

The Lorraine Avenue Messenger

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Worship during May

Sunday, May 1 – preacher, Lois Harder
Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10,22-22:5; John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 8 – preacher, Tom Harder
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 15 – **Pentecost Sunday!** preacher,
Michelle Armster
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Sunday, May 22 – preacher David Mathis
Psalm 34:14

Sunday, May 29 – preacher, Tom Harder
I Kings 18:20-21, 30-39; Psalm 96;
Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

Connectedness and Communion

At the monthly Church Council meeting Karl Swartz, Council chair, opened with a meditation by Fr. Richard Rohr called “Community as Alternative Consciousness”. The first paragraph said: “If the Trinity reveals that God is relationship itself, then the goal of the spiritual journey is to discover and move toward connectedness on ever new levels. The contemplative mind enjoys union on all levels. We may begin by making little connections with other people and with nature and animals, then grow into deeper connectedness with people. Finally, we can experience full connectedness as union with God. Remember, *how you do anything is how you do everything*. Without connectedness and communion, we don't exist fully as our truest selves. Becoming who we really are is a matter of learning how to become more and more deeply connected. No one can possibly go to heaven alone--or it would not be heaven.”

As we here at LAMC continue on our faith journey together and discover “connectedness on ever new levels”, it is exciting to follow where we feel The Spirit leading us! Building on the work of the Long Range Planning Task Force, the Missional Priorities Task Force has completed their assignment and offered our congregation their recommendations (see Reid Kaufmann's report). One observation from that group is, “To be missional means to be *sent*. Since our buildings (one of our task force's focus) are close to us, it made finding a way to be *sent* a challenge. That said, our houses present some of the most externally facing opportunities for our congregation.”

Perhaps using The Lorraine Center (TLC) as the Day Center for the Family Promise organization (see a brief description below) and housing immigrants in the new so-called “633 Property” in cooperation with the International Rescue Committee (brief description included below) are indeed, ways for us to make connections with other people, leading us to a more full and connected union with God.

Thanks to Murray Reimer Penner for his report (below), explanation and encouragement to pay off our loan on the new property. Please read on to learn more about these Missional opportunities here at Lorraine Avenue – and think about ways you might participate in them!

Family Promise and the Interfaith Hospitality Network – a national organization based in Summit, New Jersey. www.familypromise.org

“People of faith and religious communities want to respond to the needs of their homeless ‘neighbors’, but often lack a vehicle to focus their efforts. What can we do to help? Where do we begin? How do we become part of the solution? Family Promise provides a way. Family Promise enables religious groups to unite hearts and hands to provide shelter, meals, and compassionate assistance for homeless families. By uniting ten to thirteen congregations, plus day center and social service agencies, Family Promise Affiliates can do what individuals alone cannot do. In Family Promise's Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program, a Host

congregation furnishes clean, safe, overnight lodging and nutritious meals for approximately five families (14 people) for one week, once every two or three months. During Host Week, other congregations may provide additional volunteers to support the Host group – making healthy breakfasts and suppers, playing with children or helping them study and talking with parents after a long day.

How it works – Family Promise’s Affiliates are formed primarily from existing resources so they can be implemented quickly, without major start-up costs. Programs vary from community to community, reflecting local needs and resources. However, there are five basic components to Family Promise:

- Host Congregations
- Volunteers
- Social Service Agencies
- Day Center (*LAMC’s involvement)
- Transportation

Host Congregations – About five times a year – for one week at a time – Host congregations provide overnight lodging, meals (supper, breakfast, and brown-bag lunch), and hospitality. Hosting rotates among an average of thirteen Host congregations in the Affiliate, which provide lodging for up to fourteen individuals no more than five families from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next morning.

Volunteers – Volunteers are the heart of Family Promise; without them, it cannot exist. Volunteers provide a variety of services: cooking and serving meals, playing with children or helping them with homework, and staying overnight. Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion.

Social Service Agencies – Local social service agencies refer families to the Affiliate. The agencies may also help guests find housing, jobs, and government entitlements. Since Family Promise is primarily staffed by volunteers, guests are screened for active substance abuse or psychiatric problems.

Day Center – Guests use a local center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to shower, care for pre-school children, and seek employment. Many guests are employed during the day and go to work. During the school year, children go to school. The day center provides guests with a mailing address and a home base from which to conduct their housing search; it also serves as the office for the director.

Transportation – An Affiliate supplied van transports guests to and from the day center. The van also carries bedding and luggage to the next Host congregation.”

