

OAK STREET LEAVES

A Monthly Newsletter of LUMC

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9:45 am Family Worship

10:45 am Coffee and Fellowship

**11:00 am Adult Education Hour &
Children's Sunday School**

TRICK-or-TRUNK Event

LUMC is very excited to host our third Trick-or-Trunk event on October 27th from 11am-1pm.

The front side parking lot will once again be transformed into candy stations where volunteers can decorate their vehicle trunks to pass out candy. The main parking lot and the church will hold the activities, contests and food. This is an event put on by our church for the community, and we cannot do it without you. Our goal is to introduce the community to our church in a welcoming way.

Trunk winners will receive the trophy with your name engraved and bragging rights for a year! Do you have what it takes to beat last year's winners: Andrea, Joel, Kathe, and Micah Warkentin? Fun and creative designs can be found on Google. (Gore, weapons, and horror will not be permitted.)

Last year we had 200 people walk through our doors despite the cold and rain! This year we are aiming for 300! Let's make it BIGGER AND BETTER this year!! We have a candy drive at the church going on now for this event! Please bring it to the office.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EVENT!!

- Trunk volunteers. Please be in the front parking lot by 10:30am.
- Run a game from 11am-1pm.
- Set up October 26th or morning of the 27th.
- Take down October 27th 1-2pm
- Cupcake baker. Supplies provided.

There will be a prize for the child who invites the most friends unless Facebook wins again! Share and invite everyone you know to our Trick-or-Trunk event from our Facebook page Oak Street Leamington Church! Sign up to volunteer in the narthex on the Bristol board or email omsteadheidi@gmail.com for more info!

Worship Walk Witness



Theatre of the Beat is a Canadian touring theatre company commissioned by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada to create this play and take on tour to Mennonite churches! The play, **#ChurchToo**, will take place **Tuesday, November 13** at 7 pm at North Leamington United Mennonite Church, 625 Mersea Road 6, Leamington.

Admission: freewill offering. Artfully depicted through a variety of scenes and relationships, **#ChurchToo** explores the struggle of wading into the realities of sexual assault and examines the difficulties of speaking out in a community where the topic of sex is often considered taboo. The play will be followed by a half hour of question and answer led by Theatre of the Beat. These social justice issues and how they intersect with our lives and our beliefs are very important conversations to have in safe surroundings. We feel very fortunate to host this professional touring group and we invite everyone to mark their calendar now to attend on **November 13** and to invite others from our community.

LUMC Fall Teaching Series - Christian Ethics for the Twenty-First Century – November 3 and 4

We are living in an increasingly complex world that requires us to make difficult ethical decisions. One current example is the debate in Canada on physician assisted suicide. As a way of responding to this we have invited Dr. Elmer Thiessen for our Fall Teaching Series to address the topic of Christian ethics. This series is meant to help us understand the challenge of living ethically in today's postmodern society, to see the urgency of living ethically, and to apply the Bible to ethical questions, both old and new.

Dr. Thiessen has taught philosophy and ethics at the university and college level for over 35 years, both in Ontario and Alberta. He has published widely in the area of the philosophy of religious education and religious schooling. He and his wife Maggie attend Waterloo North Mennonite Church, where they are active members.

9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Saturday, November 3

Part 1: The Ethics of Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) – How does a Christian respond to the possibility of medically assisted dying?

Part 2: Ethical Relativism: A Critique – Why have ethical values in our culture shifted so radically in our generation?

12:00 p.m. - Lunch will be provided

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 3

Part 3: Beyond Ethical Relativism – What are some confusions that lead many to adopt a relativistic position in regard to ethics? How do we define the opposite of ethical relativism?

Part 4: - Living with Christian Ethical Norms in a Secular Society - Do Christians have any right to impose their values on society at large?

