



Sunday, September 7, 2025

Education Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Brenda Fischer
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 Justice and Peace candle

Call to worship and prayer

Worship songs

VT #2, *Come All you People*, sing 4 times through
Praise

VT #703, *Rain Down*

Children's feature

Sunday School and Youth updates

Presentation of bibles and prayer books

Offering and prayer

Scripture reading — I Corinthians 8:1-3

Message — More than Information

Hymn VT #582, *My Love Colors Outside the Lines*

Sharing and prayer

Hymn VT #847, *You Shall Go Out with Joy*, sing 3 times through

Sending and meal prayer

Today . . . Note change of location — NLUMC Potluck Lunch, in the **church basement** immediately following the worship service! Let's celebrate this season welcoming the children back to a new year of Sunday School classes! Bring your own picnic basket with plates, cutlery, drinks and one dish of your creative culinary choosing (enough for 20 people) to share with NLUMC friends!

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, September 14, 10 am**, Join us for worship as Paul Cornies leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

◆ **CPR - First Aid Certification**

Last Call — We have received adequate interest so this is last call to show your interest by today. We will now make arrangements.

► The church would like to have a current list of names of our participants who are trained in first aid response. If you are certified, please email Susan to inform her of your current status dates.

► Maybe you have been considering becoming CPR - first aid certified but just haven't made the arrangements. If so, we invite you to forward your name to Susan and we will look into group training sessions if possible.

◆ **Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, September 9** at 3:30 pm at the church.

◆ **Missions Team News**

► **Change is Good.** The 'Change Is Good' fundraising initiative will be back in September with a 'change' in focus to food security. Funds collected will be sent to SWO Gleaners, a local charitable organization that provides free dehydrated vegetable and fruit mixes for distribution locally, in Canada and around the world. Together, we can make a CHANGE!

► **Intergenerational Community Event: Ride for Refuge and UMEI Lightning Bolt.** Missions Team and Youth Team are inviting everyone, young and old, to a day of fun at Point Pelee National Park on **Saturday, October 4!** Last year we had an intergenerational group of youth and adults ride our bikes in the first annual Ride for Refuge for SECC, a meaningful and fun event to support South Essex Community Council programs for newcomers to our community. Scheduled on **Saturday, October 4**, the same day as the UMEI Lightning Bolt walk/run, why not plan to load up your bikes and join North Church youth and participate in both events! We can gather at the beach after the ride to have our lunch together.

Here are the links to join the North Church Ride for Refuge Team:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1034795&langPref=en-CA>

Here is the link to join the UMEI Lightning Bolt Walk/Run:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/104350/9th-annual-umei-lightning-bolt>

► Also coming up for the **month of October, S'october and Undie Sunday** with our collection of socks and undies going to the Leamington Community Hope Centre and The Bridge.

- ▶ We will also continue our Thanksgiving tradition of the harvest bounty table on **Thanksgiving Sunday, October 12.**
- ▶ A hardworking crew of volunteers continues to plan and prepare **Community Meals each month** at St. John's Anglican Church. 250 tasty meals and desserts are delivered to folks in need in the Leamington/Kingsville area each month.
- ▶ Do you have an idea or suggestion for Missions Team? If so, let any one of us know. Our team includes Debbie Janzen, Judy Cornies, Barbara Martens, Fred Driedger, Sandra Warkentin and Joanne Brown. . . *Missions Team*

◆ Budget Update

December 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 (75% of year) \$187,058 (65.7%) of our \$284,846 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ Giving to NLUMC

- ▶ Donations are accepted by: 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan;
- 2) E-transfer – email 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; or Joel Epp, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **The Soli Deo Singers** under the direction of Anna Zaidman will begin rehearsals on **Monday, September 8** at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St. E. at 7 pm. They invite anyone interested in singing to call 519-324-6779 or 519-326-0257 or email: ednhelen67@gmail.com or suzieandrewr@gmail.com. Their Fall concert will be held at LUMC on November 23 at 3 pm.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp (slmc.ca)

▶ **SLMC Men's Retreat (September 12-14):** There are still spots available for the Men's Retreat! Join us for a time of rest, amazing food and connection. David Lobe is returning as chef/sommelier with a mouthwatering menu already planned! Pastor Thomas Reimer and Mike Schmidt will lead some thought-provoking reflections. Take part in your choice of camp activities... sauna,

basketball, fishing, sailing, canoeing and campfires! Special discount for those under 30 or underemployed. Click here for more details... slmc.ca/retreats

► **SLMC Camp Rentals:** The weekends of November 21-23 and November 28-30 are currently available for rental. Plus a few open weekends in 2026. Perfect setting and facilities for a church/youth retreat or family reunion! For more info visit... slmc.ca/retreats/group-rentals

◆ **Annual Food for All Community Luncheon** in support of the Southwestern Ontario Gleaners will be held on **Wednesday, September 17** from 11:30 am -1:30 pm at the Roma Club. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for a delicious pasta lunch. Tickets can be purchased through the SWO Gleaner's office, by e-transfer (swogleaners@gmail.com), or through the website (www.swogleaners.ca). Money raised will go toward ongoing maintenance, new equipment and other upgrades to the facility. We appreciate your support and hope to see you there!

◆ **Paraguay Comes to Canada!** Everyone is warmly invited to a concert featuring music, dance, and stories of God's faithfulness from students living in a slum in Paraguay. This free concert will be on **Friday, September 19** at 7 pm at the Leamington United Mennonite Church. No tickets required to attend and there will be a freewill offering to support Christ-centered education for children and youth in Latin America. For more information about the event, please contact Generation Rising at 204-415-6836 or online at www.genrising.org/events.

◆ **UMEI Community Players** is holding auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* on **Saturday, September 20**, with callbacks on Sunday, September 21. We are looking for performers of all ages and experience levels to join us on stage for this beloved musical! Visit umei.ca/communityplayers for more details and fill out the audition form or email us at communityplayers@umei.ca.

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

► **UMEI Fish Fry Fundraising Lunch! Sunday, September 28**, 11:30 – 1 pm. Enjoy a family-friendly meal of perch, chicken tenders, French fries, baked potatoes, salad, fresh buns, and dessert. Admission is by donation through cash, cheque, or e-transfer to office@umei.ca.

► **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!

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

A Diamond Evening... The Leamington Mennonite Home is celebrating 60 years this year; we hope that you will join us **Saturday, November 8** at Mastronardi Estate Winery to celebrate with the community! Visit <https://www.mennonitehome.ca/> for event details or call LMH directly, 519-326-6109 ext. 235

Junior Youth

Friday, September 12, Kickoff: Amazing Race, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at NLUMC.

Senior Youth

Monday, September 8: Youth Kickoff! 6:30 - 8:30 pm at NLUMC.

Thought for the Day

But while knowledge makes us feel important,
it is love that strengthens the church.
1 Corinthians 8:1b

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Jesus is Lord Church** and their pastor Martin Ceralde.

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

My family would like to extend our gratitude to our NLUMC community following the passing of *Rita Enns*, wife, mother, grandmother and friend, on August 30. All of the love and support expressed to us at Thursday’s funeral was deeply appreciated and helped carry us through this sad time.

. . . *Ken Enns and family*

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.

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