



## LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

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# Confession of Faith



## Article 15 & 16: Leadership and Church Order

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LMC will meet at 10am for Sunday Worship, followed by coffee fellowship time.  
There is no Sunday School this week due to the long weekend.

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](http://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 - Ernie Reesor

Greeters- Robin & Florence

Coffee-Penny & Arlin

AV- Robert & Sid

**Gathering Song** VT 177 All Things Bright and Beautiful

**Welcome & Announcements** (Nancy Frey)

**Focus statement:**

15. We believe that ministry is a continuation of the work of Christ, who gives gifts through the Holy Spirit to all believers and empowers them for service in the church and in the world. We also believe that God calls particular persons in the church to specific leadership ministries and offices. All who minister are accountable to God and to the community of faith.

16. We believe that the church of Jesus Christ is one body with many members, ordered in such a way that, through the one Spirit, believers may be built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Lighting of Peace candle**

Loving God, we light a candle this morning as a sign that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is in our midst as we worship. We long for peace on earth, just as the angels proclaimed at Jesus' birth. We pray for peace - in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world. Help us, as much as it depends on us, to live at peace with all. Hear our cry and bring your shalom to all those places where there is an absence of peace today. Amen.

**Call to worship****Opening Prayer****SINGING, PRAISING, THANKING**

Led by Tian Ip

HWB 154 This is my Father's World

VT 30 Jesus Calls Us

VT 116 How Great is Our God

**Prayer of confession and words of assurance****Litany of affirmation**

Leader - God, we believe that you dwell in all who confess Jesus as the Son of God,

People - **Today we will open our ears to hear each one who confesses Jesus as the Son of God.**

Leader - God, we believe you invite us to accept each other as sisters and brothers,

People - **Today we accept and embrace all who call themselves by your name.**

Leader - God, we believe you call us to love each other as we do ourselves,

People - **With all our hearts, we will strive to love our brothers and sisters from every denomination and group.**

Leader - God, we believe you ask us to use our gifts to serve each other in unity and understanding,

People - **May we, in a spirit of love and care, use our gifts to build each other up.**

Leader - God, we believe that in unity together we will come to a full knowledge of Christ,

People - **May we grow together into the knowledge of the one in whom all things fit together. Amen**

~ from the Lenten series Journey into Wholeness written by Christine Sine.

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**Moments for Children (Nancy)****Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16****Sermon by Mel Koch Nichol**

Sermon Reflection Time (1 minute)

**Song of response: VT 374 There Are Many Gifts****WITNESSING & PRAYING****Celebrating Life at LMC - God's good creation (Nancy Frey)**

Psalm 100 (read in unison)

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.  
3 Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his[a];  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Testimony - Reflections from the congregation

Prayer

HWB 118 Praise God (Dedication Anthem) (video)

### 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 hold **Église Mennonite Agape** in prayer. Jean-Ematiel Bossicot, along with their congregation leaders, provide leadership to this congregation located in **Drummondville, Quebec**. Pray for this congregation as they preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and put gospel into action in their under-resourced neighbourhood.
- Please pray for Anita (pastor at Floradale Mennonite Church) and **Bryan Schroeder Kipfer** and family as Bryan has been diagnosed with cancer in multiple parts of his body. They are awaiting biopsy results to determine next steps.
- We give thanks for **Gordon and Wendy Kroeker**, serving through MC Canada's International Witness, and for their time of teaching, learning and sharing life in **Indonesia**. Bless their ministry of building relationships, fostering understanding, and supporting dialogue across cultures and faiths. May these Global Companion partnerships continue to grow in mutual care, wisdom and your reconciling love.

