



LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Bulletin

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Dwelling in Dissonance



Lent 2 - Obvious and Hidden

José Luiz, "Foot washing - Chapel of the Holy Sacrament - Basílica of Aparecida - Aparecida 2014 (2)," CC BY-SA 4.0.

March 1, 2026

LMC will meet at 10am for Sunday Worship, followed by coffee fellowship time.
There is Sunday School for all ages after worship.

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.
<https://www.lmchurch.ca/past-services.html>

Usher- Robin Greeter- Don & Joanne Coffee-Ernie & Esther AV-Sid & Seb SS Desk -Joanne S

Gathering Song: VT143 Come Now, O God

Welcome & Announcements (Adam Cressman)

Focus statement

We yearn for simple and obvious explanations without dissonance. This week we are confronted with Jesus' approach to important things like love, holiness, and even what we know!

Call to worship

All: We come to worship

One: with expectations that may or may not be met;
with questions that might be answered;
and answers that might be questioned.

All: We come seeking God.

One: Seeking a taste of truth;
seeking a glimpse of divine presence;
seeking to make sense of the world.
All: We come to journey with Jesus,
One: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired,
moved and confused
by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.
All: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

SINGING, PRAISING, THANKING

Led by Tian Ip

VT491 Christ, on the Night He Was Betrayed
VT778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayer of Confession

Words of assurance

Offertory Prayer

Moments for Children (Ginny Parkhouse)

Scripture drama John 13:1-17 (Fraser and François Cossar)

Sermon: "Doing what we know" by Nancy Frey

Extinguish candle (Nancy)

Sermon Reflection Time (1 Minute)

Song of response: VT 813 Heart with Loving Heart United

WITNESSING & PRAYING

Sharing Time

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

From MCEC

- Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we pray for Church of the Living Word in Ottawa, ON. Getachew Woldeyes provides pastoral support for this congregation. Pray for them as they minister in our nation's capital city.
- **Bruce Yoder** will be installed and licensed toward ordination at **Breslau Mennonite Church** on March 1, 2026. Pray for Bruce and the congregation as they celebrate their calling to ministerial leadership. To share your encouragement and support with Bruce, you can reach him at bruce@breslaumc.ca.
- Please pray for the **Matu people and others who are struggling in Myanmar**. They are being bombed every day and many people are injured and have lost their lives. Pray for them as they survive in horrible circumstances. May the God of Peace bring order out of chaos. Pray also for the people of **Kitchener Emmanuel Church** who are from that area of Myanmar and for the **Chin Christian Church**, as they are concerned for family and friends living in Myanmar. Lord here our prayer.
- God of peace, let your harmony take root in our hearts, so that **the healing we long to see in the world may begin within each of us**. Guide our steps so that we walk gently with one another, choosing compassion, justice, and understanding in every moment. Make us instruments of your enduring peace.

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song: VT540 Will You Come and Follow Me

Benediction

As you go, may you listen for God in the discordant melodies of your life,
in the knowing and not knowing,
Experiencing Jesus' love for us
and his invitation to go and to do likewise,
may you go, with Christ's peace surrounding you,
to practice acts of love.

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Announcements Sheet

Upcoming:

- Wed Mar 4, 1-2pm - Prayer Group in the Meeting Room. Next meeting will be March 18.
- Thu Mar 5, 6pm - Community Supper. Helpers needed starting at 2pm.
- Fri Mar 6, 1:30pm - World Day of Prayer at LEMC
- Sun Mar 8 - Daylight Savings Time starts
- Sun Mar 29, 10am - Worship service with Communion.
- Sun April 5 - 8:15am Easter Breakfast, 10am worship service.

