

# Welcome to

## Leamington United Mennonite Church

### Second Sunday of Advent

### December 5, 2021

Speaker - Glenn Sellick      Worship Leader - Mike Williamson

We will  
not  
all  
die  
but  
we will  
be  
changed  
in  
the  
twinkling  
of an  
eye  
at the  
last  
trumpet.

Carol Singing – 9:35

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 261 VT

What Child is This 267 VT

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly 243 VT

Words of Welcome

Advent Processional

Solo – Poor of the Earth 213 VT – Steve Enns

Prophetic Reading - Luke 1:68-79 - Noah Chacko

Lighting the Candle of Love – Light the Candle 211 VT

Prayer of Invocation

Song – Love Came Down at Christmas 255 VT

Church Council Update

Children's Sunday School

Scripture Reading – Luke 3:1-6    1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Song – Love Has Come 258 VT

Giving our Gifts

Church Family Happenings

Prayer Song – While we are waiting

Prayers of the People

Song – While we are waiting

Sermon – Since God Loves Us

Song – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You v.1, 4, 5, 6

Sending Prayer

Benediction

1 Corinthians  
15:51

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### **2021 Budget Giving Update**

With 4 weeks to go we have now completed 92% of the year and have reached 90% of our budget. Last year we had reached 91%. Thus we need to raise another \$57,986 to reach budget.

**Advent and Christmas Worship** - The **Season of Advent** is a special time of preparation for the first and second coming of Christ. Please note that during this season our gathering **begins at 9:35** with a time of **carol singing**.

December 5 – Second Advent – The Candle of Love

December 12 – Third Advent – The Candle of Joy

December 19 – Fourth Advent – The Candle of Peace

December 19 – Candlelight Service – 7:00 p.m.

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day Celebration – The Christ Candle

## YOUTH

### **December 7th (6:30pm-8:00pm): Jr. Youth Christmas-Themed Games Night (at LUMC)**

This week we will be continuing our fall video series by exploring the book of Numbers followed by a time of high-energy, festive games!

### **FIRST YOUTH WEEKEND EVENTS OF 2021:**

#### **December 10th (7:00pm-9:00pm): Sr. Youth life-sized CLUE Night (at LUMC)**

This week we will be finishing off our fall video series with a discussion of God's faithfulness before entering into the board game "CLUE!"

#### **December 12th (1:30pm-3:00pm): Jr. Youth Christmas Cookie Decorating (at LUMC)**

This week we will be completing our fall video series by reflecting on the book of Deuteronomy followed by cookie decorating and high-energy games!

If you are interested in learning more about what the youth are up to, visit our LUMC youth website: [www.lumc-youth.weebly.com](http://www.lumc-youth.weebly.com)

We **Worship** a trinitarian God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We **Walk** in the way of Jesus, both Saviour and Lord

We **Witness** through the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit

## CATECHISM

Catechism is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a friendly environment where questions are welcome. Our end goal is to understand and respond to the good news! The class meets on Sunday morning after the worship service from January to June. For more information contact [pastordavid@lumc.ca](mailto:pastordavid@lumc.ca) or 226-346-6774. All ages and backgrounds are welcome!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Today's Lesson:** God Sees Aaron Make a Golden Calf

The making of the “**LUMC Sunday School presents: A Homemade Christmas Story**” continues. Parents, you will soon be contacted to see if you wish to come in person to see the premiere of this movie on Christmas Eve. You will be asked how many family members you would bring along. The Christmas Eve service will also be available to be viewed at home.

## ADVENT GIVING PROJECTS

With the Advent season kicking off a new church year, we again want to turn our attention to those less fortunate than us. This year the Mission Hub would like to support 3 local mission partners as part of our Christmas giving. If you would like to make a financial contribution this Christmas season, you may do so by making a donation marked Advent Giving Project. You can drop off a cheque at the church, e-transfer or make a donation online on the church website. Please be sure to make note that it is an Advent Giving donation. These funds will be used in two ways. Contributions will be made to the **Salvation Army Food Bank** as well as to **The Bridge Food & Nutrition Programme**. If you prefer to donate to one agency over the other, please indicate your preference. **Deadline to contribute is December 19.**

A third Christmas giving option is through **South Essex Community Council**. SECC will let you know the wish, want and book list of 30 local families and 10 single adults. To sponsor one of these families please contact Bianca Rubino at 226-791-5370 or at [brubino@secc.on.ca](mailto:brubino@secc.on.ca) **Deadline for sponsorship is December 10.**

If you have any questions please contact Jim Cornies at the Mission Hub [missionhub@lumc.ca](mailto:missionhub@lumc.ca)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Prayer** is a vital ministry of the church. We gather in the board room on Thursday at 3:30 to pray for the joys and concerns of our congregation. All are welcome.
- Many of our **migrant workers** are going home this month to be with their families. This is often the only time of year they see their children, spouses, and extended families. Keep them in your prayers as they celebrate Christmas and renew their commitments to each other.
- **Mennonite Central Committee** was recently awarded by Charity Intelligence as one of the top 10 international impact charities for 2021. Working with more than 380 local partners in 47 countries, MCC has become a world-renowned relief and development agency. This is reason to give thanks for the outstanding leadership of MCC. For more information go to [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca)
- Our **deacons and the visitation committee** will be reaching out to many of our members during the Christmas season. This caring ministry is a vital connection to the church for many who are bereaved and alone during this season. Let us uphold them all in our prayers.

### Neighbours

- It is good to remember that we are all part of the large Christian fellowship. This week, please pray for Templo cristiano La Buena Semila in Leamington and their Pastor Saul Hernandez.

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### Scripture Reading Guide

#### December 5-11

Sunday - Luke 3: 1-20

Monday - Zephaniah 3: 6-20

Tuesday - Isaiah 12: 1-6

Wednesday - Philippians 3: 1-16

Thursday - Philippians 3: 17-4:3

Friday - Philippians 4: 4-23

Saturday - Ephesians 6: 1-23