Dr. Thiessen will also be speaking on Sunday, November 4 in the morning worship service and in our Education Hour. If you are planning to attend the Saturday sessions please contact the church so that we know how much lunch to prepare. Call the church office at 519-326-2727 or email at office@lumc.ca



Sunday, September 30th, 2018:

Installation Service for Pastor Zach Charbonneau. Al Rempel, regional minister with MCEC was invited to speak and participate in the Service of Commissioning for Pastor Zach.

Photo Submitted by Rob Konrad

Sunday, September 6th, 2018: Frieda Lepp leads the bible presentation for the 3 year old children at LUMC. Each child receives their own personal copy of **Shine On: A Bible Story** edition.



Spend a weekend focusing on
your spouse and working toward
God's ideal for marriage.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

November 9-11, 2018
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in
Niagara Falls

For more information, visit our website:

<https://marriageencounterec.com/>



Trunk or Treat

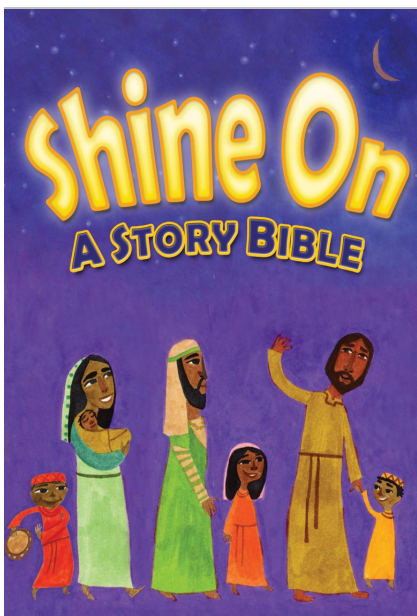


**Saturday, October 27, 2018
at 11 AM – 1 PM**

Dress up in your Halloween Costume and join us for some fun!

- BBQ Hotdogs
- Giant Bowling
- Monster Hockey
- Pumpkin Golf
- Petting Zoo
- So Much More!!!

Brain Eating Contest @ 12:30pm



Children's Shine On Readings

October 1– October 7	The Lord is my shepherd God cares for the earth	p. 128 p. 130
October 8—October 14	Trust in God's care Prayer of Agur	p. 132 p. 134
October 15—October 21	Walk in the light of the Lord Comfort for God's people	p. 136 p. 138
October 22—October 28	Peace for all Jeremiah and a new covenant	p. 140 p. 142
October 29—November 4	The path to God's promise Ezekiel and the dry bones	p. 144 p. 146

Harvesting Fruit

By Zach Charbonneau

Well I said we would do it and we did it. Tina and I climbed into the Toews' tomato harvester on a warm September morning and got to work in our rubber gloves and closed toed shoes. I did not know what to expect. I just waited for the action to start. I had never seen a tomato harvester in my life nor had I ever worked a produce farm in any capacity. But still there I stood between two seasoned veterans of the farm who also happened to be teenagers.

We rumbled forward as a large tractor of some sort pulled an empty wagon alongside the contraption I now stood in. A small heap of tomatoes plopped onto the conveyor belt accompanied by some debris; sticks and whatnot. The tomatoes sat there while the sticks were disposed of down a slit between me and the conveyor belt that led back down to terra firma. The whatnot went too.

"Not so bad," I thought to myself. "A few tomatoes at a time can't be too hard for six people." I eased into a quarter squat preparing for the next batch. But the next batch was a bona fide tomato avalanche. If I had to estimate I'd say it was somewhere between a bazillion and a gajillion tomatoes flowing past us all at once. My left hand did not know what my right hand was doing because my brain did not know how to manage two hands and a gushing of tomatoes at the same time.

My job and the job of my sweaty companions was simple, let the ripe red tomatoes go by and swipe up the green or rotten ones and put them down the crevice where the debris and the whatnot had previously been banished. I did my best. I promise I did. But by the end of the first load, a mere 16 tonnes of toms, I broke. I heaved myself off the rig and heaved my morning coffee out of my stomach and into the hedgerow, another new thing I learned about.

