



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chris Hutton

Speaker — Brenda Fischer

*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

Palm Sunday processional, VT #312, *Jesus Is Coming*

Announcements

Call to worship

VT #313, *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Offering with VT #364, *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Offering prayer

Prayer of confession

Special music — Avery and Addysen Neufeld

Children's story

Scripture reading — John 12:12-16

Message — Christ Among Us: Let the Fires of Your Justice Burn

VT #412, *My Soul Cries Out*

Sharing and prayer

VT #408, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Benediction

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

Today —

Paska for the Food Bank — Plan to get your paska today! Paskas will be displayed at the front of the church and available for a free will offering following the service. The Missions Team is grateful for paska bakers. Money collected will go to the Salvation Army Food bank.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Good Friday, March 29** – Good Friday Worship Service with Communion, 10 am. There will be no Children's Sunday School on Good Friday.

◆ **Easter Sunday, March 31** – Easter Sunday Worship Service, 10 am. Join us for worship with David Hrynyk leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message. There will be no Children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

◆ **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.

◆ **Church Council News**

▶ **Membership Informational Meeting, Sunday, April 21**, immediately following the worship service at 11 am. An opportunity for our membership to join together to hear updates about spring programs and to ask questions and discuss future goals of our church.

► **The Church has an upright Heintzman piano** — if there is a family from our church who could put it to good use. If interested, you just need to provide the moving crew! Please contact Susan in the office if you are interested in obtaining this piano.

► **SMILE!** NLUMC is planning to compile a **church photo directory** this Spring. A sign-up sheet for photos will be made available after Easter. We plan to have the photography company here on-sight from **Tuesday, June 4 to Saturday, June 8**. Please alert other NLUMC family members and friends to mark the date in their calendar. More details to follow.

► NLUMC Council has been researching samples and pricing for aesthetic improvements to the **church's four washrooms**: paint, wallpaper, counter tops/sinks, taps, light fixtures, etc.

At this time, Church Council brings forward a recommendation to accept **'special donations'** earmarked for the "Washroom Renovation Project." Once we have received 80% of the estimated \$8—10,000, we will then proceed, asking for volunteers to help out in various ways. Sign-up sheets for people to assist this Spring, with wallpaper removal, painting, minor construction, and minor electrical work, etc. will be made available so that we can keep the costs at a minimum.

► **Church Council supports the following delegates** to represent NLUMC at the annual MCEC gathering to be held in Leamington on **April 26 & 27, 2024**; Judy & Paul Cornies, Mary Krueger, Brenda Fischer. Please extend words of encouragement and thank our delegates for being willing to attend and vote on behalf of NLUMC.

► **Church Doors** — The Church will be opened from 9 am onward on Sunday mornings. If you require entrance earlier than 9 o'clock, you should make arrangements through the office, prior to Friday noon of that particular weekend.

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 26 & 27** in Leamington at UMEI Christian High School. 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

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **Join us Today!!** Our Student Trips Fundraising Pasta Lunch is happening **today, Sunday, March 24** from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Join us for a delicious pasta meal, silent auction, and performance by the UMEI Choir. Admission by donation.

▶ **UMEI Robotics** competition at University of Windsor St. Denis Center **March 29 & 30**. Come see our robot compete live! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more detailed information or contact Chani Wiens at wienesc@umei.ca.

▶ **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 – 12 **Full – Wait List Only

Junior Robotics Camp (Grades 4 – 6) July 15 – 19 **Full – Wait List Only

Music Moves Kids Musical Theatre Camp (Grades 4 – 8) July 22 – 27

Camp ExploreU (Grades 3 – 6) July 29 – August 2

◆ **Canadian Foodgrains Bank Spring Meeting**

Monday, March 25, 10 am at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East, Leamington. Guest speaker is Maya van der Woerd, Digital Media and Communications Officer of the Foodgrains Bank. For more information, contact Henry Klassen, hklassenh@gmail.com or 519-796-1558.

◆ **The Giving Spoon Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 6 & Sunday April 7 by the Soup Guru and The Bridge Youth Resource Centre, 11 am – 2 pm at 310 Sherk Street, Leamington. Take-out available. Event is by donation only.

◆ 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.

◆ Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Choral Concert

“Letters from the Past” by Elaine Penner on **Sunday, April 14** at 3 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East, Leamington. Admission by donation to: *Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine* for Humanitarian Aid

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

We are very pleased to announce that starting Monday, April 1, Susie Hildebrandt-Reimer will be taking on the responsibilities of Chief Financial Officer position at the Home. Please join us in welcoming Susie to our management team!

Thought for the Day

"I did not come to judge the world, but to save it."
John 12:47b

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Calvary/St. Mary's Anglican Churches** on Pelee Island.

Each week **MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Goshen Mennonite Church** in Ottawa, Ontario.

Introducing, with joy, *Mason Robert Lehn* born Saturday, March 16 to *Shawn Lehn & Lisa Sproule*. Little brother to Mila. Grandchild #5 for *Alfred & Janet Lehn*. So thankful for his safe arrival.

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