



Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader: Maida Tiessen

Speaker: Lindsey Ecker

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Welcome

HWB #71, *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Call to worship

HWB #99, *We praise thee, O God*

Worship music — I will sing with you

Children's time

Offering with HWB #580, *My life flows on*

Prayer for the generous gifts of offering

Confession and reconciliation

Scripture reading — Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14

Message — Looking for the Light

HWB #493, *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Sharing time and prayer

HWB #599, *He leadeth me*

Worship music — Light of the World

Sending

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

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. We will spend time talking about funerals and questions and decisions around funeral planning.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 14

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

▶ **8:45 am, Coffee time.**

- ▶ **9 am, Adult Sunday School. Wills with Will.** We conclude our series considering questions around the end of life as Billy Good leads us in a conversation around wills and end of life legal questions.
- ▶ **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.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Wednesday, April 10,**

- ▶ 9 am, **Care Giving Team meeting.**
- ▶ 7 pm, **Church Council meeting.**

◆ **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 or by calling 1-800-313-6226.

The Government of Canada has launched a matching fund for Cyclone Idai; MCC is eligible for matching funds. The Government of Canada will match every dollar donated by individual Canadians to members of the Humanitarian Coalition between **March 15 – April 14, 2019**, up to a maximum total of \$2 million. The government matching funds will be given to the Humanitarian Coalition which will then be allocated to members of the HC toward their respective responses. MCC is a member of the HC via its membership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. MCC supporters are encouraged to give to MCC for their funds to be matched. Please note: Donations given to MCC will be directly programmed by MCC; matching funds and funds raised by HC are allocated based on an internal formula.

If you would like to donate through the church, please make cheques payable to NLUMC and mark your offering envelope Mozambique Flood. Your funds will be forwarded but cannot be matched by the Canadian Government since we are a registered charity and not an individual.

◆ **Easter Weekend Happenings at North Church**

▶ **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.

◆ **Vacation Bible School, July 8-12 at LUMC, 78 Oak St. E,** Leamington, 9 am – noon. Hosted by NLUMC, Faith and LUMC Churches.

Online registration at vbspro.events/p/dvbs for children moving into Grades JK – 6. Admission is free. Children will discover that God is good through all of life's challenges. They will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, awe-inspiring worship music, teamwork-building games, imaginative crafts, activities, and an amazing Hungry Herd snack center. ***For more information, contact:*** Frieda Lepp at frieda.lepp@yahoo.ca, Jane Klassen at office@lumc.ca or phone LUMC at 519-326-2727. We are looking for help to make this wonderful week happen. Would you consider helping make snacks in the kitchen, be a group leader (lead groups of children from activity to activity), help with indoor and outdoor games, decorating, or bake cookies. Let's make this a truly, welcoming experience for the children of our church and community. Please join in. To volunteer, contact Frieda Lepp or Jane Klassen as above.

◆ **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.

◆ **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, March 31**. Minutes of the meeting were emailed out on April 7 in the weekly email. Additional hard copies of the minutes are available in the church foyer.

◆ **Rejoice Devotional** order forms are in your mailslots. Please return completed form and payment to Brenda Klassen by May 12.

◆ **Budget Update, December 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019** (33.3% of year) \$85,529.05 (27%) of our \$317,198.97 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC.** Setting up an automatic transfer is a convenient way to make regular donations to the church. If you would like to participate in this program, please stop in at the church office to complete the necessary paperwork and provide a void cheque. These donations will be processed on the 15th of each month. Please contact Susan Klassen at the church office or the treasurer, Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com, if you have any questions.

TARGET	2019	ACTUAL
Nov 30—\$317,198		
Nov 1—\$290,763		
Oct 1—\$264,330	----- \$270,198 -----	
Sept 1—\$237,897		
Aug 1—\$211,464		
July 1—\$185,031		
June 1—\$158,598		
May 1—\$132,165		
Apr 1—\$105,732		
Mar 1—\$79,299		Apr 1—\$85,529
Feb 1—\$52,866		Mar 1—\$60,322
Jan 1—\$26,433		Feb 1—\$44,322
Dec 1—0		Jan 1—\$25,813
		Dec 1—0

Shortfall
\$20,203

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Heritage Choir** practice, **Monday, April 8** at 2 pm at the Heritage Center.

