



Sunday, January 8, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Marla Dault

Speaker — Ken Driedger

Where have you met God this week?

Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Hymn VT #57, *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

Call to worship

Scripture reading — Matthew 2:1-12

A visit from the magi (Shine On: A Story Bible)

Worship music — Sunday School

Little Drummer Boy and Away in a Manger

Children's time

Prayer of discernment

Offering with hymn VT #759, *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Ephesians 3:2-12

Message — Sharers Together in the Promise

Hymn VT #162, *The Love of God*

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Hymn VT #715, *Longing for Light*

Benediction

Thank you to our participants today including: *Marla Dault, Nick DiLaudo, Ken Driedger, Dennis Enns, Helga Enns, David Hrynyk, Keith Klassen, Victor Martens.*

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.

Church Life . . .

◆ Education Team News

Based on feedback from one of the after-church listening meetings, Education Team followed a one group model for Sunday School from September to Christmas. One, all ages group, was downstairs having some singing and a story with many volunteers taking part! We have had 7-11 kids joining us regularly. We knew that in the New Year with Children/Youth Leader David Hrynyk coming on board, we would want to revisit the format, debrief and gather new feedback.

Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm we are having a meeting at church and everyone is invited! Leaders, volunteers, parents, grandparents, everyone who loves that children are a vibrant and vital part of who we are at NLUMC!! Sonya Cornies has some ideas to share to help get our conversation going!

If you can't make it in person, let us know and we will have a Zoom link as an additional way for people to tune in, ask questions and share what's on their heart. Thank you for your continued inspiration, support and encouragement for the next generation of believers! . . . *Education Team*

◆ Community Building Team News

The Community Building Team is re-introducing '**Pizza Night**' at the Roma Club. Let's plan for the **second Friday of each month** (mark your calendars!) Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, January 13** is the kick-off and we are happy to share that our very own Kim DiLaudo will be the featured live music! (Nick assures us that he can set up extra tables so we can sit together as #wethenorthchurch!) Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ Coffee Time

We are in need of help for coffee time for January 15. If you could make coffee before the service and for the potluck, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Nadine Driedger, 519-796-2347, for more details.

◆ **Looking Ahead to Next Sunday, January 15**, Pastor Al Rempel, MCEC Regional Minister, will again join us to continue guiding NLUMC during this transitional time. We are following a discerning approach as outlined below, to name what is life-giving to us in our church community. **Timeframe:** We still have a bit of homework to do over these next few days until Sunday, January 8 (at the end of worship service.)

Congregational Exercise: Each person should listen for God to share with them how NLUMC has been a gift and blessing to them. Each individual is invited to write a short description of that on a sticky note to place on our 3D tree at the front of the sanctuary. Post it Notes are available on the ushers'

table. We will take pictures of all the notes and forward them to Al after the January 8 worship service, so that he can compile them into categories in order to guide us further on January 15.

1. Morning worship service - follow-up sermon by Al Rempel
2. Potluck lunch - bring your favourite dish to share with our church community in the basement
3. Afternoon meeting after lunch (approx. wrap-up 2:15) - congregational input and creating next steps

Al looks forward to sharing in both the morning and early afternoon with the congregation. We will revisit some ideas from December 11th, 2022 as we prepare to engage further on clarifying God's call for us. We may be invited to step out of the boat like Peter in some ways. Al hopes you come knowing that together we can hear more of what God is inviting us to experience and also to live into.

We are grateful to God for leading us with His unending grace! Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

With thanks, NLUMC Church Council

◆ **Annual General Meeting of NLUMC on Sunday, January 22** at 10 am. The AGM/Worship Service will be in person only; not livestreamed on YouTube. Report books were emailed on Friday, January 6. A limited number of hard copies are available in the foyer.

◆ **Faith Exploration Class**

Early heads-up: For all who may be interested in getting baptized this spring, David and Ken are planning to lead Faith Exploration classes beginning on **February 5**. Stay tuned for more details!

◆ **Community Health Update**

We, at NLUMC, feel it is necessary to follow public health recommendations and so we also suggest wearing a mask indoors in public settings. We welcome the use of reusable masks. Disposable masks are available in the church foyer.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC are Accepted by —**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message
- 3) Mail donation to church address
- 4) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News.

▶ **Friday, January 13: Travelogue, Africa, Egypt & Dubai** by Peter Andrew at 7 pm at Heritage Centre.

▶ **Saturday, January 21: Super Soup Night** at UMEI at 6 pm.

▶ **Friday, January 27: Travelogue, Oberammergau & Iceland** by Hugo & Linda Tiessen at 7 pm at Heritage Centre.

Admission by donation to all events.

◆ Mennonite Burial Society

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held both in person at Scott Street Church, St. Catharines, (www.scottstchurch.ca) and online at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7404216638> on **Saturday, January 14** at 2 pm.

Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2022 results, 2023 levies and benefit payments, and future plans. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

◆ Grief Share

Have you lost a loved one? Are you having a hard time working through your grief? To help you with this, St. John de Brebeuf and St. Michael's churches will be offering a place to help you deal with your grief offering you encouragement and support after the death of a loved one. Wednesday mornings, 10-12 noon beginning Wednesday, January 18 – April 19 at St. John de Brebeuf Church, Kingsville, or Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 pm beginning Thursday, January 19 – April 20 at St. Michael's Church, Leamington. If you have any questions, want to register, or would like to learn more about the program, please contact: Veronica Costa, 519-324-6796 or Tony Fellbaum, 519-792-7171. See bulletin board for more details.

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

Experience Day is Friday, January 20. This event is for Grade 7s and 8s and it is a PA day in the GECDSD board. We will have "preview" classes and chapel in the morning, lunch included, and then games, dodgeball, and prizes in the afternoon. Details and registration are here: <https://umei.ca/experience-day/>

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **South Mersea (Hillman) United Church** and their lay leadership.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church** in Toronto, Ontario.

Pray for *Harold (& Mary) Thiessen*. He was hoping to be released from hospital on Friday but will need to undergo more tests to identify the causes of his symptoms.

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at nlumc.com, including YouTube videos of our past services.
- Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
- Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
- See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
- Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for more information.

Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

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