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***A place to belong and grow in faith***

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**August 20, 2023**

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59 August 20, 2023 10:00 Service No. 34

**Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship Herb Sawatzky

Songs

Prayer

**Life Together**

Announcements

Ministry time

Pastoral Prayer

Song

**Hearing the Word**

Scripture – Matthew 13:31-32

Message – **“Mustard, not just for hot dogs”** Herb Sawatzky

**Responding**

Song

Offering & Prayer

**Going**

Song

Blessing

Scripture Reader – Erik Nickel

Musicians – Gayle Neufeld & friends

**Welcome here!**

We’re glad you came! Your being here is a sign of God’s love for the world and encourages other Christians. We hope our worship together helps you find

***A place to belong and grow in faith***.

*A special welcome to our guests from Niagara UM Church*! We’re glad to worship together with you.

**Praise and Concerns**

***Prayers:***

* Kim Salierno as she deals with breast cancer
* Sheila Gayman - undergoing cancer treatment
* Our sister church in Pereira, Colombia

Please pray for Maryann Janzen and family as they mourn the sudden passing of **Jake Janzen**. A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Caroline Cellars, 1010 Line 2 Rd, Virgil, from 2-5 pm.

**Bethany Announcements**

**Pleasant Manor residents** who would like to watch Bethany's worship services online together on Sunday mornings can do so in the Chapel. Pleasant Manor has arranged for the chapel TV to be tuned to Bethany's worship service on Youtube, on Sunday mornings at 10 am.

**Bethany Silver Fox Watermelon & Rollkuchen Summer Social**

Date: **Monday, August 21**, 2023 *(Please note the date change)*

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Happy Rolph’s Animal Farm - 650 Read Road, St. Catharines - just east of Lock One off of Lakeshore Road Menu: watermelon, Rollkuchen, & back bacon on a bun ( water will be provided). Please RSVP by August 16th to Ted & Syl Wiens (289-868-9068), Paul & Jo Thiessen at (905-468-7392) or Bud & Ella Andres (905-468-2669).Please note that a $ 5.00 cover charge will be collected at the event or upon registration. Please bring lawn chairs. Car-pooling is encouraged.

**Attention all Coyotes, Badgers, Millennials, etc.** This Wednesday August 23 we are at Linda Van Bergen’s home at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert. Next Wednesday, August 30th we are at Mike & Tracey Frena’s.

**Local Food Bank Drive:** Area food banks inform us that donations are down 30% this year while need is up 20%! Your continued support for our food drive to local food banks is much appreciated. Please drop off your donations in the food bin at the front door. Foods and snacks for breakfasts and school lunches are especially appreciated.

**Our Donations Touching Lives**

**You can make your offering to Bethany by:**

• **E-transfer** to office@bethanymennonite.ca

• **Mail** to church at Box 249, Virgil, ON L0S 1T0

• **Drop in the mailbox**  beside the front door on Wednesdays or Thursdays 8:30-3:30 and let Marianne know.

• **Canada Helps** button on [www.bethanymennonite.ca](file:///I:\Bulletins\www.bethanymennonite.ca). CanadaHelps charges 3.75% of the donation, but you will be receipted for full amount.

***Prayers:***

***Mennonite Church Eastern Canada***

* Please pray for Niagara United Mennonite Church

***Mennonite Central Committee***

**•** Please pray for MCC SALTers heading to their overseas placements this month. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a one year overseas service experience for young Christian adults from Canada. This year, Adrian Berrio Klassen will be serving in Guatemala as a Communications and Promotional Assistant with our partner organization Anadesa. Pray that they will be blessed deeply by this opportunity for personal, professional and spiritual growth.

• We are thankful that, when leaving prison, our restorative justice participants have been able to find housing, employment and connections in the community to feel they belong.

**Mennonite Church**

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

Registration now open for a wide variety of fun retreats coming up this fall. Click here for more info about the retreats below… [**slmc.ca/retreats**](https://slmc.ca/retreats/retreats/)

**Labour Day Weekend Retreat** (Sep 1-3) – A few rooms still available for this long weekend getaway.

**Men’s Retreat** (Sep 15-17) – A relaxing weekend away to connect with others and enjoy a variety of fun camp activities. Saturday features a Russian Mennonite dinner with many favourite traditional dishes. Stories and reflections presented by host Mike Schmidt. Contact Don Neufeld if you are interested in going and we can car pool.

**Bruce Trail Hike** (Sep 18-21) – Join us for a series of short-loop hikes near Owen Sound and learn about the cultural and natural history of the Niagara Escarpment. Accommodations and meals at Silver Lake.

**Fall Hike Retreat** (Sep 29-Oct 1) – Stay at camp and enjoy a Bruce Trail hike on the Saturday. Everyone welcome, including families.

**Fall Work Weekend** (Oct 27-29) – Help get camp ready for the winter season!

**Stay Connected –** Follow SLMC on Instagram [@silverlakemennonite](https://www.instagram.com/silverlakemennonite/) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/silverlakemennonitecamp/) to stay up to date and see photos from Summer 2023!

**MCC, MDS, MEDA**

The MDS August edition of **On the Level** is available from the office.

**Broader Church & Community**

**Wells of Hope** presents “Passion Food & Wine Tasting” Fundraiser for Guatemala at Chateau des Charmes on Friday, September 22 from 6:30-10:00 pm. Enjoy good food, wine, beer, music, dancing silent auction and prizes for $100 per person. Purchase tickets at www.niagarapassion.com.

**FIDA Fall Fundraiser for Haiti** – Join FIDA at Trevor Falk’s Farm on Wednesday, September 13th from 5:30-9:30 pm. For $100 per person, join host Joe Pillitteri and special guest Lawrence Hill for some wine/beer tasting, a buffet dinner and a live Auction. Reserve your tickets by calling Betsy Wall at 519-588-7967 or email betsy.wall@fida-pch.org.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

August 20-26, 2023

Today 10:00 a.m. – Joint Worship Service - Niagara United Mennonite Church joins us

Monday 3:00 p.m. – Silver Fox’s Summer Social

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – Coyotes, Badgers, Millennials @ Linda

Van Bergen’s house

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

**Worship services are recorded** live and kept on our youtube channel indefinitely. Recordings begin shortly before 10am and end after 11:04. Those who prefer not to appear in the recording are encouraged to sit near the back of the sanctuary in front of the cry room, and exit through the door on that side.