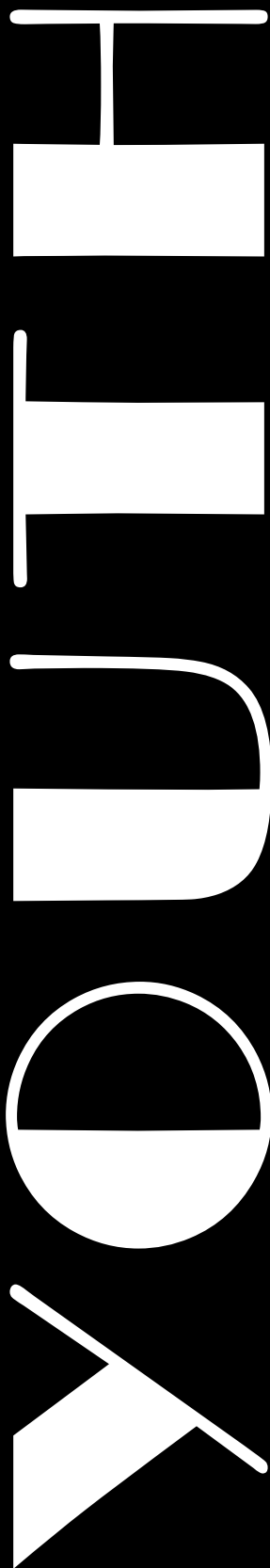
Yes. I puked. Not once, but twice. The steady flow of tomatoes combined with the rumbling of the cabin was too much for this city slicker. But I would not be defeated. I'm no quitter. Unless it's soft drinks. I climbed back onto that rocking carriage of destiny I put my head down and I grabbed as much rotten tomato as my hands could scoop. And then, with sweat on my brow and wind in my hair I puked again. Right off the blasted tractor onto the precious ground below. On that warm September morning I was defeated by the infamous Leamington tomato and I loved it.

I loved it because I learned to hear Jesus in a new way. An agricultural, closer to first century kind of way. And I was struck by an interesting thought before I was struck by nausea. That thought was about harvesting and the Kingdom. In the parable of the sower (Mat.13:1-23) we read about the good soil which is called good because it bears good fruit. We also read about a great harvest at the end of the age where wheat and weeds will be separated (Mat.13:24-30). The wheat, that which bears the useful fruit will be saved while the weeds will be cast aside. Jesus tells his disciples to pray for labourers because the harvest is ready (Mat.9:35-38).

What are they harvesting? Not weeds or rot but Fruit! And what is the fruit? Maybe it's wheat or maybe tomatoes. Or maybe the fruit looks like love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, and self-control. Maybe as we walk through the world with eyes to see and ears to hear, knowing there is fruit to be harvested, we get the delight of finding fruit ready for harvest. That fruit is among our neighbours waiting to be encouraged and affirmed, called out for a rich harvest.

Of course, the harvest comes before the great family meal where brothers and sisters enjoy that which has grown and ripened.

It's awesome. It's so awesome I could puke.



HIGH SCHOOL

Oct. 5th - Ultimate Frisbee - We'll meet at Oak St. then head out. Ice cream will follow. Bring soccer cleats if you have them.

Oct. 12th - Gargon. Enough said.

Oct. 19th - High School hosted board games night - Open to anyone who is interested, the high schoolers will host a board games night in the aud at Oak St. We'll make nachos and other refreshments for our guests and introduce them to some of our favorite board games.

Halloween Party TBD

JUNIOR YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Oct. 10th 6-8pm - Mini-Golf at Point Pelee Karting 6-8pm - Let's meet at the church and carpool down to Point Pelee Drive for some mini golf fun. We'll need maybe 2 parents to join us for this event (Text me if you're interested 226-203-3833). I'm waiting for info re: cost.

