



Sunday, April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Service — 10 am

Connect with NLUMC

- 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

Seeking God's Way . . . From Scarcity to Abundance.

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to worship

VT #80, *We Sing to You, O God*

Confession and assurance

Lenten prayer of confession

VT #309, *Fill Us with Your Feast*

Offering prayer

Special music

Children's time

Scripture reading — Isaiah 43:16-21

VT #36, *Let Us Build a House*

Message

VT #809, *Sing a New World into Being*

First sending

Sharing and prayer

VT #323, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Benediction

Today — Outdoor Sunday School available; children, please come prepared to play outside!

Thank you to our participants today including: Judy Cornies, Dallas Driedger, Ken Enns, Rita Enns, Joel Epp, Kendall Jongejan Harder, Keith Klassen, Mary Krueger, Victor Martens, Jordan Neufeld, Megan Neufeld, Debbie Srigley, Maida Tiessen.

Church Life . . .

◆ **COVID Protocols Changed.** NLUMC continues with the wearing of masks and social distancing. We continue with open windows for ventilation/air flow. Hand sanitizer is available in the lobby. As the weather becomes nicer, please move outside quickly after the worship service and let's have greetings and visitation outdoors. We no longer need to register with the office or sign-in the attendance binder. We ask everyone to consider their personal risk as they return to the church sanctuary.

We realize that there is a definite benefit to build relationships in Christ when we come together under the same roof, therefore, we encourage more people and our young families to return to worshipping together in the sanctuary as you see fit. We do not want to let our guard down. We hope and pray for health and wellness for all.

We would like to have Greeters in the lobby again before church, so please sign up on the Greeters Schedule in the lobby.

◆ **Missions Team** is doing a paska fundraiser. Orders can be placed by calling or texting Nancy Gualtieri, 519-322-4747 or Tammy Warkentin, 519-818-2101. **Please have orders in by Tuesday, April 5.** Free will offerings are accepted, and all funds collected will be forwarded to MCC to help the Ukraine. Anyone interested in helping bake paska, please contact Nancy.

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

◆ **Hello from Church Council**

The congregation has asked for more open communication, so we have created a “communication tree” so that people have a direct connection to someone on Council. We used the names of survey respondents as indicators of people who are directly invested in sharing their ideas for “NLUMC for the Future.” For those people who responded to the survey, you will receive an email, phone call, or text from the person on Council who is part of your phone tree in the next few weeks. If you didn't send in a survey but would like to be part of this “communication tree” please let anyone on Council know and we will add you! We are excited for this new way to be connected to each other and continue to build relationships with each other in Christ.

We also heard from many that we would like more times of congregational discussion and conversation together, so we are planning a membership meeting for **Sunday, April 24** at 11:30 am in the church sanctuary after the morning worship service. More details will be shared. As always, if you have any feedback or want to share anything please contact a member of Church Council. . . *Brenda Fischer, Council Chairperson*



Lent 5

Reflection question

Where can you give *something*?

Where could you give *all*?

◆ Lent and Easter Worship: Seeking God's Way

Lent is a time for seeking God's ways, which are higher than our ways. As a congregation, we have been considering how God speaks even in the wilderness. During the six weeks of Lent, we are considering how God's ways are not our ways and asking God to show us The Way. Judy Cornies and Debbie Srigley have prepared a puppet presentation for the children each week, and special music has been arranged for each week.

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 am. From Power Over to Power With. Pastor Charleen will preach, John Harder will lead worship. We have 50 palm branches ready for a palm parade. We are ready for children and children-at-heart of all ages to join in the procession. Outdoor Sunday School available; children, please come prepared to play outside!

Good Friday, April 15, Worship and Communion, 10 am. “The Sounds of Good Friday” led by Pastor Kendall. Communion elements will be provided for you in the sanctuary. If you are at home, please prepare your elements in advance.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10 am. From Certainty to Openness. Pastor Charleen will preach, Sandra Warkentin will lead worship. There will be a traditional procession of flowers to decorate the cross. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The Easter StoryWalk “Twas the Morning of Easter” will be set up in the church basement and available for families to walk through on **Sunday, April 10 and Sunday April 17 before and after worship.**

◆ **The MCEC Annual Gathering** will take place on **April 29 & 30** in Ancaster, Ontario. NLUMC is asking for three delegates and one Youth delegate to represent us at this annual meeting. Pastors Charleen and Kendall Jongejan Harder will be attending. Please contact Susan in the church office if you require more details or if you would like to represent our church membership as a delegate.

◆ **NLUMC Would Like to Create a “Drivers List.”**

Occasionally, some of our members may need to be driven to medical appointments if they do not have a family member available to do so. If you would be willing to drive, please submit your name to Susan in the church office. She will keep a running list, and as needed she would share your contact name with a family needing this service.

◆ **Budget Update. December 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022** (33.3% of year) \$89,625.34 (30.9%) of our \$289,718 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 . . .

◆ **Leamington Mennonite Home News**

As the Leamington Mennonite Home continues the management of COVID-19 and all the associated rigours of the Omicron variant, a decision has been made

to delay the Corporate Members Meeting and the Annual General Meeting by one month. Typically, these meetings are held in March. In 2022 the Corporate Members Meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 5** and the Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, April 19**. Please continue to hold the staff, residents, and resident family members in your thoughts and prayers.

◆ **Respond to the Crisis in Ukraine.** MCC is responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. “Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,” says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at mcccanada.ca/ukraine.

Junior Youth

CONNECT JR is online **Tuesday, April 5**, at 7 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 22 at 6:30 pm for an in-person activity. Details to follow!

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.

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, let us remember **Meadow Brook Church** and their pastors; Chris Walker, Xavier Avila and Sangoaouane Ounbounheuang.

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

Our prayers go out to the family of *Ed Neufeld*, husband of *Elfrieda* and father of *Kathy Neufeld & Ron Shutler* and *John Neufeld*, who passed away Monday, March 28. The funeral was held at NLUMC on Thursday, March 31.

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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