### Congregational Prayer

**Sending Song:** HWB 355 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

### Benediction



# LISTOWEL MENNONITE CHURCH

## Announcements Sheet

### Upcoming:

- Tue May 19, 7pm - Church Council Meeting. All welcome to attend.
- Wed May 20, 1-2pm - Prayer Group in the Meeting Room. Next meeting will be June 3.
- Sun May 24 - Pentecost (wear fire colours) & Worship led by Silver Lake Mennonite Camp & Potluck.
- Fri-Sat May 29-30 - Strawberry Pie Making at MCC Relief Sale, New Hamburg
- Mon Jun 8, 7pm - Ramoth House Tour
- Sat Jun 20, 1:30-3:00 - Ladies event: Tea & Tour of Castle Kilbride

### Announcements

- **Creative Needle** meets on Tuesday May 19 in the quilt room. All are welcome.
- **Share your bright ideas:** What does our church need? What does our church have to offer? What would you like to see more of? Less of? HOW ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN? Write your name and your idea on a slip of paper and place it in the ideas box. **The Vision & Guidance Team** will review your idea and support you as you invite others to help you implement it.
- **Strawberry Pies - Help Needed Friday and Saturday, May 29-30:** You can help support this MCC Fundraiser by volunteering to help make strawberry pies at the New Hamburg Relief Sale, on **Friday evening, May 29, 4:00 - 7:30 pm or Saturday morning, May 30, 9:00-11:00 am**. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the library. Another way you can help is with a donation to the expenses of the strawberry pie project by May 17. Make your donation marked "Strawberry Pie Project". For more information contact Esther Snider.
- **Women's Fellowship event on Saturday, June 20 1:30-3:00.** \$25.00 (total for ticket including tax). **Tea and tour at Castle Kilbride, in Baden**, inspired by the museum's special exhibit Vogue Voyages: Fashion from the High Seas 1912-1939. We will enjoy a delightful, guided tour of the castle, by costumed staff, and view the fashion display that manifests the grandeur of travel during the steamship era. Afterwards we'll sip on lemon chiffon tea and indulge in a taste of tea menu items from around the world (British scones and baklava). Teas will be served on the front lawn, in the event of inclement weather (rain or heat) teas will be held indoors. Tickets are required and non refundable. **Sign up in the foyer by May 24** and payment can be made to Peggy or Linda.
- **Celebrating God's good creation:** On Sunday May 17, we will celebrate God's creation. We are blessed with a beautiful world to live in and our life depends on the natural world which sustains us. Now that the long winter is over, we will spend more time outdoors. Some of us will plant gardens or work in the fields. Some of us will go camping. Many of us will sit outside in the evening or go for walks in our neighbourhood. **What about being outside in the spring/summer gives you joy? Where do you see God in nature?** Send a sentence or two to Nancy for her to share on Sunday at [pastor@lmchurch.ca](mailto:pastor@lmchurch.ca).
- **Next Potluck May 24:** On May 24, we have invited Silver Lake Mennonite Camp to lead us in worship! This day is also Pentecost, so feel free to **wear fire colours (red, orange, yellow)**. There will be a potluck following the Sunday School hour. Donations will be towards Silver Lake Mennonite Camp. Kitchen duty will be by last names S-Z.
- **Save the date! Marilyn Brubacher Jones's 90th Birthday.** Saturday, June 27th at LMC, 2-4pm come & go celebration! Best wishes only.
- **Wedding Card to Sign (by May 24): Lucas Weber**, son of Felix and Bernice, is getting married on May 30th and Nancy is doing the ceremony. We would like to bless **Lucas and Kaitlyn** as they begin their married life together so Peggy has created a **lovely card** for anyone that wishes to sign. It is in the foyer along with a **box for cash** if you'd like to contribute to a gift as well. The card will be available to sign for the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions please speak to Linda, Peggy or Caroline - LMCWF events team

