



Sunday, April 4, 2021 Easter 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 us for the Easter sunrise service this morning at 7 am on Facebook Live.

Join us at 9:45 am this morning on Zoom for an Easter Hymn Sing.

Order of Worship

Congregational singing
Land acknowledgement
Announcements
Welcome
Call to worship
Song VT #346, *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
Children's feature
Song VT #332, *In Christ Alone*
Easter people prayer
Song VT #355, *Thine Is the Glory*
Scripture – John 20:1-18
Reader's theatre
Message
Song VT #333, *Low in the Grave He Lay*
Affirmation of faith
Song VT #341, *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!*
Sending blessing

Church Life . . .

♦ **Calling for Jokes! Next Sunday, April 11**, we will once again be celebrating Holy Humour Sunday, a light-hearted celebration of the joy of Easter, when Jesus has the last laugh on death. In that spirit of levity, we would welcome submissions of clean, short jokes, memes or funny stories by adults and kids. Please submit to charleen@nlumc.com either in video, audio or written form. Bonus points if the joke, meme, or story includes fish, water or humour in the Bible.

We are glad to be welcoming Allan Rudy-Froese to preach; he has done quite a bit of serious work on the humour of the Bible. He's preached on Jonah at NLUMC before; now he'll draw connections between Jonah and humour, and Jonah and the resurrection.

◆ **Congregational meeting, Sunday, April 11**

Following the regular Zoom worship service, we will have a short membership meeting to present the final 2020 Financial Statements. The Financial Report will be attached to the Friday, March 26 email.

We will also be announcing our cabinet shuffle as we have had a few changes to representation on Council since the February 7 meeting and will require membership approval.

◆ **Jr. Youth! Connect, Jr.**

► **Each Tuesday** at 7 pm on Zoom for approximately 30-45 minutes - Connect with other Junior Youth and Pastor Charleen.

- a little fun (Whacky Auction, Scribl.io, Charades, and more)

- a little spiritual connection

- sending off with a bedtime prayer.

- RSVP to charleen@nlumc.com appreciated, but not required

The link will be posted on Facebook, Instagram and in the church email. Parents, we thank you in advance for helping your kids stay connected with the church, even in these strange virtual times. Developmentally, junior youth are ready to connect in deeper and new ways with God and the church.

► **Feedback Requested: CONNECT JR NLUMC Jr Youth.** We are looking for feedback on our Junior Youth weekly virtual connection; if you would like to provide feedback we would be grateful! Please click here to provide feedback: [Feedback on Connect Jr](#)

◆ **Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time! Each Tuesday** at 8 pm on Zoom for approximately half hour - Join your North Church friends and Pastor Alicia to touch base about school stuff, and life! See you then! Please contact the church or Pastor Alicia if you need help with the Zoom link.

◆ **Prayer Time** — each Wednesday evening 6:30 – 7 pm on Zoom.

◆ **Let's Build Our Song Library!** We would love to include you in our music making at NLUMC. You are invited to sing and record a favourite hymn or worship song that we can use in worship. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kendall at kendall@nlumc.com.

◆ **Youth Ministry Update**

Over the past 2+ years, NLUMC has done a lot of data gathering and discernment with respect to youth ministry. Ministry Team had a significant focus on youth for close to two years. Pastor Alicia prepared and delivered a focus group/workshop in April 2019, Ministry Team gathered data through a survey in August/September that year. A Youth Team was created and a second survey was completed in December/January 2020. Survey results were shared with the congregation at the 2020 AGM and the pastors (Ken Driedger, Charleen and Kendall) completed the Youth Listening Project, interviewing 21 families of youth in the spring of 2020. We have collected a lot of information!

\$10,000 was set aside for a youth leader/pastor position in 2020 and continues to be part of the approved NLUMC budget for 2021.

Advice from MCEC is that other churches have been most successful when sharing job postings within their congregation and the local community.

We are sharing the Youth Leader posting with you and encourage you to share with family and friends who may be interested or know someone interested in leading youth ministry at NLUMC. See March 30 email for posting. *Thanks! The Youth Team*

◆ **Financial Donations** needed toward our 2021 operating budget

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact church office.
- 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. Please include your donation #.
- 4) Mail donation to church address.

Contact office@nlumc.com or treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ UMEI Christian High School News

▶ **Open House Appointments.** UMEI is hosting an in-person open house event on **Tuesday, April 6.** Come and meet the teachers, discover classes and extracurriculars, and so much more! Please note this open house is by appointment only! Please call Megan in the office at 519-326-7448 or email her at office@umei.ca to book a time slot!

▶ **Ground Beef Order.** We will be doing our April ground beef order on **Wednesday, April 7.** If you would like to order, please call the office at 519-326-7448 or email office@umei.ca to place your order! Please note that orders are due on the 7th by 12 noon.

▶ **Registration is open** for the 2021-22 school year and we still have spots available in Grades 9-12! For more information or to request an application package, please email office@umei.ca!

◆ Silver Lake Mennonite Camp News

The first fundraising campaign to honour SLMC's 60th Anniversary has been launched! 60 Years. \$60,000. Let's Build a CILT Cabin! Our camper in leadership training cabins are the last cabins at camp that need replacing. Please consider donating to this important project as we support young leaders and meet the demands of an expanding leadership program. For more information and to make a donation, visit our [60th Campaign Page!](#) Also, please join us for the SLMC Annual General Meeting which will take place remotely on May 8 at 10am. Visit www.slmc.ca for more details!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today area churches are praying for **Deer Run Church** and their pastors; Ike Unger, Peter Klassen and Quentin Unger.

Each week Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) prays for one of our congregations. Today, we invite you to pray for **Church of the Living Word** in Ottawa, Ontario.

Our prayers go out to the family of *Jerry Tiessen, son of Rosemarie Tiessen*, who passed away Tuesday, March 30. Rosemarie thanks for all the prayers and support they have received during this difficult journey.

If you are aware of any needs within our congregation, please contact the church office so the Pastors and Caregiving Team can offer support.

We also invite you to let the church office know of any requests for visitation by phoning 519-326-7928 or emailing office@nlumc.com

In case of emergency, contact a Pastor listed below.

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