Oct. 19th 6-8pm - Board Games at Oak St. hosted by the high schoolers. Bring the family and some favorite board games. There will be some snacks and refreshments. This is open to whoever would like to join.

Oct. 24th 4-6pm - Thiessen's Orchard Multi-Church Youth Event - There is no cost for entry, but Thiessen's has asked that the youth have some pocket money to buy some snacks. They have lots of fun activities like a corn maze and a haunted-ish barn.

Oct. 26th & 27th - Trunk or Treat - If you would like to volunteer on your own or as a family to help LUMC host Trunk or Treat please let me know as soon as you can. We'd love to have this event reach as many people as we can. I hear it's a crowd pleaser, but it takes a village to run an event of this magnitude.

UMEI Christian High School News

Fish Fry Lunch – Thank you all, once again, for your continued support of UMEI Christian High School. Thanks to your generosity, the fish fry raised \$10,537. These generous donations allow us to continue to help our students reach their full potential so they're empowered to make a difference through a life rooted in faith.

Lightning Bolt – A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or donated to the 2nd Annual Lightning Bolt! It was a huge success and we raised over \$19,000 for a new driveway! Save the date for next year's Lightning Bolt on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Physics Rocket Launch

Join us on Sunday, October 14 for an outdoor BBQ lunch from 11:30 am - 1 pm followed by our robotics in action with several interactive displays, followed by our Grade 11 Physics rocket launch which will prove to be our best yet! 16 different rockets will be launched, each with their own features and design. Invite your friends!

Ground Beef

Ground beef orders are due in the office by noon **Wednesday, October 17th** and will be ready to pick up Thursday, October 25th.

Annual Members Meeting – Wednesday, November 14th

This meeting is open to anyone interested. The meeting will be at UMEI in the Chapel at 7:00 pm.

Leamington Mennonite Home News

Gala 2018: October 20, 2018

Please join us for a Moonlight River Cruise with magical destinations and special features such as a Captains Table filled with goods from ports of call, a live and silent auction, as well as an exquisite dinner menu. Tickets are available for this unforgettable cruise from Gala Committee Members or the Front Office at a cost of \$150.00 with a donation receipt of \$100.00.



*Moonlight
River Cruise*
Leamington Mennonite Home Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

Appetizers 5:30 Dinner 6:30
Leamington Portuguese Club
Tickets \$150.00
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November edition of the OAK STREET LEAVES DEADLINE:

Please send all submissions for
The Leaves by Oct 14, 2018 to the
LUMC Office. office@lumc.ca

Refugee Committee Update:

A message from LUMC's Refugee Committee: We are looking for gently used or new items for our soon to be arriving Refugee family of seven from Columbia!! There are 2 adults, 5 children - 2 nine year olds, a five year old, a one and a half year old and a month old baby.

If you happen to have some basic household and kitchen items you are willing to donate, please contact Gisela Schartner or Sidney Sellick.

A few other larger items are also needed and listed below:

Beds/mattresses - all sizes

Small bookshelf

Baby crib

End tables/coffee table

Stroller

Dressers

Bunk Beds—2 sets

End tables/ coffee tables

High chair

Kitchen table and chairs

We look forward to welcoming this family into our church and community in the coming months and thank you for your support!

Healing & Prayer Service - Wednesdays at LUMC 7:00-7:30pm

It is a time where you are invited to pray for the needs of others, receive personal prayers, and if you wish, the laying on of hands.

This quiet, meditative service is open for anyone in need of God's healing touch for something physical (an illness), social (a relationship, an employment matter), emotional (a sadness), or spiritual (a doubt, a questioning). If you are shy you don't need to pray out loud, so come and join us.



The LUMC family welcomes little Rylee Warkentin, her big brother Jacob and parents Jason and Caroline, together at church for the first time since her birth in May. We are thankful that Rylee is now home from hospital and that she continues to heal and thrive. We are grateful for answered prayers.

Photo Submitted by Edna Konrad