



Sunday, May 9, 2021 Mother's Day



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.

You can now see past worship services on Youtube by going to nlumc.com and clicking on the links provided. If you would like to be a part of the live Zoom worship service, please contact the church office at 519-326-7928.

Growing relationships, in Christ.

NLUMC Vision Statement

Order of Worship

Courageous Women of the Bible Hannah's Story

Welcome

Opening

Call to Worship

VT #420, *God of the Bible*

Children's time

Offering prayer

VT #546, *There is a Line of Women*

Sharing – Greg Driedger

Scripture reading – Samuel 1:1-18

Message — For the Seventh Generation

VT #605, *My Life Flows On*

Benediction for end of recording

Sharing joys and concerns

Pastoral prayer

VT #797, *We are People of God's Peace*

Benediction

Fellowship time

Thank you to our participants today including:

*Joanne Brown, Megan Derksen, Harry Dick, Greg Driedger, Helga Enns,
Pastor Alicia Good, Pastor Kendall Jongejan Harder and Justin Neufeld.*

Church Life . . .

◆ Learning Opportunities

Throughout the month of May, each of our North Church pastors will be leading a learning opportunity to help us grow deeper in our faith. You get to choose which one best suits your needs and interests!

1. Pastor Alicia will lead a social media-based group around listening to a podcast called The Liturgist. This group will invite folks to listen each week to a one-hour podcast and share their reflections together through social media. Warning: these podcasts are bound to spark some debate, questions, and critical thinking! Weekly time commitment: About one hour to listen to the podcast, plus 15 minutes to engage with online responses.
2. NEW! Bible Study - **Thursdays at 10:30 am, May 6-June 10** (6 weeks). Led by Pastor Charleen, on Zoom. This study will help us engage in stories of Courageous Women in the Bible - journeying along with the topic of our sermon series. Open to men and women.
From Pastor Charleen — As a girl, I loved discovering the stories of women in the Bible - I read and re-read Esther and Ruth (they were easy to find, and it took approximately one sermon to read each book). I was disgusted by Jael putting the tent peg through that general's head. I was inspired by Deborah, who was a judge in her own right. I liked Miriam, Moses' sister, dancing with her tambourines. I was intrigued by all the Mary's in the New Testament. But most of all, I was hungry to hear the good news that the gospel story was not just for and about men, but that it included me. In this study we will engage with the stories of well-known women of the Bible, and some of the lesser-known ones. Stories of courage, pain, and redemption. Join us!
3. You are invited to a Book Study Discussion group on **Thursday evenings at 7 starting on May 6**. Notice the **Change of book!** I, Pastor Kendall, have become convinced through reading a variety of reviews that my choice of *White Fragility* is not appropriate for this discussion group, so I am changing the book. Instead, we will discuss *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. This can be purchased at one of the black or indigenous bookstores listed here <https://secondstorypress.ca/wavemaker/2020/6/12/black-and-indigenous-owned-bookstores-in-canada-and-the-usa> or where you get your books. Let Pastor Kendall know if you are interested in joining this discussion.

Contact the Pastors to let us know which session you would like to join!

◆ **Voices Together Hymnal.** Last year we, as a congregation, purchased the new *Voices Together* hymnals for worship in our church. Right now, our church is in our homes, and the Worship Team wants to ensure that all members are able to worship with a hymnal if they so desire. As such, we are setting up a lending program where you can pick up a hymnal FOR FREE, Chani will write down your name, and when church returns to our building, you can return the hymnal to Chani for general use. Alternatively, you may purchase that copy at that time for \$40. Please contact Chani Wiens to indicate your desire to use a hymnal in your home, and she will arrange a pick-up time for you on **Saturday, May 15 at NLUMC**. If you prefer to have your own purchased copy at this time, please contact Susan at 519-326-7928.

◆ 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.

◆ **Sr. Youth! Virtual coffee time! Each Tuesday** at 8 pm on Zoom for approximately one hour. Join your North Church friends and Pastor Alicia to touch base about school stuff, and life! See you then! Please contact 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.

◆ **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

▶ **Drive Thru Fish Fry!** UMEI will be hosting a drive-thru fish fry on **Thursday, June 10**. The meal includes perch, fries, coleslaw, onion rings, and dessert! Pickup times will be scheduled from 5 – 6:30 pm, a delivery will also be made to the Mennonite Home complex! Please watch the announcements for ordering instructions closer to the event!

▶ **Save The Date!** UMEI will be hosting *An Evening By The Lake* on **Friday, August 27**. More information in regards to this event to come!

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are praying for **St. Anthony's Parish, Maronite Rite** and their pastor Namatallah Eid.

Each week Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC) prays for one of our congregations. Today, we invite you to pray for **East Zorra Mennonite Church** in Tavistock, 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.

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