



Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — John Harder

Speaker — Ken Driedger

*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

Prelude

Words of welcome and Psalm 23

Announcements

Call to worship

Lenten prayer of the people

VT #80, *We Sing to You, O God*

Confession

VT #9, *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Offering prayer

Children's time

Ladies' choir — The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Scripture reading — Ephesians 5:8-14

VT #715, *Longing for Light*

Message — Recalled to Light

Ladies' choir — Dona Nobis Pacem

Sharing and prayer

VT #839, *Go, My Friends, in Peace (v. B)*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26**, join us for worship as Chani Wiens leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger brings the message.

◆ **Worship Team meeting** via Zoom, **Tuesday, March 21**, 6:30 pm.

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, March 22** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 1 pm. All volunteers must be double vaccinated for covid and wear a mask. We are planning to serve dessert squares (nut free) for dessert for the meal. If you are able to donate dessert or volunteer on that day, please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, March 22, 7 pm.**

◆ **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.

◆ **Church Website Update**

There is now another password protected section on the church website – 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.

◆ **Education Team News**

We are looking for a few people to serve in Sunday School once a month this 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>

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

▶ 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

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

◆ **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](#)

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 **Salvation Army Leamington Community Church** and their pastor Judi Wickens.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Waters Mennonite Church** in Lively, Ontario, near Sudbury.

Congratulations to *Henry Driedger* on his 90th birthday today, Sunday, March 19.

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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Facebook: North Leamington United Mennonite Church.....

Website: www.northleamington.com Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/wethenorthchurch)

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