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Lent 3



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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, March 4, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Steph Martin White

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Pastor Ben Cassels

Accompanists: Karen Enns, Ed Janzen

Scripture Readers : Steph Martin White
Pastor Ben Cassels

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteer: Crystal Francis

Children's Story: Dale Enns

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: *The "Ten Commandments" occupy a certain space in our collective imagination and understanding of faith. What happens to our experience of God if these aren't edicts given from on high, but are something else entirely?*

GATHERING

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: Hear and believe the good news:
God has called us "my people"!

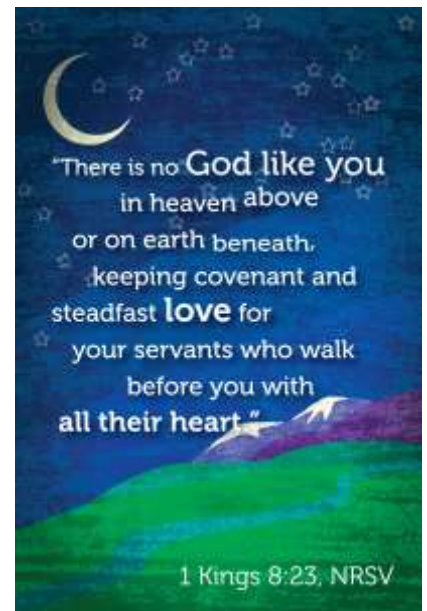
**People: God has set up a covenant, over and over again,
choosing us even before we can choose,
faithful even when we are faltering.**

Leader: In the flood, in the wilderness, in exile;
in certainty and doubt, abundance and scarcity;

God's promise is true to the thousandth generation.

**People: We see the rainbow, we hear our names,
we learn the commandments,
we look up for our help, we know in our hearts:
we love because God first loved us,
we follow because God first came to us,
we can be faithful because God is faithful.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God together.



Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: *“Praise God from whom”*

HWB # 118

“God of the Bible”

STJ # 27

Scripture I: Exodus 20: 1-17 (Old Testament)

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Prayer of Confession: *“Oh, Lord have mercy”* (repeat Vs. 1)

STJ # 47

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God of all Good Gifts,
you call us to be generous people;
but instead, we covet what others have.

People: Forgive our selfish ways, and teach us to give.

Leader: God of Perfection,
you call us to be honest in all we say and do;
but instead, we tell lies that hurt our neighbours.

**People: Forgive our deceitful ways,
and teach us to speak the truth in love.**

Leader: God of Benevolence,
you call us to provide for those in need;
but instead, we swindle and steal.

People: Forgive our double-dealing ways, and teach us to share.

Leader: God of the Covenant,
you call us to be faithful in our relationships with others;
but instead, we are disloyal.

**People: Forgive our adulterous ways,
and teach us to honour our commitments.**

Leader: God of Creation,
you call us to value the lives of others;
but instead, we work to destroy those who are different
and annihilate those with whom we disagree.

**People: Forgive our murderous ways,
and teach us to seek reconciliation and peace.**

Leader: God of our Ancestors,
you call us to respect those who have gone before us;
but instead, we dismiss the wisdom of our elders.

People: Forgive our impertinent ways, and teach us to be humble.

Leader: God of Time and Space,
you call us to recognize creation's dependence on you;
but instead, we work without pausing to reflect or give thanks.

**People: Forgive our ungrateful ways,
and teach us to both receive and provide times of holy
rest.**

Leader: God of the Sacred Name,
you call us to hold your name in reverence;
but instead, we vainly attach your name
to every personal, political, and religious agenda we promote.

**People: Forgive our arrogant ways,
and teach us to submit to your authority.**

Leader: God of Limitless Possibilities,
you call us to celebrate your Unbounded Spirit;
but instead, we try to define who you are
and make you to be something we can manage.

**People: Forgive our small-mindedness and idol-making ways,
and teach us to imagine.**

Leader: God of Deliverance and Might,
you call us to devote ourselves to you;
but instead, we abandon you for lesser gods.

**People: Forgive our wandering ways,
and teach us to love and follow you alone.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn: *"God of many names"*
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 77

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: *O Come ye Servants of the Lord* C. Tye

Scripture Lesson II: John 2: 13-22 (New Testament) page 71

Sermon: **Me and You and Working it Through**

RESPONDING TO THE STORY

Hymn of Commitment: "O God, who gives us life"

HWB # 483

Benediction

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!

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School – Youth Room
Adult Sunday School with Ed Janzen – Lounge
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental



Next Sunday we move to Daylight Savings Time.

Remember to move your clocks **AHEAD** one hour when going to bed on Saturday night.

Next Sunday – March 11, 2018

8:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
9:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Pastor Ben Cassels
Lectionary	Exodus 20: 1-17	Psalm 19
Readings:	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	
10:30 .am.	Coffee Break	
	Youth Sunday School – Youth Room	
10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School with Ed Janzen - Lounge	
7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Rental	

CHURCH FAMILY NOTES



Special Prayers During Lent: Please pray this week for all those caught in the middle of political conflicts where bombs and violence take the place of dialogue and discussion. We remember those in Syria, Yemen, and South Sudan.

