

Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Worship Service -10 am

Worship Leader – Sandra Warkentin 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
Palm branch processional with VT #312, Jesus Is Coming, v. 1
Call to worship
Offering & VT #313, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Children's story
Confession and words of assurance
Scripture reading — Luke 19:29-44
Message — Christ Collides Part 6: Christ Collides with Our Expectations
VT #315, All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Sharing time and prayer
VT #316, Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Benediction

Today . . .

Paska for Sudan. Plan to get your paska today! Paskas will be displayed in the church foyer and available following the service. Donations will be accepted to be directed to 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.

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

Church Life ...

Holy Week Activities —

1. Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30-8 pm at the church. Road 4 Home Church invites you to join us for a time of snacks and socializing during

which we will take some time to observe the Christian tradition of feetwashing on the occasion of Maundy Thursday. Feel free to bring snacks to share! Join us, even if you don't have snacks to share! Got questions? Talk with Pastor Chris!

- 2. Good Friday, April 18, 10 am. Join us for worship and communion when Chris Hutton leads the service. There will be no children's Sunday School on Good Friday.
- 3. Easter Sunday, April 20, 10 am. Join us for worship when Brenda Fischer leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message. There will be no children's Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

• Church Council meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 pm at the church.

Theology After-Party, "It's Complicated"

Sunday, April 27, 11:30 am, The Gaza/Palestine/Israel conflict has been prominent in the news for the past year and a half. Perhaps questions and mixed feelings have surfaced for you as you hear statements like "Israel has a right to defend itself" and "genocide is happening to the Palestinians in Gaza." We want to give an opportunity to discuss these questions and emotions in a safe place. On the two Sundays after Easter after the church service from 11:30 am until 12:30 pm we will have a theology after-party entitled "It's complicated." Resource people will be Pastor Chris and Barbara Martens. Below are two questions we will be considering. Come with your own questions. All are welcome.

- 1. Commonly held views state that there has never been peace in the Holy Land, and that the people hate each other. Is there even a chance for peace there?
- 2. We read in the Bible that God promised land (the land of Canaan) to the people of Israel. How do we interpret and understand this promise?

♦ VBS is July 7-11

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, <u>youthleader@nlumc.com</u>

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 <u>https://abundance.ca</u>

► 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,

treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events...

♦ UMEI Christian High School News

► UMEI Spring Concert – Join the UMEI Choir at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 30 at LUMC for their Spring Concert "Still I Sing Alleluia". There will be a free will offering. We look forward to singing for you again!

► 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

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.

► On **Tuesday, May 27** we will have our **Annual Meeting** in the Heritage Centre Auditorium located at 31 Pickwick Drive at 7 pm. Anyone interested in the affairs of the Home is invited to attend. Annual reports will be presented, and LMH Members will be voting on several items on the agenda. If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact the LMH Front Office by phone or email (519-326-6109 or <u>samantha@mennonitehome.ca</u>) by Friday, May 23. The meeting package will be sent out on May 23 and paper copies will be available at the front office. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at this meeting!

♦ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp

► Summer Camp: Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit <u>slmc.ca/summer-camp</u> to have a look at the 2025 schedule and program descriptions. Still spots available in most camps!

► Spring Work Weekend (April 25-27): Help get camp ready for the summer season! Meals are provided and there is no cost to attend. Go to <u>slmc.ca/retreats</u> to register.

► **SLMC Group Rentals:** The weekend of May 23-25 is available for rental. Click here for more info... <u>slmc.ca/retreats/group-rentals</u>

► Grand Paddle & Hike (May 9-11): Join us for Silver Lake's annual fundraiser! Visit our webpage to create a team or to make a donation... <u>slmc.ca/retreats/paddle-the-grand</u>

Junior Youth

Friday, April 25, Converge UMEI, 6:30 - 8 pm, at UMEI.

Senior Youth

Monday, April 14, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

"Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" Luke 19:38

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **LIFE Church Leamington**.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Linwell Church** in St. Catharines, Ontario.

To view more information from MCEC go to <u>News & Events - Mennonite</u> <u>Church Eastern Canada (mcec.ca)</u>

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

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at <u>nlumc.com</u>, 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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