



**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Paul Cornies

Speaker — Stephen Roy

*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

Announcements and welcome

VT #25, *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

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

Offering prayer

Call to worship

Children's time

VT #283, *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Reflections of an MCC Thrift Volunteer

Scripture reading — I Corinthians 15:58

Message — Standing Firm and Steady

Responsive reading

Sharing time

Closing hymn VT #761, *I Love to Tell the Story*

Benediction

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

**Today — Parents Pizza Lunch after worship service.** For parents of Junior Youth and High School youth. Enjoy some pizza and a chance to share input as we set the direction for student ministries this fall.

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## Church Life . . .

### ◆ Next Sunday, April 21

▶ Join us for worship at 10 am with Sandra Warkentin leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

▶ **Membership Informational Meeting**, 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.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm.**

◆ **Home Church Update.** 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, will meet Wednesday evenings May 1 - June 5, 6:30 – 8 pm.

▶ **Cherokee Home Church**, 30 Cherokee Lane, Leamington, meet Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8 pm.

Contact Chris Hutton if you have questions!

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, April 24** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers and donations of cookies (no nuts) for the dessert on that day. Please contact Debbie Janzen, [janzendeb@gmail.com](mailto:janzendeb@gmail.com), Vicki Dick, [vicki.dick@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.dick@gmail.com), or Tammy Warkentin, [tamwark@gmail.com](mailto:tamwark@gmail.com) .

◆ **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](http://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. There is a \$70 cost for non-delegates to register, if you plan to attend the sessions.

***Registration closes April 19.***

▶ For those not attending the entire Annual Church Gathering in Leamington, we extend the invitation for all to come and join in worship during the worship times! **These times are:**

Friday evening – beginning at 6:45 pm which will include congregational milestones as part of worship.

Saturday afternoon beginning at approximately 2:15 which will include Communion with each other.

**We would ask that those coming to worship also check in at the registration table to sign in (no payment required) for purposes of safety for all.**

◆ **Church Council News**

▶ **The Church has an upright Heintzman piano.** 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 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.

Several suggestions for improved 'comfort height' toilets and new flooring for the washrooms have also been mentioned by several members. At this time, we do not have definitive plans but we are looking to see how the 'special donation funds' come in. *If members could kindly donate before April 16* so that Council can have further discussion at our monthly meeting on April 17, in order to bring recommendations forward at our April 21 membership meeting after church. Thanks for considering a donation by April 16 so that we have direction as to how to proceed on the washroom renovations.

► **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 at 9 am 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.

◆ **Book Notice.** Church Council is providing the opportunity for you to pick up past issues of our hymnals and the NKJ version of the Bible. They are available for free on a table in the foyer.

### ◆ **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 . . .

### ◆ Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Choral Concert

“Letters from the Past” by Elaine Penner **today, Sunday, April 14** at 3 pm at LUMC, 78 Oak Street East, Leamington. Special piano prelude by Olga Nesterenko, a recent immigrant from Ukraine at 2:45. Donations to FOMCU. (Friends of the Mennonite Centre Ukraine)

### ◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News

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.

### ◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

▶ **Remembering Henry Pauls** – A CILT Cabin Dedication Service will be held on **April 28** at 10 am at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to honour Henry Pauls' legacy with the camp.

▶ **SLMC Summer Camp** – Registration is open! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to view all programs available at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp this summer.

▶ **Spring Work Weekend** – Enjoy a family-friendly, free weekend at Silver Lake to help open the camp for the summer. All meals provided. **April 26-28**. Register at [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats).

### ◆ 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.

▶ Just over two weeks to go before we end our ticket sales for the **Spring Fundraiser, Pasta & Pizza Night Open House**, at the Roma Club on **Wednesday, May 8!** Dinner will be available from 4:30-7:30 pm with live music throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each at the LMH front office until Monday, April 22. Raffle tickets for the Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game in Detroit on May 25 will continue to be available at our front office for \$20 each until 4 pm on May 8. We will also be selling raffle tickets at the fundraiser that evening up until 7:30 pm (cash only). Get your tickets before they're gone!

### ◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ Planning has begun for the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightning Bolt, Saturday, September 21**. Planning for the event is underway and we are looking for

Lightning Bolt Committee members who are motivated and willing to help run this year's event. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact our Race Director Sydney at [sydneyfriesen20@gmail.com](mailto:sydneyfriesen20@gmail.com).

► **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

### ◆ **Employment Opportunity**

UMEI is now accepting applications for our **French teaching position**. Join our team of dedicated, passionate educators. UMEI teachers can truly make a difference in the lives of our students through our whole person education model. Be part of a community that cares, where your voice is heard, and you can be creative in your classroom! Inquire today by emailing principal Sonya Bedal at [principal@umei.ca](mailto:principal@umei.ca).

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## **Junior Youth**

**Trip to Aerosports Windsor: Friday, April 19.** \$10 per student for a fun time jumping on trampolines!

Contact David [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.com) for details or to rsvp.

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## **Thought for the Day**

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,  
always excelling in the work of the Lord,  
because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.  
1 Corinthians 15:58

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## **Prayer List . . .**

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are remembering **Templo Christiano La Buena Semilla** and their pastor Saul Hernandez.

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

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

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

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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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