

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

February 28, 2010

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering ~

Linda Goerzen

Worship in Song ~ “Not To Us”
“I Believe in Jesus”
“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Congregational Life ~

Joachim Dau

Offering ~ Budget
HWB #557 “O God, in restless living”

Proclamation

“The King of Love” (choir)
“Who knows what’s next?”
(Ecclesiastes 10, pew bible pg. 654)

John Tiessen

Sending ~ HWB #523 “Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

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*“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”* expresses our desire to share our faith and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet. We welcome you and hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and enlightening. Families with children are invited to worship together with us in the service. For children 5 yrs old or younger who are not able to sit through the church service, there is a nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow the service. If you feel a sense of belonging, you are most welcome to be with us. Talk to us about how you can participate.  
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German Worship Service - 10:00 am

Andachtsleiter: - Joachim Dau ~ Gruss: Psalm 91:1-2

Orgelspiel: Linda Goerzen

Chorlied: “Aus Psalm 91“

Opfergaben: Budget

Lied: GB # 170 “Gott gib mir deinen Geist zum beten“

Chorlied: “Anbetung Gottes“

Schriftwort: Hebr. 4:14-16

Botschaft: “Wissen-Kennen-Haben” - Hans H. Dau

Lied: GB # 386 “Wenn Friede mit Gott meine Seele durchdringt“

Nursery Volunteers ~ Justine Driedger & Trudy Thiessen, Chelsea McShane.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

Henry Pauls (Emilie) is back home and very thankful and grateful for all the prayers, visits and cards he received during his stay at the hospital. It was a blessing to both him and his wife.

Please continue to pray for Jake Enns who is still at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Please pray for Jacob Epp who is at the McMaster Medical Centre.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

Pastor Rudy Dirks will be out of town from Mar. 2-5 incl. attending Christian Witness Council meetings. Please direct any pastoral concerns to Stephen Cox.

Come together for a Lenten Morning Prayer Retreat on Wednesday **March 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** here at the church. Talk to Sharon for details.

Thank you to Maria Wall who has agreed to be the nursery coordinator. Please support her with prayers, encouragement and help. May God bless her in her new ministry.

Attention all Moms! You are welcome to join us in the nursery this Thursday, **March 4th** from **9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** for some socializing and sweets. Children are welcome to play while we connect with the moms in our church and community. Bring a friend, relative, or neighbour! Coffee and treats will be provided. For more information, contact Sarah Froese.

March newsletter is on the website. Hard copies can be picked up at the Welcome Centre.

Note from Sunday School: Just an update on what's going on---we are practicing for a number of events we are going to Upper Canada Lodge and Chateau Gardens as a service project with Gr. 2-8 on **Mar. 7**. We will be taking a bus, and will be leaving at **9:50 a.m.** and coming back for noon. We will also be practising for Palm Sunday which is on March 28. March Break is right around the corner, we will not have Sunday school on March 14th, but will resume for March 21st. Please keep these dates in mind and thank you so much for bringing your kids on Sunday mornings, it's a whirlwind of activity where you know God's Spirit is. Thank you.

Thank you to all who participated & attended the Benefit Concert last weekend. There was approximately \$4,000.00 raised for Haiti Relief.

Volunteers still needed for committees: Jr. Sunday School Superintendent & Assistant, both needed for Fall 2010, Music committee (2-year term), Jr Youth sponsors (one couple needed now and another couple to start in the fall). If you are interested in any of these committees, please inform the office or Henry Bergen.

Springfest – Saturday, **May 8th**

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:

Jr Youth will be going to the Fallsview Water Park **today Feb., 28th**. Cost \$25 includes supper. Meet at church at **2:30 sharp!!** You and any friends you are bringing **MUST** sign up by calling Erv and Esther Willms or Pam and Rob Glass. Pick up at church at **9pm**.

Sermon Series: “Being the church”

In the last sermon series “Why Church”, we explored who **belongs** to the church (everyone who accepts Jesus’ offer of salvation), who we are **becoming** (continually transformed by Christ rather than conformed to the world), and our **purpose** (just as God sent Jesus into the world, so also Jesus sends us into the world).

