

LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., March 3	10:30 am 7:00 pm	Joining Over Java Council of Church Ministries
Sun., March 8	10:00 am	Sunday School ages 3–103
<i><u>Daylight Saving Begins</u></i>	10:00 am 11:00 am	Baptism Preparation Class with Pastor Caleb–Balcony Worship Service with Heather Klassen
Tues., March 10	10:30 am	Joining Over Java
Sun., March 15	10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School ages 3–103 Worship Service with Pastor Caleb
Tues., March 17	10:30 am	Joining Over Java
March 20–21	Edmonton	Mennonite Church Alberta Delegate Sessions in Edmonton
Sun., March 22	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday School ages 3–103 Baptism Preparation Class with Pastor Caleb–Balcony Worship Service with Doug Klassen

LENT 2020

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is a 40 day period commencing on Ash Wednesday and ending on the Saturday before Easter. The 40 days counted do NOT include Sundays. The 40 days reflect the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by Satan. Lent is often considered a time when we reflect on our humanity and the sinful nature of our condition. It is a time to focus on the Gospels as we consider the depth of Christ's sacrifice. Many traditions call on their followers to give something up for Lent either as a fast replicating Jesus time of fasting in the desert, or as a way of focusing their lives back on God.

In his annual Lenten message this year, Pope Francis gives us the following thoughts for Lent 2020: "Lent is a time to disconnect from cell phones and connect to the Gospel. It is the time to give up useless words, chatter, rumors, gossip, and talk, and speak directly to the Lord." Pope Francis commented that it is not easy to be silent as we live in a world "polluted by too much verbal violence" with so many "offensive and harmless words" amplified by the internet. "In the desert one hears the Word of God".

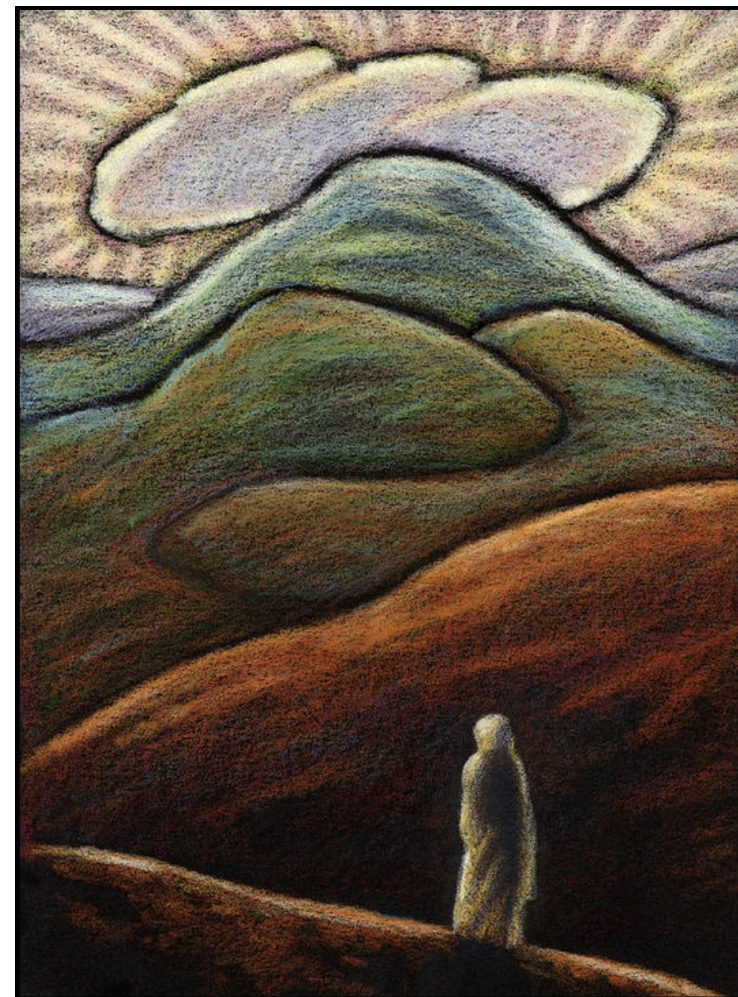
Did you Know? Common Word has an at home Lenten Resource available on their website at: www.commonword.ca. Choose the "Show Us; At Home Worship Guide" for materials that match the themes we will be exploring here at church.

Here in our Church: The display at the front of the church contains desert and barren elements as well as the colour purple, which is the liturgical colour of Lent. The candles will play a part in our Lenten focus. Each week, one candle will be extinguished, as we draw closer to Christ's death.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020



"Jesus in the Desert" by Julie Lonneman

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MARCH 1, 2020

WORSHIP SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Gathering

Passing the Peace

Hymn of Gathering

With happy voices singing (HWB #83)

Opening Words

Call to Worship

Invocational Prayer

Praising

Hymn of Praise

Praise with joy the world's Creator (STJ #16)

Hymn of Confession

O God how we have wandered (STS #58)

Words of Confession

Projected

Words of Assurance

Proclaiming

Children's Feature

Margo Ratzlaff

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11

Message

"Redirecting our Longings"

Pastor Caleb

Responding

Song of Response

Jesus, tempted in the desert (STS #36)

Communion

Offering

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Sending

Extinguishing the Light

Benediction

Hymn of Sending

Christ, we do all adore thee (HWB #105)

Worship Leader: Erv Thiessen

Song Leader: Laura Dyck

Accompanist: Elsie Wiebe

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ~ 10:00 AM

Ages 3 - Grade 1

Grades 2 - 6

Grades 7 - 12

Adults

Galilee (Lower Sunday School Wing)

Egypt (Upper Sunday School Wing, right side)

Jericho (Upper Sunday School Wing, left side)

Main floor Sunday School Wing, end of hall

PRAISE & PRAYER NOTES

The First Mennonite Church Youth Group had an awesome time helping pack School Kits with the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) last Sunday afternoon. Over 180 Kits were packed and prayed for by our Youth Group. Linda Dickinson, the MCC Material Resources Coordinator, told us about what goes in each type of Kit and how they make a difference. This was great practice for our upcoming service trip this summer, and it was also a great way to celebrate MCC's 100th anniversary!

Continue to pray for all those affected by the current Coronavirus outbreak, as well as for those in governments and health authorities as they make decisions about how to proceed.

HERE AT FIRST MENNONITE

Remember, before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7, set your clocks AHEAD one hour or you might be late for church!

The "Voices Together" Hymnal Order Desk is now open in the church foyer. If you'd like to order copies of the new Hymnal to donate to First Mennonite Church or for use in your home, please stop by the Order Desk today. Did you know that our current Hymnal is 28 years old? The new *Voices Together Hymnals* will arrive this Fall.

BEYOND FIRST MENNONITE

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Alberta welcomes applications for the MCC Alberta Interim Executive Director position. Interested individuals are asked to apply online: mcccanada.ca/serve by March 1. Any inquiries regarding this position can be sent to: ilianafriesen@mccab.ca.

Bergthal Mennonite Church is hosting "Lewis & Royal" in concert on March 20 at 7:00 pm. Admission is by donation. Coffee and snacks will follow. For more information, go to Bergthal Mennonite Church's Facebook page.