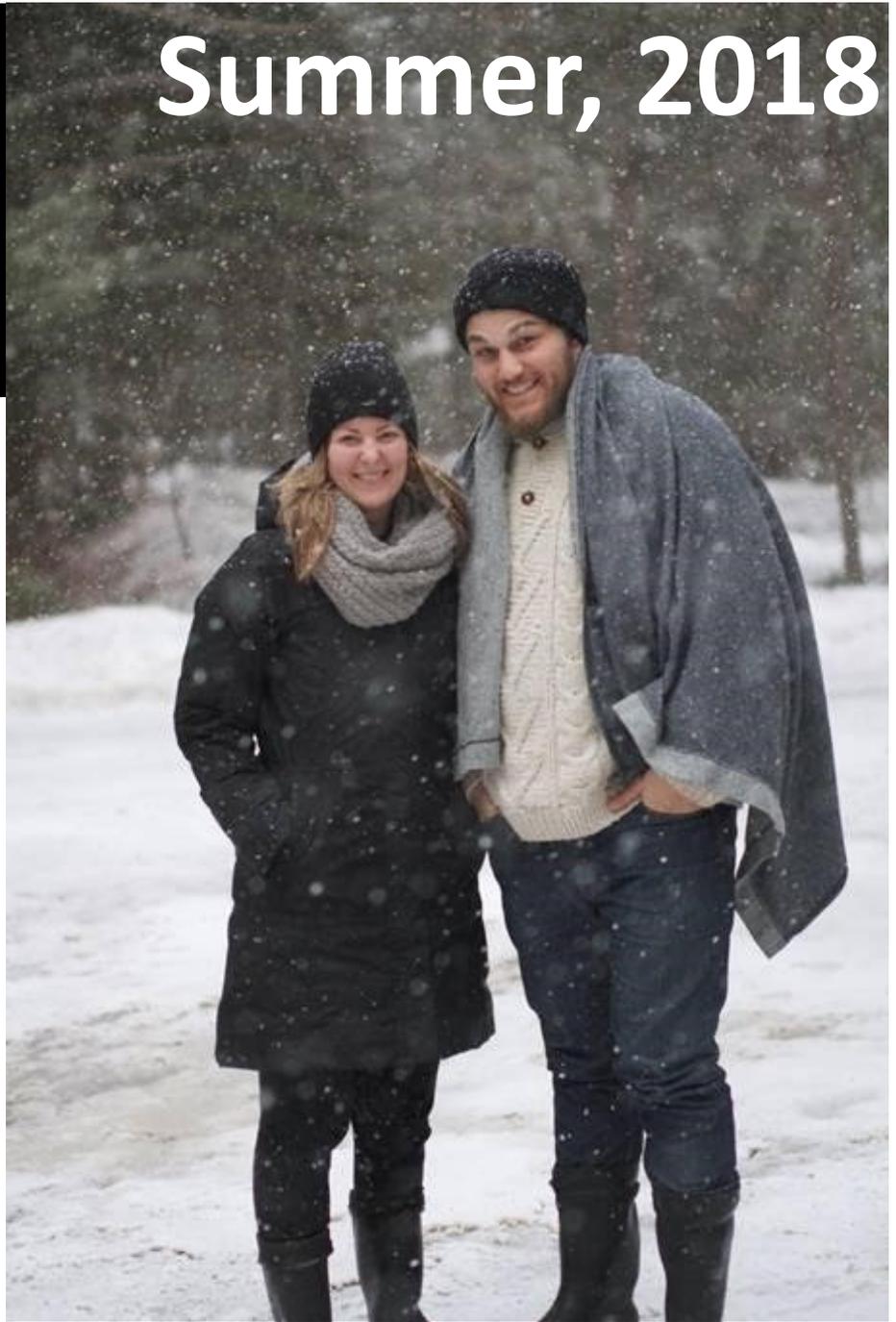


# Oak Street Leaves

A Monthly Newsletter of LUMC

# Summer, 2018



## A behind the scenes look at Zach Charbonneau

By William Konrad

When Vic Winter decided to retire, he was very considerate in that he gave us a two- year notice. He also informed us, that if a suitable candidate became available before the two years expired he would gladly step aside sooner. At about the same time Mike Williamson informed us that, although he had very much enjoyed his work with the youth it was time for him to step back from this ministry and work in other areas of pastoral ministry so that he could round out his experience.

It made sense to church council to shift some of the work Vic had done to Mike when Vic retired and to search for a new pastor who would have as part of his/her portfolio the ministry for youth and junior youth. A Search Committee was established with Erwin Tiessen as chair and with the following members: Shannon Dick, Sandra  
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Worship Walk Witness

Dick, Wendy Toews, Robert Konrad, and Bill Konrad.

