



Sunday, January 23, 2022

Annual General Meeting

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.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome — call to worship and work

Opening prayer

VT #34, *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

2021 pictorial review

Congregational prayer

Scripture reading — Psalm 107:1-9

Meditation — Pastor Charleen

VT #297, *You Are Salt for the Earth*

Acceptance of Agenda and 2021 motions/meeting minutes

1. Reports

VT #703, *Rain Down*

2. Reports

Litany of leadership transition

Offering

Financial statements for 2021 and budget proposal for 2022

Additional business

Prayer

Sending song VT #682, *Lord, Listen to Your Children*

Open forum discussion

Sending prayer

Thank you to our participants today including:

Dennis Driedger, Greg Driedger, Linda Driedger, Hayden Epp,
Charleen Jongejan Harder, Tobias Jongejan Harder, Brenda Fischer,
Kevin Fischer, Ben Konrad, Bob Tiessen.

Church Life . . .

◆ **Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, January 26** from 6:30 to 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the church office if you do not have the Zoom link.

◆ **First Contact Canada. Thursdays** starting **January 27**, 7:30-8:45 pm everyone is invited to join a weekly Zoom to watch First Contact Canada and then have some discussion. The six episodes take six Canadians on a unique 28-day exploration of Indigenous Canada, challenging their perceptions and confronting their prejudices. Please contact Lindsey Ecker or Pastor Kendall or any of the other church book club members if you would like to participate.

◆ **Farewell for Pastor Alicia.** NLUMC would like to give greetings of farewell to Pastor Alicia. Alicia and her family will worship with us in church on **Sunday, January 30** and we would like to show our appreciation to her for her nine plus years of service with our congregation. We are collecting donations for a gift to present to her, so we invite you to drop your donation off to Susan in the church office by Thursday, January 27. Also, we thought it would be good to share stories, reflections, or cards of greeting to Alicia. These also can be dropped off to Susan and then we will give Alicia a keepsake box with these letters that she can read in the next weeks. We want to offer our gratitude and a prayer of blessing to Alicia and her family for their future endeavours. May God bless them richly.

◆ **Are You Considering Baptism? Membership at NLUMC?**

Now is a great time to talk to our pastors about these processes. Baptism in the Anabaptist tradition is for any mature person who wants to commit to a lifelong relationship with God and God's church. We will start baptism/faith exploration classes in the New Year. We will also work with any individuals or families wanting to transfer membership from another church. Got questions? Ask us! We will meet on Sunday evenings at 8:30 pm beginning on **February 6**. Please contact one of the pastors or the church office by **Tuesday, February 1** to let them know of your attendance.

◆ **T-Shirts and Coffee Mugs**

We have some inventory of #wethenorthchurch T-shirts and thermal mugs available. If you would like to purchase some church logo merchandise, email Brenda Fischer at brefisch11@gmail.com .

◆ **Our Church is Open for In-Person Worship.** We now sing with masks on, contact tracing is 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!

◆ **Church Website.** We have been working on creating a portal on our church website to house confidential information for our members to access. We provide you with the private password so that you can access any of the files stored therein. We ask you to please use the password for your own personal use and NOT to share the password with others. The first file we are sharing is the Church Directory (the blue book) with peoples' updated contact information. Please call Susan at the church office, 519-326-7928, to get access to the password or see the December 16 email. Please continue to update your contact information with Susan in the church office.

◆ **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 . . .

◆ **Saturday, February 5, 3 pm.** Zoom meeting to get to know some of our Mennonite partners in Burkina Faso. Pastor Bananzaro and his wife, Noelie, are prominent church leaders who will be sharing some of their fascinating life stories with us. You are all invited! Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/81629099099 Contact Tany Warkentin with further questions: tanywarkentin@gmail.com

◆ **Ontario Mennonite Music Camp (OMMC)** registration is now open for Summer 2022! OMMC is a vibrant summer camp experience designed to nurture the musical talent of youth who have finished grade 6-12, with a Leader-In-Training program available for students who have finished grades 11 or 12. Campers form friendships, enhance their musical abilities, grow in their faith, and develop leadership skills. This overnight camp is held at Conrad Grebel University College **August 14 - 26**. Register online at grebel.ca/ommc (before April 15 for the early bird rate.)

◆ Employment Opportunity

Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo is hiring a new **Director of Student Services** to build a community where students find belonging, form lifelong friendships, and develop as both successful university students and as whole persons, in alignment with the mission, values and identity of the College. The successful candidate will have significant leadership experience in university or college student affairs or in a similar setting. Read the full job description and apply by *March 1*: grebel.ca/positions

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of indigenous peoples. In Leamington, we gather on the traditional, unceded territory of the Caldwell First Nation, and the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations comprised of the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat peoples. We give thanks to the Creator and to those peoples who have stewarded this land for generations.

Junior Youth

CONNECT JR is online. We are looking forward to connecting with our friends in grades 5 to 8, **Tuesday, January 25**, at 7 pm.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, area churches are praying for **Leamington Adventist Church** and their pastor Preston Patterson.

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

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.

Pastors

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Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm; Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.