



Sunday, February 16, 2025

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — John Harder

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

Welcome and announcements

Lighting of the Peace and Justice candle

Call to worship VT #868

VT #100, *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Children's time — David and Goliath

Offering with hymn VT #419, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Matthew 13:31-33

Special music — *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Message — Kingdom #4: Even the Smallest Person

VT #703, *Rain Down*

Sharing and prayer

VT #545, *Here I Am, Lord*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, February 23**, 10 am. Join us for worship when Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **Church Council meeting, Tuesday, February 18**, 6:30 pm.

◆ **Youth and Missions Teams** are inviting you to participate in an intergenerational fundraising event in support of those experiencing homelessness and hardship in our local community.

The Leamington Community Hope Centre (LCHC) is participating in the **Coldest Night of the Year** fundraiser again this year and we are inviting

everyone to join the NLUMC Team, “We the North Church” 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. Since then, they have been offering a hot meal daily (even weekends and holidays) from 6-10 pm, currently serving between 70 to 100 people each night. They also provide addictions counselling and support, AA, NA, and Al-Anon programs, and Hope Church, a weekly worship service on Tuesday evenings. In the past year they have opened two recovery homes, one for men and one for women.

We are inviting you to join our team - We the North Church and walk with us on **Saturday, February 22.**

Last year we raised \$1230 with 12 walkers and 18 contributors! Can we beat these numbers in 2025? We think we can! Our goal this year is set for \$1500. Let's exceed this goal!

Go to the CNOY website to register for our team or donate at this link: [CNOY 2025 Fundhub Canada cnoy.w-ith.me](https://cnoy.w-ith.me)

On Saturday, February 22 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. After the walk we return to the Hope Centre for a light meal.

If you aren't able to join us on February 22, 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

◆ **Our Next Community Meal** is on **Wednesday, February 26** at St. John's Anglican Church. We will start at 12 noon. We are looking for volunteers and donations of cookies/squares, nut free, 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 .

◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2025: Christ Calls at the Crossroads**

An opportunity to integrate prayer and scripture into daily life. This year's theme encourages us to listen to Christ's call at the crossroads of our lives. A call to draw near, to choose compassion and peace, to disrupt binaries, to pursue wholeness and to risky restoration. Engage scripture readings on your own, then share from your experience in a weekly small group. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Chris by **Sunday, March 2.**

◆ **NLUMC tax receipts** were emailed out on Thursday, February 6. All others were mailed out or are in your church mailslot. If you have any questions, please call Susan in the church office, 519-326-7928.

◆ **Mark your calendars! VBS is scheduled for July 7-11, 2025.** Keep an eye out for more about VBS in the coming weeks!

◆ **Home Church Information**

▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm

22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville.

▶ **Road 4 Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm

930 Road 4 East, Kingsville. Contact: Chris Hutton 519-613-1971

◆ **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

**The church office will be closed Tuesday, February 18
for the Family Day holiday.**

We will reopen on Wednesday, February 19 at 9 am.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ **The UMEI Community Players** is thrilled to present *The Sound of Music* on the UMEI stage. To make this production shine, you can invest in the future of the arts by donating to help to upgrade our lighting system. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$10,000, with recognition and complimentary tickets for your generosity. Donations of any amount are also welcome! For more information or to sponsor, contact us at communityplayers@umei.ca. Tickets and show information can be found at umei.ca/communityplayers.

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogues at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre.

▶ **Friday, February 21:** *Book Launch* by Joseph Friesen

▶ **Friday, February 28:** *Romania* by Luise Taves

▶ **Friday, March 7:** *Danube Cruise* by Rob Konrad

All welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ **The Power of the Past**

A copy of this recently-published book by Louise Cornies is being placed in our church library. John H. Enns' inspirational life journey, as well as his considerable contributions to the founding of our Leamington Church, UMEI and the Leamington Mennonite Home are of historical significance. "Knowing and understanding our past is a powerful tool for meaningfully living in the present, and prayerfully hoping for the future."

Anyone interested in acquiring a copy can do so by making a donation (suggested minimum \$30) to EKMHA. A tax receipt will be issued for full amount. Please contact EKMHA at the Heritage Centre or Louise Cornies at 519-796-9431.

◆ **Mennonite Action**

Our local group of Mennonite Action organized three actions last Fall; in September, October, and November entitled: "Singing for peace in Gaza."

Mennonite Action's slogan is: "God's love knows no borders!"

For more information on Mennonite action (Canada and USA) visit www.mennoniteaction.ca and Like Mennonite Action on Facebook.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp** (slmc.ca)

► **Summer Camp:** Registration is now open for overnight camps and day camps! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to have a look at the 2025 schedule and program descriptions. We can't wait to welcome your campers to Silver Lake this summer!

► **Winter and Spring Retreats** registration now open. Go to slmc.ca/retreats for more info.

► Coming up soon: **Winter Camp for Grown-Ups** (Feb 28-Mar 2) - This weekend is for 20 & 30 somethings who want to get away on a low-key, relaxing retreat. This unscheduled weekend gives folks the chance to relax, enjoy the outdoors, play games, and/or make space for personal reflection. It is co-hosted by PiE ([Pastors in Exile](#)) and SLMC. (also in March: **Staff Alumni Retreat** and **Music Retreat**)

Junior & Senior Youth

Saturday, February 22, Coldest Night of the Year.

Details on page 1 & 2 of the bulletin.

Junior Youth

Friday, February 28, God and Games, 6:30-8:30 pm at the church.

Senior Youth

Monday, February 24, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them.
People judge by outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7b

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **House of Praise Tabernacle Ministries** and their pastor Wayne Pinnock.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Refuge de Paix** in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

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

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

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the love and support that you have given to us. We have no words for God right now, but I know that you do. Thank you for continuing to hold us up as we walk this path of grief yet again. . . *Mary Krueger & family*

Prayers for our Youth who are away this weekend at their Winter Retreat at Hidden Acres in New Hamburg. They will return today.

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 crisis needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

Contacts . . .

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