



Sunday, June 1, 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

Special music — The Gift to Be Simple: Piano, Organ, Bell Choir

Welcome and announcements

Lighting of the Peace and Justice candle

Call to worship, VT #877

Hymn, *'Tis the Gift to be Simple*

Children's time

Offering with hymn VT #722, *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading — Ecclesiastes 4:4-6

Message — The Beauty of Simple #4: Saving Our Schedules

VT #721, *Christ Be in Your Senses*

Sharing and prayer

VT #536, *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Benediction, VT #824

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

Tonight . . . 7 – 8:30 pm, Documentary Film “No Other Land.” The 2025 Oscar winning documentary film “No Other Land” was recorded between 2019 and 2023 and gives us insight into the ongoing conflict between Palestine and Israel. This profoundly moving and essential documentary helps us better understand the ongoing concerns of the occupied Palestinian people. The film was created and produced by two young friends; a young Palestinian man and a young Israeli man. The film sheds light on the realities that have been occurring for decades in the West Bank, Palestine. This documentary film, “No Other Land” will be shown at NLUMC and admission is by donation. The NLUMC Home Church groups invite us to view this film together and take time for peace-filled prayer.

Church Life . . .

◆ Next Sunday, June 8

► **10 am**, Join us for a time of worship led by our Sunday School and Youth.
► We will welcome **Mat and Jillian Suta and their children** into our church membership. We also announce the upcoming **baptisms of Patty Neufeld and Natalie Ferguson!** These will take place immediately after the service. Please bring a dish of food to share and bring your own plates and utensils for a **Potluck Lunch** to take place immediately afterwards in our basement. We're going to take this time to also celebrate all of the volunteers who make our church family happen! It should be a fun day!

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, June 3** at 3:30 pm at the church.

◆ Pastor on the Hot Seat Again!

Sunday, June 15, Chris will take some time to focus on your toughest questions about God and faith these days. Got a question you would like to see some discussion on? You can send it by text to Chris at 519-613-1971. Or you can send it anonymously using this Surveymonkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YRT7SGK>

◆ Rejoice Devotional

Please renew your *Rejoice* devotional books by emailing Brenda Klassen at klassenbookkeeping@gmail.com or calling at 519-324-6299 by **Sunday, June 15**. The price for a year of home delivery is \$62.04. Payment can be made by e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com with *rejoice* in the message or a cheque made out to NLUMC.

◆ 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, youthleader@nlumc.com

► To register your child for **VBS** go to <https://forms.office.com/r/WtWrrP4JQy>

◆ Home Church Information

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 Joel Epp, treasurer@nlumc.com

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association

► Join us for an evening with **Aileen Friesen**: Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg & Executive Director of the Plett Foundation as she presents on **Monday, June 9** at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Aileen is being hosted by EKMHA while she conducts oral interviews with descendants of the Russlaender migration group (1923-1930).

► **EKMHA Annual General Meeting** will take place at the Heritage Center on **Tuesday, June 17** at 6:30 pm.

► **Mennonite Heritage Tour - Pelee Island**: This EKMHA recommended event will take place on **Wednesday, July 2**. Join us for a day trip on an air-conditioned coach bus as we tour the island and learn about the impact of Mennonites on Pelee Island and here stories from author and historian Ron Tiessen and others. Registration is open at: www.daytripsleamington.ca or by calling Jim Konrad at: 226-202-0405

◆ South Essex Community Council's Ride for Refuge Launch

BBQ, Tuesday, June 10, 11 am – 1 pm at SECC, 215 Talbot St. East, Leamington. You are invited to join us for a free community BBQ as we officially launch our 2025 Ride for Refuge campaign—a national movement that supports local charities like SECC working to help people seeking hope, safety, and belonging. Whether you're a past participant, curious about the Ride, or just looking to connect over good food and conversation, this is the perfect opportunity to get involved. Enjoy a delicious lunch, meet the SECC staff and Ride for Refuge Committee members, and discover how you, your family, your workplace, or your church group can take part in this year's event. Come out, enjoy a hot dog, connect with others, and learn how you can make an impact!

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

► **UMEI Graduation and Awards Ceremony** is **Saturday, June 21** at 2:30 pm at NLUMC. Join us in celebrating the Class of 2025 as they transition from high school students to young adult “doers of the word” in our community and beyond.

► Save the date for the UMEI annual **Pancake Brunch** on **Sunday, June 29!**

► **The 9th Annual Lightning Bolt.** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, October 4** at Point Pelee National Park! The UMEI Lightning Bolt consists of a 5k / 10k Walk or Run, a kids’ 1k run and a 400m kids’ dash. Registration includes free entry into the park, race shirt, awards, and door prizes. Early bird registration deadline ends September 20, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/104350/9th-annual-umei-lightning-bolt> to register today!

◆ Sun Parlour Growing Project

Watermelon and Rollkuchen lunch fundraiser, Sunday, June 22, 11:30 am – 1 pm at Tiessen Acres, 1316 Mersea Road 1, Leamington. All donations go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

◆ MCC Comforters

Helga Enns has begun working with Rachel Kauffman from LUMC making comforters for MCC. If you have any fabric cluttering your closets at home, consider donating them for this cause. It’s a great way to simplify your life and bring comfort to those who need it. For more information contact Helga at 226-757-4543 or email her at helgaenns@gmail.com. For more information check it out here: mcc.org/comforters

◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News

We are thrilled to announce that the LMH plans to build an up-to-date, purpose-built retirement residence designed to better serve our community's needs. This emerged as a top priority from our strategic planning sessions as well as a feasibility study. A thoughtful transition plan will be in place for residents, which will be communicated to residents and their families at the appropriate time. There is ample time before this transition occurs, as we are hopeful of opening the doors to a new retirement facility in the next five years. This special project continues to ignite our vision of putting residents first—through faith-based commitment, compassion, and community. As we embark on this journey, we invite our community to unite and support this initiative. We are looking for community connectors to play a vital role in this Capital Campaign, and while we are hopeful for successful fundraising efforts, we recognize securing a loan may also be necessary. We will be developing a communication plan for this project to engage you in our dedicated community on an ongoing basis as details unfold. Please visit our website

www.mennonitehome.ca/announcement2025 to learn more or connect with us directly:

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◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

- ▶ **Summer Camp:** Registration is ongoing for overnight camps and day camps! Visit slmc.ca/summer-camp to have a look at the 2025 schedule and program descriptions. Please spread the word and help us fill Sports Camp, CILT 1B and the Bronze Cross/Medallion Lifesaving Course!
- ▶ **Grand Paddle & Hike Update:** Thank you so much to everyone who participated or supported the annual SLMC fundraiser. With your help we have surpassed the goal and look forward to another summer of life-changing camp experiences. Click here to see... [Fundraiser Update and Event Photos](#)
- ▶ **Men’s Retreat (September 12-14):** Registration is open for the Fall Men’s Retreat. Join us for a relaxing weekend of good food and relaxation. Visit here for more details... slmc.ca/retreats

Junior Youth

Friday, June 13, God and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Senior Youth

Monday, June 2, Bible Study and Games, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

Thought for the Day

And yet, “Better to have one handful with quietness
than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind.”
Ecclesiastes 4:6

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **St. John’s Anglican Church** and their pastors; Kim Myer-Purdy and Deborah Wilson-Safa.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **First Mennonite Church** in Vineland, 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.

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