



Sunday, March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Sandra Warkentin
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
Land Acknowledgement
Hymn #419, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Call to worship
Worship music — The First Song of Isaiah
Lenten prayer of the people
Children's time
Hymn #545, *Here I Am, Lord*
Offering prayer
Scripture reading — Genesis 12:1–4a; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17
Message — Shaped By Our Beliefs
Hymn #737, *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
Sharing time & congregational prayer
Hymn #832, *The Lord Lift You Up*
Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** continues today, Sunday, March 5, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Third Sunday of Lent, March 12**, join us for worship as Joel Epp leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **Rescheduled Intergenerational Games Night,**

Wednesday March 8 at the church, 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to bring their favourite games. A crokinole board will be set up and popcorn for a snack. Bring a friend and your own snack if you wish. 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 almost reached 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!

◆ **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

◆ Budget Update

December 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023 (25% of year) \$62,087 (21.7%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

UMEI Lawn Mower Upgrade. Over 25 years and 9000 engine hours later, it's time for the UMEI lawn mower to be replaced. The mower was purchased in the early 90s and has been asked to do a lot over the last two and a half decades, holding up well to the demands put on it. We hope to purchase an updated lawn mower by the spring to have it ready to go for the new season. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the school to assist with this purchase so that we may continue to keep the grounds at UMEI looking beautiful.

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

► **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!** 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!](#)

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 **South Point Community Church** and their pastor David Bretzlaff.

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

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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