

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**Lent 1**



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*Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.*

*Sunday, February 18, 2018 9:30 a.m.*

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Worship Leader: Helen Baergen

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Scripture Readers : Judy Dyck

Nursery Volunteer: Vicky Dyck

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Organist: Karen Enns

Quartet: Laura Enns, John and Janice Harder, Ed Janzen (Accompanist)

Children's Story: Helen Baergen and Laura Enns

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*Children are welcome in the worship service or younger children may be taken to the Nursery along the Administration Hallway following the Children's Story.*

**Worship Focus:** *"I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, and with every living being." Genesis 9:9*

## **GATHERING**

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Come all you people, come and worship.

**People: Let us worship God who made a covenant with us.**

Leader: Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

**People: Let us worship God who made a covenant with every living creature on the earth.**

**All: Let us worship God who risks everything to covenant with us and to save us.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *"All creatures of our God and King"* Vs. 1,2,3,7

HWB # 48

*"Creation is a song"*

STJ # 24

Scripture I: Psalm 25: 1-10

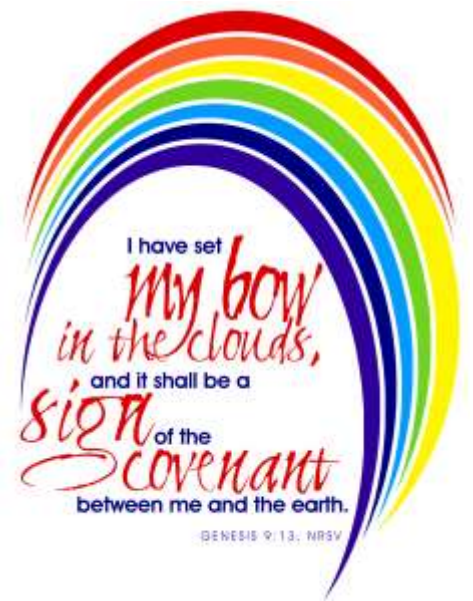
(Old Testament)

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Prayer of Confession: *"Oh, Lord have mercy"* vs. 1 sung 2X  
(Silent Confession)

STJ # 47

Words of Assurance



## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *"The love of God"* Vs. 1,3  
(Children come forward on the last verse)

STJ # 44

Children's Time

Song of Blessing: *"I will bless you"*

*B. M. Suderman*

Congregational Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.



Offering

Anthem: *My dear Redeemer and my Lord* *Isaac Watts*

Scripture Lesson II: Genesis 9: 8-17 (Old Testament) page 6

Sermon: **Me and You and the Creatures Too**

## RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Commitment: *"Nothing is lost on the breath of God"* STS # 121

Benediction:

We are people of God.

We go in God's love to extend God's love, and to live God's promise.

Postlude

***Welcome to our visitors!*** We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer and join us for coffee and fellowship in the gym hallway. God bless you and we hope to see you again!



will resume on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call your usual health care provider for any concerns, or call 911 for emergency or urgent situations.

**Pastor Ben Cassels will be attending School for Ministers** at Conrad Grebel College from Wednesday to Friday of this coming week. He will be available for pastoral calls, however, please be aware that there may be a delay before your call is returned. The church office will be staffed during regular hours this week.

**Quilters and Knotty Knotters** will meet in the basement on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m.



**This Week at W-K**

Tuesday, February 20	9:30 – 11:99 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study - Lounge
	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters and Knotty Knotters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, February 21	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	2:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study – Lower Lounge
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 22	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
Sunday, February 25	Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Youth Event in the gym
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental



**Potato Blitz:** The Community and Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for your generous support of the House of Friendship’s Potato Blitz. We received \$270 in donations and 70 lbs of potatoes.

## Mennonite Men Can Cook - Some More

Note the new dates this year...

**MARCH - Fridays 9, 16 and 23.**

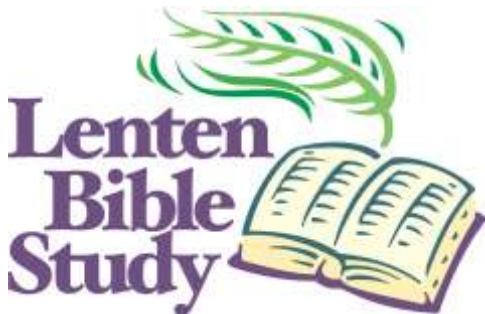
**Sign up** on the lobby window for 1, 2 or all 3 dates!

**Cost \$10/week**, brought to your first class in the gym at WKUM Church, 15 George St. (Invite a friend!)

**Time: 10 a.m.**, but come early for coffee and to visit.

Plan on staying for lunch.

Each week, over two hours, we will taste-test different foods, consider the worth of higher/lower prices, healthier options and which just tastes the best. And it's "hands-on" for everyone as you make something for your lunch and make something to take home to put in the freezer, ready to bake for a future date. Look forward to putting PORK ON YOUR FORK, the theme which will include hams, meatballs, and bacon.



**The Women's Lenten Bible Study** is titled *Praying with Scripture* and will be led by Helen Baergen and Gloria Dirks. It will be held Wednesday afternoons from February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge. All ladies are welcome to attend.