In establishing the committee an effort was made to achieve male-female balance as well as get representation from various age groups.

The Search Committee had its first meeting on March 13, 2017. This meeting was attended by Henry Paetkau from MCEC who informed us that there were few prospective candidates on the horizon. One of the first tasks the committee carried out was to complete a detailed profile of LUMC and the surrounding community. This would give a prospective pastor a fair bit of information about our church and the community in which it is found. We then formulated an advertisement which would accurately describe the position

we were advertising and sent it to post secondary institutions such as CMU (Canadian Mennonite University), AMBS (Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary), and Conrad Grebel College. We also advertised in the Canadian Mennonite and other church papers. In the ad Erwin was listed as the contact person. We got one response to this process. It came at the end of February 2018 and it was from Zach Charbonneau. When Erwin shared the e-mail with me we both said, "Is this guy for real?" His education, part-time work experience, and interests seemed to line up perfectly with what we were looking for.

While we were gathering information on Zach through a process involving MCEC, he was also checking us out. On March 4 (the date of our annual meeting)

Zach and Tina arrived unannounced at our service. Had they not had their dog Pax with them they may have done this without being spotted. It was a particularly good Sunday for them to come because during the Education hour our PMT reported to us and so Zach got to see first hand who his colleagues would be if he accepted a position with us.

We finally got to interview Zach on May 10, an interview that lasted about 2 hours and left the entire Search Committee excited about what Zach could offer LUMC. We then worked at getting a weekend when Zach could candidate at LUMC. The earliest date that worked for both Zach and LUMC was the June 23 - 24 weekend. This was also UMEI graduation weekend so many families were busy. The Search Committee worked hard to make

## Why did Zach decide to come to LUMC?

Only he can answer that. But I do know that he had at least one other interview (perhaps more). I like to think that some of the following played a role:

- I think he appreciated the fact that our Search Committee was gender balanced and age balanced. He referred to an interview in which four or five men in suits asked questions in a small room.
- Zach felt that at this point in his career he would learn the most by being part of a team. One of his

references stated that Zach would work best as part of a team that is not too hierarchical – which is exactly what he is getting at LUMC

- Zach had detailed discussions with the other members of the LUMC PMT and he liked what he saw.
- Zach is interested in community outreach – something he has done in Guelph. He realizes that LUMC shares this interest.
- Both Zach and Tina felt that they were very warmly received by LUMC when they came for the June 23 – 24 weekend. Thanks to those of you who came out. Had very few people showed up I think his response would have been different.

sure that significant numbers would turn up to meet Zach. We started on Saturday morning at 8:00 am with a Men's breakfast. This was followed by a 9:30 am Brunch for Zach, Tina as well as youth, junior youth and parents. Finally, there was an afternoon session for various church committees and interested individuals.

On Sunday, June 24, Zach provided the sermon after which time the congregation voted. On Sunday June 24, after lunch, we

gave Zach a copy of the salary, fringe benefits, and working conditions we were offering.

He agreed to let us know by Wednesday, June 27. To my very pleasant surprise I received a call from Zach on Monday morning, June 25, indicating that he was prepared to accept the position.

After agreeing to come to Leamington we realized that we needed to help Zach and Tina find housing. We very quickly learned that houses and apartments for

rent in the Leamington area are very scarce and tend to be expensive. After alerting the congregation that we could use some help in this search, Elfrieda Brown alerted me to the fact that the house just west of them was now empty.

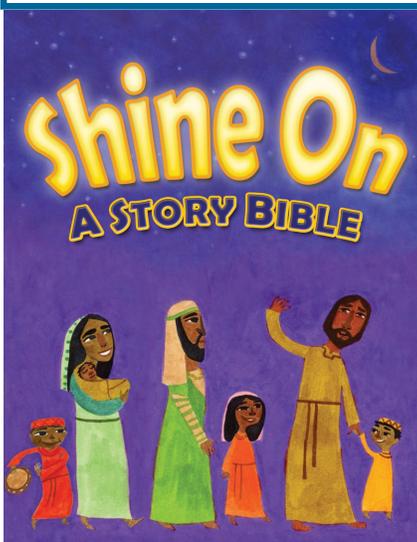
We were able to secure this property for Zach and Tina. They are excited about the house and plan to move to Leamington by the first of September. Let's do our best by making them feel welcome in our community!



In a service on June 10th, 2018 LUMC welcomed our newest members. Continue to pray for Megan Braun, Mitchell Tiessen, Cal Epp, Fiona Tiessen, Grace Enns and Dalton Fulmer.

