

WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

August 23, 2026

YOUTH TRIP TO COSTA RICA

Psalm 23; Lamentations 3: 22-25

A worshipping community rooted in God's love: Following Jesus • Seeking peace and justice • Serving others

GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE Lisa Rose, Song Leader
 **Draw the Circle*..... *Voices Together* 802

WELCOME..... Adrien Keables Hayward

CALL TO WORSHIP Dominick Rhodes
 Voices Together 874

OPENING PRAYER

PRAISING

**Low in the Grave He Lay*..... *Voices Together* 333

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Esther Wetherill

OFFERING PRAYER Simon Botts
 (Voices Together 1015)

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Gray Taylor, Rodrigo Zapata
 (Voices Together 926)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Please rise in body or spirit.*
Hearing assistive devices and a larger print hymnal and Bible are available outside the doors to the sanctuary.
Childcare (birth-age 2) is provided downstairs in the Fireplace Room (the nursery is under construction).

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Esther Wetherill

Leader: Hear the word of God.
People: **Our ears and hearts are open.**

Psalm 23 (p. 635); Lamentations 3: 22-25 (p. 987)

Leader: Give thanks to the One whose word is life.
People: **Blessed be God forever!**

REFLECTIONSDominick Rhodes, Rodrigo Zapata

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Lord My God/How Great Thou Art..... *Voices Together* 436

REFLECTIONSGray Taylor, Elias Rose

SONG OF RESPONSE

God of the Bible..... *Voices Together* 420, v. 1-2, 5

REFLECTIONSSimon Botts, Esther Wetherill

SLIDESHOW

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,
People: **hear our prayer.**

We mute the livestream during this sharing time; prayers are written for distribution for the congregation.

WORK OF THE CHURCH

Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.

SENDING

SENDING SONG

**Thy Word Is a Lamp*..... *Voices Together* 398

*Words of BlessingElias Rose

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

LMC's Menno Haven Retreat is coming up September 12-13. Many of you have already registered, but if not, this week is the last chance to sign up! **The registration deadline is this Thursday** for new registrations or for making any changes for those who have already registered. Whether you've attended LMC for many years or just recently started coming, we warmly invite you to come join in the fun and fellowship at this annual retreat.



We'll hold our **monthly Taizé service on Friday** at 7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to this simple form of worship that invites participants to sit in the presence of God through quiet repeated music with simple lyrics, silence, and prayer.

Next Sunday, we'll be inaugurating our 2026-2027 verse of the year by **packing MCC school kits** during church. We just need the items to put in the kits! Please stock up on the following and bring them to church next Sunday.

- Spiral or perforated-page notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in; 70 sheets each)
- New unsharpened pencils
- Rulers (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- Large erasers
- New black or blue ballpoint pens
- ALL METAL (not plastic) pencil sharpeners (one or two holes)

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee is conducting a **review of the work of Pastor Nathan Perrin**. Nathan's current contract expires in 2027 and we are seeking feedback as part of the contract renewal process. We encourage everyone to participate and contribute comments by August 31, 2026.
~ Carlen S., PCRC Chair

Ways to submit feedback:

- Online with the QR code
- Hard copy forms are in the narthex and can be returned to Carlen Seller's mailbox or mailed to the church office, Attn: PCRC.
- Email your feedback to pastoralsurvey@lombardmennonite.org. A fill-in pdf form will be in Friday's e-news.



Love Your Neighbor Day is right around the corner. Please fill out a volunteer form (copies are on the table at the base of the stairs) if interested and leave it in my mailbox. Thanks for helping in a powerful community service!
~ Pastor Nathan

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.
Sunday school classes are on break for the summer.

As a worshipping community rooted in God's love, Lombard Mennonite Church recognizes each person as a unique creation in the image of God. Firmly centering ourselves on following Jesus and seeking to be transformed through Christ, we welcome all, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, economic or social circumstances, marital status, and physical or mental ability. We support and invite everyone to participate fully in the life of the church, where we respect diverse perspectives, live out Anabaptist values and celebrate radical peace and hospitality.



FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS, please contact Pastor Nathan or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Rebecca Huff (chair), Vina Ariyaparakai, Pam Eiten, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, Hasun Lee, and Hilary Rhodes. To contact the entire group: pct@lombardmennonite.org.

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NOTES

TODAY AT LMC

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: Doug & Cynthia Kimball

Greeters: Evan & Mona Richards

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Christy Johnson, Bart Miller

Church Lockup: Lyle Bohnert

Lawn Mower: Evan Richards

THIS WEEK AT LMC

Thursday,

9:30am: Menno Men

Church Retreat Sign-up Deadline

Friday, 7pm: Taizé Service

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Theme: Service Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 10

A/V Technicians: CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

Fellowship Hosts: James & Katrina Baugh

Greeters: Evan & Mona Richards

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Worship: Mona Richards, Jeremy Steelberg