



Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Judy Cornies

Speaker — Paul Cornies

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.
We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

Order of Worship

Welcome & announcements

Hymn #91, *We Praise Thee O God*

Call to worship

Lenten prayer of the people

Worship music — Come to Jesus

Scripture reading — Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn #516, *Jesus Loves Me*

Children's time

Hymn #759, *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Offering Prayer

Message — Shaped by our Choices

Hymn #307, *Jesus Tempted in the Desert*

Sharing time/congregational prayer

Worship music — Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** continues today, Sunday, February 26, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Second Sunday of Lent, March 5**, join us for worship as Sandra Warkentin leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger brings the message.

◆ **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. You can sign up to help with Sunday School here on this google document.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1etLEIQTk81-8Ob9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrvs/edit>

◆ **Vacation Bible School** is returning this summer! LUMC, NLUMC, and Faith Mennonite will join forces to host a VBS program from **July 10-14** (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 - 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

◆ **The Church Office** will be closed **Tuesday, February 28** for the **Family Day holiday**. We will reopen on Wednesday, March 1 at 9 am.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Community Fundraiser Lunch, today, 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Email driedge1@gmail.com before March 12 to enter.

◆ **World Day of Prayer 2023.** “I Have Heard About Your Faith” from Taiwan, **Friday, March 3,** 1 pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, corner of Sherk and Seacliff Drive. For additional information, contact Rose, 519-712-8601.

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Friday, March 3 travelogue at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm, *Scotland* by Lois Konrad. Admission by donation. Everyone welcome.

◆ **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** is accepting donations to support people affected by the **February 6 earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.** MCC is working with long-term partners in Aleppo and surrounding areas to provide emergency food, shelter, hygiene, sanitation supplies and trauma counselling. In a country already vulnerable from years of conflict, this was a devastating blow. You can share God’s love and compassion with our global neighbours by providing a gift online at <https://mcccanada.ca/stories/mcc-responds-earthquakes-syria> by calling 800-313-6226 or by sending a cheque earmarked for “Syria and Türkiye earthquake” to MCC, 203-50 Kent Ave, Kitchener, ON N2G 3R1

◆ 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. Click here for [Camp Info and Registration](#)

► **Come enjoy a Silver Lake Online Campfire!** February 26 (day camps), March 26 (outtrips), April 23 (overnight), May 28 (general) at 7 pm. A great chance to meet some staff and ask questions. Click here for [campfire details and link!](#)

◆ **Some Seats are Still Left for July's Russlaender 100:**

Memories of Migration Tour. 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the first arrival of Russian Mennonites in Canada in the 1920s. This group is often referred to as the “Russlaender”. A collaborative effort among the national and provincial Mennonite historical societies and TourMagination, this cross-Canada train tour will re-enact the historic migration of 21,000 Russlaender Mennonites between 1923 and 1930. The tour celebrates the faith of these newcomers, memorializes the hardships and challenges of resettlement, and acknowledges race and displacement in Canadian history.

Starting in Quebec, going through Ontario and the prairie provinces and ending in Abbotsford, BC, the tour is offered in three sections. Spots are still available so you can still join up for one, two or all three. In addition, the Russlaender 100 committee has announced that up to 16 spots on the tour have been set aside for sponsorships of young adults who are interested in exploring this history. More information is available at the TourMagination website at: <https://tourmagination.com/tour/cross-canada-russlaender-centenary-tour/>."

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Now Hiring! Camp Coordinator: As the Coordinator of UMEI’s Junior and Senior Robotics, and Camp ExploreU Day Camps, you will oversee and motivate a group of staff and volunteers, be responsible for program planning and delivery; problem solving, site and camper safety; volunteer and staff responsibilities and daily schedules. Interested students should submit their resume to principal@umei.ca. Find the full position description here:

<https://umei.ca/careers/>

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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **United Pentecostal Church and their pastor Andrew Sich.**

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Warden Underground** in South Scarborough, Ontario.

The family of the late Hilda Enns would like to express their sincere thank you for all the love and support shown them at this time of sadness and loss. We thank all of you who shared in her celebration of life, whether during the memorial service or the coffee time after. Your love and kindness were deeply felt and greatly appreciated. . . *Walter Enns and family*

Thank you to all who came out to clean up the church yard on Friday following last week's ice storm. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

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.
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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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