

# WELCOME TO Lombard Mennonite Church

October 11, 2026

## RECONSTRUCTING FAITH

Romans 12: 1-2, 9-16

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

### GATHERING

SONG OF PRAISE  
\*Jesus Calls Us ..... Lisa Rose, Song Leader  
Voices Together 30

WELCOME ..... Joe Hayward

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;  
**People: Jesus calls us to worship.**  
Leader: Jesus call 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 call us to justice.**  
Leader: We hear the call of Christ.  
**All: We worship together with joy.**

—Voices Together 851

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRAISING

As a Deer in Want of Water ..... Voices Together 552  
Spirit, Open My Heart ..... Voices Together 636

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION ..... Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
When Peace Like A River (Spafford, Bliss; Voices Together 617)

### OFFERING PRAYER

\*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).

CONFESSING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEARING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING .....Adrien Keables Hayward

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

Romans 12: 1-2; 9-16 (p. 1382)

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

SERMON .....Nathan Perrin

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT *(silent time of reflection)*

SONG OF RESPONSE  
*Teach Me Thy Truth* .....Voices Together 776

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION.....Elizabeth Shuman, Karin Redekopp Edwards  
*Come, Thou Fount* (Robinson, arr. Mona Coalter)

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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORK OF THE CHURCH  
*Please come to the front row and use the microphone to make your announcement.*

SENDING

SENDING SONG  
*\*Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace* .....Voices Together 719

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Today is the **deadline to submit a 2027 pledge**. The total amount pledged by LMC members is the primary factor in how we plan our spending to support our mission, Christian formation, worship, and facility upkeep in the coming year. Hearing from as many households as possible—regardless of pledge amount—enables us to better steward the amazing resources God has given us. You can scan the QR code or place a green pledge form (in your mailbox; extras in the narthex) in Katharine's Office Manager mailbox. Thanks!



After an extra-long summer break, the **Women of the Word Wednesday Bible study group** will resume meeting this week. We invite all LMC women to join us! We meet in the church conference room from 9:30-11:30am on Weds.

Calling all newer attendees of LMC! We invite you to join us for **Pizza with the Pastors next Sunday** at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday; let us know any dietary restrictions as well. Your friends and family are welcome, too!

Next Sunday, members of the **men's and women's Interfaith Book Clubs** and their families will join us for worship. Please extend a warm welcome to our Muslim friends as they learn about how we celebrate our love for God in community. We invite everyone to share treats and coffee after the service during fellowship time.

On Sunday, October 25, we'll hold a **Meet the Commissions Event** during the Christian Formation hour. The lay ministers of Community Life, Mission, Worship, Christian Formation, and Church Administration will each have a location set up so you can stop by and learn more about how to engage with these lively and meaningful communities within our congregation.

We're holding a Celebration of Life Service for Fern Martin at LMC on Saturday, October 24, at 5pm. The Martin family invites all LMCers to participate. (We will livestream the service as well.) We do **need some helpers** to assist with moving chairs and nursery items from and back to the narthex on Sundays, October 18 and 25. Please contact Katharine if you could assist. Thank you.

### TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

**Directly after the service, join us for coffee, tea, and conversation down in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Children ages 3 – 5th grade** go directly to Gathering Time before Sunday school (*located downstairs in the back library*).

**Sunday School Classes for all ages from 11:30–12:15** (or beginning 15 min. after the service ends).

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school starts

1 BELL: 5 min before Sunday school ends

2 BELLS: Start of Sunday school

2 BELLS: End of Sunday school

### ADULT CLASSES (OCTOBER)

Facing the Climate Crisis: Sanctuary

Salt & Light Bible Study: Room 303

Coffee & Conversation: Fellowship Hall

### CHILDREN + YOUTH CLASSES

Ages 3-5 years: Room 101, downstairs

Grades K-2: Room 102, downstairs

Grades 3-5: Room 103, downstairs

Grades 6-8: Office classroom

Grades 9-12: Conference room

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 one of the pastors or any member of our Pastoral Care Team: Rebecca Huff (chair), Vina Ariyaprakai, Pam Eiten, Elliot Johnson, Doug Kimball, Hasun Lee, & Hilary Rhodes. To contact the entire group: [pct@lombardmennonite.org](mailto:pct@lombardmennonite.org).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT'D

Most of us have never had the opportunity to help with a barn raising, but who says we can't have our own? In three weeks, on Saturday, October 31, we'll gather for our **fall church workday**—a chance for all ages to work shoulder to shoulder as we prepare our church for winter, make needed repairs, and beautify our building and grounds. We'll work from 8:00 AM to noon, then break for a delicious lunch. Please plan to join us!

All are welcome at the **Palestinian cultural art night** at Living Water Community Church today from 4:30-7pm. Suggested donation is \$10.

## TODAY AT LMC

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

**Fellowship Host:** Valerie Kropf

**Greeter:** Ken G Kabira

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Micah Johnson, Katharine Richert

**Sunday School:** TBA

**Church Lockup:** Lyle Bohnert

**Lawn Mower:** Linea Richards

## THIS WEEK AT LMC

**Tuesday, 7pm:** Contemplative Prayer via Zoom

**Wednesday,**

**9:30am:** Women of the Word Bible Study

**7pm:** Ministry Team

**Thursday,**

**9:30am:** Menno Men

**7:15pm:** Worship Commission

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**Theme:** Do Justice, Embrace Love, Walk Humbly

**Scripture:** Micah 6: 1-8

**A/V Technicians:** CJ Yoder, Spencer Yoder

**Fellowship Host:** Hilary Rhodes

**Greeters:** Paul Reimer, Melissa Miller

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**Worship:** Christy Johnson, Dave Lantz

**Sunday School:** Bart Miller, Ruth Quiroa