

Oak Street Leaves

A Monthly Newsletter of LUMC



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BAPTISM DEVOTIONAL

By Mike Williamson

From Death to Life

Some say that we should live like we're dying, like each day was our last. That this is the secret to happiness. But that won't do for me. I've *already* died. I've had my funeral.

No event in my life has proven to be of more lasting significance than my funeral. I remember it well.

I was robed in white. There were steps going down, down into the grave. It was wet, the water in the tomb was cold as it covered my body. The pastor put a hand over my mouth, and backward I fell into the dark waters, buried beneath Noah's flood, passing through the Red Sea, crossing the Jordan river, all the way down into a tomb outside Jerusalem where a crucified man lay waiting for me. He took my hand and pulled me up.

The surface of the grave exploded. Water splashing around me. God above was splitting the veil between heaven and earth to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased."

Water dripped over me, making the unwashed, the unlovely, the unrighteous, the ungodly, **clean** – covering me in the love of God. It was a funeral gone bad – in the best kind of way.

Every baptism is a watery funeral, where we die to sin and rise in Christ.

We stand on the Easter side of Good Friday, wearing God's Son, feeling the beat of his blood pumping in our hearts, the breath of his Spirit in our lungs. We are truly alive for the first time.

We are past death. We are in Christ.

We do not live like we're dying.

We live as those who have already died and made alive.

We live as those whose lives are hidden with Christ in God.

We live with joy.

Worship Walk Witness

Pancakes link Russians in Germany to Ethiopians

Thin Russian pastry helped Aussiedler 'discover' Ethiopian Mennonites in 1994

Apr 23, 2018 by [Carl Hansen](#)

In 1994, Shimeles and Yutta Retta met the “Russian Mennonites,” or *Aussiedler*, who had recently moved from the former Soviet Union to Germany. Being recently converted to Christ, Shimeles, an Ethiopian refugee, and his German wife, both of Catholic background, were incorporated into and discipled by this conservative Anabaptist community.

As time moved on, the Mennonite elders agreed to explore the possibility of opening a mission in Ethiopia. They had heard there was a Mennonite church in Ethiopia and decided to send Retta and Heinrich Savadsky to Ethiopia to make contact and explore the possibility of working together.

Retta and Savadsky spent two weeks searching for the “Mennonites” in Addis, before they finally located the Mennonite Central Committee office. From there they received directions to attend a Sunday morning service at a Mennonite congregation called “Meserete Kristos Church.”

Unfamiliar with MKC’s Mennonite background, the duo was disappointed when the service looked and sounded more like a “Pentecostal” service than a “Mennonite” one — loud music and singing and clapping and dancing, everybody praying at once, some shouting to drive out demons and loud, enthusiastic preaching accompanied by loud amens and emotional ululating responses. This couldn’t be a “Mennonite” church!

But, after the service, while Retta was taking photos, elder Bedru Hussein approached them suspiciously and with a certain hostility. He asked who they were, why



they were taking pictures and what they wanted. After they explained, Hussein invited them to meet in his office the next day. He was MKC general secretary.

Routine morning tea

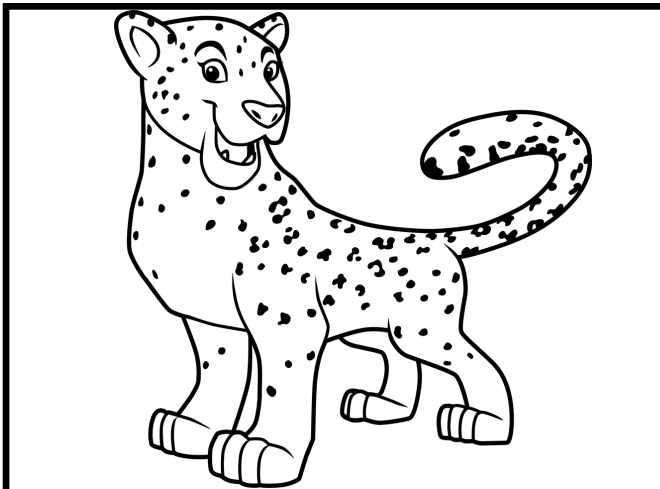
At the office, Hussein explained about the church. Savadsky was still skeptical, thinking they had found the wrong church. But then, Wolde, a former cook who had years of experience serving pioneer missionaries, came in to serve the routine morning tea in offices.

Along with the tea, he served his specialty — a rolled-up piece of white pancake. Savadsky’s eyes grew big, and excitement lit up his face. Pancakes! Now he knew he had found the Mennonites.

Many Mennonites who trace their lineage to groups who spent time in Eastern Europe and Russia continue to eat thin, crepe-like pancakes today in Europe, North America and South America.

