



Welcome to
Leamington United Mennonite Church
Sunday November 26, 2023
Memorial Sunday

Speaker - Linda Tiessen Worship Leader - Victor Winter

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song - Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah VT 606

For

Call to Worship

Church Family Happenings

Song - Hallelujah for All Souls

we

Giving our Gifts

Song - My Life Flows On VT 605

grieve

Children's Sunday School

in

Lighting Candles of Hope and Promise (Members of LUMC)

Song - Precious Lord VT 610

hope

Scripture Reading - Psalm 84: 1-5, 7-9,

1 Thessalonians 5: 8-11, Romans 14: 7-9

through

Sermon - Memories Quilted in Hope

Song - By Gracious Power so Wonderfully Sheltered

Christ

Lighting Candles of Hope and Promise (Friends of LUMC)

Song - Felix Culpa

Jesus

Prayers of the People

Song - Felix Culpa

Sending Prayer

Benediction Song - Abide with Me VT 502

UPCOMING DATES

Advent and Christmas Worship - While We Are Waiting: Come

Next Sunday we begin a new season in the church year. The season of Advent is a special time of preparation for the first and second coming of Christ. Here is our worship schedule for the next five weeks. Please note that during this season our gathering begins at 9:35 with a time of carol singing.

December 3 – First Advent with Communion – The Candle of Hope

December 10 – Second Advent – The Candle of Peace

December 17 – Third Advent – The Candle of Joy

December 17 – Candlelight Service – 7:00 pm

December 24 – Fourth Advent, Music Sunday – The Candle of Love

December 24 – Sunday School Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm

December 25 – Christmas Day Celebration – The Christ Candle

- **Prayer Gathering**

Everyone is invited to a time of prayer inspired by portions of Scripture on Wednesday mornings. We meet for 45 minutes from 8:00-8:45am.

- **Ladies Prayer Gathering**

All ladies are invited to attend a twice-monthly Ladies Prayer Meeting at the home of Rachel Kauffman, 26 Olive Dr., Leamington. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, from 12-12:45 pm. There is no need to RSVP, but if you want to get in touch with Rachel, you can reach her by email kauff5r@kauffmanfamily.net or phone 519-919-3905. Everyone is welcome, and you can invite other ladies you may know to come. We look forward to seeing you there whenever you can make it!

- **Women's Bible Study**

We will be starting a new, four week Advent study this coming week! We have two meeting options: Monday mornings from 9:30-11am or Tuesday evenings from 6:45-8:15pm. Please call or message Sandra Dick at 226-346-2943 or sandra_dyck@yahoo.ca if you're interested in joining either study time.

- **Soli Deo Gloria Singers Concert**

"Like a Mighty Stream" Sunday, November 26 at 3:00 p.m. at LUMC
Suggested donation: \$15 All Welcome

- **Child Dedication Service**

Plans are underway for a child dedication service as part of our service on December 17 (Advent 3). If you would like to participate, contact the office and we'll fill you in on the details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH

Thank you for joining us today! In **Sunday school**, we will be practicing our music for the Christmas Eve program (Dec. 24 @ 6:30pm) and learning the next step in our Bible story: Crossing the Red Sea, from Exodus 13:17-15:21.

Sometimes, our Bible stories can be hard to understand and raise more questions. While we do believe that these are important stories, we want to be careful not to see all of life, including the present, only in terms of “good guys” and “bad guys.” In our Mennonite understanding of faith, we believe that God loves all people.

Regarding the music for the Christmas Eve program: last week, emails with links to the songs were sent out, for the purpose of practicing at home. If you didn't get the email(s), just let Valerie know at sundayschool@lumc.ca
Thanks for any practicing you can do!

Today's awesome Sunday school volunteers are:

Primary: Christine Tiessen & Erika Epp

Junior: Angie Taves & Michaela Dyck

Intermediate: Rudi & Greta Kauffman

Host: Jocelyn Barnwell

All **Senior Youth** from grades 9 to 12 are welcome to join us at LUMC on Sunday December 3, 2023 from 2:30-5pm! All Sr. Youth and their friends are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sr. Youth leaders Henry Hildebrandt and Anna Neufeld at neufeldanna94@gmail.com

Christmas Advent Giving Projects

Advent at LUMC is traditionally a time when we think about specific projects that we would like to support as a church family. This Christmas season, our Mission Hub invites you to consider participating in our effort to extend Christ's love to those in our community who are less fortunate.

