



Sunday, April 30, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chani Wiens

We welcome UMEI to our service this morning

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 — Erin Armstrong

Welcome & announcements

Call to worship — VT #851

Choir — *Hear Us, O Father* by Dan Besig

Scripture reading — 1 Corinthians 3:7-11

Student reflection — Delaney Dault

Choir — *God of Grace* arranged by Lloyd Larson

Student reflection — Olivia Coppola

Congregational hymn — VT #365, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Children's story

Principal's report — Sonya Bedal

Graduate reflection — Simon Enns

Congregational hymn — VT #545, *Here I am, Lord*

Prayer for the offering

Graduate reflection — Jennifer Toews

Scripture reading — Matthew 7:24-27

Message — Chani Wiens

Choir — *I Will Be a Child of Peace* arranged by Elaine Hagenberg

Sharing time & prayer

Benediction — VT #847, *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Faith Exploration/Baptism Class** concludes **today** at 8:30 am.

◆ **Sunday School News**

Today, during Sunday School time, the children will practice a song with Kim and Janice DiLaudo to sing on Baptism Sunday, May 7.

◆ **Prayer Time, Tuesday, May 2, 9 am.** All are welcome to join with the church staff for prayer time.

◆ **Next Sunday, May 7, Baptism and Communion** at NLUMC.

Nathan DiLaudo has requested baptism. Please keep Nathan and his family in your prayers as he prepares for this important commitment in his faith journey.

◆ **Church Address Book — Make updates on/or before May 31, 2023.**

We are aware that there are many updates that need to be made to our Church Address Book —

- many people no longer have phone landlines
- many people have only cell phone numbers
- email addresses are updated
- street addresses have changed
- addition of names / or deletion of names

Please email the church office so that there is stored proof of any changes requested. (If someone you know does not have email, please have them submit a printed update with Susan in the church office.)

Any updates should be received on/or before May 31, 2023 to ensure accuracy. See the current Church Address Book on our church website to make your amendments. ([Protected: Church Directory \(northleamington.com\)](https://northleamington.com/protected-church-directory)). Contact Susan for the password. We hope to print off the updated Address Book in June.

◆ **Community Building Team News**

Let's plan for Pizza Night the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. (mark your calendars!) Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, May 12** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Selah's Song – Theatre of the Beat**

We are thrilled to announce that the Theatre of the Beat's *Selah's Song* is coming to our town on **Sunday, May 28 at 2 pm** at NLUMC! This heartwarming musical, written by Johnny Wideman with original music by Brian Moyer Suderman and directed by Erin Brandenburg, tells the story of a courageous young girl whose song became an anthem for peace. In a world inundated with catchy pro-war propaganda songs, Selah inspires her village by sharing her own music, creating competition for the King. Selah's Song is a

must-see performance for all ages, filled with catchy tunes and meaningful messages. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the transformative power of theatre! Learn more about the show at www.theatreofthebeat.ca

◆ **Vacation Bible School**

Summer is fast approaching, and with it, Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held at LUMC (Oak Street) **July 10 — 14, 9 am to noon each day**. It is for any school-aged children **up to Grade 5**. Parents can register their children online with this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc77f6EUGQYtuiYNajdqUCjfzQpd-2UuHZnqtN0B8ill5Mr7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

Feel free to share the link with any family or friends who are interested. Spots are limited. If you would like to volunteer, please let me (David) know. You can email me at youthleader@nlumc.com. It's going to be a fun week!

. . . Blessings, David

◆ **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>

◆ **Church Council News**

At our AGM in January there were only nine names listed in the report booklet as voting members for the Leamington Mennonite Home. Council was pleased to recommend Louise Tiessen as our tenth voting member for last week's Annual Meeting at the Leamington Mennonite Home.

◆ **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 . . .

◆ **County Classic Chorale** presents “Why We Sing” 40th Anniversary concert 1983 – 2023, **today**, 3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, Leamington. Donations accepted in lieu of tickets.

◆ **Soup, Zwieback and Pie Lunch.** LUMC invites you to join them for a simple yet yummy lunch on **Sunday, May 7**, 11 am – 1 pm. This fundraising meal is in support of The Malipayon Peace Hub, a project of their Philippines mission partners, Peacebuilders Community and Coffee For Peace. They have been part of Mennonite Church Canada International Witness for many years and are developing a multi-purpose facility that will serve them well into the future.

◆ **The Southwestern Ontario Gleaners** wish to thank all those who attended or sponsored our Fundraising Banquet last Saturday. Approximately \$90,000 was raised for the work of the Gleaners. In 2022 we had our best production year ever with 4.2 million servings distributed. Our goal for 2023 is 5 million. Thanks to our volunteers and the ongoing financial support we receive, we are well on our way to reaching that goal. So far in 2023, 2.1 million servings of vegetable soup mix have been distributed to local and international partners, including to Ukraine. Thanks again for all the support!

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **Grand Paddle & Hike Fundraiser 2023:** Join us for SLMC’s annual fundraiser! Participants/families can do an activity in their own community or come out to one of the group hikes/bikes/paddles planned in Kitchener, Waterloo, Elmira and Toronto on the **May 12-14** weekend. To sign up or donate, visit our Fundraising Site!

▶ **SLMC AGM: May 13** at 11:30 am on Zoom. Visit www.slmc.ca for info.

▶ **Summer Camp Registration:** Visit the SLMC website for more details about overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. [Camp Info and Registration](#)

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

UMEI Christian High School invites applications for the full-time position of Administrative Assistant whose responsibilities include general office administration, data entry and working with a variety of people, including staff, parents, students and supporters. If you have strong computer skills, excellent oral and written communication skills, and good people skills we would love to hear from you! Please submit resumes to Sonya Bedal at principal@umei.ca

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Templo Cristiano La Buena Semilla** and their pastor Saul Hernandez.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Henry Driedger*, husband of Gerda and father of Janet & Leonard Flaming, Ken & Brenda Driedger, and Jerry & Nadine Driedger, who passed away Tuesday, April 25. The funeral was held on Thursday, April 27 at Reid Funeral Home.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Henry Driedger.

Prayers are requested for the family of *Ruth (Wiens) Neufeld* who suffered a brain bleed on Monday, April 24. Ruth is in Hamilton General Hospital on life support as organ donor recipients are being secured. The family is comforted knowing that Ruth's joyful spirit will live on in others. Please keep Jeff and their sons Steven & Scott and their families in your prayers during this very difficult time.

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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