Since that first meeting, a long-lasting growing relationship has emerged between what became known as the “[Evangelium Mission Ethiopia](#),” represented by the Rettas, and the growing MKC.

German work teams have built dozens of congregational meeting houses, offices, some kindergartens and a discipleship training center. Their funding has supported several hundred evangelists or missionaries. Many others have scholarship support for further training. Dozens of poor, destitute and disabled people are being supported.



WORD
SCRAMBLE

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(hint: It's happening July 9 –13)



Shipwrecked VBS - July 9 - 13, 2018 at LUMC

Hosted by NLUMC, Faith and LUMC.
For Children moving into Grades JK - 6.

Register at: www.lumc.ca.

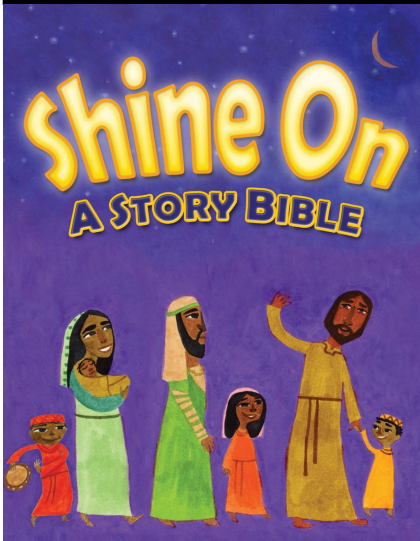
At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

Lots of volunteers are needed. Please consider:

1. Leading a group of children to and from activities.
2. Donating Snacks such as cucumbers, small tomatoes, apples, grapes, peppers, & cookies.
3. Lending decorative items to use for that week, such as:
 - Artificial tropical plants
 - Old suitcases, or wooden crates, or a treasure box
 - Stuffed toy animals/birds – we are looking for parrots, leopards, lizards, iguanas, sloths, and stingrays

Music CD's (\$10) of this summer's program are available in the church office.

For more info, see Frieda Lepp, Jenny Melatti, or Jane Klassen



Children's Shine On Readings

May 28 – June 3	Celebrating the Harvest Jubilee	pg 56 pg 58
June 4 – June 10	Moving Toward Canaan Balam, the Donkey, and the Angel	pg 60 pg 62
June 11 – June 17	Sisters Solve a Problem Love the Lord	pg 64 pg 66
June 18 – June 24	Promised Land Dreams God Calls Joshua	pg 68 pg 70
June 25 – July 1	Crossing the Jordan Rahab and Jericho's Walls	pg 72 pg 74

Rejoice Daily Devotional Readings Subscription



4 issues/year for \$40
Beginning
September, 2018.

"Rejoice" is a quarterly devotional magazine that seeks to inspire Christian disciples toward deeper faithfulness as they experience and share God's healing and hope in the world.

To order this subscription, please call the church office. Sample copies

are available for you to look at. Orders are due by June 15. Payment can be made by cheque, payable to LUMC.

Heritage Choir Presents Annual Spring Program

Heritage Centre
31 Pickwick Drive
June 3, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Variety of Old & New German and English Songs
of Spring and Hymns of Praise

COME JOIN US TO PRAISE GOD'S NAME IN SONG

Offering for Leamington Mennonite Home
Music Therapy program & Meat Canner.



LEAMINGTON
CHAPTER


SAVE THE DATE
SEPT. 15, 2018

Leamington MEDA Chapter
Fundraiser.

Leamington Marina Pavilion

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Supports the MEDA Project in
Myanmar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Call an Acquaintance to Get to Know Better J&L Klassen	2 Go for a Nature Walk K&J Klassen
3 P&M Klassen	4 Compliment Five People P&M Klassen	5 Phone Someone Who Lives Alone R Klassen	6 Personal Devotion G Klauke	7 Family Devotion D&A Klein	8 Share Your Faith D Konrad & J Mackenzie	9 Pick up Litter on Your Block E Konrad
10 J Konrad	11 Smile at Five Random People J&M Konrad	12 Help Someone Who Lives Alone K Konrad	13 Personal Devotion R&L Konrad	14 Family Devotion W&M Konrad	15 Call an Acquaintance to Get to Know Better D&W Koop	16 Go for a Nature Walk C&J Kornelson
17 H Koslowsky	18 Compliment Five People D&H Krahn	19 Phone Someone Who Lives Alone E&B Krahn	20 Personal Devotion M Krahn	21 Family Devotion R Krahn	22 Ask Stranger About Their Day W&N Krahn	23 Pick up Litter on Your Block K&L Kreling
24 A&R Kroeker	25 Smile at Five Random People H&M Kroeker	26 Help Someone Who Lives Alone J&P Kroeker	27 Personal Devotion K&H Kroeker	28 Family Devotion L&J Kroeker	29 Call an Acquaintance to Get to Know Better P&M Kroeker	30 Go for a Nature Walk D&T Krueger

Tips on How to Fit in Family Devotion

- Keep devotion book on dining table and begin each meal with a devotion. Discuss devotion while eating.
- Do a devotion before bedtime with little children.
- Have each family member pick a devotion online to read to the family for the month.
- No TV or multimedia before devotion is done.
- **A family devotion can take up to 5 minutes. Isn't God worth even more than 5 minutes of your day?
- **Slowly start building your family's routine of making time for God. Set yourselves up for success.