The International Rescue Committee – (from their web site)

The IRC in Wichita opened in September, 2011. Our mission is to empower refugees to rebuild their lives, restore their sense of dignity, and fully participate in their new communities by providing compassionate support, resources and programs tailored to their unique needs. The assistance we provide includes:

- A furnished home
- Help with rent
- Health care
- Nutritious, affordable food
- English language classes
- Help building job and financial literacy skills
- Education for children
- Social services and community support
- Other necessities such as clothing and warm blankets, cultural orientations, and, most importantly, assistance in finding and maintaining employment are also provided.

About our guest preachers

Presently, **Michelle E. Armster** is the Transitional Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. Previously, Michelle worked for MCC for 12 years. During her employment, she was the director of Mennonite Conciliation Service (MCS) and co- director for the Office on Justice and Peacebuilding (OJP). In her positions, she provided resourcing, consulting, and training for churches, agencies, and communities on conflict transformation and restorative justice. She has many years of extensive training and experience in meditation, facilitation, conciliation, restorative justice, arbitration, victim/offender mediation, anti-racism, and alternatives to violence. She has served on various community boards, such as the Lancaster YWCA, The SpiritHouse Project, Inc., Lancaster Mediation Center, and Lancaster NAACP. She graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary’s Masters of Divinity program in 2007. For 4 1/2 years, she served as a co-pastor of St. Andrew United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA. For 2 years, she served as the associate pastor for community outreach at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA.

David (Dave) Mathis is a relatively new member of Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church. He comes from Hillsboro where he was a member of First Mennonite Church there for 20+ years. Dave and his wife Linda were married over 41 years and together raised a family of three children, now all married, who collectively provided them with the joy of seven grandchildren.

Dave and Linda both served in many capacities at FMC in Hillsboro, Linda as church secretary for some 12 years and Dave in a number of leadership and other positions. Linda passed away suddenly in July, 2013.

Dave taught adult classes at FMC and was also asked to fill the pulpit many times over the years. He has always appreciated such occasions as opportunities to personally grow and learn. He now is very happy to call Wichita and Lorraine Avenue home!

Happy Birthday, LAMP!

The Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Pantry is 18 years old! There will be a birthday party on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 during fellowship hour. Celebrate our past 17 years of partnership with Youth Development Services and our new collaboration with International Rescue Committee. Help restock the shelves to welcome our new refugee neighbors with household supplies. Suggested birthday gifts are:



- Laundry detergent (40-60 load size)
- Dish detergent (20-28 oz.)
- Paper towels (large roll)
- Toilet paper (4 rolls totaling 1200 2-ply sheets)
- Kitchen/bathroom spray cleaner (32 oz.)
- Scrubber sponges (3-4/pk)
- Bath soap bars (3 bars)
- Toothpaste (large tube)
- Trash bags (13 gal. Tall kitchen bags —25 count)
- \$\$\$ for purchase of wastebaskets, brooms, dustpans, lightbulbs and other supplies

Financial contributions are especially encouraged. We anticipate contributing 120-160 kits this year to help furnish homes and apartments for individuals and families at a cost of \$4000-6000. Come celebrate this program together!

- Connie White

Tenting Tonight on the Old Campground

Our congregation's weekend at Camp Mennoscah will be June 4th & 5th. It's always a time of fun, fellowship, eating, playing, worshipping, singing and being together. Here's a preliminary schedule for the weekend:

Saturday:

- 2:00 check-in opens
- 2:30-5:30 free time - games and activities (river play, sports equipment, etc)
- 3:30-5:30 pool open, lifeguard on duty
- 6:00 supper (provided)
- 7:30 talent show
- 8:30 camp fire
- 9:30 snacks

Sunday:

- 7:30-8:30 breakfast (provided)
- 10:00 worship service
- 12:30 potluck lunch
- 2:00 check-out deadline

If you plan to stay overnight and/or join for the supper and breakfast meals, please let Ruth Tieszen (316-680-4747, tieszen.ruth@gmail.com) know the number of people in your group so that we can plan accordingly. Lodging will be on a first-come-first-served basis on Saturday during check-in.



