



**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Worship Service — 10 am**

Worship Leader — Joel Epp

Speaker — Chris Hutton

*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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Prelude

Announcements

Hymn #332, *In Christ Alone*

Call to worship, based on Psalm 95:6–7

Lenten prayer of the people

Children's time

Confession

Hymn #436, *How Great Thou Art*

Scripture reading — Exodus 17:1-7

Message — *Shaped Through Thirst*

Hymn #703, *Rain Down*

Sharing time/prayer

Hymn #606, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ 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. **Today is the last day** we will be accepting special donations toward this fund. We are hoping to raise approximately \$7,400. We have almost reached our goal!

*Please mark donation envelopes: technical equipment.*

**◆ Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19**, join us for worship as John Harder leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger brings the message.

## ◆ Church Website Update

There is now another password protected section on the church website – [www.northleamington.com](http://www.northleamington.com). If you want to learn more “About Us” look under the “About Us” title for the “Meeting Minutes & Discussions” to stay up to date on NLUMC. Please use the same password as the church directory to access these documents. Call the church office for the password.

## ◆ 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, April 14** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

## ◆ 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>

◆ **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!

## ◆ 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)

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **The Giving Spoon Fundraiser** by the Soup Guru & The Bridge, Youth Resource Centre on **Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 2**, 11 am – 2 pm at 310 Sherk Street, Leamington. Take out available. Event is by donation only.

◆ **Southwestern Ontario Gleaners Fundraising Dinner and Auction** will be held on **Saturday, April 22** at the Portuguese Club in Leamington. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner at 6 pm. As our largest fundraiser of the year, we look forward to a fun evening of dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions. Tickets are now available through the office. E-transfer, paying through website or by cheque or cash are all available. We hope to see you there. Tickets for the event are \$75 and are available at the SWO Gleaners. 519-326-7687 or [swogleaners@gmail.com](mailto:swogleaners@gmail.com)

◆ **SECC Free Income Tax Filing Service, March 20 – April 29.** Leamington & Kingsville locations. See bulletin board for more details.

### ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **Indigenous Learning Retreat** (April 26-27): Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver Lake on Wednesday evening for dinner and spend the night. Thursday morning be inspired to learn about indigenous culture. Great opportunity for church ministry workers. Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

▶ **Youth Camp** (May 12-14): A fun-filled weekend for teens! Join us at camp for a relaxed weekend and participate in waterfront activities, campfires, games, and more! Youth can come with or without a sponsor. Click here for [Youth Camp Details](#)

▶ **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](#)

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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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# Junior Youth Mario Kart Night! Friday, March 17,

6:30 pm at the church. Come have fun this March break! All welcome ages 10-13.

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen, and Quentin Unger.

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

Thank you for prayers and condolences during the passing of Rudy. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the funeral service and lunch.

. . . *Louise Tiessen & family*

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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.
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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.

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