

Sunday, March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chani Wiens 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

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship

Hymn #57, Holy Spirit, Come with Power

Scripture #1 — Romans 8:6-11

Confession

Music #377, New Earth, Heavens New

Offering prayer

Scripture #2 — John 11:1-45

Children's time

Lenten prayer of the people

Scripture #3 — Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message — Recalled to Life

Hymn #182, I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Sharing time

Hymn #841, As You Go Out from Here

Benediction

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

Church Life ...

- ♦ Faith Exploration/Baptism Class continues today, Sunday, March 26, at 8:30 am.
- ♦ Palm Sunday, April 2, join us for worship as Joanne Brown leads worship and Doug Wales brings the message and special music.

♦ Good Friday, April 7, join us for worship and communion as Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger leads communion.

♦ Choir Practice

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Easter Sunday morning, April 9** at 9 am for choir practice for the morning worship service. Contact Mary Krueger for more information, 519-322-9620.

♦ Easter Sunday, April 9, joins us for worship as Maida Tiessen 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, 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 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/1etLEIQTk81-80b9GEZ29R3Sam3JpcePX1AcYOSarrvs/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, <u>office@nlumc.com</u>; or Brenda Klassen, <u>treasurer@nlumc.com</u>

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

♦ Leamington Mennonite Home News

- ▶ The Homeview Apartment renovation at the Home is well underway. Currently, 7 of the 16 apartments have been completely renovated and another 3 to begin on Monday, April 3. These apartment renovations remain on track to be completed by the end of June. We will then turn our attention to completing new flooring and painting throughout all common/public areas in the building to give it a fresh, new look. Thank you to all those who contributed to make this project happen. The renovated apartments look great!
- ▶ The Annual Meeting for the Leamington Mennonite Home will take place on **Tuesday, April 25** at 7 pm in the Heritage Centre. Annual reports will be made available by Tuesday, April 11.

Junior Youth

Dodgeball night, Friday March 31 at UMEI, 6:30-8:30 pm. Junior Youth! Get ready for some friendly dodgeball competition this Friday! Grades 5-8 are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and running shoes.

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 **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastors; Chris Walker and Xavier Avila.

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

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at <u>nlumc.com</u>, 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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