Over the next few weeks as we move into the Lent season and prepare ourselves for Easter, we will look at the practical outworking of Christian community as taught by the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Rome. Romans 12 is an excellent teaching on how to experience the love that is at the heart of Christian community. The chapter begins by emphasizing the need to be transformed in our thinking (vs 2), and filled with genuine love (vs 9). In the verses 3-21 Paul fleshes both of those out as he teaches us how to relate to each other within community, as well as how to relate to the world at large. In this series on **“Being the Church”** we will focus on the practical teachings of verses 9-13 where in a few concise phrases Paul tells us how we can be the church we are called to be, reminding us, as Marva Dawn notes, that... **“God loves us so much that he accepts us just as we are, but he also loves us too much to let us stay that way.”**

Feb 7 ***“Abhor evil: cling to good”***

Feb 14 ***“Yield to the Lover of Your Soul”***
(Not really part of the sermon series, but certainly relevant to it, this message is a Valentine’s card from God to you – a good sermon to invite a friend or work colleague to)

Feb 21 ***“Honouring the Point”***

Feb. 28 (John Tiessen preaching)

March 7 ***“No More Burn-out”***

March 14 ***“Patience in Suffering”***

March 21 ***“Hospitality at its Best”***

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE Feb. 28-Mar. 6/10

Today:	Jr. Youth – Fallsview Waterpark	2:30 pm
Monday:	Marriage Preparation Course	6:30 pm
	Women’s Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Young women’s bible study	7:00 pm
	Male Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Tuesday:	Women in Mission Quilt	9:00 am
	Women in Service Quilt	7:00 pm
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday:	Lenten Prayer Retreat	9:30 am
	Pioneer Clubs	6:30 pm
	Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study	7:00 pm
Thursday:	Moms & Tots	9:30 am
	German Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm
Friday:	Sr. Youth	7:30 pm

Next Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:45 am	NO Praise & Worship Practice
9:30 am	Primary & Junior Sunday School Singing
9:45 am	Prayer Meeting in the Prayer Room
10:00 am	Sunday School Classes (age 3 to Grade 8)
	Grade 9 – 12 ~ “The World & Us”
	Catechism Classes (in boardroom)
	Interactive Sermon - “same message – different format (in auditorium) – Pastor Rudy Dirks
10:00 am	German Worship Service ~ Dr. Alfred Fast
11:00 am	Worship Service ~ Message by Pastor Rudy Dirks

Nursery Volunteers **Mar. 7:** Karl & Laurene Nickel, Victoria Tiessen.

Offering February 21, 2010 – \$ 9,196.91			
Budget	4,115.00	Christian Witness	125.00
MCC General	1,291.91	MCC Africa	10.00
MCC Food	785.00	Balcony	500.00
MCC Haiti Earthquake	1,1400.00	Yella	1,230.00
Next Week’s offering (Mar. 7): Missions (MC Canada Witness)			
Attendance Feb. 21, 2010: German Service ~ 96; Worship Service ~ 290			

MCEC ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING:

The MCEC Spring Gathering is taking place at Club Roma in St.Catharines on Friday Evening **April 23rd** and during the day on Saturday, **April 24th**. Parking Attendants and Ushers are required to help on both days. Please let our church contact, Alex Bradnam, know if you can help in these areas. If you have lodging available for Friday night please contact Becca Willms, who is co-ordinating lodging for those attending from out of our area. Esther Funk of Vineland UMC is serving as the Hosting Committee Chairperson for this event.

April is coming quickly and we still are in need of a Communications Coordinator(s) for the conference. Please contact the church or Alex Bradnam if you could help us in this position. We will not have to bring much equipment in, the Club Roma facility has just about everything we need.

IN OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Roundtable and Discussion – Reconnecting with Our Past, will be held at the home of David Bergen in St. Catharines on Sunday **February 28, 2010 from 2-4 pm**. This is intended to be an opportunity to explore ways of strengthening the relationship between SLMC and the Niagara constituency. Please RSVP by February 24, 2010 to David Erb – silverlake@slmc.on.ca or 519-576-9381

The World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Friday, March 5 at 1:30 pm**. This year it is hosted by St. Vincent de Paul Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Make a point of attending this special ecumenical service. This year's theme is "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise The Lord" and the program has been written by the women of the Cameroon in Africa. **Brochure** available at the **Welcome Centre**.

Attention parents, there will be a Social Networking Seminar for parents at Bethany Mennonite Church on **March 6 from 9:30 am to 11:00**. Refreshments will be provided.

Pleasant Manor Annual Meeting - Church members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting of Pleasant Manor **on March 6**, beginning at 1:00pm in Pleasant Manor's Oakview Chapel. Refreshments to follow.

Woman's Heart Course: Beginning on Thursday, **March 11**, Agnes Vrieze is offering this 6-week course at Central Community Church in St. Catharines. The cost is \$45 for all six sessions. This is an expanded version of the course which Agnes presented here last fall. Check the Welcome Centre for a brochure.

Living Proof Live with Beth Moore & Travis Cottrell at the Ricoh Coliseum (Exhibition Place, Toronto) on **March 12 & 13**. Cost \$60. Please see poster for more details.

Summer Camp Registrations are now being accepted for Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Brochures and registration forms are available in the church office or may be found at www.slmc.on.ca