



Sunday, November 26, 2023

Memorial Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Lindsey Ecker

Speakers — Chris Hutton, Mary Krueger

*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

VT #103, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Opening and prayer

Offering with special music — Come to Jesus

Sung by Janice DiLaudo and Avery Neufeld

Children's time

VT #436, *O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art*

Candle lighting service

John N. Driedger, (91) passed away December 5, 2022

Eric Tiessen, (72) passed away December 14, 2022

Hilda Enns, (84) passed away February 12, 2023

Rudy Tiessen, (79) passed away February 15, 2023

Herm Dick, (94) passed away March 28, 2023

Henry J. Driedger, (90) passed away April 25, 2023

Ruth Anne Neufeld, (64) passed away April 28, 2023

Consuelo Guzman, (96) passed away July 6, 2023

Agatha Neufeld, (99) passed away July 12, 2023

Raymond Koop, (74) passed away September 26, 2023

Hymn — *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

Message — Memorial Sunday

Special music — I Can Only Imagine

Sharing time and prayer

Special music — Friends

Hymn, *God Be with You*, verse 1

Benediction

*The flowers in the sanctuary are from the Leamington Mennonite Home
in remembrance of our members who have passed on.*

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **First Sunday of Advent & Communion, December 3**

Join us for worship at 10 am with Marla Dault leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message. We will share Communion during the morning worship time.

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. Next Sunday, come celebrate Communion and drop off a grocery card for SECC. Donations can also be made at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate/>.

◆ **The Decorating Committee** needs YOU to help “deck” the tree this year. If you are comfortable on a ladder we could really use your help. Decorating will take place sometime **this week** in order to be ready for the first Sunday of Advent. Please contact Nadine Driedger at 519-796-2347 if you are interested.

◆ **Tuesday November 28**, 2 pm, **NLUMC Seniors’ Christmas Tea and Carol Sing** at North Church basement.

◆ **Tuesday December 5**, 2 pm, **NLUMC Seniors’ Christmas Tea and Carol Sing** in JC Neufeld Lounge.

◆ **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, December 8** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

◆ **Communication Tree**

Awhile back, in direct response to a congregational survey, Church Council created a Communication Tree to be able to reach out to those members who had participated sharing feedback. We would again like to use this Communication Tree. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact anyone on Church Council to add your name. This is one tool for our members/participants to have personalized contact with a Church Council member to dialogue about our church vision and how we are journeying with Jesus in our everyday life.

◆ **Keeping Heads WARM...Toques for Kids!**

According to Major Judi Wikens at **The Salvation Army**, there are many children, adolescents and adults in our surrounding communities that do not have adequate winter wear. The Missions Team is launching a collection of

warm toques, mitts and gloves for the next three weeks. They must be new items...purchased or hand knit. There is a bin in the church foyer ready for your donations. Thanks!

— Upcoming Events —

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24 – Evening service
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day morning service

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Sat. & Sun. January 6 & 7 – Credence & Co. workshops
Sunday, January 21 – NLUMC Annual General Meeting

◆ Credence & Co. Workshop

Credence & Co. will lead our congregation through a weekend event on **January 6 & 7, 2024** navigating through interactive workshops focusing on Congregational Discernment and Decision-making. They will engage participants and integrate skill development through story-based learning and interactive dialogue, using a combination of videos, diagrams, and activities. This will be an intense weekend of learning and sharing and growing our church community as we journey together at NLUMC. **All NLUMC members & participants are invited to mark their calendar for this upcoming workshop. It is encouraged that we all take part in the two-day sessions as they will be a valuable asset for our ongoing vision at NLUMC.**

◆ Budget Update

December 1, 2022 – November 24, 2023 (98.4% of year) \$264,529 (92.4%) of our \$286,150 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ Donations to NLUMC

On November 30, NLUMC will reach our year end for giving. Thank you so much for how you’ve given and supported our church in the past. Your financial support allows us to pursue the actions and dreams that grow us as a community, love others, and grow as followers of Jesus. We continue to encourage everyone to discuss the topic of stewardship with their family and donate as they are able. Donations to the church do not just necessarily reflect facts and numbers, but they are one of the important ways that we build relationship between ourselves and the rest of our church community.

As our year end approaches and the Christmas season draws near, would you consider giving one more donation and gift towards our church? *We are grateful and we are confident that God who began a good work in us will carry it to completion.* Philippians 1:6

- ▶ 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

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

- ▶ **Community Fundraising Meal.** Join us for a **delicious lunch** of cabbage rolls, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, and dessert **today!** UMEI relies on the generous support of our community to provide high quality Christian education right here in Leamington, so please share with others.
- ▶ UMEI's Senior Drama Class presents *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Goose* on **Friday, December 8, 7 pm** and **Saturday, December 9, 2 pm**. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the UMEI office or at the door.

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers** concert: “Like a Mighty Stream” **today** at 3 pm at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St. E. Leamington. Suggested donation: \$15. All are welcome.

◆ **Christmas Dinner.** Please join us for our **29th Annual Christmas Dinner, Monday, December 25.** Dine-in starting at noon. Take-out available for pick-up at 1 pm. Delivery available for shut-ins (Leamington Wheatley, Kingsville only). St. John’s Anglican Church, 60 Erie St. N. Leamington. Call 519-326-3111 by noon December 24 to register. Registration required for pick-up and delivery. There is no cost or obligation.

◆ Mennonite Central Committee News

- ▶ **2023 Christmas Giving Guides** are available in the church foyer. Choose gifts that change lives this year. Or go to [Christmas Giving | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](https://mcc.org) to see the list or donate online.
- ▶ **MCC Annual Reports** are available in the brochure rack in the church foyer.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

- ▶ **SLMC Outtrips** – Registration opens December 1 for children and teens who would like to participate in an overnight hiking or canoe trip during Summer 2024. Sign up before February 1 to get \$100 OFF. Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp.
- ▶ **SLMC 2024 Retreats** – Registration for 2024 retreats at Silver Lake opens December 1. See the full list of retreats at slmc.ca/retreats.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Leamington United Mennonite Church** and their Interim Pastor Rick Neufeld.

East week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Danforth Mennonite Church** in Toronto, Ontario.

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mcec.ca\)](#)

Thought for the Day
There is a time for everything,
a season for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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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