

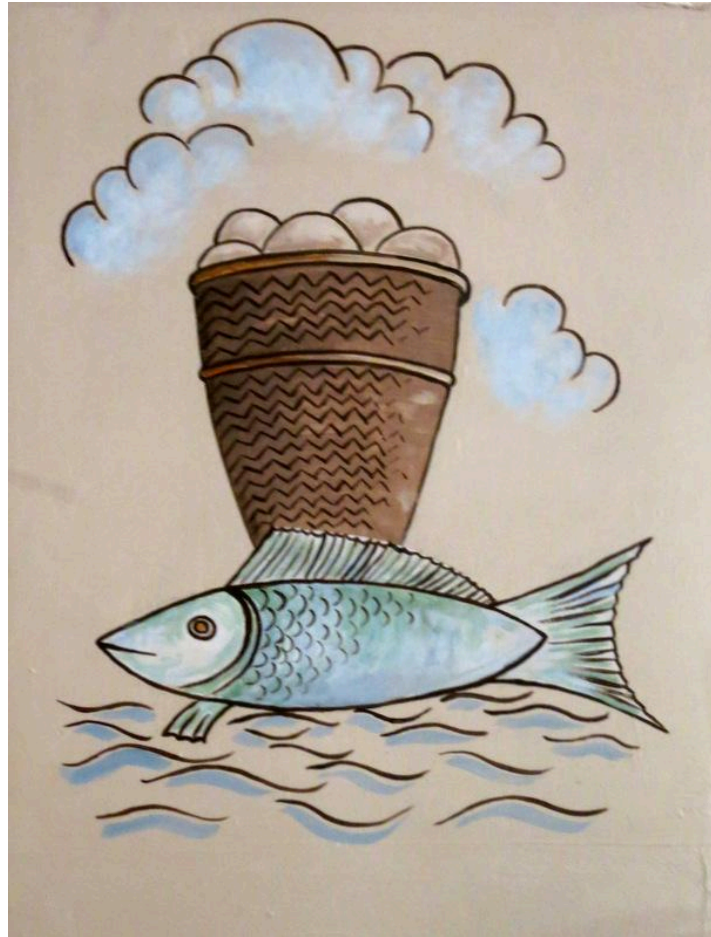


LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Loaves and Fish, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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Jesus Feeds 5000

July 28, 2024

LMC will meet at 10am for Sunday Worship, followed by coffee and fellowship.

The entire worship service will also be live streamed from the LMC sanctuary on YouTube from 10:00-11:15am.

Click on www.lmchurch.ca a few minutes before 10am, and click on the "Livestream" button.

You can view the livestream afterwards by going to our website under the "Past Sermons" page.

<http://www.lmchurch.ca/past-sermons.html>

Greeters - Ron & Peggy

Coffee - Ron & Peggy
AV - Robert & Elijah

Usher - Peggy

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements (Ginny Parkhouse)

Lighting a Candle for Peace

Call to Worship VT 851

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence.

People: Jesus calls us to worship

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity.

People: Jesus calls us to love

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision.

People: Jesus calls us to justice

Leader: We hear the call of Christ

ALL: We worship together with joy.

Opening Prayer VT857

Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

Be with us now, as we may hear your voice and understand your way.

This we pray, through Jesus, the Christ. Amen

Moments for Mission - Deborah Yoder

SINGING, PRAISING, THANKING

By Esther Reesor & Pauline Martin

When the storms of life are raging - VT #595

[There's Enough For All](#) - VT #757

Goodness of God - Pauline Martin - CCLI Song #7117726

Confession & Assurance VT 899

Our lives are cluttered, O Christ, by too many things and too much to do.

We are driven by the need to succeed.

We have often lost our way.

Forgive us.

Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Amen

Offertory Prayer VT 1016

Jesus of love and leftovers, we struggle with what to share, and how much is enough.

Sometimes we are the disciples, quietly suggesting you send the needy crowd away.

Sometimes we are the crowds, bringing only our desire to be close to you.

When we have nothing, welcome us to stay and eat.

In giving and receiving, we participate in the miracle of enough. Thank you, Jesus.

Moments for Children Video: [Jesus Feeds the 5,000](#) (chosen by Adam Cressman)

Scripture: John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by

those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Sermon: "Hosted by Jesus " by Nancy Frey

Song of Response: Jesus, be the Center (VT 584) Pauline Martin

WITNESSING & PRAYING

Sharing Time

We will have "Open Mic Sharing" time. This will not be part of the livestream.

From MCEC

1. Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we pray for Lao Christian Fellowship. Pastor [Bounnho Phommaseng](#) provides leadership for this congregation in St. Catharines, ON. Pray for them as they serve Lao Christians in St. Catharines.
2. Continue to pray for the family of **Kendra Whitfield Ellis** and **Waterloo North Mennonite Church**. Kendra's funeral visitation will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Rd., Waterloo. A celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024 at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Rd., Floradale, with light refreshments to follow. The service will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. [See Kendra's obituary.](#)
3. Pray for Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong, as they navigate working together with Friends of Grace network in Thailand, Mennonite Mission Network, AMBS, church leaders in Laos, and various other Mennonite entities in Thailand. Pray for wisdom, patience, and joy in seeing what God is doing around them.
4. Leaders from North American Vietnamese Evangelical Fellowship will be gathering in Vancouver in early August. Nguyen Thi Hong, president of Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam, will join the gathering. Pray for Pastors Nhien Pham and Garry Janzen, liaison workers for Mennonite Church Canada Witness, as they deepen relationships with these leaders and discern direction for working together with Mennonites in Vietnam.
5. Continue to pray for Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine and throughout a world that cries for peace. Pray for those who are displaced, those who search for family members, those who make decisions and those who attempt to provide aid. Lord, make us channels of your peace!