Announcements

- **LMC Women's Fellowship** meets on Tuesday, March 10 from 9:30 to 4:00. For lunch at 12:00 please bring a bag lunch and mug. Coffee and tea will be provided. Devotions at 1:00. Everyone is welcome.
- **Banquet Committee:** Do you get joy out of planning creative events? Finding or providing great entertainment and food? Decorating to make spaces beautiful? We are looking for a **team** to put together the **Adult Fellowship Christmas Banquet** this year. If you are interested talk to someone on the WF executive: Joanne Matthews, Grace Snider, Esther Snider, Mary Carter or Linda Weber
- **Listowel Mennonite Church and By Peaceful Waters** have a partnership called MemberCare to help meet the needs of LMC. MemberCare gives our members easy and free access to professional support (**6 sessions for free**) to heal and restore from emotional, cognitive, behavioural, and spiritual hurts. By Peaceful Waters provides professional Christian counselors to help individuals, couples, families, and groups. You can watch a short promotional video if you [click here](#). To know more, you can speak to Pastor Nancy or call 519.886.8577 or email mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca .
- **Tax Receipts:** Receipts for donations to LMC have been issued. If you did not receive yours by email or in your church mailbox, please speak to me. ~ Robert Sider, Treasurer
- **Lenten Sunday School (Adult and MYF)** Join Nancy in the sanctuary from 11:15-12:00 where we will pray with the Lenten scripture passages each week, starting Feb 2 until March 29, 2026. The Women's Class and the Sermon Response Class will not run during Lent.
- **Lenten playlist:** Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada have created a playlist to accompany the Prayer Guides. To access it, you will need to create a free Spotify account if you do not already have one. Access the playlist at [Dwelling in Dissonance](#).
- **Lenten Guided Prayer Packet** - If you would like a paper copy of the guided prayer packet which the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada have put together for the season of Lent, please let Dorothy or Nancy know. Dorothy will attach a copy of the prayer guide for each week to the weekly network starting Feb. 15 through March 29.
- **Easter Choir Rehearsals** - All are invited to join the Easter Choir. Our next rehearsals with Tian are scheduled for **March 1 (12:00- 12:45), March 15 (time tbd), and April 5 (9am)**. Extra rehearsals (without Tian) may be scheduled.
- **World Day of Prayer Friday** is set for **1:30pm on Friday** at LEMC this year. Save the date! All are invited to attend this inter-denominational **Mar 6, 2026** national service and then enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments to follow.~ LMC Women's Fellowship
- **In the week up to Feb 22, 2026, we offered \$ 11,304.00 in worship before God.**

General Fund \$ 3200.00	Coldest Night of the Year \$ 100.00
Pre-Auth Monthly Giving (PAR) \$ 7505.00	Sunday School (Ramoth House) \$ 34.00

LMCWF \$10.00

Ramoth House \$ 455.00

- Feb 22 attendance: 63
- Feb 22 livestream viewers on Sunday: 10 (views after one week: 31)
- Community Supper Feb 26: 142

Community Announcements

MCEC Churches Caring for Creation, March 7, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., 800 King St. E., Kitchener (Shalom and First Mennonite). Do you hunger and thirst for faithful responses to the degradation of this planet? Join MCEC and A Rocha for a morning of learning and inter-denominational dialogue. [Register here.](#)

MCEC Intercultural Competency Conversation in Leamington, March 7, 2026, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join us for an engaging and interactive workshop open to all who are curious about how intercultural understanding can deepen relationships and enhance ministry effectiveness. **(Similar events are planned for KW and Toronto.)** [Register here.](#)

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca)

“Singing the World Whole” Music Retreat (April 10 – 12, 2026): From songs of solidarity and protest through the ages, to the favourites that see us through hard times, come enjoy a restorative camp weekend of making music in community. This retreat is for participants aged 15 and up. Register at slmc.ca/retreats

Hidden Acres - Seniors Retreat On Mon April 20, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *Consider the Birds: Practicing Hope In A Worrisome World*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register go to hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat

Hidden Acres - Grandparent & Grandchild Day Are you a grandparent looking for ways to make meaningful memories with your grandkids Grades 1-6 during March Break? Grandparent & Grandchild Day is a great opportunity to spend time together playing, singing, creating, laughing, eating and worshipping together! Join us **March 16th 2026** to experience majestic and exotic birds from around the world with *Wings Over The Rainforest*.