



**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin  
Meditations — Sandra Warkentin, Judy Cornies,  
Ken Driedger

Where have you met God this week?

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**Order of Worship**  
*Naming Our Identity*

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Hymn #25, *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Call to worship & prayer

Hymn #536, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Children's time

Worship music — My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Offering & prayer

Meditation — Invitation and Challenge, Matthew 16:13-18

Meditative breathing

Worship music — Lord, Listen to Your Children

Scripture reading — Matthew 28:16-20

Message — How do we make disciples?

Hymn #545, *Here I Am, Lord*

Sharing time

Congregational prayer

Hymn #813, *Heart with Loving Heart United*

Sending prayer

*You can link to [www.innovatebethechange.ca](http://www.innovatebethechange.ca) for more resources  
on building a discipling culture.*

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

***Today . . .***

All interested church members are invited to a discussion meeting on **Sunday, February 12**, after the service to have a conversation around LGBTQ+ inclusion and affirmation within NLUMC. In discussions with the In This Together Network, we have chosen to facilitate discussion around three

questions, which you are invited to consider before attending. As you think about your conversations about LGBTQ+ affirmation at NLUMC....

What are your fears?

What are your hopes?

What do you perceive as the obstacles to realizing your hopes?

All are welcome to attend, and feel free to bring your own snack and/or lunch to the basement as we discuss. There are activities planned for the children.

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## Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** continues today, Sunday, February 12, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Next Sunday, February 19**, join us for worship as David leads worship and Pastor Ken brings the message.

### ◆ **Games Night**

We are planning another intergenerational games night at the church. Everyone is welcome, **Wednesday February 22**, at 6:30 pm. Bring your favourite board games. There will be a crokinole board set up and popcorn. See you there!

### ◆ **Community Building Team News**

The Community Building Team has re-introduced ‘**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, March 10** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

### ◆ **Tech Equipment**

At the AGM it was agreed for NLUMC to proceed to purchase a high definition confidence monitor to augment our current tech equipment system. We will be accepting special donations toward this fund over the next six weeks (until end of March 12, 2023.) We are hoping to raise approximately \$7,400. We have already received over 1/3 of our goal! *Please mark donation envelopes: technical equipment.*

### ◆ **Education Team News**

We are looking for a few people to serve in Sunday School once a month this winter and spring! Whether your gift is in teaching, games, crafts, or even just in assisting the main teacher, we all have different strengths that we can use to serve God. If this interests you, please contact David Hrynyk at [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.com).

You can sign up to help with Sunday School here on this google document. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1etLEIQTk81-8Ob9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrvs/edit>

◆ **Save the Date! Vacation Bible School** is returning this summer! LUMC, NLUMC, and Faith Mennonite will join forces to host a VBS program from **July 10-14, 2023** (from 9 am-12 pm daily) at LUMC (on Oak Street). Stay tuned for further details!

◆ **NLUMC Donation Tax Receipts** are now available. Please check your church mailslot for your 2022 receipt.

### ◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

▶ As we enter this new year, have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?

▶ Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

▶ Donations are accepted by:

1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan

2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message

3) Mail donation to church address

4) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

## Upcoming Event

**First Sunday of Lent – February 26**

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Friday travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome.

▶ **February 17:** Honeymoon in France by Sam Dyck and Olivia Toews

▶ **March 3:** Scotland by Lois Konrad

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Student Open House, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30 — 8:30 pm.** Come and tour the facility, speak with faculty and learn how your student can benefit from an array of academic opportunities, experiences and community support.

All grades are welcome to this event. Students seeking admission for the 2023-2024 school year can now apply.

► **Community Fundraiser Lunch, Sunday, February 26, 11:30 am — 1 pm.** Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, corn, fresh buns, and dessert.

Admission by donation. Take-out is also available.

► **Volleyball Tournament Fundraiser, Saturday, March 25,** beginning at 9 am. This is a co-ed, 6 versus 6, event (with a minimum of 2 girls per team), and \$300 per team minimum or by donation. All athletic abilities are welcome! Pizza lunch will be provided. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Email [driedge1@gmail.com](mailto:driedge1@gmail.com) before March 12 to enter.

### ◆ **Rescheduled Workshop – Saturday, February 18, 11:30 – 4 pm**

**Theme: God’s Calling for the Church in Post-Christendom Canada**

Presenter: Colin McCartney, founder of Connect City – [www.connectcity.org](http://www.connectcity.org)

Location: Leamington United Mennonite Church

There once was a time in Canada when the church held a prominent place in society. Churches were growing, most people belonged to a church, and the Christian religion was highly esteemed. Those days are gone. Many churches are in decline today and others may soon close. What has happened? In this workshop we will explore the reasons why we are living in a post-Christendom world. Then we will ask how the church can remain faithful to God’s calling in this changing world. And finally, we will look at some practical ways we, as the church, can not only exist, but function as the body of Christ serving our neighbours in Leamington and beyond.

We will begin with a lunch at 11:30 followed by the workshop from 12:30 to 4 pm. There is no cost for this workshop, but we would ask that you pre-register to give us an idea of how many to prepare lunch for. To register call the LUMC office at 519-326-2727 or email [office@lumc.ca](mailto:office@lumc.ca)

◆ **Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21, 4-6 pm** at St. John’s Anglican Church, 60 Erie Street North, Leamington. See bulletin board for more information.

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News.** The Home is pleased to announce the Homeview Apartment renovation project is coming along well. One unit of sixteen has been fully renovated and looks great! Two more units were started on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and one more scheduled to begin Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our plan remains to do 2-3 apartments each month until they are all completed and then finish up with new paint and flooring in the hallways. The lounges, stairwells and lobby have all had a facelift already. Each apartment renovation includes a new kitchen, flooring throughout, upgraded lighting, new window treatment and a complete paint job. Again, a big THANKS to all who contributed toward this project!

## ◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

► **Winter and Spring Retreats.** Come to Silver Lake in 2023 for some fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Mar 3-5), March Break Family Getaway (Mar 14-17). Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

► **Summer Camp Registration is now Open.** Visit the SLMC website for more details about overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. New this year – March Break Day Camp in Kitchener (Mar 13-17). Click here for [Camp Info and Registration](#)

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## Youth Events . . .

### Junior Youth Converge!

**Friday, February 24, 7-8:30** at UMEI. A night of games, Bible lesson, worship, and snacks!

### Youth

We are having a youth board games night **Saturday February 25, 6:30 pm at the church.** Anyone grades 9-12 is welcome, so bring your friends! Contact David if you have any questions or thoughts.

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### Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples. In Leamington, we gather on the traditional, unceded territory of the Caldwell First Nation, and the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations comprised of the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat peoples. We give thanks to the Creator and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **North Leamington.** Let us remember all the area churches today.

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

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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.

## Contacts . . .

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm