



Sunday, October 8, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday
Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — David Hrynyk
Speaker — Chris Hutton

*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/announcements

Call to worship and prayer

VT #123, *Come, Ye Thankful People* (verses 1,3,4)

VT #88, *Praise to the Lord* (verses 1,3,4)

Children's story

Offering with VT #747, *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

Special music — For the Beauty of the Earth

Scripture reading — Psalm 65

Sermon — Give Thanks, Share and Grow

Special music — Hallelujahs

Sharing and prayer

VT #95, *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* (verses 1 and 2)

Benediction



Today . . . We continue the tradition of accepting gifts of baked goods, jam, crafts, flowers, fruits and vegetables. Please bring your items to the church foyer on Thanksgiving Sunday morning and the children will bring them to the front before the service. At the end of the service, participants are encouraged to choose one of the items on our table of Thanksgiving bounty! Cash donations at the table will be accepted. In addition to this tradition, we welcome donations of non-perishable food items that can be dropped off at the church during business hours or on Sunday morning. All cash and food donations will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank. Thank you for sharing your gifts, donations and love to benefit our community! Children will remain in the worship service.

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

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, October 15

Join us for worship at 10 am when Chris Hutton leads worship and Lindsey Ecker brings the message.

◆ Grief Support Class

Are you grieving the death of a person you love, or know of someone who is? Then I invite you to join the Grief Support Class that I will be facilitating. We will share our stories with each other and discover meaning as we go on living our tomorrows without the physical presence of someone we have loved. The 10-week session will be held at NLUMC, Thursdays, from 6 – 7:30 pm, beginning **October 12**. Class size will be limited to eight participants. Cost is \$25 to cover books. Please call Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620 for more information or to register.

◆ Community Building Team News

Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, October 13** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Adult Education Class – Being Community Through Hardship, Sunday, November 5, 12, 19, 8:45 – 9:45 am** in the Youth Room. Inviting you to a discussion on how we walk with one another through difficult times. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620.

◆ Church Address Book

We have printed copies of a church address book available in the church foyer for \$2. Please limit your copies to one per household. Click here for the online version is available on the church website, [Protected: Church Directory \(northleamington.com\)](http://Protected: Church Directory (northleamington.com)) Please call the office, 519-326-7928, for the password.

◆ Socktober and Undie Sunday

Yes, it is that time of year again. If you would like to donate your new socks and undies, we have a laundry basket in the church lobby to receive them. These will be dropped off at The Bridge in the beginning of November or if you would like to make an online donation, you can visit their website...

[Donate - The Bridge Youth](#) . . *The Missions Team*

◆ Sunday School News

► On Education Sunday the Sunday School/Missions Team launched **The Bridge Youth Resource Centre** as the new donation project for the year. The

Bridge offers support services for youth in the Leamington and surrounding area like daily hot meals, laundry and shower facilities, a clothing closet, a nutrition program and much more. The mission is to provide youth with hope for their future. Kim Driedger, the Program Manager, will visit us on Sunday, October 15 to tell us more.

► **‘Change is Good!’** We want to encourage everyone in our church family to contribute to our ‘Change Drive’ for The Bridge. On Sundays, when you pick up the bulletin, feel free to add coins to the designated container. Little by little we can bring about change in the lives of others in our community.
‘Change for the Bridge!’

◆ **South Essex Community Council (SECC)** sends our sincere gratitude to the NLUMC congregation for the generous donations to our Emergency Grocery Card Program that is tied to your Communion. These donations will be used to support individuals and families in need in our community. Since our fiscal year started on April 1, 2023, NLUMC members have donated \$1,515 in grocery cards and online donations. On behalf of all the Board of Directors and Staff at SECC, we appreciate your very generous donations!

◆ **Budget Update**
December 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023 (83.3% of year) \$184,423 (64.4%) 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

**The church office will be closed Tuesday, October 10
for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
We will reopen on Wednesday, October 11 at 9 am.**

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **The Leamington Mennonite Home** will be hosting our first in-person fundraising event since 2019 on **Saturday, October 14** at the

Leamington Best Western Plus. It will be an evening of good food, great company, and many laughs! Tickets are \$200 per person and we have tables of six, eight, and ten available. Call the LMH front office at 519-326-6109 to buy your tickets and reserve your seat/table. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the vacant lot at the corner of Pickwick Drive and Heritage Lane.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

Fish Fry & Rocket Launch! Sunday, October 15, 11:30 – 2 pm. Enjoy a family-friendly meal of fish, french fries, coleslaw and dessert starting at 11:30, then check out Robotics demonstrations 12:30-1 in the Robotics Zone! Stay for the Rocket Launch from last year’s Grade 12 Physics class from 1 – 2. Fun for the whole family! Admission by donation.

◆ **Voices Together Resource Day** at Shantz Mennonite Church in Baden, Ontario on **Saturday, October 28, 9 am — 4:30 pm.** Come explore the music and resources of the new Voices Together Hymnal with some of the members of the VT Committee and other MCEC musicians. Register at <https://mcec.ca/event/22582-2023-10-28-voices-together-resource-day> . The day ends with a **Voices Together Hymn Sing at 7 pm** open to the whole community. All are invited to bring your voices.

Junior Youth Scavenger Hunt and Campfire

Campfire, hot dogs, and a scavenger hunt with some twists!
Thursday, October 12, 6:30-8:30 pm at Don and Brenda Fischer's house. Contact David for address if needed.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Calvary/St. Mary’s Anglican Churches on Pelee Island** and their pastor Ed Healey.

East week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Cassel Mennonite Church** near Tavistock, Ontario.

Thought for the Day

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.
For the Lord is good." Psalm 100:4-5

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 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.

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