



Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Joanne Brown

Speaker — Doug Wales

*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

Announcements

Words of welcome

Hymn #312, *Jesus is Coming*

Call to worship

Hymn #313, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Lenten prayer of the people

Scripture reading — Matthew 25:31-33; Ephesians 5:15-17

Confession

Children's time

Hymn #314, *Holy Lord*

Offering prayer

Message and special music — Doug Wales

Sharing joys and concerns

Congregational prayer

Hymn #564, *What Wondrous Love is This*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** continues today, Sunday, April 2, at 8:30 am.

◆ **Good Friday, April 7.**

▶ Join us for worship and communion as Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Pastor Ken Driedger leads communion.

► The early church combined the celebration of Communion with a program of offering food to the less fortunate. The Missions Team recommends that we follow a similar practice through the donation of grocery cards. On **Friday, April 7**, come celebrate Communion and drop off a grocery card for SECC. Donations can also be made at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate/>.

◆ **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**, join 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.

◆ **Membership Meeting**

Notice of NLUMC **Membership Meeting Sunday, April 16**, 11:15 am. To bring forward the motion which was made at our AGM on Sunday, January 23, 2023.

Motion: Whereas the land acknowledgement is a government created document it has no place in a house of God and the only purpose it serves is the government's agenda. There is a good reason that church and state need to be kept separate. I would move that we remove such from our bulletin and reading from the pulpit. Moved by Vic Martens / 2nd by Ron Regehr;

Discussion followed - detailed minutes of the AGM were sent out via email February 14, 2023. Due to problems with volume on Zoom, people participating on-line could not take part in the discussion.

A subsidiary Motion was made: The land acknowledgement motion be postponed until Sunday, April 16 following the worship service at NLUMC. Moved by Dennis Dick/ 2nd by Ken Hamm; Carried.

◆ **Learning Community Workshop**

All are invited to a one-day workshop **Saturday, May 13** at the MCEC office, 50 Kent Avenue in Kitchener. There is a registration fee of \$100 however, since our congregation is a past participant of Re-Learning community, we will receive a further discount. Please let Brenda Fischer know if you are planning

to attend so we can inform INNOVATE of how many we have attending to determine our discount. We will plan to car-pool from NLUMC. At the workshop we will discover how to imitate Jesus in building a disciple-making culture; listen to stories and teachings; be encouraged to ask questions like "What is God saying to me? and What am I going to do about it?" and be motivated with inspiring practices as to how to be a current day follower of Jesus!

◆ **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>

◆ **Missions Team Update**

Meechum-a-wat Food Bundles, our fundraising project with the MCC Indigenous Neighbours, in partnership with our Sunday School, will continue until the end of June. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this important project.

Communion Grocery Cards for SECC.

We will continue to collect grocery gift cards for SECC on Communion Sundays. Our next collection will be on Good Friday, April 7. Information about other ways to donate to SECC can also be found at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate>.

MCC School Kit Challenge.

MCC has challenged local churches to see how many school kits we can make by the end of August! The NLUMC Missions Team will be sharing more information about this in the next few weeks. In the meantime, you can check out the challenge on the MCC website: [school kit information page](#).

MCC Responds to Syria and Turkiye.

Missions Team is reminding us of the continued and immense need for support in the areas hit by severe earthquakes in early February. We know that many of you have responded to this great need and thank you for your contributions. Here is a link for more information and to donate mcccanada.ca/earthquake.

We also wanted to share an update on the **The Leamington Community Hope Center** operating at the former Knox Presbyterian Church and how NLUMC can help. Missions Team met with Merissa Mills from Feeding Windsor Essex and Wolfgang Weber, Executive Director of the Center on February 14.

A drop-in program is offered daily between 6 and 10 pm with a meal of soup, buns, fresh fruit, vegetables and snacks. In mid February they had 27 people come in for supper and numbers are growing.

They are primarily serving people between 30-40 years of age and a few seniors.

Donations of personal hygiene products and clothing would be appreciated, especially men's pants or jeans in sizes 28 to 36. Old cell phones wiped of all data, packaged snacks and underwear for men and women would also be appreciated.

They have a good roster of volunteers but could use more to cover off when people are on vacation. Both women and men would be welcome and those with the ability to speak Spanish would be particularly helpful.

Volunteers are asked to complete an application that can be found on the Feeding Windsor Essex website:

<https://www.feedingwindsorsex.ca/blank-6>

Five volunteers are required for each shift, starting at 5:45 and ending at 10:30 pm. The Center for Hope is working together with other Homelessness services in Leamington and their goal is to fill in gaps where needed.

Donations of cash, cheques, gift cards (with receipts) and other items with receipts would be welcome and can be receipted for charitable donations.

Cheques should be made payable to Feeding Windsor Essex. E-transfers can be made to admin@feedingwindsorsex.ca, indicating the donation is for the Leamington Community Hope Centre.

◆ 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 **today**, 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 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.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

► **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 **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Herm Dick*, husband of Elizabeth and father of Diane (Ron) Froese, Dennis (Vicki) Dick, Phil Dick, Greg (Susan) Dick, Bob (Janet) Dick, Dave (Vicki) Dick and Joan Epp (Mike Reynaert and the late

Ken Epp), who passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home, today, from 2-5 and 6-8 pm. The funeral service to celebrate Herm's life will be at NLUMC on Monday, April 3 at 11 am. Interment to follow at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

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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