We pray for an end to such senseless acts of violence. Lord have mercy.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Office Hours

Church Office Hours
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of February 25th and for the pre-authorized withdrawal offering of February 27th. **Please note** that Katharine will be out of the office on Wednesday and Friday of this coming week. Please be sure to send any bulletin announcements into the office by end of day on Tuesday. Thanks.

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, March 6	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Lounge
	Noon	Silver Spoons
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Rm 7
Wednesday, March 7	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Mission Circle
	2:30 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study – Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Deacons - Nursery
	7:30 p.m.	Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 8	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	WALC Exercise in the gym
	5:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Gym Rental
Friday, March 9	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Men Can Cook - gym
	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym



Please Note: 2017 Tax Receipts were placed in mailboxes last week. Receipts remaining in mail boxes after today will be mailed out. If you have not received your receipt by March 16, please contact Katharine in the office.



The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, March 7th at 12:30 p.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster Street West in Kitchener. All women are welcome. See you there!

Mennonite Men Can Cook - Some More

Note the new dates this year...

MARCH - Fridays 9, 16 and 23.

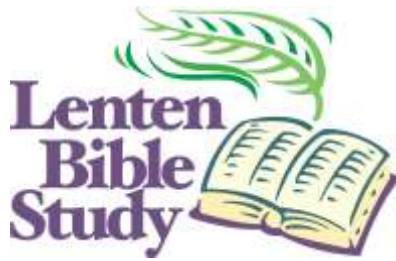
Sign up on the lobby window for 1, 2 or all 3 dates!

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 and 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 21st to March 28th beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the 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. Sessions will be held on Tuesday mornings from February 20th to March 27th from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Church Lounge. John Cornies will lead the discussion on March 6th which will focus on Chapter 29. Please read Chapter 29 for next week. All men are welcome to attend.

Looking ahead to Good Friday: Good Friday service will be a joint service with Erb Street and Waterloo North congregations and will be held at Waterloo North Mennonite Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 30th. Margaret Hull will lead a joint choir in the singing of some chorales from Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*. W-KUM choir members are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held at Waterloo North at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, March 10, 17 and 24 and at 8:45 a.m. on Good Friday.



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>.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Prayer as a Spiritual Discipline:

Prayer before Action... approaching service from a place of wholeness



Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.
Mark 1:35

“Jesus’ healing ministry demands much of him; he needs a place of calm and renewal amid the storm of his people’s needs. ‘In the morning when it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place to pray.’ (Mark 1: 35)

Jesus set the example for God-centred contemplation before action. Godly action finds its source in a well of calm – or else we find ourselves working without faith, fulfilling duty without love.”

(from 2018 “*Rejoice*” Daily Devotional Readings; an excerpt by Patty Friesen)

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



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.



DaCapo Chamber Choir presents

Reincarnations this afternoon at

St. John’s Lutheran Church, 22 Willow Street in Waterloo beginning at 3:00 p.m. Special guest

is pianist Catherine Robertson. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.

Singing with our Neighbours: Building Peace through Word and Song

Inshallah invites you to join them for their annual winter celebration of singing with local groups of various cultures and faiths. The concert will

take place on Sunday, March 25 beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 50 Erb Street West in Waterloo. A free-will offering will be taken. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4.



Grandparent & Grandchild Day at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on March 12th, 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, email info@hiddenacres.ca, or call [\(519\)625-8602](tel:(519)625-8602).



WMCEC Spring Enrichment Day will be held April 20 – 21, 2018 at North Leamington United Mennonite Church. The theme is Living Creatively with guest speaker April Yamasaki. Posters and registration forms are posted on Bulletin Board # 4.

MCEC Annual Church Gathering 2018 will be held on April 27-28th at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. The theme for this year's gathering is *Connected: Striving side by side with one mind.* If you would like to attend please speak with Ed Janzen. Registration is now open on the MCEC website.

Elmira Meat Canning Committee is planning for this year's event. A fundraising breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 17th at Calvary United Church in St. Jacobs from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Stephanie Heide from Aylmer will be doing a presentation. Tickets must be reserved. Please call 519-745-8458 or visit www.mcco.ca/events for more information. Poster on Bulletin Board # 4.

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please contact Katharine Borch in the office. We will submit our congregation's subscription list by March 23, 2018.



Mennonite Disaster Service Update on the Grand River and Thames River Flooding

On Monday, February 26, 2018, MDS ON Unit executive members toured the recently flooded areas along the Grand and Thames Rivers and met with Emergency Management officials along the way including Haldimand and Brant Counties and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. MDS ON is also part of the NGO Alliance of Ontario and has been part of the daily conference calls hosted by the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) concerning these floods. The full extent of damage will not be known for a while, as the municipalities enter the Recovery Phase in the next couple of weeks. This will give MDS a better understanding where our help is needed. If you have any questions or referrals please call ON Unit Secretary, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or email hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com.

*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.*