Church Family Prayer Request

Jason, Caroline & Jacob Warkentin

On May 17th, 2018 we (Jason, Caroline, and big brother Jacob Warkentin) welcomed our little girl Rylee Eleanor into our family. From day 1 we had a feeling she would always keep us on our toes. We found out at 12 weeks we were pregnant where our joy quickly turned into confusion. It was discovered that Rylee has a birth defect called Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia. There is a hole on the left side of her diaphragm which has caused her stomach and intestines to go up into her chest cavity. Rylee's heart was pushed to the opposite side and her lungs are underdeveloped because of the CDH. CDH is a very rare condition with so many unknown answers. There is no known reason as to how or why it happens, and the survival rate is also unknown. Fortunately, our team has a plan to give our little girl the best fighting chance possible.

Rylee's team had to alter their plans multiple times due to complication. After several trips to London, there was concern that I was developing pre-eclampsia which resulted in a multitude of tests over the following weeks. On April 27th, I was officially admitted into the hospital for the remainder of my pregnancy due to high blood pressure and Rylee's heart rate dropping quickly causing her to fail a non-stress test.

Rylee was scheduled to be born on May 24th but after the doctor's believed my placenta was dying, a c-section was planned a few hours later on May 17th where her true fighting journey began. The team put her on a ventilator with a breathing tube as they monitor to see the transition of oxygen and carbon monoxide exchange. Rylee is doing better at recovering while having tests and diaper changes. Her numbers would quickly drop with any type of movement, if there was company, and was having a hard time recovering. She is currently stable and as long as she remains stable we will be discussing surgery with her team.

Once the team believes her lungs are developed and stable enough Rylee will have surgery where they will put her intestines and heart where they should be, and the hole will be repaired between her chest cavity and diaphragm. We are staying at the Ronald McDonald house right beside the hospital here in London for the following 2-3 months. No one knows how long it will take her to be strong enough for surgery, but she continues to prove she is the feisty fighter this entire time.

God continues to answer our prayers and showing us that Rylee is a fighter. We are asking for our church family to pray as we are about to meet our little Rylee. Pray for our feisty fighter to continue to grow stronger and for proper development of her lungs. Pray for wisdom and skilled hands of our team of doctors and staff. Pray for our strength as we continue to be left with only questions and concerns. We have been making the best of the situation and God continues to give us strength even when we do not think we can hear anymore concerning news.

Rylee is a feisty fighter and we thank God He picked us to be her parents.



Saturday, June 2, 2018

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at **UMEI**

614 County Road 6, Leamington
West off Hwy. 77

FAMILY FUN:

Silent Auction
and Music in the Park
Train Rides, Face Painting
Pie Eating Contest

QUILT AUCTION at 11:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast
Farmers' Market,
MENNONITE SAUSAGE
Crafts, Flowers & Plants
ETHNIC FOODS

Help Support:

UMEI (United Mennonite Educational Institute)
MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)
Leamington Mennonite Home
Salvation Army
The Sunparlour Pregnancy Resource Centre
Hospice Leamington

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECTS:

GLEANERS, FOODGRAINS BANK and MCC MEAT CANNER



The Sunday School children have learned a lot about mission in the last few weeks.

Alison Klassen told them about the Gleaners and the work that goes on there. The apple chips were delicious!

Dave Epp came and told the children about the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. They were told that their \$500 donation would be quadrupled. Dave passed out sample packets of food that are given to malnourished children, when they are close to starving.



On our last Sunday we learned about the MCC Meat Canner from Martin Rahn. We saw a model of the canner on the truck and the children were able to sample some chicken from a can. The children here at LUMC have never experienced hunger but are concerned that others have. They feel badly about this and are enthused about these organizations that passionately want to share with those that are hungry.

Thank you to all those who put coins into the offering plate as it passes on Sunday mornings. This is what allows the children to be part of giving to the mission of the church!

UMEI Christian High School News

GRADUATION & ALUMNI BANQUET Saturday, June 23rd

Come and join in the celebration of the Class of 2018 and a reunion for the Class of 1968, 1993, 2008 and 2013. Refreshments and pictures at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Please call 519-326-7448 or email office@umei.ca to reserve your ticket by Friday, June 1st. Cost is \$30/person.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Everyone is welcome to join the staff and students at the Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, June 24th @ 2:30 pm at LUMC. Refreshments to follow.

