



Sunday, July 16, 2023

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Marla Dault

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

Born of the Spirit

Believing in God brings Peace

Welcome

Call to worship

Prayer

Hymn #1, *Summoned by God*

Reader's theatre

Children's time

Offering with hymn #4, *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — John 3:1-21

Message — Looking at Jesus

Hymn #162, *The Love of God*

Sharing and prayer

Hymn #797, *We Are People of God's Peace*

Benediction

Church Life . . .

◆ **Prayer Time, Tuesday, July 18, 9 am.** All are welcome to join with the church staff for prayer time.

◆ **Next Sunday, July 23.** Join us for worship as Sandra Warkentin leads worship and Pastor Ken brings the message. There will be no bulletin.

◆ Pastoral Updates

▶ **Pastor Ken Driedger** will be finishing his time with NLUMC on Sunday, August 27, 2023 giving the sermon and offering communion during the worship service. We are planning a farewell lunch for Pastor Ken and Dawne at the UMEI pavilion immediately following the service. More details regarding food will be posted in the bulletin as plans are made.

► **Pastor Chris Hutton** will begin with NLUMC on August 21, 2023. He has confirmed that he will be renting a house in Wheatley on Pulley Road. More details will be shared as plans unfold.

We again would like to extend our thanks to Ken Hamm, John Harder, Mary Derksen, Joanne Brown, Debbie Srigley, Mary Krueger and Dennis Dick for all their work with the Personnel Team and the AdHoc search committee.

. . . *Blessings, Brenda Fischer, Church Council Chair*

◆ Budget Update

December 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 (58.3% of year) \$133,456 (46.6%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ 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) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com

◆ **Question ?????** Does anyone know where the NLUMC time capsule is? Please let Susan, in the church office, know of its whereabouts.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, September 23** at Point Pelee National Park! The **7th Annual UMEI Lightning Bolt** consists of a 5k / 10k Walk or Run, a kids' 1k run and a 400m kids' dash. Registration includes free entry into the park, race shirt, awards, and door prizes. Sign up today and invite your friends or consider becoming an event sponsor. <https://umei.ca/lightning-bolt-run-walk/>

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

► **Fall Retreats** – Registration is now open for a wide variety of fun retreats coming up including: Labour Day Weekend Retreat (Sept 1-3), Men's Retreat (Sept 15-17), Bruce Trail Hike (Sept 18-21), Fall Hike Retreat (Sept 29-Oct 1), Fall Work Weekend (Oct 27-29). Click here for more info... slmc.ca/retreats

- **Day Camps** – Join the fun at one of SLMC’s Kitchener or Leamington day camps! Our program runs throughout July & August, for campers ages 5-12. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp for registration and info on times and locations!
- **Overnight Camps** – There are still spots available for SLMC overnight camps and outtrips and we welcome last minute registrations! Go to slmc.ca/summer-camp to see what is available.

◆ **Canadian Foodgrains Bank . . . A Christian Response to Hunger.** Thank you to all that attended and supported the Canadian Foodgrains Bank watermelon and rollkuchen event which raised in excess of \$8,000. Many thanks to all of the volunteers, musicians, and the Tiessen family for hosting the event. . . *Henry Klassen*

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **First Baptist Church and their pastors; Mike Sealy and Jason Peasley.**

This summer **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, encourages us to pray for the churches in our Essex Cluster: Leamington United Mennonite Church, Harrow Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, Windsor Mennonite Fellowship, and NLUMC.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Consuelo Guzman*, wife of Domingo and mother of Walter Guzman (Andrea) and Carol Guzman (Isaias), who passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023. The funeral service was held at NLUMC on Friday, July 14.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Agatha Neufeld*, mother of Rudy Neufeld (Beverly), Eleanor Giles (Don) and Fred Neufeld (Debbie), who passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Visitation will be at Reid Funeral Home, Leamington, Sunday, July 16 from 2-4 pm and again at NLUMC on Monday, July 17 from 10-11 am. A funeral service to celebrate Agatha’s life will take place at NLUMC on Monday, July 17 at 11 am followed by interment 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.

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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Summer office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 12 noon.