This year, we are asking everyone who will be attending to sign up to assist in cleaning the common areas used during our stay at Camp. There will be a sheet outside the church office during the month of May with the various cleaning tasks. There will also be a sign-up sheet to help provide food for breakfast Sunday morning. Feel free to sign up as a family, individual, house church. If you will be staying overnight, please sign in upon your arrival at Camp at the ping pong tables in the dining hall. For detailed information on the various facilities, please reference <http://campmennoscah.org/assets/Policies-Regulations.pdf> or ask Ruth Tieszen. We ask that you bring your own bed linens and shower/pool towels to avoid additional fees.

We will again be doing a cold salad potluck lunch for the Sunday noon meal. Please **bring a salad to share** that does not need to be heated. We will be

using the camp dishes, so **no need to bring your own place setting** this year.

The church pays for the camp expenses – all are welcome and encouraged to attend! If you would like to expand your regular giving to help pay for the weekend, here are some suggested donations based on the costs for the weekend:

Day only: \$10/adult, \$5/child

Staying in Retreat Center: \$50/adult, \$30/child

Staying in Bunk House: \$35/adult, \$25/child

Staying in Cabin/Tent/Camper: \$30/adult,
\$20/child

A friendly reminder to all that there will be no services at our church building on Sunday, June 5th.

- Ruth Tieszen

Eating Together Is a Good Thing

Another season of eating together Wednesday evenings will end April 27 – we began with Chicken Azteca and we'll end with Black Beans & Cheese Casserole and Mexican Wedding Cake. Thanks to EVERYONE – from the chefs (Catherine Everingham, Myra Swartz and the Deacons [sounds like a doo-wop group, doesn't it?], 12 Angry Mennonites, the Peace Committee, Grayce Kaufmann, Anne and Kerm Daum, Linda Doll, Asha House Church, Sylvia Schmidt and Alison Wenzel, Katie and Jeremy Mitchell-Koch, Nadine Reimer Penner, Lois Harder), the cleaner-uppers for sure, and, especially the diners! It's good to be together, share supper and visit. Dinners and other Wednesday evening activities will start up again in September.

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.



Wellness Committee

As children of God, we seek to nurture and encourage wholeness within our church family.
Committee members: Ruth Holliday, Janet Kaufman, Marie Krehbiel, Kathy Long, Dolly Seibel, and Myra Swartz.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROLONGS YOUR OPTIMAL HEALTH

Your body needs regular physical activity for strength, stamina and to function well. For each hour of regular exercise, research indicates you'll gain about two additional hours of life expectancy, even if you don't start until middle age. Moderate exercise, such as brisk walking for as little as 30 minutes a day, gives you



these benefits:

Improves blood circulation, reducing the risk of heart disease

Keeps weight under control

Helps in the battle to quit smoking
Improves blood cholesterol levels
Prevents and manages high blood pressure
Prevents bone loss
Boosts energy level
Helps manage stress
Releases tension
Counters anxiety and depression
Helps you fall asleep faster and sleep more soundly
Improves self-image
Increases muscle strength, increasing ability to do other physical activities
Reduces coronary heart disease in women by 30-40 percent
Reduces risk of stroke by 20 percent in moderately active people and by 27 percent in highly active ones

(From *The American Heart Association*)

Enjoy the spring weather and say hello to your neighbors—start walking.

From the Wellness Committee

Congratulations!

Megan (Pinkerton) Miller graduates May 14, from WSU, with her clinical doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.). Audiologists with this designation have completed a minimum of three years of graduate course work in audiology and an additional one-year clinical externship in the field of audiology that is supervised by a licensed audiologist. The clinical doctorate has a medical focus in the coursework. On the basis of her GPA and leadership, Megan was also nominated by the faculty in her department for the Alpha Eta Honor Society Award. Congratulations Megan!



Susan Schultz Huxman has been chosen as the next president of Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

A “don’t miss” opportunity! Meals for 8 (more or less)

The deacons are organizing folks into groups to meet in homes for food and fellowship. You can sign up be **a guest** or **a host** or **both**. If you sign up to be a host, there will be a slot to enter the number of guests you are comfortable hosting. The host will be responsible for coordinating the food for the meal and setting the time and date; guests may be asked to bring food. If you sign up to be a guest, you will be assigned to a host’s home by the deacons for your get-together. Sign-up sheets will be in the south lobby starting April 24 and will remain until May 24. You will be notified in June as to who your guests are if you are hosting or who your host will be if you are a guest. Please feel free to contact any of the deacons if you have questions. They are Mike Feters, Adella Ozor, Myra Swartz, Sylvia Schmidt, Cheryl Schmidt, Miles Thompson, and Susan Unruh.