## SUMMER BIBLE READINGS

Monday, July 30, 2018:	Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:14-21; Philippians 4:10-20
Tuesday, July 31, 2018:	Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Samuel 11:22-27; Romans 15:22-33
Wednesday, August 1, 2018:	Psalm 37:12-22; 2 Chronicles 9:29-31; Mark 6:35-44
Thursday, August 2, 2018:	Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 32:19-26a; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22
Friday, August 3, 2018:	Psalm 51:1-12; Joshua 23:1-16; 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
Saturday, August 4, 2018:	Psalm 51:1-12; Judges 6:1-10; Matthew 16:5-12
Monday, August 6, 2018:	Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24
Tuesday, August 7, 2018:	Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31
Wednesday, August 8, 2018:	Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10
Thursday, August 9, 2018:	Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24; Romans 15:1-6
Friday, August 10, 2018:	Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday, August 11, 2018:	Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11
Monday, August 13, 2018:	Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14
Tuesday, August 14, 2018:	Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18
Wednesday, August 15, 2018:	Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40
Thursday, August 16, 2018:	Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15
Friday, August 17, 2018:	Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20
Saturday, August 18, 2018:	Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26
Monday, August 20, 2018:	Psalm 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7
Tuesday, August 21, 2018:	Psalm 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16
Wednesday, August 22, 2018:	Psalm 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21
Thursday, August 23, 2018:	Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Friday, August 24, 2018:	Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Romans 13:11-14
Saturday, August 25, 2018:	Psalm 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13



### Children's Shine On Readings

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Special Insert: Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School



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From July 9-13 our church was a very busy, exuberant place hosting DVBS. We were all “Shipwrecked”! We pretended we were stranded on an island and needed to be rescued. Children heard and learned that we are “rescued by Jesus”. Our closing program was a beautiful sight to behold as the front of our sanctuary was filled with over 100 students singing and moving together with the music.

Our DVBS week was planned by three churches, NLUMC, Faith and LUMC. We needed more than 70 leaders, volunteers, bakers, etc to make this all happen. Thank you to the Station Leaders: **Imagination Station** – Debbie Srigley, **Kidvid**: Ruth Boehm, **Bible Discovery** – Mike Williamson, Kendall Jongejan-Harder, **Outdoor Games** – Sue Andrew, **Tropical Treats** – Linda Driedger, **Friendship Pool** – Andrea Warkentin, **The actors Dora and Jim** – Janet Woelk and Greg Driedger, **Song Leader and assistants** – Charleen Jongejan-Harder, Emma Tiessen and Joel Warkentin, **Decorators**: Kathy Tiessen, Judy Koop.



Thank you to the more than 70 volunteers and the 150 enthusiastic children who helped make DVBS a success this year!



## Update from Jason and Caroline Warkentin

Rylee has been doing good for the most part. She is keeping her oxygen intake low (as low as 32%) and her stats are high. She is completely off the Midaz, and her antibiotics, which has allowed the doctors to remove the PICC Line from her head.

Her pulmonary hypertension is still high. They are going to try to lower her off the nitric oxide, only going down one percent per day. Every few days she will get an echo done to see how her hypertension is. Pulmonary hypertension doesn't allow the vessel from the heart to lungs where the blood goes through to open up as big. Hers are partly closed. The nitric oxide and other 2 meds she is on allows those vessels to open. They are told that we all need patience and wait for it to correct itself.

Her lungs are showing positive growth but will need to



grow much more before she's off the oxygen.

Rylee has almost doubled in size since birth. She's still very much a fighter, calls most of the shots and loves to be held when we get to (which has been more often!)

We are very grateful for all the love, support, prayers and happy thoughts Rylee and ourselves have been getting.

We have an amazing support group!! Thank you for everything and we cannot wait until she is it and we can show her off!

The needs of this family are great and they thank you all for fulfilling their need for love and support and faithfully praying for them. However, with Caroline's income gone and Jason's cut in half they are overwhelmed financially.

They have an account set up for donations with RBC Bank. There are a few ways you can donate to this account:  
E-transfer: [jpworkentin@hotmail.com](mailto:jpworkentin@hotmail.com)  
[cpworkentin@gmail.com](mailto:cpworkentin@gmail.com)  
You may need a security question which will be  
What is our daughters name?  
Answer: Rylee Eleanor

You can text Jason- 226-347-2128  
Caroline-519-324-7254

You can go into ANY RBC Bank and deposit into  
Account #01472-5055991  
Names on the account - Jason Warkentin  
Caroline Verbridge  
Susan Loraas (Caroline's Mom)



# Saying Goodbye

At the end of August, Vic Winter's role as LUMC's Coordinating Pastor will come to an end. There's something jarring here in July to be writing that fact down on paper...because for over 9 years, I've spent my summers planning another year of activity for LUMC. In fact, since 1980, when I started my teaching career, I've become accustomed to this kind of summer life: some resting, recharging my batteries...but also lots of planning and working ahead. This summer is very different. I'm not planning ahead for a church year or a school year.