- **May & June Offering Project:** Missions Team will be collecting funds to purchase **Relief Kits for MCC** again this spring. Our goal is to have enough donations to purchase **60 kits**. Each kit costs \$57.87 (down from previous cost of \$64.00). The total required to purchase 60 kits would be **\$3,472.20**. This offering project will be offered until June 28. Christian Ed has offered to have Sunday School offerings to be contributed to this project until the end of May.
- **Men's Fishing Event:** Ernie is booking a fishing charter on the afternoon of July 18, in Port Credit. There is room for 12. The cost is \$185 dollars. The price is the same for 8 or 12 people. Sign up on the foyer table or with Ernie (226-622-2411) by June 14. If you sign up and can't make it, please find your own replacement.
- **Ramoth House Tour - June 8th 7pm** - Would you like to join us? LMC has been specially invited to tour Ramoth House in Mount Forest because of our on-going support. If you are interested please contact Ron Bauman or Nancy Frey, or sign up in the foyer or online [here](#).
- **In the week up to May 10, 2026, we offered \$ 1,107.50 in worship before God.**

General Fund	\$ 710.00	Sunday School (MCC Relief Kits)	\$ 7.50
MCC Relief Kits	\$ 250.00	LMCWF	\$ 20.00
Strawberry Pies	\$ 120.00		

  - May 10 attendance: 75
  - May 10 livestream viewers on Sunday: 5 (views after one week: 15)
  - May 10 Sunday School: 69

## Community Announcements

The Salvation Army invites you to **“Living in the Overflow”- a concert with the Canadian Staff Songsters and The Listowel Singers, on June 6 at 7pm** at Knox Presbyterian Church, Listowel. A freewill offering will be taken at the door. At **3pm on June 6** there is an **Open Rehearsal**. Anyone can join! With dinner and concert to follow. Sign up ahead of time for the open rehearsal and dinner at [choralconnection26@gmail.com](mailto:choralconnection26@gmail.com) .

**New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale** - Join us at the 60th NHMRS on **May 29-30, 2026!** More info at <https://nhmrs.com/>

**MCEC Small Church Theology Workshop, May 14, 2026, 6-8 p.m.** online. Discover the gifts of small churches. This workshop explores, from an Anabaptist perspective, how small churches offer unique strengths and essential lessons that enrich the wider Church. [Register at mcec.ca/events](https://mcec.ca/events)

**Saturday, June 6 - Chin Christian Church (Kitchener) Fundraising Evening** at Maple View Mennonite Church (5074 Deborah Glaister Line, Wellesley). Doors open at 5:30 pm. Chin meal served at 6:00 pm, followed by a program of music and traditional Chin dance. The meal will include fish, chicken, rice, chin tea, dessert, and more. Seating is limited. Register on the Maple View website (<https://mvmchurch.ca/>) to reserve a seat. The cost is by donation (all proceeds go to the Chin Christian Church Building Fund).

## **Upcoming MCC Ontario Events**

- May 2 - 16 | [Red Dress Day Art Exhibit](#)
- May 12 and 13 | [Pow Wows 101](#)
- May 29 and 30 | [60th Annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale](#)
- May 30 | [Spring into Summer Fashion Show](#)
- June 13 | [Strawberry Thanksgiving and Communion](#)
- June 23 | [Lunch and Listen: MCC in Asia](#)
- Aug 17 - 21 | [Timmins Learning Tour](#)

## **Rockway's BIG NIGHT OUT**

There is one month left to buy your Early Bird tickets for Rockway's BIG Night Out! Join us on Friday, September 25 at the Tapestry Hall in Cambridge. For more information and to get your Early Bird tickets, visit [rockway.ca/events](https://rockway.ca/events) .

**YFC Tour for Teens:** Do you love biking? Do you love biking for a cause? Well, we have an opportunity for you! On June 13, 2026, 7:30 AM (ride starts at 8 AM), over 100 riders will gather at our youth centre in Listowel to bike 25, 50 or 100km, all to raise funds to support the work of Youth Unlimited YFC. And we want to invite YOU to be a part of our team! All funds raised go to the work of Youth Unlimited YFC, and the funds raised by our team directly support our work with students in NorthPerth.280 Wallace Ave S, Listowel, ON Oh, and did we mention Holy Smokes will be feeding us afterwards? You don't want to miss this!

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**Ministers:** Each Member of the Congregation

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