This year we have chosen to extend our support to **The Bridge** food and nutrition programme, as well as to **South Essex Community Council (SECC)**. 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 either drop off a cheque at the church or offering plate, e-transfer, or make a donation online on the church website. Please be sure to make note that it is an Advent giving donation. If you prefer to donate to one agency over the other, please indicate your preference.

Deadline to contribute is December 22. If you have any questions please contact the Mission Hub at missionhub@lumc.ca

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- This quilt was made by **Susie Driedger, Kathe Klassen and Marion Wiebe**, for the use by the Leamington Mennonite Home. When someone passes on the quilt is draped over them as they leave the Home. It was put together with great love and has been in use since 2006.
- Next **Friendship Circle** is Wednesday December 6, 10:00am LUMC auditorium, bring a friend.
- **Pastor Rick's** final week will end December 3, 2023. We invite you to be in touch if you would like beforehand.
- This week's block is "**Memories**"



This quilt block is definitely more than the sum of its parts. It looks complex, but when it is broken down, it is just a lot of half-square triangles, and with so many small parts requiring precision, small variations are multiplied.



"Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
nothing is lost forever." #653 VT

This song was written in 1994 as a response to the death from cystic fibrosis of a young man of nineteen, and it was dedicated to his devoted mother. This hymn addresses the profound sense of loss that follows any such traumatic experience.

Memories of loved ones can console and comfort. Today, this hymn invites us to remember that all is not forgotten – that God holds all our memories with sacred love.

CONNECTING

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Scripture Reading Guide
November 26 - December 2, 2023

Sunday - 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58

Monday - Matthew 24: 1-14

Tuesday - Matthew 24: 15-28

Wednesday - Matthew 24: 29-51

Thursday - John 1: 35-51

Friday - Isaiah 63: 1-17

Saturday - Isaiah 63: 18-64:12

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Today we remember the following LUMC members who died this past year.

LUMC Members

Edward Hamm (85)	November 20, 2022
Louise Mulcaster (85)	November 22, 2022
Betty Hildebrandt (79)	December 15, 2022
Bruno Penner (93)	January 7, 2023
Lawrence Woelk (65)	January 19, 2023
Susie Driedger (95)	February 26, 2023
Stan Schachowskoj (91)	March 18, 2023
Ron Willms (69)	March 22, 2023
Vern Toews (86)	June 1, 2023
Mary Vlodarchyk (91)	June 9, 2023
Alfred Matthies (91)	July 23, 2023
Nancy Dyck (62)	August 4, 2023
Helga Dueck (91)	August 19, 2023

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by the Leamington Mennonite Home in memory of those residents, volunteers and supporters who were members of the LUMC congregation and passed away this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends who have experienced loss and bereavement.

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our larger connections and families.*

Friends of LUMC Members

John Driedger (91)	December 5, 2022
Eric Tiessen (72)	December 14, 2022
Josh Wiles (39)	December 27, 2022
Emma Neufeld Heffernan (33)	January 5, 2023
Konrad Wolf (86)	January 17, 2023
Erica Lepp (92)	February 4, 2023
Henry Sawatzky (95)	February 7, 2023
Elaine Driedger (69)	February 9, 2023
Rudy Tiessen (79)	February 15, 2023
Adam Kroeker (38)	February 15, 2023
Henry J. Driedger (90)	April 25, 2023
Ruth Neufeld (64)	April 28, 2023

*Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but
God is the strength of my heart and my portion
forever.*

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Helena Reddekopp Friesen (64) May 5, 2023

Erwin Rahn (58) May 16, 2023

Abe Friesen (66) May 19, 2023

Maria Pezzotti (84) May 25, 2023

Renate Seifert (88) June 1, 2023

Rudy Konrad (79) June 3, 2023

Randy Morrison (69) June 9, 2023

Terry Scratch (58) June 13, 2023

Gordon Rollo (70) June 15, 2023

Jim McKeown (64) June 21, 2023

Philip Driedger (81) July 12, 2023

*Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and staff they comfort me.*

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Agatha Neufeld (99)	July 12, 2023
David Peters (66)	July 31, 2023
Jean Embury (93)	August 24, 2023
Kenny Rubenovitch (74)	August 28, 2023
Elizabeth Marshall (81)	August 30, 2023
Steve Derbyshire (55)	September 14, 2022
Marguerite Burgess (79)	October 14, 2023
Harry Driedger (92)	October 17, 2023
Erwin Wisch (95)	October 21, 2023
Rudy Paehr (94)	November 2, 2023
Franz Schmitt (80)	November 6, 2023
Hilda Peters (93)	November 10, 2023
Michelle Regher (51)	November 19, 2023

*1 Thessalonians 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*