Why, after nearly 40 years of work, is my pattern changing?

1. Let's state the obvious first: I'm 65 years old. As the miles of life add up, we all come to realize that the days of hard work must come to an end.
2. We have family, 7 lovely grandchildren and their parents, living at a distance... They love us and we love them...and we'd like to be more involved in their lives. We have an apartment in Waterloo. We still have our house here in Leamington. We'll see how things work out.
3. I feel stirrings within me that tell me I'd still like to try some more new things in my life. Travel, certainly. Thinking, writing, exploring, volunteering...but not for a pay cheque, not day-in and day-out.



I am amazed and grateful today...that I could take on and learn the role of Coordinating Pastor starting in 2009. I've been able to do this work because I felt a leading of the Spirit in this. But I was also able to do it because you wanted me to succeed. You, the congregation, willed and prayed my success, if I had any. And I was able to do it because of my co-workers (the PMT, our staff, the deacons, and a whole host of others). The strength of this church is in its participating and active members.

You will need to continue to will and pray for the new team....David and Mike and Zach and Frieda... Also, if LUMC is going to continue to grow and develop, many of you will have to take up your own tasks along side your leaders. I strongly encourage you to jump right in!

As for us...Marilyn and I will need to disappear from LUMC for a time. And perhaps, in the future, we might be able to join in as a lay co-workers once again...

God bless you all!

**July 2018**  
**Victor Winter**  
**Outgoing**  
**Coordinating Pastor**



## UMEI Christian High School News

### Orientation BBQ

On Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:30 pm, there will be an orientation BBQ for new students and families. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the staff and Student Parliament.

Please contact the office (519-326-7448 or [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca)) if you are planning to attend by Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Save-the-Date - The UMEI Lightning Bolt

On Saturday, September 22nd at 9:00 am, UMEI will host the second annual 5/10 K Run, 5 K walk and 1 K Kid's Dash at Point Pelee National Park.

Your registration includes post-race refreshments including sausage on a bun, fruit, and veggies, awards, and door prizes.

Registration online at [raceroster.com](http://raceroster.com). Register before September 7 for an early bird discount and a shirt!

## Leamington Mennonite Home News

### Leamington Mennonite Home Gala – Saturday, October 20, 2018

Ticket sales will begin in August for a Moonlight River Cruise held Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Portuguese Club. We invite everyone to join the cruise featuring a signature appetizer table, silent and live auctions and great music. There will be some special cruise features to make this a memorable evening.

Tickets at \$150.00 will be available at the Home Office and Gala Committee members. Please help us raise funds for Resident Care Equipment.

### Pickwick and Oak Street Townhouses

Construction on the Pickwick and Oak Street Townhouses is progressing well. The structures are completely enclosed, brickwork is happening and inside the walls are being finished and painted.

All nine townhouses have been sold and resident owners have had an opportunity to tour a unit.

The Townhouses will be completed on time and on budget with move in planned for the end of September.



**UMEI's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf & Turf** - Fri, Aug 10-Mastronardi Estate Winery, Kingsville. Appetizers at 6:00 followed by dinner, silent auction & entertainment. Tickets - \$125, purchase by Aug. 1. Vegetarian/dietary meal options available on request by Aug. 1. For info or tickets: Kathy Tiessen, Christine Tiessen, Josey Tiessen or the UMEI office at 519-326-7448. Tickets available online at [www.umei.ca](http://www.umei.ca). Proceeds this year help "pave the way" at UMEI.

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### September edition of the OAK STREET LEAVES DEADLINE:

Please send all submissions for  
**The Leaves** by August 14, 2018 to the  
LUMC Office. [office@lumc.ca](mailto:office@lumc.ca)

## Upcoming Church Events

**August 12** - Indoor Worship Service at LUMC - 10am

**August 12** - Outdoor Worship Service at Two Creeks, Wheatley - 11am

Bring lawn chairs. An offering will be taken.  
Please bring a picnic lunch to share with others.  
Coffee will be served

**August 19** - Student Communion Service

**August 26** - Please join us for a celebration service as we say good  
bye to Coordinating Pastor Victor Winter. After the  
morning service, join us for a Potluck Lunch and some  
time of community celebration.

**Weekly Friday Night Campfire & Potluck at Joel & Andrea Warkentin's**

All are Welcome. From 5:30 to whenever.

No RSVP is required.

More details on the All Things LUMC Facebook page.

**September 9** - Sunday School Kick Off. Save the date!



At the Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School, we collected donation items for our  
Mission Partners. The children brought in items to be donated to The Bridge and the  
Salvation Army. Thank you for supporting these projects.