



“Loving God...Loving Our Neighbor”
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Sending Hymn: “When Peace, Like a River”
 Benediction
 Postlude

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Second Lent ~ Living Ink: Finding Light in Dark Text:

There are many dark things we face and confront in our lives that cause fear. As Christ followers we are invited to face these darkest pages and chapters in our lives without fear, knowing that Christ’s light will shine in the dark.

9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are classes for adults. Please join the class of your choice.

11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude Angela Ishaka
 Welcome and Announcements Dale Martin
 Call to Worship (based on Psalm 27)
 L: The Lord is our light and our salvation: whom shall we fear?
All: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
 L: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek;
All: We seek to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire of the Lord’s temple.
 Opening Prayer
 Congregational Singing Merri-Lee Metzger
 “Morning Has Broken” WB #648
 Prayer of Confession
**All: Hear, O Lord, when we cry aloud. Be gracious to us and answer us.
 Do not turn your servants away in anger, you who have been our help.
 Do not cast us off. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!
 Hear us as we confess our sins in silence. (Pause for silence.)**
 Congregational Song: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” STS #62 vs 1
 Words of Assurance
 Scripture Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Children’s Story
 Song: “I Love to Tell the Story”
 Dismissal for Children’s Sunday School
 Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
 Congregational Singing
 “God of our Strength” WB #36
 Scripture Reading: Luke 13:31-35 Noah Ishaka
 Sermon: “Jesus’ Lament” Nancy Mann
 Hymn of Response: “A Wonderful Savior is Jesus” WB #598
 Time of Sharing, Testimony and Silence
 Pastoral Prayer

Our morning worship services are being videotaped and put on our website.

Church Greeters Today: Ross & Vernelda Weber
 Next Week: Jeff & Gloria Bauman
 Host/Hostess Today: No one scheduled
 Next Week: Clarence & Marilyn Diefenbacher
 Nursery Helpers Today: Chris Kehl
 Next Week: Alina Kehl

Congregational Prayer List

We welcome you to meet God during the worship today. Expect to talk to God today.

Amsey Martin was admitted to Listowel Hospital Thursday evening. Pray for him, Mildred and the family.

Please pray for our **Annual Meeting** that happens this afternoon.

Pray for the local **Lenten Services** that happen on Wednesdays.

Pray for **MCC**. They need donations to cover their local operations costs.

We continue our **season of Lent** this Sunday as we explore together our worship theme: *Living Ink*. If we consider our lives being “written on a page” through our actions every day, do we allow God to be our “co-author,” as we release the pen and give God some control of what is written?

During our time of sharing in the service this Sunday, you are invited to reflect and share on a faith question: **The reflective question for this Sunday is:** “Do you have a special place where God seems near to you? What does it mean to you to be able to go to that place?”

The reflective question for next Sunday is: Think about a joyful time in your life when you felt God’s presence. What did you learn about God through that experience?

This week the **Lenten service** will be Wednesday, 7:00 at Zion Mennonite with Fred Lichti speaking.

THIS WEEK

TODAY, 12:00 – Soup Fundraiser Lunch followed by our Annual Meeting beginning at 1:30. Proceeds to MYF summer Service Trip to Detroit.

TUESDAY, 4:00 – Elders meet at the church.

TUESDAY – Choir begins rehearsals for Easter Sunday (7-7:45) and Good Friday (7:45-8:30).

THURSDAY, 9:30 – Let’s Connect is cancelled for this week and will meet again on March 3rd.

THURSDAY, 7:00 – Hopping Thursdays at the church.

FRIDAY, 8:00 – Men’s breakfast at Crossroads. Reading scripture.

SATURDAY, 7:00 – Mennonites Got Talent! Bring your family for a night of hilarity and maybe even some serious talent! Sign up if you would like to share some of your God-given gifts with the congregation. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary.

SATURDAY, 7:30 – (pre-concert talk at 7:00) at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church.

Menno Singers presents "Music from the Royal Saxon Court at Dresden", joined by Nota Bene Baroque players and soloists Sheila Dietrich, Daniel Cabena, Bud Roach and Dion Mazerolle. Tickets are \$25 (students \$5) available at Music Plus, at the door and online www.mennosingers.com

SATURDAY, 7:30 - Live With Matt Epp: A special Concert Event at First United Church in Waterloo (16 William St. W.) in support of the exciting new Skylight Festival. Matt's concert will be followed by a Skylight Festival 'taster' and refreshments. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

SUNDAY, 11:00 – Fred will be preaching on "Let It Go."

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 29, 7:00 – Mennonite Savings and Credit Union's Special General Meeting at Creekside Church, 660 Conservation Drive, Waterloo. Join us in making the most important decision for our credit union's future - a members' resolution to embrace a new name! There will be an opportunity to cast your vote if you have not already done so using one of the advanced voting options as well as enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Mar. 1, 7:30 – 2016 Rod & Lorna Sawatsky Visiting Scholar, Sir James MacMillan, Scotland's most celebrated composer, "The Spiritual in Music" at Conrad Grebel Great Hall.

Mar. 4, 5 & 6:30 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Teresa's. Advanced tickets until March 2. Cost \$15/adults, \$8/children 12 and under available at 519-669-3387.

Mar. 4, 7:30 – World Day of Prayer Service this year is written by the women of Cuba and will be hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church. All are invited to come and learn about the church in Cuba and to participate in prayers for the peace of our world.