Congregational Prayer (Nancy)

Sending Song: God, whose Giving VT #745

Benediction VT 1036

Lay one brick at a time,
Take one step at a time;

We can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment.

But we know that God will take our actions and multiply them,
As Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes.
Go in Peace.

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LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

Announcements Sheet

Upcoming:

- Sun Aug 11, 2pm - Katrina Kerr's 40th birthday at Ernie & Esther's. Potluck at 4pm.
- Aug 16-18 - LMC Camping at River Place Campground near Ayton. Contact Penny Martin
- Sun Aug 18 - Sunday 10 am worship service at River Place Campground near Ayton.

LMC Announcements:

- **Dorothy T, Administrative Assistant**, will be on **vacation from July 27- August 9**. Please continue to email the church at lmc@cyg.net for anything church- or bulletin-related. During this time, coverage will be provided by Pastor Nancy (July 27-31), Linda Weber (Aug 1-4), and Ginny Parkhouse (Aug 5-9). Thank you so much!
- **Invitation!** LMC is invited to celebrate **Katrina Kerr's 40th birthday** at Ernie & Esther's on **August 11th, starting at 2pm** until ???pm. This is a "come & go" celebration with a Potluck at 4pm. Lawn games & campfire. Bring a lawn chair and your own beverage.
- **Deborah Yoder** will share about her experience as the Communications Coordinator and Indigenous Solidarity Organizer for the Coalition. Learn about [The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) (DDoD), a collective that emerged from the Mennonite Church who work together to mobilize Christian church communities to dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and follow Indigenous leadership. Come learn about the transformative work of the Coalition and how to get involved at **Waterloo North Mennonite Church 100 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo on July 29 @ 7pm**. Deborah will also share a "moment in mission" at LMC on **Sunday July 28** during the morning worship service.
- **Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, John Fumana, Sunday, Sept 1, 2024, 10 - 11:15 a.m., at Listowel Mennonite Church:** Come to Listowel Mennonite Church to hear John Fumana, Co-Executive Coordinator for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, preach September 1, and give updates on Mennonite Church Canada Witness and Evangelical Mennonite Conference ministries with African churches in Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South Africa.
- **Decorating Lunch bags:** Instead of coloring pages, LMC invites the children to decorate paper lunch bags. There are stickers with jokes or inspirational sayings that can be added to the bags as well. These bags will be filled with lunches for school children who pick up a lunch at It Takes a Village this summer.
- **Directory Update:** Some Directory Pages are ready for the new printing of the Directory, which will happen hopefully soon. At this time, we are asking you to please **review your page** and "OK" it! The updated Directory Pages are in the **Red Binder** on the foyer table - Please carefully review your page **and sign it** if it is ok to print! Or indicate any corrections. Thank you! ~ Peggy Bauman
- **In the week up to Sunday July 21, 2024 we offered \$8,495.00 in worship before God.**
 - General Fund \$700.00 PAR (pre-authorized monthly giving) \$7,795.00
 - July 21 attendance: 62
 - July 21 no livestream (Church Picnic)

Community Announcement

Help distribute bagged lunches to children in July and August: It Takes a Village provides lunches for children who receive food at school during the school year. Each day between 11-1 children can get a sandwich, milk or juice, a fruit or vegetable, and a sweet treat. On **Mondays and Thursdays from 11-1** when

the Village is not open at those hours, volunteers are needed to help out. **If you could help, please contact Andrea Charest at ITAV (519) 418-4651 or let Pastor Nancy know you are interested.**

MCEC seeks an enthusiastic and creative **Communications Assistant** who will support social media management, content creation, media relations, event support, internal communications, and provide administrative support. This is a 0.5 FTE permanent position beginning fall 2024. Interested candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to Laurie Castello, Operations and Finance Director, hr@mcec.ca by August 15, 2024. See full description at <https://mcec.ca/careers>

MCEC E-Newsletter Naming Contest! MCEC E-Newsletter Naming Contest - Are you creative? Do you have a talent for creating catchy phrases? We need your help! We are refreshing our e-newsletter and we want YOU to name it! Contest is open **until July 31, 2024**. The winner will receive 2 boxes of egg rolls from Grace Lao Mennonite Church's next fundraiser! For more details and to submit a name visit mcec.ca.

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is seeking a committed individual to serve as the new **Executive Director**, beginning Fall 2024. The ideal candidate is an excellent communicator with strong financial management and people skills. They will live and lead the camp's mission in fostering personal/spiritual growth, community, and environmental care. Those interested can view the job description at slmc.ca. Please send your resume and cover letter to boardchair@slmc.ca.

MCC Soap for hope: MCC urgently needs soap donations for countries where soap is scarce. Both bath soap (85g or larger, in wrapper) and bars of laundry soap (Fels Naptha, Sunlight, or Zote) are needed. Please donate to meet this crucial need. Donations can be dropped off at your local MCC Thrift Shop, office or the Material Resources warehouse. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/soap>

MCC Learning tour: Traveling together through truth: Oct 21 - Oct 25, 2024

Get ready to be inspired and learn as we embark on an exciting journey of connecting and engaging with First Nations communities, organizations and partners of MCC Ontario's Indigenous Neighbours program in Timmins, Ontario. <https://mcc.org/events/learning-tour-travelling-together-through-truth>