Work of the Church

Board of Deacons Minutes April 12, 2016

Attendees: Myra, Cheryl, Tom, Mike, Susan, Lois, Adella, Sylvia

We Gather in God’s Name

Devotions were led by Myra reading from the book Quiet Moments for your Soul by Steve Chapman. The passages consisted of reflections of God’s Hope and Comfort based on hymns. Tonight’s message came from the song “Fairest Lord Jesus”.

Sharing Our Present Work

Accountability Committee updates were discussed. *Reports from Deacons* who were responsible for contacting designated committees were given. Feedback from *Holy Humor Sunday* was discussed. Has it run its course? Because of the voluminous amount of time and effort required and also because “humor” is such a personal and unique experience for each individual, the deacons agreed that a committee of two or three people will be needed for planning and putting the service together.

Meals for 8 – Several years ago there was a time

when groups of eight (more or less) would meet in homes for food and fellowship. At that time, the deacons assigned individuals who would fellowship together for a meal for the purpose of getting to know each other better. A note in the next Messenger will explain this further.

Marva Weigelt Retreat, "Naming Our Pain." Lois will contact Marva for the possibility of our church sponsoring a retreat.

Church Family Concerns were discussed.

Looking to the Future

Miles is on call for April; Myra on call for May. Next Deacons meeting: May 10, 2016: Devotions Miles; Hostess Cheryl. Church Council Attendees for April 19, Susan and Sylvia

Submitted by Sylvia Schmidt

Lorraine Avenue Mission Board Minutes April 14, 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—After touring the 633 house, CB opened the meeting with a prayer

Sharing Our Present Work:

The board toured the 633 house with IRC representatives; discussion by the board of possible use of the property followed. March 4 minutes were approved. Pete reported on the *Church Council Report and the Church Plant* - need a 2nd representative to support committee; Amber Schroeder will be our Pastoral search committee representative. *Family Promise update* (temporary assistance to homeless families)—Jeremy: Missional Task Force asked for info about the experiences of other churches with a *day center*. Jeremy has had several responses. Clarify dual use by church and Family Promise. At this point the Missional Task Force is supportive of the possibility of TLC use for this. Family Promise has asked to have plumbers, electricians etc. look at the house and make proposals to LAMC. CB will contact Roger to let him know this is happening. *Menno Housing report*: Contacts with Menno Housing will be *Ellsworth Kaufman and Bryce Schmidt*. *Greater*

Wichita Ministerial League has chosen not to meet in our church. LAMP Report - LAMP is on track to deliver 10 kits per month. Lamp birthday planned for May 8 (Mother's Day). There will be announcements in enews, Messenger. *Update on status of committees for next year*: Lord's Diner—Marie will continue as our coordinator; MDS – needs a new representative; Operation Holiday—CB will ask Linda Doll to continue; New LAMB member position still needs to be filled.

New Business:

Discussion of restricted funds under LAMB: *LAMP* (\$3700 at beginning of year-- roughly \$1500 used to date, anticipate need of \$4800-6000 to meet goal for this year). Discussion of other restricted funds was tabled until next meeting. CB will arrange to have LAMB contribution sent to Camp Mennoscah. *Upcoming Events*: Children's clothing sale April 16 (prep April 15); *service at Hope Mennonite* on April 17, followed by potluck meal. *Council Meeting – April 19 at 7:00 p.m* -- Pete and CB will attend; next LAMB board—Friday, May 6, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Connie White

Board of Trustees Minutes April 10, 2016

Attendees: Al Beck, Nathan Ebersole, Roger Kaufman, Wes Miller, Bryce Schmidt, Joel Tieszen; meeting chaired by Roger

Church keys and locks --- church folks often comment to us that their church keys don't fit very well in some of the church's door locks. This probably comes from generations of copying keys. Variation eventually increases. We should talk to our locksmith vendor to see if there is anything that can be done.

MennoKate outside light --- Lois says the back door light is working fine since Robert fixed it.

Motion-sensor light switches --- still trying to find time to install our evaluation unit in the basement men's restroom.

Snow removal --- Last year we arranged for snow removal with a new vendor, but over the winter months there was not even one snowfall before a Wednesday evening or a Sunday morning, so we have not had to use the service at all!

Ice melter --- We bought two new bags of ice melter salt at the start of the winter, and they are still sitting near the north lobby door, unused. Perhaps it's time to take them down to basement storage.

