

Welcome to Leamington United Mennonite Church January 21, 2024

Speaker - Glenn Sellick

Worship Leader - Marlene Schmidtgal

<p>If you cannot preach like Peter,</p>	<p>Welcome Gathering Song - Come We That Love VT 31 Call to Worship Opening Prayer</p>
<p>if you cannot pray like Paul,</p>	<p>Song of Praise - Here I Am To Worship VT 227 Children's Sunday School Song - This Little Light of Mine VT 762 Giving our Gifts</p>
<p>you can</p>	<p>Church Family Happenings</p>
<p>tell the love of Jesus and say,</p>	<p>Prayer Song - Calm me Lord VT 680 Prayers of the People Scripture - Mark 1:16-20, Mark 4:3-9, John 6:60-68 Song - There is a Balm in Gilead VT 647</p>
<p>He died for all.</p>	<p>Sermon - Putting the Pieces of God's Puzzle Together Song of Response - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</p>
<p>There Is a Balm in Gilead VT 647</p>	<p>Sending Prayer Benediction Song - May the Peace</p>

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

UPCOMING DATES

- **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.

- **Women's Bible Study**

We meet on Monday mornings from 9:30-11am or Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:15pm. This session runs until March 26. Please call or message Sandra Dick at 226-346-2843 or sandra_dyck@yahoo.ca

- **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.

- **LUMC Annual Meeting and Annual Committee Reports**

LUMC Annual Meeting is March 3, 2024

Reports are due - January 23 email to office@lumc.ca

- **Building Church...Building in God's World**

Our 2024 sermon series: In a way, it continues from Fall's **Our Church is a Quilt** idea. Like we did in fall, we'd like to feature our people's work. If you'd be willing to display your woodwork, metal work, cloth work, etc... please contact Victor Winter at victwint@gmail.com or 519-326-0363 who will be doing the organizing.

- **Invitation to explore Christian Faith**

Numerous individuals have expressed an interest in joining this year's classes which will start at the beginning of February at a time convenient for all. If you have an interest, you can still join this group-contact the office at office@lumc.ca or 519-326-2727. The Transition Team will be leading this series.

- **Desire for Membership**

A request to join LUMC via "membership" has been received and is being processed. If you wish to become a "member" or know of someone who is interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office or Ed Brown (Transition Team Member) via phone 519-329-3915 or email ednhelen67@gmail.com

- **Making an LUMC video**

The MCEC conference gathers in Leamington April 26-27. They would like a short video about LUMC (2-5 minutes) to show at their gathering. Is there a volunteer or two with skills to make a video? Contact a church councillor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today's Sunday School lesson will be "**Jesus Starts His Ministry**" from Mark 1:29-45. The activity, led by Jocelyn Barnwell, will be about seeds. Please let our volunteers know that you appreciate them!

Primary: Mary Tiessen & Brenna Froese

Junior: Valerie & Simon Kauffman

Intermediate: Sam Dyck

Host: Jocelyn Barnwell

SAVE THE DATE! VBS will be July 8-12 from 9 am-12 pm. More information coming soon.

JUNIOR YOUTH

Join us on Thursday, a little earlier than usual – **from 6:00-7:30**. Hope to see you there for baking and games!

We welcome **Rick and Caroline Neufeld** back to LUMC. Rick is our Interim Sessional Pastor and will serve a second seven weeks with us. Thanks for bringing us some Manitoba weather!

PASTORS: DO WE NEED THEM?

Overview: Churches are finding it increasingly more difficult to find pastors. Why is this and what are the reasons? In this changing context, do pastors still have a role in the congregation? What expectations do we have of pastors? What role does the congregation have in retaining pastors for the long term? Join in this two (2) Sunday series of conversation and discussion beginning January 21 & 28. Facilitator is Rick Neufeld

Technology that provides **Hearing Assistance** is managed by the deacons, if



you have any questions ask the Welcome Center. Anyone is welcome to request this assistance at the beginning of the service. The system that broadcasts the audio directly to you. There are plenty of units, so please ask at the Welcome Center.

EKMHA Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association news.

Book Launch: Friday, Jan. 26 at 7:00

The Thiessen Family Story by Sandy (Froese) Callahan at the Heritage Centre
Everyone welcome, admission by donation.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

• Raylene Schartner and Erna Warkentin Quilt

1867-2017 This was Canada's 150th year. Raylene was very interested in her history class and we decided to make this quilt. A block for each province and territory. Raylene cut - Erna sewed.



We honoured our parents, grandparents and great grandparents who came to Canada during turbulent times by including the years of their arrival and those familiar words:

"Now thank we all our God"

"Nun danket alle Gott"

- Alternative Education Symposium Saturday, January 27th - Does your child need: More support? Smaller groups? More resources and connections? Come to **UMEI** for a morning of learning, connecting, and feeling supported by other families who are curious about alternative options for school. No need to register, just save the date on your calendar, tell your family and friends, and come visit us that day! There will be fun activities for kids while parents learn from the panel discussion, guest speakers, table talks and more! Picnic, Lego, Train, Craft and Robot areas to explore.

- **UMEI** Community Fundraising Lunch, Sunday, February 4th, 11:30 am — 1 pm. Join us for a sit-down lunch. The meal includes delicious Mennonite sausage, chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, salad, corn, fresh buns, and dessert. Take-out is also available. Admission is by donation and don't forget you can **SKIP THE LINE!** Complete an online form and send in your donation in advance via e-transfer to office@umei.ca. When you arrive at the school on Sunday, go to the special "Skip the Line" table to check in, and then enter the gym for your meal. Register here: <https://forms.gle/gcqKzJbeftXG2K148>

CONNECTING

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Transition Team

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Church Council

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Rudy Dyck, Jennifer Fittler, Dave Krueger,
Anna Neufeld, Bill Toews
Deacon Rep - Henry Bergen

Scripture Reading Guide

Jan. 21-27, 2024

Sunday - Ephesians 3

Monday - Ephesians 4: 1-16

Tuesday - Ephesians 4: 17-32

Wednesday - Ephesians 5: 1-20

Thursday - Galatians 1: 11-24

Friday - Deuteronomy 18: 9-22

Saturday - Psalm 111