



**Sunday, June 15, 2025**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Lindsey Ecker

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.*

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and announcements

Lighting of the Peace and Justice candle

Call to worship

Hymn VT #22, *What Is This Place*

Children's time

Offering with hymn VT #98, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Offering prayer

Scripture reading – James 1:2-6

Message – Pastor on the Hot Seat

VT #440, *Ask the Complicated Questions*

Sharing and prayer

VT #420, *God of the Bible 1, 2, and 5*

Benediction

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

**Pastor on the Hot Seat Follow-Up.** Looking for more info on the questions that Chris addressed today for Pastor on the Hot Seat? Check out our series

**What is the Good News of Jesus?:** <https://youtu.be/FBLMVqslrm0?t=2738>

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## **Church Life . . .**

### **◆ Next Sunday, June 22**

**10 am,** Join us for worship when Sandra Warkentin leads worship and David Hrynyk brings the message.

### **◆ Rejoice Devotional**

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

◆ **Church Council meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 pm** at the church.

◆ **Membership Meeting, Sunday, June 29**, immediately following the morning worship service. As you may be aware, Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) replaced Ontario's Corporations Act on October 19, 2021, providing existing not-for-profits in Ontario with a transition period to make necessary changes to their governing documents.

As NLUMC's By-laws were last reviewed and revised on February 7, 2021, these By-laws require updating to comply with ONCA, to reflect current NLUMC practices and to provide future flexibility.

NLUMC's Articles (previously known as "Letters Patent"), dated 1981, have never been amended and the Articles, not the By-laws, are the appropriate document in which to specify how many Directors/Church Council members NLUMC wishes to have. Accordingly, our Articles require updating to reflect our desired maximum number of Church Council members (fifteen, being our current maximum) and our desired minimum (three, reflective of the minimum specified under ONCA).

Accordingly, the By-law Sub-committee of NLUMC Church Council, in consultation with its legal counsel, Michael Wiens of Sawatzky's LLP, has prepared the attached By-law No. 1 and Articles of Amendment for Members' review prior to the upcoming Members meeting, when the following motions will be put to Members for a vote: "That the Members of North Leamington United Mennonite Church approve By-law No. 1 *as drafted*" [or *as amended*, if applicable] and "That the Members of North Leamington United Mennonite Church approve the Articles of Amendment *as drafted*" [or *as amended*, if applicable].

Should you have any questions or comments relating to either document, we encourage you to direct them to Dennis Dick by email to [ddick1706@gmail.com](mailto:ddick1706@gmail.com) in advance of the meeting, so that we may have the opportunity to address them in the meantime and run a more efficient meeting.

*Thank you, Dennis Dick, Vice-chair Church Council*

### ◆ **Summer Series Begins Sunday, June 29!**

Join us **Sunday, June 29** for the beginning of this year's summer series called **Breaking Religion**. The book of Galatians is the earliest document we have in the New Testament, and in this letter, the apostle Paul addresses the challenge of how we live with our rituals, rules, and regulations. Did Jesus come to bring a whole new set of religious rules, or did he come to bring something vastly different and world-changing?

### ◆ **VBS is July 7-11**

► Consider helping with VBS this summer! If you might be interested in volunteering, please reach out to David, [youthleader@nlumc.com](mailto:youthleader@nlumc.com)

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

## ◆ Giving to NLUMC

- ▶ 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 plate on Sunday morning
  - ▶ Your donations help to support the work of our church - both, in our building and in our community!
  - ▶ 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>
  - ▶ Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Joel Epp, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) with any questions.
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## Community/Conference Events . . .

### ◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

- ▶ **Annual General Meeting** will take place at the Heritage Center on **Tuesday, June 17** at 6:30 pm.
- ▶ **Mennonite Heritage Tour - Pelee Island, 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.

### ◆ 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.
- ▶ **Annual Pancake Brunch** on **Sunday, June 29!**
- ▶ **The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lightning Bolt.** You are invited to an active event for the whole family, **Saturday, October 4** at Point Pelee National Park!

### ◆ 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.

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**Junior Youth, Friday, June 27, End of year party.**

**Senior Youth, Monday, June 16, Bible Study and Games,**  
6:30 - 8:30 pm at the church.

## Thought for the Day

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God,  
and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.  
James 1:5

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and their pastor Sylvia Swiatoschik.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **The Meeting Place** in Hamilton, 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](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 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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## Contacts . . .

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