Mar. 5, 9-11:00 – Women's Fellowship Breakfast Buffet at Crossroads \$20 (includes tax and tip). Guest speaker from House of Friendship Alcontrol (Women's Residential Treatment program) -opportunity for cash love offering going towards purchase of bath towels/slippers for the program. Please sign up on pink sheet on bulletin board, at back of church or/let a committee member know (Rosie Martin/Rita Shantz/Sharon Cressman).

More announcements on the insert.

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Mar. 5, 10:30 – Area Seniors Fellowship at Community Mennonite for a 'Spring Migration' presentation by 'birder' Jim Burrell from Linwood. Lunch at 12:00. Tickets \$14 need to be purchased by Feb. 28 from Darrell & Florence Jantzi.

Mar. 5, 7:00 – Inshallah Choir presents *Singing with our Neighbours* at Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterloo. Concert will include members of Mino Ode Kwewak N'gamowak (Good Hearted Women Singers) as well as local Syrian artists. Freewill donation.

Mar. 6, 10:00 – Breakfast and Worship. Breakfast includes blueberry French toast casserole with cinnamon chunky apples and/or maple syrup, sausage, juice, muffins, yogurt, tea and coffee. Cost \$5, children free.

Mar. 6, 3:00 – U of W Chamber Choir and Grand Philharmonic Choir present *The Music of Sir James MacMillan* at St. Peter's Lutheran, Kitchener. Tickets \$30/adults, \$14/under 30, \$5/youth available at Grebel.

Mar. 8, 6:00 – EDSS Youth in Action Club in partnership with Crossing Borders Youth are hosting a fundraiser at the high school. Join us for music, song, spoken word and dance performances by Crossing Borders and E.D.S.S. youth. Tea, coffee and delicious snacks will be provided. Tickets \$10, available at the door. all proceeds are in support of refugee claimants at MCRS. (Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20, including ticket sales.) More details on poster on the bulletin board.

Mar. 12, 6:15 – MEDA's Spring Banquet at Steinmann Mennonite. Speaker: Intissar K. Rajabany, MEDA's Libya Country Manager. Cost \$40/adults, \$10/students. RSVP by March 3. Details on poster on bulletin board.

Mar. 14 or 15 – Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp's Grandparent & Grandchild Days (Grades 1-6). This year's theme is "Family Ties" and activities will revolve around family and family traditions. Brochures in foyer. Register by email at info@hiddenacres.ca or phone at 519-625-8602.

Mar. 19, 8:00 – Elmira Meat Canning Fundraising Breakfast at Calvary United Church. Canned meat supported Jacob Reimer's family when they resettled in northern Ontario 50 years ago. Hear his story and enjoy a gourmet buffet breakfast. Tickets \$12 adults, \$5 ages 6-12 and under 5 free. Call 519-745-8458 to reserve your ticket.

April 23 – WMCEC Annual Enrichment Day at Rouge Valley Mennonite. Theme: "This is My Story, This is My Song" focusing on experiences and stories of our women through the last ten decades. Registration due April 9. They can only accommodate 225 participants.

MYF CORNER

Saturday, 7:00 – MYF join the Mennonites Got Talent at the church.

YAF CIRCLE

Sunday, February 21 – Supper-at-six tonight! Young adults will gather again here at the church for our monthly pot-luck dinner. After dinner we will dig into a Bible study - something new for us. And the following weekend - Skating on a Friday - soup, sandwich, and sundaes on a Sunday..... ask Nancy for details.

Mar. 4-6 – Winter Camp for Grown-Ups: A Weekend Getaway for 20 & 30 Somethings is a collaboration between PiE and Silver Lake Camp. For

more info or to register, please visit www.slmc.ca/retreats or call 519-422-3200.

March calendar items are due to the church office on Thursday.

Greeters and Hosts Needed: Anyone wishing to add their name for the Greeters and/or Hostess list can contact Brenda L. Martin by Feb. 28.

Bible Reading Goals - By Feb. 21 you should have read the OT to Numbers 6 and the NT to Mark 4. Please read to Numbers 24 and to Mark 8 by Feb. 28 to keep on pace for reading the entire Bible in 2016.

Hidden Acres Bowlathon Fundraiser – Sat, Mar. 5th. This is the camp's main annual fundraising activity. Last year \$28,913 was raised! This money will be used for Capital expenses. Please show your support by sponsoring Lorne Bowman. Thank-you!

Camp brochures for this summer are on the table in the foyer.

Leadership Opportunity in MCCO Material Resources Program – The Kitchener location is looking for volunteers to provide education and leadership to groups who come to pack kits and or knot comforters on an as-needed basis. Full training will be provided by MCCO staff. Time requirement varies, but is approximately 2-4 evenings a month, based on availability. Contact Carolyn Gray at CarolynGray@mcco.ca or 519-745-8458 ext. 234.

Job Opportunities

- MCC Ontario, Ontario Program Associate (part-time, 17 month contract position) and Enlace Leader (10 week position starting mid-May). More info at mcccanada.ca/serve.
- Interim Director, Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support. Job description at www.mcrs.ca/get-involved/employment/. Resumes can be sent to sarahmartin.consulting@gmail.com by March 3.
- Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Attendance Secretary. For further information visit www.rockway.ca.