

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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February 25, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M.

Theme - Lent 2: Christ Among Us, Showing Us Faith

Worship Leader: Carol McKool

Music: Stahl Musicians

Preservice Music: “Surely Goodness and Mercy” –
The Soil and the Seed Vol 9

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Visual

Gathering Song(s)

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 22:23–31*

One: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God’s glory!

Many: All you descendants of Jacob and Rachel,

One: come.

Many: All who are isolated and feel alone,

One: come.

Many: All who are hungry,

One: come.

Many: All who wander,

One: come.

Many: Come, from all ends of the earth.

All: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God’s glory, and walk in faith.

Prayer

Singing

Story Time: “Big Al” by Andrew Clements, Yoshi

Scripture: Mark 8:31–38

Message: “Picking Up the Cross”- Jayne

Prayer of Confession and Response:

Leader: Trustworthy God,
we want to live with faith,
yet we worry there will not be enough.
We want to believe in your promises,
yet we lose hope.
We want to follow you,
but sometimes the road is too hard.

**People: We confess before you
our unbelief, our worry, our hopelessness.**

Leader: Shape us into a people
who will live in faith.
Strengthen us so we can deny ourselves,
take up your cross,
and follow you.

**People: In your grace, Lord, give us faith
to believe that you will call into existence
the things that do not exist. Amen.**

Sending Song

Sending Words: VT 1050

Bulletin Editor for March: Norma Alwine – 814-288-1914

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for March: Toilet Paper

Offering: 02/18/2024 – \$2,178.70 – General Fund

55.00 – LVV Dining Room Project

\$2,233.70 = TOTAL

February Mission Offering: Laurel View Village Dining Project

Wed., Feb 28, 4:30-6:30 pm: Last Soup Night until fall!

Wed., Feb 28, 6:45: Lenten Small Group

Sat., Mar 2: AMC Spring Delegate Session via Zoom

Sun., Mar 3, 12:00: Rice and Beans Meal for Lahash

Wed., Mar 5, 7:00: Lenten Small Group

Sun., Mar 31, 6:45am: Easter Sunrise Service

May-July: Jayne's Sabbatical

*****NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Jayne hopes to be in the office on Wed and Thurs. She can be contacted at any time by calling or texting 330-224-3944 or emailing stahlmennonite@gmail.com.

Hearing assistance headphones are available at the back of the sanctuary.

During the Sundays of Lent, we will be using a new way to share prayer requests. Prayer cards are available with the bulletins. Please write your prayer request and get it to the worship leader before the end of the gathering song. It will be added to the opening prayer.

A sign-up sheet to do the front table or outside sign is on the bulletin board. Check it out and see if there is a month you might like to help.

Our Mission Offering for February is Laurel View Villages special campaign to Dining Area Project. Healthy eating habits and nutrition influence overall wellbeing of residents. This along with the social interaction provided by gathering for meals is a crucial part of residential life. LVV has begun a project to replace tables, chairs and update dining areas to improve this important aspect of LVV life together.

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