Replacing fluorescent light bulbs --- We installed the LED fluorescent tube replacement in the choir rehearsal room to see how we like it. There is one little problem. Because of the way the tubes lock into the fixture, the LEDs are facing sideways instead of down. Roger has started an e-mail negotiation with the manufacturer to see if they have a solution for us.

Chancel floodlight out --- one of the 8 big track lights above the sanctuary chancel area burned out last week. We think there is still at least one spare in the basement storage area. Perhaps we should consider an LED bulb for this application.

MennoKate patio cover --- The pastors reported more noise from the fiberglass patio cover when strong winds are blowing. Al climbed up (again) and put in more special screws with the special rubber washers.

Rainwater --- After the meeting, the Trustees went to the sanctuary to look at the slight rainwater leak near the south lobby door. We will keep an eye on this, and Robert is following up with Midwest Roofing.

Lawn mowing --- The lawn at the 633 House is getting pretty tall. We should call our mowing service and direct them to add that lawn to our job. Roger will call.

Next meeting - Our next Trustees monthly meeting will be May 8, 2016.

Written and submitted by Roger Kaufman

Board of Christian Education Minutes April 9, 2016

Present: Beth Lichty, Cindy Thompson, Cathy Everingham, Bev Baumgartner, Grayce Kaufmann

Opening

Beth read from a Dietrich Bonhoeffer devotional on active helpfulness and acts of service as essential to life together in Christian community.

Children/youth

VBS, *June 20-24*, Hope Mennonite Church, 9-12 with a barnyard theme. It is time to begin promoting *summer camps* in the bulletin & newsletter. Each camper can receive a \$25 scholarship. Shining Lights choir director position is now in the hands of the Music Committee. Class lists have been updated and placed in classrooms. Summer curriculum will be ordered and a summer rotation of Sunday school teachers will be created.

Adult

May 1, Trouble I've seen conversation ends. *May 8*, Kathy Wiens will speak to Faith & Issues on her autobiographical book. *May 15, 22, 29*: CB on behalf of LAMB; The Mennonite--Hannah Heinzekehr; Willard Ebersole. Sermon discussion will begin *June 12*. *Three-week summer recess begins July 24*. Faith & Issues will begin discussion of New Jim Crow on *August 14*.

Other

Teacher Appreciation Sunday is May 29. Cathy will provide gifts for teachers. The nursery committee needs two new members.

Coming up

Next church council meeting Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 pm. BOCE meets next on Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am.

Submitted by Bev Baumgartner

Church Council Minutes April 19, 2016

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church
Church Council, April 19, 2016

Present:

Beverly Baumgartner, CB Balbierz, Nathan Ebersole, Mike Feters, Linda Gebert, Lois Harder, Tom Harder, Roger Kaufman, Reid Kaufmann, Pete Krause, Murray Reimer Penner, Jill Robinson, Sylvia Schmidt, Karl Swartz, Joel Tieszen, Susan Unruh, Connie White

Karl opened the meeting with a daily meditation from Fr. Richard Rohr on connectedness, and offered a prayer.

God's Work Among Us

- The minutes of March 15 were approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Contributions to the general fund are above budget, but less than last year at this same time. However,

people have made special donations to pay towards the principal of the loan for the 633 property. Murray would like to encourage people to donate towards this as over time a substantial amount of interest can be saved. Murray pointed out that the difference in the MCUSA and WDC amounts paid resulted when last years were paid earlier than usual.

Furthering the Kingdom

- Missional Priorities Task Force – Reid Kaufmann read the final report from the task force. The three main points in the report were that the task force recommends moving forward with Family Promise to make use of the TLC as a day center; to continue making plans with IRC to use the 633 house to house immigrants; and down the line, to renovate our main building to improve its appeal, and improve wayfinding if that can be done without expanding the building’s footprint. The entire report will be printed in the May Messenger. There was considerable discussion of plans for the two houses, TLC and 633, and future plans following the findings of the task force, but no definitive decisions were made at this point. There will need to be contracts with each organization.
- Staff Relations: Terry, Karl, Myra, Melanie and Nadine have met with Tom and Lois Harder regarding the transition of Lois Harder to a full time position for the time being.
- Council Retreat. A presenter that the council was interested in having was unable to come in the time frame we desired, so it may be postponed to when he’d be available.
- There will be a Congregational Meeting on June 12, and the main focus will be on the Missional Priorities Task force recommendations and where we go from here. Special guests from IRC and Family Promise may be invited to give brief presentations. Board nominees and officers joining since the last congregational meeting will need to be voted in.
- No new business.
- We closed the meeting wishing Lois a happy birthday.

