



MIDWEEK CONNECTION AT MCN

April 20, 2016

## Worship with us this Sunday, April 24

The sermon title is *Lordship at the Crossroads* and the scripture is Luke 24:13-34. Pastor Tim Schrag asks, "I am somewhat perplexed regarding Scripture for Sunday and am left counting on the congregational members to resolve the dilemma. Namely, I'd like to include two very long texts, the one listed for Luke, and John 21. In lieu of having both read which would get lengthy, I'll count on each person to read both texts prior to the Sunday service. Thanks!

**True Story of the Whole World** Into All the World (Lesson 15) is this week's Adult and Teen Christian Education lesson. The link to Into All the World (Lesson 15) Study Guide is available on the Mennonite Church of Normal website at <http://www.normalmennonite.org/true-story-of-the-whole-world/>. Also available there (under the Education and Nurture tab) are links to all the lessons, lectures and sermons that have been given so far.

**Scripture Focus** We begin our worship service with a Scripture Focus each week that comes from the congregational study of the Bible in which we are currently engaged. Each worship service is based on the lesson from the previous week's Sunday School study.

**A Word about our Worship Visuals** Quilters have named blocks after Bible stories for generations. The Bible was the primary literary resource in many early American homes, providing inspiration for nineteenth century quilters, who mostly used scraps and outgrown clothing beyond repair to sew covers to keep their loved ones warm. Throughout our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes will be presented. Here is a description of the visual display for April 24.

*Cross and Crown - Hebrews 12:2*

*Five different designs have had this title throughout the years. Each one is based on a corner motif separated by intersecting bands. All five have the same simple meaning - Jesus died for us, and now reigns in our hearts!*

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## **This Week At 805 S Cottage**

Wed Apr 20 Peace & Justice Committee 5:15 pm  
True Story Leaders 7:00 pm  
Thur Apr 21 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Church Board 7:00 pm  
Sat Apr 23 Lora Oyer Memorial Service 11:00 am  
Sun Apr 24 Pre-Service Prayer 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Children's CE 10:45 am  
Adult CE 10:55 am  
Junior High Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Senior High Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Junior Choir 6:00 pm  
Youth Choir 6:45 pm  
Adult Choir 7:30 pm  
Wed Apr 27 True Story Leaders 7:00 pm  
Thur Apr 28 Next Man Bible Study 6:15 am  
Outreach Committee 5:00 pm

## **Serving This Sunday**



Greeters South: Mike & Stephanie Company  
West- Emma King  
Welcome Table Mary Ann King  
Ushers Terry Wiebenga, Mannie or Bryan  
Oyer  
David & Gabriella Harnish  
Worship Leader Ron Ropp  
Song Leader Barry Weaver  
Accompanist Dorothy Loepp  
Scripture Mary Ann Watkins  
Children's Time Matt Hickman  
Sermon Pastor Tim Schrag  
Technology Adam Augspurger  
Toddler Nursery Emily Petri  
Preschool Nursery To Be Announced



## Today's Chuckle

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

*Today's Chuckle contributed by Rich Willmarth*

## Black Lives Matter

Hear what it feels like to live a *Black Life That Matters* in our community. This panel discussion on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 pm in the Normal Public Library features Diversity Coordinator Art Taylor, panelists Raven Davidson, Michael Donnelly, Martha Huter, Dontae Latson and Sharon Warren. Additional details are available on the flyer on the Community Bulletin Board.

## Lora Oyer Memorial

A Memorial Service will be held for Lora Oyer on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Christopher Hubbs April 24  
Alyssa Company April 25  
Ben Roeschley April 25  
Marianne Israel April 26  
Bryan Oyer April 27

## Voice of the Day

Don't start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks. For example, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

(Romans 8:31) *Frederick Buechner*



## Bible Trivia Night

Come celebrate the Story! Join the church for an evening of Bible fun on Sunday, May 1st from 5:30 - 7:00. Activities and games hosted by the junior high youth group, with a meal provided by the high school youth group. In keeping with Bible Trivia theme, there will be small trivial prizes as well! This event is for everyone - child care provided for our youngest children, and special activities for preK-5th graders. Questions? Contact the

am. All are welcome. A meal will follow the Memorial Service. Please consider assisting by providing salads, side dishes, or desserts. Let Diana Wiman, who is coordinating the meal, know what you will bring by calling 309-452-6495. Please leave a message if she is not available to answer the phone.

### **Mennonite Central Committee Hygiene Kits**

Multiple situations around the world such as Syria, Iraq and Ukraine have depleted MCC's warehouse inventory. Please help; MCC replenish its supply to continue responding to needs around the world. There are bags in the back of the sanctuary for you to take home and fill with supplies for the hygiene kits. Please leave items in their original packaging. MCC no longer requests toothpaste.

Supplies to include:

- 1 adult tooth brush
- 1 large bar bath soap
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 hand towel (dark color)

church office or talk with Cory or Chris Culbertson.



### **Partners in Healing**

Mennonite Church of Normal joins with other churches in the area to pray for various sections of Advocate Bro Menn Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Hospital. **This month MCN is asked to pray for the Same Day Services at Advocate BroMenn.**

Please call the church office if you or someone in your family is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, persons may be hospitalized for several days before your pastors are aware of a need for pastoral care.



### **Building Use**

**April 20, 2016 4:30 pm** Head Start Parent Meeting in Fellowship Area & Atrium

**April 21, 2016 6:00 pm** Hands All



[Central District](#)

[Conference \(CDC\) Focus](#)

The CDC Focus is now available in this online format. Just click the picture of the newsletter or the title. A copy is available on the Entrance Bulletin Board.

Around Quilt Guild Mentoring in Classrooms 9 & 12

**April 28, 2016** Carpet Cleaning

**April 29, 2016** 4:30 pm Heartland

Head Start Staff Professional

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