Pancake Breakfast & Worship Service Sunday, July 8, 2018

Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast from 8:30-9:45 am with a Worship Service to follow at 10:00 am. Admission is by donation.

Camp Explore U - A fun filled day camp with activities like basketball, science, cooking, water games, and much more!

Date: July 16 - July 20, 9am - 3pm

Grades: 3-6 (entering September 2018), co-ed

Cost: \$100 and \$85 for each subsequent sibling, includes t-shirt and two daily snacks

For more information and to register visit umei.ca/camps.

Rockets & Robotics - Rockets & Robotics is a hands on science camp for students who are passionate about building and programming robots and learning the physics behind rocket design and launching.

Dates: July 16 - 20 for grades 7-8 (entering September 2018) and July 23 - 27 for grades 4-6 (entering September 2018); 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$300, includes t-shirt and rocket materials

For more information and to register visit umei.ca/camps.

Leamington Mennonite Home News

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to support the Ladies Home Auxiliary. Prizes include two quilts created by our residents and gift certificates. Tickets are available from the Home's Front Desk or Auxiliary members. The draw will take place on Saturday, June 30th at our Home's Canada Day celebration. Winners of the draw do not have to be present to win one of the prizes.

The Ladies Auxiliary thanks everyone for the strong community support of their Yard and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 5, 2018. We are grateful for your support of our ministry of eldercare.

LUMC Spring Schedule

May 27

- * Testimony Sunday,
- * Children have Sunday School
- * No Adult Education

June 3

- * Guest Speaker - Marcus Shantz, President of Conrad Grebel University College President, will be speaking in our congregation. Following the service, you are invited to join Marcus, Grebel alumni, and friends for a buffet lunch at Colasanti's from 1-3pm (please pay on your own). You will also learn about exciting Grebel updates, such as the kitchen and dining room project. Please RSVP to grebel.campaign@uwaterloo.ca or (519) 885-0220 ext. 24313 if you are interested in attending.
- * Last Children's Sunday School

June 10

- * Baptism & Communion Service
- * No Adult Education or Children's Sunday School
- * *A children's activity is planned following Baptism, with Frieda Lepp*

June 17

- * Sunday School Extravaganza/Potluck Lunch

June 24

- * Summer Worship Begins - 10am

July 8

- * Pancake Breakfast & Worship Service at UMEI

Contact Information

Family Worship Service
9:45 am - Family Worship
10:45 am - Coffee Break
11:00 am - Education Hour

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**SUMMER EDITION of the
OAK STREET LEAVES DEADLINE:**
Please send all submissions for *The
Leaves* by June 14, 2018 to the
LUMC Office. office@lumc.ca



UMEI's 7TH ANNUAL SURF & TURF EVENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH
6:00 appetizers 7:00 dinner
Tickets \$125

Mastronardi Estate Winery in Kingsville

- Proceeds this year will be used to **Pave the Way**: a project to pave the driveway at UMEI
- There will be entertainment, silent auction and an anchor prize draw!
- Tickets must be purchased by August 1, 2018

**To purchase tickets call the UMEI office at 519-326-7448
or contact a Surf and Turf committee member:**
Kathy Tiessen, Josey Tiessen, Christine Tiessen, Caroline Hamm,
Bonnie Jadischke, Wendy Poole

Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man

**Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, New Hamburg, Ontario
June 15-16, 2018**

Schedule

Friday

5:00-6:30 PM Arrival
8:30 Session 1: *Sharing our Experiences as Men*
9:30 Campfire (snack, cookies and coffee)

Saturday

8:30 Breakfast
9:15 Personal Reflection Time
10:00 Session 2: *Examining what Forms us as Men*
12:30 Lunch
1:15 Group Activity
2:30 Snack
2:45 Session 3: *Playing our Part in Building God's Peace*
5:30 Dinner
7:30 Campfire and, snack, informal conversation
9:00 Departure

\$150 per person includes meals and lodging.
Registration Deadline: June 5th, 2018
Call: (519) 589-2771 for Hans Peters
Email: hans.l.peters@gmail.com
Payment: Cheque or cash at the door

Healthy Masculinity: On Being a Man

What does it mean to be a man? We witness toxic masculinity—men being invulnerable, acting tough, abusing power and dominating others. This causes problems for us all.

In this gathering of men and boys, we will explore how healthy masculinity is better for everyone. Based on who we are as beloved sons of God, we will reconsider the marks of real men and engage our part in building God's peace.

This retreat is for adults and boys (13+) with their fathers, grandfathers, mentors or significant adults.

The retreat will be led by Steve Thomas who has worked with boys and men for over 30 years as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor and peace educator. He tends male formation as U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men, the men's organization of MC USA.