Submitted by Linda Gebert, Church Clerk

Treasurer's Report

April 15, 2016

	Apr 15 2016	Dec 31 2015	Year Ago
Cash			
General fund	57,595	81,775	98,677
Loan reserve	57,857	-	-
Restricted	18,725	39,646	20,283
Total ▶	134,177	121,422	118,960

15 weeks	Year to date	Budget	Year Ago
Contributions	127,153	114,131	133,068
Expenses	(74,699)	(85,268)	(84,728)
Building purchase	(1,040)	-	-
Principal advanced	(15,900)	(17,538)	-
Principal scheduled	(1,171)	(1,171)	-
Restricted funds	(21,586)	(21,500)	(34,899)
Net cash change ▶	12,756	(11,346)	13,441

Expenses	Year to date	Budget	Year Ago
Education	1,576	1,471	1,548
Mission	400	2,597	2,551
Trustees	11,552	13,358	8,618
Deacons	1,095	1,875	1,089
MC USA and WDC	8,925	8,925	19,550
Office	1,343	1,673	2,308
Copier	1,841	2,020	2,848
Interest	1,679	1,679	-
Wages, benefits	46,289	51,670	46,216
Total ▶	74,699	85,268	84,728

Building 633 Loan

Original balance	75,000
Current balance	57,857
Advance payments	15,900
Interest saved	17,675



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 (8)
- 2 Eric Crawford
- 4 Matthew Ozor
- 4 Daniel Buller
- 4 Cindy Thompson
- 5 Judy Loganbill
- 5 Erica Schmidt
- 7 **NATHAN & OLA BUHR (5th)**
- 8 Cathy Christman
- 8 Tynan Pankratz (10)
- 9 Betty Ratzlaff
- 9 Sarah Shorthill Schmidt
- 11 Melody Stuckey
- 12 John Doerksen
- 12 Katharine Doerksen
- 12 **MILDRED & DON FRANZ (54th)**
- 14 Jim Juhnke
- 16 Sofia Dunkelberger (11)
- 16 **SHARON EICHER & BILL MORRIS (16th)**
- 17 **JEAN WOLLMANN & JOHN SCHMIDT (9th)**
- 17 Michelle Ackland
- 18 Doug Everingham
- 19 **JUDY & NATHAN EBERSOLE (32nd)**
- 20 Sharon Pauls
- 23 **BRUCE & AMANDA GABEL (13th)**
- 25 Linda Hiebert
- 26 **EUNICE & DARREL DOERKSEN (57th)**
- 26 **LINDA & MIKE HIEBERT (43rd)**
- 26 **DIXIE & EARL SCHLABACH (37th)**
- 27 **BETH & ALLAN TANNER (44th)**
- 27 Melanie Mitchell
- 27 Dolly Seibel
- 28 **KELLY & JULIE DUNKELBERGER (22nd)**
- 29 Ellie Morrison
- 30 **MONA & KEVIN DOERKSEN (29th)**

MAY 2016

Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 5:30 Yoga 6:30 OZ Bike Club 6:45 Wellness Group	3 11:30 Lifestyle Strat. 7:00 Wellness Cmte	4 4:45 Yoga 7:00 ChancelChoir	5 1:00 Serendipity	6 12:00 Yoga 5:00 LAMB	7
8 10:45 Trustees	9 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	10 11:30 Lifestyle Strat. 7:00 Deacons	11 4:45 Yoga 7:00 ChancelChoir	12 5:00 LifestyleStrt	13 12:00 Yoga	14
15	16 1:30 Library Cmte 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	17 11:30 Lifestyle Strat. 7:00 Council	18 4:45 Yoga 7:00 ChancelChoir	19 1:00 Serendipity 5:00 Lifestyle Strt. 7:00 <i>knit4peace</i>	20 12:00 Yoga 4:00 Peace Comm	21 11:00 BOCE
22	23  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	24 11:30 Lifestyle Strat.	25 4:45 Yoga 7:00 ChancelChoir	26 5:00 Lifestyle Strt	27	28 8:00 Men's Breakfast
29	30 12-2 Peace Picnic @ Riverside Gazebo 5:00 Lifestyle Strat 5:30 Yoga 6:45 Wellness Group	31 11:30 Lifestyle Strat.			 It's SUMMER!	



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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).*