◆ **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.**

▶ **Zwieback and raisin bread orders** are due in the office by noon **Monday, April 15** and will be ready to pick up Wednesday, April 17.

▶ **Ground beef orders** are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, April 17** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, April 25.

▶ Grade 8's are invited to join us for **Shadow Day** on **Friday, May 3** from 12-3 pm. The day kicks off with a delicious meal at our Hospitality and

Tourism Class event "Taste of the World." Students will then have a choice of two full classes to shadow in the afternoon where they will experience what classes at UMEI are like. Call UMEI at 519-326-7448 or email abbynd@umei.ca to register your student.

► The UMEI Hospitality and Tourism class is happy to announce that they will be hosting another **Taste of the World Festival** (or *Smag af Verden*, *Rosacheate Nei Piphoplok*, *Sabor do Mundo*, *Sabor del Mundo*, *Taem Alealam*, *Goût de Monde* in the languages of our countries). We would like to invite you and all of your family to our fifth annual festival where you can experience food and culture from different countries around the world. The festival will take place on **Friday, May 3** from 12-1 pm, inside our school's auditorium. Tickets (\$10/adult and \$6/student) are only available prior to the event through the students in the Hospitality and Tourism class and from the office. Tickets will not be for sale at the door on the day of the event so please have your tickets purchased by Friday, April 26. You can contact the school at 519-326-7448 to have a ticket reserved for you. We hope to see you there!

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

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

► **Saturday, May 11: Annual Spring Dinner**, guest speaker, Ken Neufeld, former ambassador to Afghanistan.

◆ **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**, Three 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:

April 29, evening - 5-10 pm.

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

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 \$41,177.73. 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.

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers Choral Concert, Saturday, May 4** at UMEI at 7:30 pm and **Sunday, May 5** at LUMC at 3:00 pm. Tickets: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children in advance, \$15 for adults, \$7 for children at the door. Available from choir members, Kindred Credit Union or UMEI, 519-326-7449.

◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News**

► **Experience Silver Lake this Summer!** A limited number of spots are left in most weeks of summer camp. Enjoy swimming, canoeing, sailing, kayaking, archery, crafts, nature exploration, low-ropes and climbing tower, gagaball, tether ball, homemade food, singing around the campfire, new cabins and much, much more. For more information visit www.slmc.ca/camp or call 519-422-1401

► **SLMC Volunteers for Summer 2019.** Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer at Silver Lake this summer. Volunteers are still needed for each week except for the first week of summer. If you have a week available to volunteer at Silver Lake, especially in the kitchen or on maintenance, please fill out the volunteer application at slmc.campbrainstaff.com. There are about 30 more volunteer spots to fill, so please sign up and bring a friend!

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Conrad Grebel University College seeks a **Communications Assistant** to create visual content through design, layout, and coordination of print materials and web pages, as well as photography and photo editing. 17.5 hours per week. Application deadline is April 26. Start date is June 3. Read the full job description at www.grebel.ca/positions.

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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broadcast, website and social media, or in any manner deemed appropriate without prior notification to the participants. Photos could be used in these public forums without consideration and/or compensation. If church members/or participants consent to the use of their photo/or their child's photo to be included in any church broadcasts, they are asked to contact the church office and sign the appropriate Photography and Media Consent Form. The NLUMC Photography and Media Policy has been implemented to inform church participants that NLUMC is committed to a safe environment for all.

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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for St. Mary's and Calvary Anglican Churches on Pelee Island and their pastor Ed Healey.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for Hawkesville Mennonite Church, Hawkesville, Ontario.

Thank you from the Taves and Dyck Families for all the kindness shown to us by way of phone calls, cards, and kind words of encouragement in the passing of our mother, Helena Dyck. Also for the food and flowers brought to our homes and all of the wonderful baking from the ladies of the LUMC, Faith and NLUMC churches. To our pallbearers, ushers, sound and music people, thank you. To the Leamington Mennonite Home for nine years of exemplary care. Lastly to Linda Tiessen, Jeff Konrad and Cathrin van Sintern-Dick for our last day with mom. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

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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