



Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 Christ Among Us

Welcome and announcements

Opening prayer

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

Call to worship

Offering with hymn VT #398, *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

Offering prayer

Children's story

Scripture reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Message — Christ Among Us: A New Relationship

Hymn VT #540, *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Sharing and prayer

VT #670, *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Benediction

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

There is no children's Sunday School today.

Children's Sunday School will resume Palm Sunday, March 24.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Palm Sunday, March 24**, join us for worship with Brenda Fischer leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

► **Paska for the Food Bank.** NLUMC is doing a Paska fundraiser again this year and we are looking for paska bakers to make a few extra paska for **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Please contact Joanne Brown by text or phone 519-817-5929 or email jclifbrown@gmail.com if you are able to bake paska. We are suggesting the Salvation Army Food Bank for this fundraiser. No receipts will be issued for funds given.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm, via Zoom.**

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm at church.**

◆ **Check Out Home Church!**

Looking for a place to connect with others, have fun, serve others, and experience God outside of Sunday morning? Then feel free to drop in and check out a home church. All ages are welcome, and you can drop in as you feel able to!

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**

22 Marshwoods Blvd, Kingsville, Wednesdays 6:30 — 8 pm

▶ **Cherokee Home Church**

30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, Thursdays 6:30 — 8 pm

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, March 27** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers and volunteers to donate baked goods (decorated Easter cupcakes) for the dessert on that day. Please contact Debbie Janzen, janzendeb@gmail.com, Vicki Dick, vicki.dick@gmail.com, or Tammy Warkentin, tamwark@gmail.com .

◆ **Urgent MCC Appeal - Myanmar**

This Easter, families in Myanmar need our help, especially as the rainy season will soon be upon them. The military has overthrown the government and has stormed villages, burning crops and homes and imprisoning humanitarian workers. People have been forced to flee and are hiding and trying to survive in the jungle. What they need the most now are food, first aid and shelter. Missions Team invites you to make a direct donation to MCC during this Lenten season at mcc.org/Easter. Information sheets can be found in the foyer.

◆ **Sharing Time**

Church Council wishes to reiterate that our ‘Shared Concerns or Joys’ is live-streamed and recorded on YouTube which is available in perpetuity. We remind people to always ensure that they have permission to share any details during sharing time. *NOTE: If you have a prayer request that you prefer to keep within our congregation, it could be printed in the bulletin for our NLUMC participants, or you may reach out to the pastor and we will arrange to mute our livestream during your prayer request.*

◆ Tuesday Email

We no longer plan to send out an email on Tuesdays to share the link to the previous Sunday's YouTube church service. If you have watched on YouTube, you will see that NLUMC is in your 'search history' and it is easy to locate each new worship service. If you have any questions please check in with Susan in the church office.

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. NLUMC is asking for three delegates and possibly a Youth delegate to represent us at this annual meeting. Please contact Susan in the church office if you require more details or if you would like to represent our church membership as a voting delegate. Anyone who wants to attend the sessions is asked to go to www.mcec.ca to register online (even if you are not a voting delegate for our church.) They require dietary details as well as attendance numbers for meal and snack planning in advance.

◆ For Your March Reading Pleasure

Come downstairs and browse the shelves for your winter reading selections. New additions are displayed on the carousel for your convenience. Please sign the bookcard and leave it in the box on the desk. Enjoy your reads!

- ▶ *All Saints* by Michael Spurlock and Jeanette Windle. The surprising true story of how refugees from Burma brought life to a dying church.
- ▶ *Emmanuel: God With Us, As I Lived It* by Robert Wesley Witmer. His journey of faith from depression-era Ontario farm life to the mission suburbs of Paris and back.
- ▶ *Heaven Sent Rain* by Lauraine Snelling. Fiction. Follow a business woman's relationship with a homeless child and his dog and the veterinarian who helps them.

◆ 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

Upcoming Events

Sunday March 24 – Palm Sunday Worship Service

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday Worship Service



Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Carolinian Wild Church, today, Sunday March 17** at 4 pm. Water is the theme for the March outdoor service of worship with creation with personal time for wandering & reflection. All are welcome! Meeting at Gesstwood Camp and Education Centre, 1034 Mole Side Rd, Essex N8M 2Y1

▶ Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Meeting snow, rain or shine or muddy. Dress accordingly, you may want to wear boots. Washrooms are available. Facilitators: Karen Sheil, Susan Kennel Harrison, Ruth Boehm. For more info: carolinianwildchurch@gmail.com

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ Our **Student Trips Fundraising Pasta Lunch** is happening on **Sunday, March 24** at 11:30 am – 1 pm. Join us for a delicious pasta meal, silent auction, and performance by the UMEI Choir.

▶ **UMEI Summer Camp Registrations are open!** Register at <https://umei.ca/camps/> today for one of our exciting summer camps (limited spots are available).

- **Senior Robotics Camp** (Grades 7 & 8) July 8 – July 12
- **Junior Robotics Camp** (Grades 4 – 6) July 15 – 19
- **Music Moves Kids Musical Theatre Camp** (Grades 4 – 8) July 22 – 27
- **Camp ExploreU** (Grades 3 – 6) July 29 – August 2

◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News

▶ **Annual General Meeting** on **Saturday, April 6** at 2 pm. A new set of by-laws will be proposed along with other business of the organization.

▶ Tickets are also available for the **Annual Spring Banquet** on **Saturday, April 20**. Sponsorships and donations are very welcome, as this is the largest Fundraiser for the Gleaners in 2024. For tickets and more information, please contact the office at 519-326-7687.

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

▶ **The LMH Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7** at 7 pm in the Heritage Centre Auditorium at 29 Pickwick Drive. Please RSVP to the front office at 519-329-2737.

▶ We will be having a **Pasta & Pizza Night Open House** as our Spring Fundraiser on **Wednesday, May 8** at the Leamington Roma Club. Dinner will be available from 4:30-7:30 pm with live music throughout the evening. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time from the front office with cash, cheque, or credit card with a cut-off date of Monday, April 22. Ticket prices are \$50/person, \$25 for ages 5-12, and ages 4 and under are free! We will also be selling raffle tickets until May 8. The prize is four tickets to the May 25 Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game at Comerica Park. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

◆ Employment Opportunities

▶ The **Leamington Mennonite Home** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Chief Financial Officer**. Interested and qualified candidates should submit their application to Human Resources Specialist, Jacquie Turnbull (jacquie@mennonitehome.ca). A full job description for review can be requested by contacting Jacquie Turnbull.

▶ **Faith Mennonite Church** is looking for an **Administrative Assistant**. Ten hours a week. Advanced computer, video editing, financial and organizational skills required. Begin May 1. If interested, contact Art Krueger, 519-398-8384 or forazekrueger.ak@gmail.com.

Thought for the Day

“The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant, though I loved them as a husband loves his wife,” says the LORD. “But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the LORD. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, ‘You should know the LORD.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already,” says the LORD. “And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

Each week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Freedom Gospel Ethiopian Church** in Toronto, Ontario.

Indigo Celyn Neufeld Dick-Siddall was born Monday, March 11. Joyous parents are *Jessi Siddall & Sam Neufeld Dick*. Grandparents *Greg & Susan Neufeld Dick* and *Great-Grandmother Elizabeth Dick* are also excited and grateful for the safe arrival of Indigo!

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

Missions — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, www.mcc.org

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 Pastor Chris, 519-613-1971, at this time.

Contacts . . .

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Website: www.northleamington.com Instagram: [wethenorthchurch](https://www.instagram.com/wethenorthchurch)

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