



Sunday, August 23, 2020

Please look to the Website, the Facebook group and your email inbox for any updates as well as the weekly online bulletin.

If you know of someone from our congregation who does not have access to the internet and is socially isolated, please let the pastors know so that contact can be established.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

We have shifted our worship mode to Zoom so we can all worship together from our own homes on Sunday at 10 am. Please check the email this week for the link. You will click on the relevant link at that time, and zoom will automatically open on your computer or phone. You can also access the gathering by phone by calling the relevant number. Our hope is that this will enable good interaction during worship as we see each other's faces and hear each other's voices. We can record the service and have that available at Pickwick on Tuesday night, as well as the link to the recording sent to you by email.

Next Sunday, August 30 . . .

Join us for worship as Pastor Alicia brings the message.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Welcome back Pastor Alicia!** Pastor Alicia is back from maternity leave and will begin her work on Tuesday, August 25 with NLUMC. You can reach her at 519-819-3772 (cell phone).

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 pm.** Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Financial Update**

Our Church Unified Budget is set at \$325,000 for 2020. Currently, we are in a shortfall position and we ask everyone to discuss the topic of stewardship with your families. We encourage people, as they are able, to donate sooner than later in these three and a half remaining months of our fiscal year.

Donations to NLUMC

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include donation # in the message
- 3) leave donation in the nightly drop box at Kindred Credit Union – labelled NLUMC - include donation #
- 4) mail donation to church address

Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Louise Neufeld, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions. We are grateful to God and *we are confident that God who began a good work in us will carry it to completion.* Philippians 1:6

◆ **Reopening Plan Fall 2020**

In these strange pandemic times that we are living through, we acknowledge that one of the many things that we are missing is meeting physically together as a worshipping community. We are missing seeing each other, singing and praying together physically, and even being in our familiar church building. In Acts, the early church met mostly in homes and we know that the church is not the building and it isn't meeting together

physically. We are still the church without these things. But that doesn't diminish our longing to meet together and to be in our church building even if many things will be different.

Please read the **attached document in the Thursday, August 20 email** for all the information in our plan to reopen the church. Also, please take a few moments to complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Return2NLUMChurch> . This will help us plan for the upcoming reopening Sunday, October 4.

Please note – The church phone number was incorrect in the document. When calling the church, please call 519-326-7928.

Community/Conference Events . . .

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Faith Mennonite Church** and their pastor Ruth Boehm.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This summer we are encouraged to pray for the churches in our Essex Cluster; Leamington United Mennonite Church, Harrow Mennonite Church, Faith Mennonite Church, Windsor Mennonite Fellowship and North Leamington.

*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 12 noon.*

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

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Office hours: closed until further notice