



Sunday, November 21, 2021

Memorial Sunday

Worship Service — 10 am

Connect with NLUMC

- RSVP to attend Sunday worship in person by calling 519-326-7928.
 - Join our live Zoom worship services online.
 - Check out our church website at nlumc.com, including YouTube videos of our past services.
 - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
 - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
- Contact the church office or any of our pastors for more information.

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Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

VT #332, *In Christ Alone*

Call to worship — Psalm 103

Opening prayer

VT #628, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Children's feature

VT #779, *You're Not Alone*

Scripture reading — Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Message — Our body remembers, Cathrin van Sintern-Dick

VT #568, *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*

Memorial Candle Lighting Service

Harold Klassen (60), passed away January 8, 2021

Jacob Gossen (71), passed away July 8, 2021

Helga Driedger (91), passed away July 18, 2021

Pastoral prayer

VT #839, *Go Ye Now in Peace*

Benediction

Thank you to our participants today including:

Harry Dick, Linda Driedger, Hayden Epp, Brenda Fischer, Pastor Alicia Good, Debbie Janzen, Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder, Ben Konrad, Judy Koop, Justin Neufeld, Pastor Cathrin van Sintern-Dick.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Cathrin van Sintern-Dick to share her sermon with us this Memorial Sunday on the theme of grief. Cathrin has been a member at NLUMC since 2003 and served as our Pastor from 2003 to 2011. She is an ordained Minister for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC), serving as the Chaplain at the Leamington Mennonite Home since 2015 and the Regional Ministry Associate for the MCEC Leadership office since 2017, offering support to pastors and congregations within MCEC throughout Ontario. She leads workshops on caregiving, bereavement, and end-of-life. Cathrin comes to us with years of experience and specialized training in spiritual palliative and bereavement care. Cathrin and her husband, Matthew, and their three children, live in Chatham.



The Leamington Mennonite Home staff and residents want to thank our partnering churches for the trust and support you have shown us. Please accept these flowers as a sign of remembrance and tribute to the lives of your members who have passed on. Their journey of faithfulness has now ended, but their witness will remain with us.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Next Sunday, November 28**

▶ **10 am — First Sunday of Advent.** Our Advent theme this year is “Dare to Imagine” with the first week focusing on Daring to Imagine God’s Goodness. Pastor Alicia will bring the message: An old, dead stump with a new green shoot. We will also celebrate Communion on Sunday. If you are attending in person, communion elements will be provided for you. If you are attending on Zoom, please prepare your elements in advance.

▶ **7 pm — Membership meeting in the church sanctuary.** All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Attendees must wear a face mask. No Zoom will be available for this meeting. Please see email from Wednesday, November 17 for more details.

◆ **Missions Team Update. SECC Fundraiser.** For the weeks of **November 14, 21 and 28** we are collecting grocery gift cards (\$25 or \$50 preferred) for SECC needs, wants and book fundraiser for families in our community in need. These can be brought to the church and put in the donation plate or can be purchased as an e-gift card by going to the SECC website <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/65971>. This organization is very grateful for NLUMC’s support of this event.

◆ **Need Help with Christmas Tree.** The Decorating Committee needs help pulling the tree out of the storage area, putting it up and decorating it on **Friday, November 26.** If you are comfortable climbing a ladder we can use you! If you have a good eye for decorating we can use you! Help us make our tree beautiful. Contact Nadine Driedger if you can help, 519-796-2347.

◆ **Our Church is Open for In-Person Worship.** We now sing with masks on, health screening and contact tracing are in place, and we refrain from lingering inside the building after worship. Our capacity is limited so you are asked to pre-register with the church office, office@nlumc.com, if you wish to attend *by Thursday of the week prior* to the worship service. We offer hybrid services that connect with people on Zoom as well as in the sanctuary. We are glad to be together!

◆ **New Book Study** on zoom **Thursdays 7:30-8:30 pm** started **November 11.** We have chosen *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga. Please purchase the book from an independent bookstore. This is the author's link to purchase the book:

<https://houseofanansi.com/collections/all/products/seven-fallen-feathers> Let Lindsey Ecker or Pastor Kendall know if you would like to participate.

◆ **Community Meals.** Once a month our church provides a meal for those in need in our community through the St. John's Anglican Church. We are coming to the end of our 2021 Community Meals commitment. Due to COVID restrictions, we have been unable to participate on site. Our current commitment has been the transfer of \$300 per month. Unfortunately, our budget will be depleted following our November transfer and we will need to fundraise in order to keep our ongoing commitment. Due to the rising cost of groceries, as well as increasing need, we are suggesting that we fundraise with a goal of \$5000 for 2022. If you can donate to this need, you can bring your donation to church on Sunday or send an e-transfer to treasurer@nlumc.com. Please mark community meals with your donation. Thank you.

◆ **The Seniors Christmas Social is Back!**

Seniors are invited to gather in the sanctuary of NLUMC for a Christmas celebration hosted by the NLUMC Caregiving Team on **Tuesday, November 30** from 2 – 3 pm. We will enjoy a time of singing favourite Christmas Carols and enjoying one another's company. Since this event is open to all regardless of vaccination status, no refreshments will be served.

Residents of the Leamington Mennonite Home Retirement Residence are invited to a Christmas celebration hosted by the NLUMC Caregiving Team in the JC Neufeld Fellowship Hall on Monday, December 6 from 2 - 3 pm.

◆ **Budget Update. December 1, 2020 – November 18, 2021** (96.7% of year) \$243,522 (80.6%) of our \$302,141.31 unified church budget has been donated. Give prayerfully, joyfully and generously as God has given to you.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC are accepted by —**

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in 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 Brenda Klassen, treasurer@nlumc.com.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Employment Opportunity**

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is looking for three young adults (at least 22 years old) to fill the **Assistant Director** roles from April 30-August 29, 2022 (see job description at slmc.ca/about/board-of-directors/). Do you love working with campers, enjoy leading your peers and want to help camp thrive? Can you build a positive camp culture, communicate well and build strong relationships, lead and be a role model, supervise staff, address issues effectively (conflict, critical incidents, safety) and do administrative tasks? Submit your cover letter and resume by December 10, 2021 to: karen@slmc.ca

Senior Youth

Join Grebel and University of Waterloo students online on **Tuesday, November 23**, at 7 pm! There will be fun activities, good conversation and great prizes to be won! Topic: NLUMC Youth Event. <https://uwaterloo.zoom.us/j/91009604908?pwd=SlkzeU93K3VoVUZ4MGNDTWpMWUpYdz09>

Thursday, November 25, Thrift on Mill Vintage Shopping & Fashion Show, 6-8 pm at Thrift on Mill, 58 Mill Street West, Leamington. RSVP by text or phone to Pastor Alicia 519-819-3772 or Joanne Brown 519-817-5929. Bring a friend and join in the fun.

Junior Youth

Friday, November 26, Campfire & Capture the Flag, 6-8 pm at the home of Gerry & Joan Willms, 218 Mersea Road 6, Leamington. Bring a friend and join in the fun. RSVP to Joanne, 519-817-5929.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for **Templo Cristiano La Buena Semilla** and their pastor Saul Hernandez.

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

Please hold in prayer the community of Wheatley. Pray that God provides for the needs of the many residents and businesses who have been impacted by the gas explosion and pray that God gives wisdom and safety to those attempting to address the cause of the explosion.

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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