



**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

10 am

Worship Leader — Paul Cornies  
Speaker — Anna-Lisa Salo

*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  
Responsive reading  
Lighting of the Justice and Peace candle  
VT #36, *Let Us Build a House*  
VT #131, *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*  
Call to worship  
Offering  
Prayer  
Children's time  
Scripture reading — Genesis 16:1-14  
Message — The God who Sees  
STJ #103, *Why should I feel discouraged*  
Sharing and prayer  
VT #839, *Go, My Friends, in Peace* (verse B)  
Benediction

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

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Next Sunday, February 8,** 10 am. Join us for worship when Lindsey Ecker leads worship and Chris Hutton brings the message.

### ◆ **Jesus 101**

Thinking about baptism? Interested in learning more about the basics of the Christian faith, or maybe taking a refresher course? Then contact Chris today in order to learn more about this 6-week course designed to teach you about Jesus, the Bible, and what makes us unique as Mennonites. It's a great way to start your spiritual journey, learn new things, or just get a reminder as to why you come to church! Dates and times will be decided based on interest. Contact Chris at 519-613-1971 or at [pastor@nlumc.com](mailto:pastor@nlumc.com).

## ◆ **Lenten Guided Prayer 2026: *Dwelling in Dissonance***

Participating in this seven-week experience will take you on a journey of seeking, discovery and challenge. As you pray with the scripture texts for Lent, you will be invited to go deeper into that place within, where you experience God's calling from greater depths of mystery and grace. Please indicate your interest to Pastor Chris by **Sunday, February 15.**

## ◆ **Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser**

Youth and Missions Teams are inviting you to participate in an intergenerational fundraising event in support of people experiencing homelessness and hardship in our local community.

Leamington Community Hope Centre opened in January 2023 as a drop-in program for those experiencing homelessness and hardships of any kind. Since then they have been offering a hot meal daily (even weekends and holidays) from 6 pm-10 pm, currently serving between 70 to 100 people each night. They also provide addictions counselling and support, AA, NA, and Al-Anon programs, and Hope Church, a weekly worship service on Tuesday evenings. In the past year they have opened two recovery homes, one for men and one for women.

Youth and Missions Teams are inviting everyone, children, youth and adults, to join the NLUMC Team, "We the North Church" and walk with us in support of these important services on **Saturday, February 28.** Go to the CNOY website to register to join our team or donate at this link:

<https://cnoy.w-ith.me/WetheNorthChurch> On Saturday, February 28 we will meet at the **Leamington Community Hope Centre**, 58 Erie Street South, at 4 pm and walk either 2 km or 5 km, starting at 5 pm. After the walk we return to the Hope Centre for a light meal.

If you aren't able to join us on February 28, you can still participate, either by fundraising and walking at a time and place that works for you, or by donating to the NLUMC Team, at the link above. **Thank you for considering this meaningful local project! . . . Youth Team and Missions Team**

## ◆ **AGM Rescheduled for Sunday, March 8, 2026**

Due to inclement weather the Annual General meeting was cancelled for Sunday, January 25. We have re-scheduled the AGM to take place on **Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10 am with lunch to follow.**

◆ **The Personnel Team** has concluded our review process for Pastor Chris. We received 47 reviews representing at least 57 congregants. Thanks to all for your insightful, heartfelt, highly positive comments regarding Pastor Chris's leadership and active involvement in our church in particular, and our overall identity and church life in general. The one overarching impression one gets from reading and compiling the responses is that we have a

wonderful, spirit-filled interrelationship between leadership and congregation going on which to build into the future at NLUMC! We certainly feel that God is working among us and blessing us. We heartily recommend moving forward with Chris as our lead pastor!

