



**Sunday, March 31, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Worship Service — 10 am**

Worship Leader: Joanne Brown

Speaker: Kendall Jongejan Harder

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

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## **Order of Worship**

### **Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast**

Welcome

HWB #12, *Come, let us all unite to sing*

Call to worship

Hymn #STJ 49, *Rain down*

Children's time

Offering while singing hymn from "Voices Together"

*To my precious Lord*

Prayer for the generous gifts of offering

Confession and reconciliation

Scripture reading — Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Message — The Dysfunctional Family

Hymn #139, *Far, far away from my loving Father*

Sharing time & prayer

STJ #78, *Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)*

Sending

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the membership meeting.*

### **Today . . .**

▶ **8:45 am, Faith Exploration Class.**

▶ **8:45 am, Coffee time.**

▶ **9 am, Adult Sunday School.** We continue our series considering questions around the end of life. Do you have questions or thoughts around what happens after we die? Next Sunday we will spend time thinking Biblically and theologically about this. We will also spend some time talking about grief and the journey of grief.

▶ **11:20 am, Membership Meeting** to discuss bylaw changes. The Membership meeting will deal with the following bylaw changes.

• 3.02 Qualification of Directors. Church Council members shall be individuals eighteen (18) or more years of age and shall at the time of their election or within ten (10) days thereafter and throughout the term of their office, be members of the Church. The requirement for membership may be waived by Church Council with the recommendation of the Ministry Team. If the candidate is an adherent but not a member, he/she may participate fully on Council including voting privileges.

(the change is the addition of, *with the recommendation of the Ministry Team. If the candidate is an adherent but not a member, he/she may participate fully on Council including voting privileges*)

• 17.05 point 5) nominate Corporate Members to Leamington Mennonite Home Board of Management.

(the change is the addition of the word, *Corporate*)

• 17.05 addition, point 6) Nominate three (3) members to the Leamington Mennonite Home Board of which one (1) position is a Church Council member.

• Addendum for 17.08 – The Addendum “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)” is available in your mailslot and in the church foyer. If you have an email address, a copy was emailed out to you on March 15.

17.08 (b) Responsibilities be amended to read:

- 1) no change
- 2) no change
- 3) no change
- 4) no change
- 5) Complete reviews of newly hired pastor(s) in accordance with the Addendum entitled “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)”
- 6) Complete regular reviews of all pastor(s) in accordance with the Addendum entitled “Pastoral Reviews and Personnel Policies (Shared Team Ministry)”
- 7) no change
- 8) no change

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## ***Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7***

▶ **8:45 am, Faith Exploration Class.**

▶ **8:45 am, Coffee time.**

▶ **9 am, Adult Sunday School.** We continue our series considering questions around the end of life. We will spend time talking about funerals and questions and decisions around funeral planning.

▶ **10 am, worship** with Lindsey Ecker as she brings the message.

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## **Church Life . . .**

◆ **Wednesday, April 3, 7 pm, Worship Team meeting.**

◆ **Families:** You may have noticed an insert in your mailboxes. I hope you have explored it a bit - it contains an invitation to make time and space for prayer in these weeks leading up to Easter. Colour; chat, connect with your kids. That's the invitation. Use a little, use the whole package - your call. Let me know what you think! . . . *Pastor Charleen.*

◆ **Adult Sunday School.** We continue our series considering questions around the end of life. Do you have questions or thoughts around what happens after we die? We will also spend some time talking about grief and the journey of grief. In the following weeks we will consider funeral planning, talking with family about aging and end of life questions, and legal questions, including the importance of wills. We will meet **Sunday, March 31, April 7 and 14.**

### ◆ **Holy Week Happenings at North Church**

#### ▶ **Palm Sunday, April 14 —**

- 8:45 am, Faith Exploration class.
- 8:45 am, Coffee time.
- 9 am, Adult Education time.
- Paska sale fundraiser. The Missions Team invites paska bakers to bring paska to church. Paskas will be displayed at the front of the church, and available for a free will offering following the service. Money collected will go towards the MCC Meat Canner.
- 10 am, worship including children's processional and singing, Jr. Youth drama.
- After church is a lunch and discussion about the future of our youth ministry. Please bring soup, bread, veggies or dessert to share. Children's activities are being offered - please rsvp to church office. All are welcome to attend this important conversation.

#### ▶ **Good Friday April 19 —**

- 10 am, Worship service with Communion.

#### ▶ **Easter Sunday April 21 —**

- 6:15 am, All are welcome for the joint Sunrise Service around the fire pit at Faith Mennonite Church with Faith and LUMC.
- 10 am, Easter worship service.

◆ **Annual Church Gathering.** Are you interested in attending the Annual Church Gathering of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) as one of our congregation's voting delegates? This year the Gathering is happening in Baden, Ontario (near Kitchener-Waterloo) on **April 26-27.** Check out this link for or contact Pastor Alicia for more information:

<https://mcec.ca/annual-church-gathering-2019>

◆ **Save the Date – Leamington Peace Party, Sunday, June 9** at Seacliff Park, 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

◆ **Campers** — If you are interested in camping this summer with fellow NLUMC members, there are plans underfoot to camp together at Wheatley Provincial Park the weekend after DVBS, **from July 12-14**. If you want to support these plans or give feedback. If you want to support these plans or give feedback, contact Lindsey and Jason Ecker or Pastor Charleen.