**The Men's Lenten Bible Study** will be from the book *We Make the Road by Walking*, written by Brian McLaren. It will be available for each participant during our first session. It will be held on Tuesday mornings from February 20<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Lounge.

Rudy Baergen will lead the discussion on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome to attend.



**Lent Little Library:** As we explore themes of Biblical Covenant, Land Justice, and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, you're invited to check out our **resource table** in the Lounge, with relevant titles from CommonWord Resource Centre. We invite you to sign out a book, and return it to Laura Enns by **Sunday, March 18th** at the latest. Want to learn more? Feel free to explore other resources in Indigenous-Settler

Relations at: <https://www.commonword.ca/Browse/791>.

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



**Youth** - join in for a pizza lunch event with Erb Street Mennonite youth next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in the gym at Noon here at W-KUM Church.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Healthy Reflections for February is in your mailboxes this morning.**

### Health and Wellness Events:

- WALC Fitness Program - Each Thursday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in our gym; gentle program working on flexibility, strength and balance. No fee, everyone welcome
- Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose (Sugar) Screening
  - Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the gym following Worship
  - Any Thursday at the regular Parish Nurse Clinic from 11:00 a.m. to Noon



### Community Health and Wellness:

- Parenting With Passion – many single evening or multiple evening programs at KW Counselling. Please call 519-884-0000 or email [parenting@kwcounselling.com](mailto:parenting@kwcounselling.com) to register
- Healthy SMILES Ontario – free dental care for **eligible** children and youth under 17 years of age. For more information please call 519-575-4400 Ext. 133304
- WELL-FIT – a free exercise program for individuals with cancer at University of Waterloo. For information please call 519-888-4567 Ext. 36841





**St. John's Lutheran Church** is hosting a series of noon-hour organ recitals on Fridays during Lent. The recitals begin at 12:15 p.m. with a soup luncheon to follow. Suggested donation is \$7.00 per person. All are welcome to attend. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

**Jubilation Male Chorus** along with the Highland Bell Choir will participate in a Benefit Concert in support of Children's Needs Distribution Centre. The concert will take place on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at Highland Baptist Church, 135 Highland Road West in Kitchener beginning at 3:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

Join Mark Diller Harder, Brandon Leis and the **Menno Singers Family of Choirs** (Menno Singers, Menno Youth Singers and Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir) for an mid-winter evening of hymn singing. This evening will include the testing of songs being considered by the Menno Media Resonate Committee for a new Mennonite Hymnal. Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00pm at Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church (57 Stirling Ave. N, Kitchener). Admission by donation.

High school people – exams are **done!! Time to think about making music!** You are invited to check out Menno Youth Singers. Rehearsals began Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church under the conductor Steve Surian. See [www.mennosingers.com/mys](http://www.mennosingers.com/mys) for registration and other information.

**Grade 10 Family Night** will be held at Conrad Grebel on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for Grade 10 students and their families. Come for pizza at 5:15 p.m. and learn about programming at Grebel. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 7.

David Weaver-Zercher brings "Bloody Theatre, Bloodless Theatre: Representing Mennonites, Past and Present" to **Conrad Grebel College** as part of the Bechtel Lecture series. His public lecture takes place on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Grebel, with a panel discussion on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please visit [www.grebel.ca/events](http://www.grebel.ca/events) for more information.

Other Grebel events are posted on the Gym Hallway board.





## **Family Day Open House at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp-**

**February 19, 2018 from 10:00am-3:30pm –**

Come for a fun and relaxing day with your family! Bring your own equipment for sledding and skating, enjoy roasting

bannock around the campfire, warm up inside with pretzel-making, crafts, ping-pong, and much more! Some activities are weather dependent. Choose a hot lunch for \$3/person or bring a bagged lunch (peanut-free). RSVP to [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) or call (519) 625-8602. Please let us know if you are bringing your own lunch or choosing the Hidden Acres lunch. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

## **Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**

**on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.** Bring your grandchildren in grades 1-6 for an awesome day of playing, singing, laughing, learning and worshipping together. Alexa and Becki from **The Ripple Effect Education (TREE)** will join us to explore how we can work towards peace together in our everyday lives. Brochures can be found on the bulletin board in the gym hallway. For more information, visit [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca), email [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca), or call [\(519\)625-8602](tel:5196258602).



Join the **Grade 9-12 students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** on March 2 and 3,

2018 for their production of a hilarious comedy,

*The Mouse that Roared*. Tickets are \$12 and are available online or cash at the door. Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) for more info. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

**The annual MEDA Spring Banquet** is coming up on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The banquet will take place at Floradale Mennonite Church.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m. – dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Cavelle Dove, who will share about MEDA's exciting new project in Myanmar. To register, or for more information, please visit the MEDA Waterloo Chapter website or contact the office at 519-725-1633 Ext. 100 or email [meda@meda.org](mailto:meda@meda.org)

We have received information about an **employment opportunity** with Abundance Canada. Please see the information posted on Bulletin Board # 5 or visit [www.abundance.ca/careers](http://www.abundance.ca/careers)

Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.  
As a welcoming Mennonite community,  
we worship God, nurture each other  
and extend God's love and peace to all.