... *In gratitude, John Harder, Mary Derksen, Joel Epp*

### ◆ **Farewell**

Church Council is sharing information that Susan Klassen will be retiring from her role as our church secretary at the end of June 2026. Susan was officially hired April 1, 2005. Everyone at NLUMC wishes to extend our heart-felt thanks to Susan for her amazing 21 years serving our church. Susan has always offered great attention to detail in a confidential and prompt manner dealing with the various deadlines. We appreciate Susan's cheerful smile and demeanor! Susan has offered to assist with the training of the new admin assistant when hired. Thank-you from the bottom of our hearts! We offer Susan our well wishes for a wonderful retirement.

... *With thanks, Brenda Fischer, Church Council Chairperson,  
and all of your friends at NLUMC*

### ◆ **Home Church Information**

- ▶ **Marshwoods Home Church**, Wednesdays 6:30 pm beginning February 11, 22 Marshwoods Blvd., Kingsville. Contact: Mary Krueger, 519-322-9620.
- ▶ **Road 4 Home Church**, Thursdays 6:30 pm  
930 Road 4 East, Kingsville. Contact: Chris Hutton, 519-613-1971.

### ◆ **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 . . .**

### ◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

- ▶ **Community Fundraising Lunch, today, 11:30 am – 1 pm.** Join us for a sit-down lunch featuring delicious Mennonite comfort food, including Kielke and Mennonite sausage, along with salad and dessert. Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there!

▶ **The UMEI Community Players** return with *The Wizard of Oz*, presented by Tiessen Financial! Join us this February and consider supporting the arts by helping fund a sound system upgrade. Sponsorships range from \$250–\$10,000 (with recognition and tickets), and all donations are welcome. For more information or to sponsor, contact us at [communityplayers@umei.ca](mailto:communityplayers@umei.ca). Tickets and show information can be found at [umei.ca/communityplayers](http://umei.ca/communityplayers).

### ◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association Events**

▶ **Travelogue Crete & Sicily Islands** presented by Peter & Sue Andrew on **Friday, February 6** at 7 pm.

▶ **Mennonite History Trivia Night** presented by EKMHA on **Friday, February 13** at 7 pm. Entry for both events is by donation to EKMHA with coffee, tea, snacks and socializing to follow at the Heritage Centre.

◆ **The 2026 World Day of Prayer** will be held on **Friday, March 6** at 1:30 pm at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church. This year's program was written by the Nigeria WDP committee.

### ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

▶ **Summer Camp Registrations.** Registrations for both overnight and day camp programs open this Monday, February 2 at 7 am. For complete camp program information, visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp)

▶ **SLMC Sewing Bee: March 6-8!** Silver Lake is looking for people skilled in sewing to help with a major project. If you have a sewing machine, experience with upholstery fabric, and moderate to excellent sewing skills, please contact Karen Buschert at [hr@slmc.ca](mailto:hr@slmc.ca) about using those skills in a community effort and fun weekend away at camp! There is no cost to the weekend for you and food will be provided. Limited spaces available.

### ◆ **Employment Opportunities**

▶ The Leamington Mennonite Home is seeking a compassionate **part-time Registered Dietitian** to support the health, dignity, and quality of life of our residents through safe, nourishing, and meaningful dining. For full job details and application, please visit **Indeed**. Resumes can also be submitted directly to [info@mennonitehome.ca](mailto:info@mennonitehome.ca) until February 2.

▶ **Advertising Sales Contractor (Remote)** *Canadian Mennonite* is seeking a contract-based advertising sales representative to connect values-aligned advertisers, organizations, and ministries with our readership. Full job description and application details: <https://canadianmennonite.org/about-cm/jobs/> Open until the position is filled.

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## Junior Youth

**The Big Time Entertainment event** is happening **Friday, February 6**. Please let David know by **Tuesday** if your child is attending, if you have not already done so. On February 6, we will meet at the church at 5:30, to arrive in Windsor around 6:15. We will then leave around 8:15 to arrive back at church around 9 pm. Contact David for more details.

## Senior Youth

**Monday, February 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the church.

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## Thought for the Day

Then he added,  
"I will give you more descendants than you can count."  
Genesis 16:10

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen, Quentin Unger, Annie Bergen and Jona Neufeld.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Cassel Mennonite Church** in Tavistock, 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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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.