



Sunday, May 7, 2023
Baptism & Communion
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Lindsey Ecker
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

Welcome and call to worship

VT #7, *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

Children's time

Special music — The Miracle by Shawna Edwards

VT #759, *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Offering prayer

Baptism

Introduction

Profession of faith

Sharing of faith story

Nathan DiLaudo. . . witnesses; Ron Regehr, Dom Mastronardi

Questions for candidate

Baptism

Congregational response of commitment, VT #932

Prayer of blessing

Special music — A Child's Prayer

VT #436, *How Great Thou Art*

Scripture reading — Colossians 2:6-12

Message — Buried and raised with Christ

VT #435, *Blessed Assurance*

Communion

Sharing joys and concerns

Congregational prayer

VT #830, *Go, My Children*

Benediction



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

Church Life . . .

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

◆ **Wednesday, May 10, Church Council meeting, 7 pm.**

◆ **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.

◆ **Next Sunday, May 14,** Join us on Mother's Day as we hear reflections from four generations of one family in our congregation.

◆ **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 \(northleamington.com\)](#)). Contact Susan for the password. We hope to print off the updated address book in June.

◆ **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

◆ **Rejoice Devotional.** It is time to renew the *Rejoice* devotional books. Please call Brenda Klassen at 519-324-6299 or email at klassenbookkeeping@gmail.com by **Sunday, June 4** if you would like to renew or subscribe. The price for a year of home delivery is \$53.41. Payment can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com with *rejoice* in the message of the e-transfer or a cheque made out to NLUMC.

◆ **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*

◆ **Budget Update**

December 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 (41.7% of year) \$96,575 (33.8%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Soup, Zwieback and Pie Lunch.** LUMC invites you to join them for a simple yet yummy lunch **today**, 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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda** and their pastor Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Ruth (Wiens) Neufeld*, wife of Jeff and mother of Steven (Hilary) and Scott (Sarah), who passed away Friday, April 28, 2023. Visitation will be held at Reid Funeral Home, today, May 7 from 1-4 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday, May 8 at the Funeral Home from 10 am until the time of funeral service at 11 am.

Thank you for all the phone calls, text messages, cards, flowers, and donations that were received on the passing of Henry Driedger. John 3:16 — “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Blessings, Gerda, Janet & Leonard, Ken & Brenda, Jerry & Nadine and families

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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