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## **Community/Conference Events . . .**

◆ **MCC responding in Mozambique and Malawi:** On March 15, Cyclone Idai destroyed 90 percent of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and affected nearly three million people with widespread flooding up to six metres high. Bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away. Your gift will help MCC provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. You can donate online at [mcco.ca/cyclone-idai](http://mcco.ca/cyclone-idai) or by calling 1-800-313-6226. *If you would like to donate through the church, please make cheques payable to NLUMC and mark your offering envelope Mozambique Flood.*

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, April 1** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

### **◆ Leamington Mennonite Home News**

**Seniors Education.** Our Home invites seniors to attend a morning coffee break with a guest speaker focusing on relevant information and activities. The fourth presentation is on **Wednesday, April 3** at 9:30 am in the J.C. Neufeld Place of Fellowship with Laurie Adams from Thomson Guardian Pharmacy sharing information about In Home Services.

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

**ShopUMEI** (Superstore, Freshco, Tim Hortons) monthly order is due with the UMEI office by noon **Wednesday, April 10** and will be available for **pick up at LUMC on Wednesday, April 24 from 7 to 7:30 pm.**

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

**Friday, April 12, Annual General Meeting** at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **◆ Southwestern Ontario Gleaners News**

**Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction is Saturday, April 13** at 5:30 pm (Dinner at 6:30 pm) at the Portuguese Club in Leamington. Tickets are \$45 each and are available at the SWO Gleaners. Please consider attending this event, support with a monetary donation, or donate a silent auction item. For more information please call 519-326-SOUP(7687).

◆ **Meat Canner Leamington, April 29 – May 2**, Four weeks until canning! We are canning at Southwestern Ontario Gleaners located at 40 Industrial Road in Leamington. Please pray for the canning project as preparations continue. Available shifts will be as follows:

**Monday, April 29**, evening - 5-10 pm.

**Tuesday, April 30**, morning - 7 am-12 pm; afternoon - 12-5 pm;  
evening - 5-10 pm.

**Wednesday, May 1**, morning - 7 am-12 pm; afternoon - 12-5 pm;  
evening - 5-10 pm.

**Thursday, May 2**, morning - 7 am-12 pm.

**Volunteer Coordinator - Peter Fiss**

**First Aid Coordinator - Agnes Langeman**

**Security Coordinator - Art Warkentin**

Our 2019 fundraising goal is \$80,000. Our current account balance is \$37,402.64. Stay tuned for further updates. Thank you for your continued support. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Together We Can. Donations can be made through designated giving at participating churches, and the Meat Canner Leamington Fund at Kindred Credit Union.

*See bulletin board for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Disaster Service**, March 27 update
- **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, April 8, Coffee & information, Harrow
- **Sleeping out at The Bridge**, April 26
- **Low German Forum**, May 10, Leamington

*See brochure rack for the following . . .*

- **Mennonite Historian**, March 2019
- **The Marketplace**, MEDA, March/April 2019

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# Youth . . .

► Interested people of all ages are encouraged to attend a lunch and discussion time after church on **Sunday, April 14** to imagine the future of NLUMC's youth ministry. Please bring a pot of soup, veggies, bread, or dessert to share. Youth are especially encouraged to attend, your voices are important!

► **Sunday, April 28.** Youth, parents and siblings are invited to visit the Windsor Mosque. We will leave the church at 3 pm to meet at the mosque at 4 pm. We will receive a tour of the Mosque with Imam Mohamed Mahmoud, participate in a question and answer session, hear a presentation on the Muslim religion, and eat together with our hosts. Out of respect for our hosts, women and girls are encouraged to wear longer dresses or skirts and long sleeves, and you may wish to bring a scarf to cover your head inside the mosque. Men and boys are encouraged to wear long pants and long sleeves. Contact Pastor Alicia to register by April 21 so we know how many people to expect.

► **Junior Youth Retreat, May 10 - 12.** Registration is now open for the Junior Youth Retreat at Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Contact Pastor Alicia to register.

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# Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today area churches are praying for 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 we are praying for Harrow Mennonite Church, Harrow, Ontario.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of *Paul Enns* who passed away five years ago on April 2, 2014, placed by his wife Jenny Enns.

MC Canada and MCEC invite you to pray for those who are gathering this weekend, March 29 – 31, in Calgary, AB. Board members, pastors, congregational leaders and staff from across the five Regional Churches, as well as nationwide staff, are meeting for a new and exciting event - the MC Canada 2019 Nationwide Mission Consultation.

MC Canada celebrates how God is at work in our neighbourhoods. We want to be intentional about how we can collaborate with God's mission. Participants will explore how the church can foster a culture of mission that invites each of us to discover how God is present and at work in our lives and around our world. As a nationwide community of faith, we pray that we can find ways to work together and support each other in sharing God's peace with our world.

Please pray for an openness to God's leading and direction as they gather to worship, pray, and listen together to hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church.

*If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Committee can offer our support. We are glad to be able to help!*

*We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation you might have by calling or emailing the church office, 519-326-7928 or office@nlumc.com, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm.*

*In case of emergency, contact Pastor Alicia, 519-819-3772 or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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