



Sunday, November 22, 2020 Memorial Sunday

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

Join our church service by Zoom or by coming to the building! We take safety seriously and will be following research based COVID health protocols.

Please check the email this week for the Zoom 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.

Please contact Susan Klassen to register, by Thursday prior to the Sunday service, if you want to worship in the church building on Sunday morning. See information below for COVID information.

Order of Worship

As we spend time on Sunday lighting candles to mark our griefs, there will be no additional sharing time. If you have something you would like to share with the community, please let Pastor Kendall know before Sunday. He can be contacted at 519-329-1514 or kendall@nlumc.com.

On Memorial Sunday it is important to have an opportunity to name our griefs and light a candle. In this year, when so many of us are participating from home, we would still like to honour the griefs that so many of us carry. If you will be online this Sunday, please let pastor Kendall or pastor Charleen know before Sunday who you would like us to light a candle for and we will light that candle on your behalf. We invite you to have a candle ready to light at home when we name that grief.

Amanda Walsh (42), passed away February 8, 2020
William Neufeld (86), passed away February 15, 2020
Henry Reimer (70), passed away May 20, 2020
Henry Janzen (90), passed away June 15, 2020
Daniel Epp (59), passed away June 24, 2020
Lydia Lehn (90), passed away July 30, 2020
Frank Klassen (94), passed away August 2, 2020
John Dick (98), passed away August 7, 2020
Jake Hamm (88), passed away October 2, 2020

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by the
Leamington Mennonite Home in memory of our residents, volunteers and supporters
who were members of this congregation and who passed away this year.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends
who have experienced loss and bereavement.*

Church Life . . .

◆ **First Sunday of Advent, November 29** – Communion on Advent 1, November 29. Come to the table, God has a place for you! If you are worshiping in person, communion elements will be provided for you. If you are worshiping online, please prepare your own bread and cup.

NLUMC is open for in-person worship on November 29! Please contact Susan Klassen **to register in advance, by Thursday, November 26**, if you are planning to attend worship, 519-326-7928, 519-839-5442 or office@nlumc.com. You will be asked COVID screening questions at that time and again when you enter the building. Our Pandemic Team has been careful to come up with new safety protocols for worship. Safety measures include:

- COVID screening upon entry to the church
- only the West parking lot doors (with handicapped button) will be used
- masks **must** be worn over the mouth and nose at all times
- floor markings and seating assistance by ushers to maintain physical distancing
- hand sanitizer at entrances and washrooms
- disinfectant available in washrooms for users to clean what they touch
- access to the basement areas closed
- no congregational singing

Looking forward to seeing you in-person soon!

◆ **Senior's Christmas Social, Tuesday, November 24.** This year NLUMC is putting together a special online event to celebrate our Senior's Christmas Social in a covid safe way.

Here's how you can participate:

1. You can participate by watching a half hour pre-recorded program link that will be posted to YouTube on **Tuesday, November 24**. The link will be sent out by email and posted to our church Facebook, Instagram, and Webpage on November 24. Don't worry, if you can't access the link that day, it will still be available online until December 25!
2. You are invited to join together live on Zoom with your NLUMC friends on **Tuesday, November 24** from 3 — 4 pm for a virtual coffee hour! Make yourself a tasty snack and enjoy some online time with our community.

Please contact Pastor Alicia with any questions.

◆ **Prayer Time, Wednesday, November 25**, 6:30 pm. Check your email for the Zoom link.

◆ **Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, November 25**, 7:05 pm via Zoom.

◆ **Budget Update.** The Finance Committee have re-worked the budget for 2020 to \$303,000. Ultimately, due to the covid virus, many of our committees did not spend what was initially planned. As of today, we have received donations of \$278,000. Therefore, we still require \$25,000 before the end of November. Thank-you, everyone, for donating generously to the work of our church.

◆ **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.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **26th Annual Lights of Life** at Erie Shores HealthCare, **Sunday, December 6** at 7 pm. Dedicate a bulb and let the Christmas spirit shine on your hospital and your community. Funds raised will be used for spiritual care for families and friends in their time of need. Please contact Kerstin Kay at 519-322-2501 x 4445 for more information.

◆ **Mennonite Disaster Service News.** The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read why we are suspending projects because of COVID spikes in local communities, learn how MDS volunteers are helping to save a Colorado forest, and an MDS volunteer and author offers a unique approach to support MDS. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3nF6fIG>

Youth . . .

Attention Youth! Virtual coffee time is back!

Join your North Church friends to touch base about how back to school stuff is going next **Tuesday, November 24** at 8:30 pm for about half an hour. "See" you then! The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Knox Presbyterian Church** and their pastor Leslie Walker.

Each week MCEC, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, prays for one of our congregations. This week we are praying for **Westview Christian Fellowship** in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Our prayers go out to the family of Maria Branco, mother of Pauline & Jamie Cornies, who passed away on Thursday, November 19.

*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 at 519-819-3772,
or Pastor Charleen at 519-329-3829 or Pastor Kendall at 519-329-1514.*

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