

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Maida Tiessen 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
Justice and Peace candle lighting
Call to worship
VT #34 We Praise You O God

VT #34, We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Confession and words of assurance

Children's story

Offering with song VT #555, *Lord I Am Fondly, Earnestly Longing* Scripture reading — Luke 16:19-31

Message — Christ Collides Part 4: Christ Collides With Our Selfishness

VT #712, Beauty for Brokenness

Sharing time and prayer

VT #718, Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6, 10 am. Join us for worship when Sandra Warkentin leads worship and Paul Cornies brings the message.

♦ Paska for Sudan

Plan to get your paska on **Palm Sunday, April 13!** Paskas will be displayed in the church foyer and available for a free will offering following the service. Please contact Barb Fischer or Joan Willms if you would like to bake paska this year. The Missions Team is grateful for paska bakers! Money collected will go MCC to support the people of Sudan who are without food, shelter and basic needs. You can also give online at this link:

https://mcc.org/what-we-do/initiatives/disaster-response/south-sudan
No receipts will be issued for funds given. Thank you for taking on this project!

♦ VBS is scheduled for July 7-11, 2025

Consider helping with VBS this summer! The process for police clearances needs to start soon. If you might be interested in volunteering, please reach out to David, youthleader@nlumc.com

♦ 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
- ♦ Mennonite Church Canada has introduced the Legacy Giving program. It is a call for the congregation to remember NLUMC, Mennonite Church Canada or Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada as potential beneficiaries through wills, estate planning, life insurance, securities, stocks, real estate and more. For more information and assistance please look at the poster and brochures on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Dennis Dick, chair of Finance Committee.

♦ 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, <u>office@nlumc.com</u>; or Brenda Klassen, <u>treasurer@nlumc.com</u>

Community/Conference Events...

♦ UMEI Christian High School News

- ▶ Join us Today! Our Student Trips Fundraising Pasta Lunch is happening today, Sunday, March 30 from 11:30 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 <u>umei.ca/camps/</u> today for one of our exciting summer camps (limited spots are available).
 - Senior Robotics Camp (Grades 7 & 8) July 7 July 11
 - Junior Robotics Camp (Grades 4 6) July 14 18
 - Camp ExploreU (Grades 3 6) July 28 August 1

♦ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News

The Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction is Saturday, April 12 at 5:30 pm (dinner at 6:15 pm) at the Portuguese Club in Leamington. Tickets are \$75 each and are available through the SWO Gleaners website or office. Please consider attending this event, supporting through financial donations, or donating a silent auction item. We hope to raise over \$90,000 around this event. For more information contact Joel at 519-326-7687. Thanks for your support!

♦ Leamington Mennonite Home News

We will be having our **Spring Fundraiser** on **Wednesday, May 21** from 5-7 pm. Join us at the Leamington Roma Club for an open house LMH Family Dinner with live music and raffle prizes! Tickets can be purchased for \$50 each (\$25 for children aged 5-12 and free for children 4 and under) through our front office until Monday, May 19. Buy a \$20 Raffle Ticket for a chance to win one of three prizes: tickets to a Detroit Tigers/Toronto Blue Jays game on July 26 at Comerica Park in Detroit, a round of golf at Orchard View Golf Course in Ruthven, or dinner and wine tasting at Oxley Estate Winery in Harrow. We're excited for another opportunity to gather with the LMH community for an evening of food and fellowship! All funds raised to go towards the continued renovations in the Pickwick Apartments.

♦ God's Love Knows No Borders

A local group of Mennonite Action organized three actions last fall: in September, October and November entitled: "Singing for peace in Gaza". Under the slogan "God's love knows no borders!", Mennonite Action is a movement of Mennonites, Christians, and friends following in the example of Jesus Christ, who called us to live as active peacemakers, standing firmly on the side of the downtrodden and the oppressed. We take peaceful public action against the occupation of Palestine and hope for a world where all God's children are free. For more information about Mennonite Action (Canada and USA) please visit www. mennoniteaction.org and like Mennonite Action on Facebook. For more information about how you can become involved in the local Mennonite Action group, please contact Joanne Brown by email at iclifbrown@gmail.com or text at 519-817-5929.

Junior Youth

Friday, April 4, Serve Night at Thrift on Mill, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Thrift on Mill, 58 Mill Street West, Leamington.

Senior Youth

Monday, March 31, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? Matthew 16:26

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering Leamington United Church and their pastor Melodee Lovering.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for Soulhouse Church in Scarborough, Ontario.

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

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.

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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