th)	1959
26	DALE BLAINE & VICKI LITTELL	2015
27	Pam Epp	
28	Madeline Harder	1994
28	Heather Hayden	
29	Cameron Nicole Cleary (13)	2003

PayPal 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.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies-GR 5:00 Lifestyle Strategies – GR	2 12:00 Yoga	3
4	5 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	6	7 4:45 Yoga 5:30 Shining Lights 5:45 Supper 6:30-7:15 Bible Study; kids' act's 7:15 Chancel Choir	8 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies – GR 5:00 Lifestyle Strategies – GR	9 12:00 Yoga	10 11:00 BOCE
11 10:45 Trustees	12 1:30 Library 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	13 7:00 Council	14 10-12 NAMI-GRm 4:45 Yoga 5:30 Shining Lights 5:45 Supper 6:30-7:15 Bible Study; kids' act's 6:30 Music Cmte-Lib 7:15 Chancel Choir	15 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies-GR 5:00 Lifestyle Strategies 7:00 <i>knitting4peace</i>	16 12:00 Yoga	17
18	19 <i>Messenger</i> articles due 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	20	21 4:45 Yoga 5:30 Shining Lights 5:45 Supper 6:30-7:15 Bible Study; kids' act's 7:15 Chancel Choir	22 12:00 Lifestyle Strategies – GR 5:00 Lifestyle Strategies – GR	23 12:00 Yoga	24
25	26 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	27	28 4:45 Yoga 5:30 Shining Lights 5:45 Supper 6:30-7:15 Bible Study; kids' act's 7:15 Chancel Choir	29	30	



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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).*