



**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader – Lindsey Ecker

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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

### **Community is the Centre of our Life**

Words of welcome

Announcements

Call to worship

VT #428, *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Children's time

Offering with VT #389, *Together*

Scripture reading — Acts 2:41-47

Message — Radical Roots #3: Community is the Centre of our Life

VT #797, *We are People of God's Peace*

Sharing and prayer

VT #390, *In Christ There Is No East or West*

Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Next Sunday, February 11**, join us for worship with Sandra Warkentin leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message; Reconciliation is the Centre of our Work.

◆ **Looking to Learn the Basics of What it Means to be a Follower of Jesus?** Considering baptism as the next step in your spiritual journey? Join us for our upcoming session of **Jesus 101!** Sign-ups are available at the welcome table. Time and place will be determined based on what serves all interested people best. All ages and stages are welcome to attend! If you have questions, you can also contact Pastor Chris at 519-613-1971.

## ◆ **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, February 9** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

## ◆ **Klaibi Family Get Together**

About fifteen years ago, NLUMC sponsored the Klaibi family to come to Leamington. Since then the children have grown, some have gotten married, and the family has moved to Windsor. All are invited to come to an Open House in the church basement on **Saturday, February 10** at 2 pm for a visit with the family. Coffee/tea and cold drinks will be served. Please bring a plate of finger food/sweets. If you have any questions, contact Helga Enns at 226-757-4543.

## ◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2024: Hungering for Hope**

An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme invites you to embody trust, beauty, rebirth and more as you walk through Lent in a world that seems very weary. Where can authentic hope be found? This year Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 14**. You can sign-up for this year's Lenten Guided Prayer by following [online registration](#) or through the [CommonWord website](#).

◆ **Missions Team is excited to share a new local project** that everyone can get involved in! The Leamington Community Hope Centre (LCHC) is participating in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and we are inviting everyone to join the NLUMC Team to support this local organization providing much needed services in our community. LCHC opened in January 2023 as a drop-in program for those experiencing homelessness and hardships of any kind. They offer a hot meal daily (even weekends and holidays) from 6 -10 pm, currently serving between 50-70 people/night. They also provide addictions counseling and support, AA, NA, and Al-Anon programs.

We are inviting you to join our team - North Leamington United Mennonite Church and walk with us on **Saturday, February 24**. What's involved? Go to the CNOY website to register for our team at this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1011736&langPref=en-CA>

Team members will spend some time over the next few weeks fundraising toward our team goal of \$1000. We think we can exceed this goal!

On **Saturday, February 24** we will meet at the **Leamington Community Hope Centre**, 58 Erie Street South, at 4 pm and walk, either 2 km or 5 km, starting at 5 pm. All funds raised by our Team will go to the Leamington Community Hope Centre.

If you aren't able to join us on February 24, you can still participate, either by fundraising and walking at a time and place that works for you, or by donating to the NLUMC Team, at the link above. Thank you for considering this meaningful local project! . . . Missions Team

*P.S. Last year, over 37,000 walkers across Canada joined this event, raising \$13.1 million dollars - it's Canada's National Walk for Homelessness.*

### ◆ **Missing Jacket**

Paul Cornies continues to be hopeful that he can get his coat back. The two coats are the same style and make but different sizes. Paul's is a black, Levis, nylon coat with hood, **size XL**, with black gloves in the pockets. The coat he is wearing now is a **Large** with earmuffs in the pockets.

◆ **Thanks** to Gloria Thiessen who has volunteered to bring an arrangement of fresh cut flowers to the sanctuary each week.

### ◆ **Elevator Maintenance**

The church elevator is undergoing maintenance at this time and is not available for use. Hopefully it will be back in working order on Friday, February 9.

### ◆ **Budget Update**

**December 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024** (16.6% of year) \$31,666 (11%) of our \$283,113.97 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](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message

3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, today, 11:30 am — 1 pm.** Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken,

mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, corn, fresh buns, and dessert. Take-out is also available. Admission is by donation.

▶ **Winter Open House, Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 — 8:30 pm.** Come and tour the school, speak with faculty and learn how your student can benefit from an array of academic opportunities, experiences and community support. All grades are welcome to this event. Students seeking admission for the 2024—2025 school year can now apply.

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

▶ **Friday, February 9:** *Holland and the UK* by Ed and Helen Brown

▶ **Friday, February 23:** *Prague and Budapest* by Luise Taves

All are welcome. Admission by donation.

### ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

▶ **SLMC Winter and Spring Retreats.** Come to Silver Lake in 2024 for fun camp experiences! Coming up soon are... Valentine's Day Getaway (February 9-11), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (March 1-3). Go to [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats) for more info.

▶ **SLMC Summer Camp.** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 7 am. Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) for more details. Outtrip registration is already open – sign up before February 1 to get \$100 off!

◆ **Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario Annual Meeting & Niagara Russlaender Centenary Tour, Saturday, June 15.** Join the Society for a day tour of sites in the Niagara region to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of *Russlaender* Mennonite immigrants in Ontario. Visit [www.mhso.org](http://www.mhso.org) and fill out a form to be notified when registration opens.

### ◆ **Employment Opportunity**

The **Leamington Mennonite Home** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Chief Financial Officer**. This senior management position plays an integral role in the day-to-day functioning of LMH. Candidates should possess a business degree from an accredited university/college. Qualified candidates will demonstrate a high level of energy and commitment with an understanding of the senior population we provide care for. The Leamington Mennonite Home is a senior's community that provides safe and secure housing to over 350 seniors from a variety of backgrounds and traditions. Qualified candidates will understand our Home's Christian background rooted in Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition and show a commitment to maintaining this organizational identity. Applications will be received until April 1, 2024. Only applicants demonstrating the proper qualifications will be contacted for an interview. Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application to Human

Resources Specialist, Jacquie Turnbull ([jacquie@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:jacquie@mennonitehome.ca)). A full job description for review can be requested by contacting Jacquie Turnbull.

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## Junior Youth

### Junior Youth Gargon Night!

Friday, February 9, 6:30-8:30 pm at North Church.

Can you assemble the flashlight before the Gargon catches you?

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **all new churches in Leamington.**

Each week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Erie View United Mennonite Church** in Port Rowan, Ontario.

**Sad News** — *Samuel Driedger*, son of *Jason & Erin Driedger* of St. Louis and grandson of *Fred & Linda Driedger*, passed away suddenly on January 27. A celebration of Sam's life will be held on February 10 at the St. John the Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Our family is grateful for the offered prayers and words of support during the past and upcoming days. . . *Fred & Linda Driedger*

**Missions** — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org)

To view more information from MCEC go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mceec.ca\)](http://www.mceec.ca)

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## Thought for the Day

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://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 Pastor Chris, 519-613-1971, at this time.

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## Contacts . . .

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm