

**BEYOND OUR CONGREGATION**

- **MCC Man. Presentation:** "Learning from the Testing of Mennonite Peace-making in 20th Century Russia." from former author, professor, and MCC Europe Director Walter Sawatsky, with a response from MCC alumnus and former Mennonite Heritage Centre director Lawrence Klippenstein. **Tues., March 1, 7 pm at Sam's Place.**
- **World Day of Prayer - March 4 at 3 pm.** Join North End churches for worship and refreshment at **St. John Cantius Church, 846 Burrows.**
- **Paraguayan Mennonite Culture Night** - MCC's Low German Mennonite Services Program is hosting a Paraguayan Mennonite Culture Night at Sam's Place on **March 4, at 7:30 pm.** Musical guests include 3MolPlaut, Low German folk singers. Program Coordinator, Tina Fehr Kehler and Elfrieda Schroeder will share stories.
- **SBC Leadership Conference, *Living Non-Violently in a Violent World*,** with Dr. Preston Sprinkle, **March 18-19.** Early bird registration ends **March 4.** See poster on bulletin board for more information.
- Charles and Cindy Paetkau will be visiting **Stansberry Children's Home** in Bolivia in March. They invite continued support of the home.

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## Lent 3 Sunday, February 28, 2016

### Living Ink: Leaping Off the Page

**Focus Statement:** *God, the Author of the grand story, invites us to drink in the words of covenant, the good news that we are part of an abundant narrative. As we do, we become living works that leap off the page into all aspects of relations: with God, each other, and the earth.*

### Gathering

Welcome

Call To Worship (based on Psalm 63)

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

**All: We gather to praise you.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

**All: We will bless you as long as we live.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

**All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.**

Congregational Singing HWB 505 I am thine, O Lord  
STS 75 Blessed be the name

### Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9*

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Congregational Singing HWB 575 Precious Lord, take my hand  
STS 63 God, fill me now

Sermon Sunnie

### Responding to the Word

Congregational response and Prayer

Offertory

Congregational Singing STJ 42 Listen, God is calling

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leader: Teresa

Song Leader: Darlene

Accompanist: Emily

### 2016 Lent and Easter Services: "Living Ink"

**Lent 4** Mar. 6 *Turning Over a New Leaf* Luke 15:11-32

Communion and Footwashing at 6:30 pm

**Lent 5** Mar. 13 *An Unexpected Twist* John 12:1-8

**Palm Sunday** Mar. 20 *The Plot Thickens* Luke 22-23

**Maundy Thursday** Mar. 24 at 6:00 pm Agape Meal

**Good Friday** Mar. 25 at 10:00 am

**Easter** Mar 27 Breakfast at 9:30 am; Worship at 11:00 am

*The End of the Beginning* John 20:1-18

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Food Bank** - Next meets on Mar. 5 and Mar. 19

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- This morning Brad and Murray will begin an adult Sunday School book study of Richard Rohr's *Falling Upwards*.
- Aberdeen received a thank you from MCC for our recent donations.



**Birthdays This Week** Herb on March 4

Sharon on March 4



Coffee for March 6 – Herb and Esther

Upcoming Coffee for March 13 – Marvin and Sunnie

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For God's protection and strength as Teresa travels to Ecuador to lead YFC training.
- For God's wisdom and patience as both Sharon and Herb work through health issues.
- For NERC as they host discussions and work through government policies with policy makers, residents and community organizations.

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
    call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
    and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
    and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
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