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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Scripture & Song

Two "new" ministry initiatives have really impressed my soul this past three months. They were:

- the "Reading the Gospels" initiative organized by our summer PIP student, Brent.
- the "Sing Song Sing-along" hymn sing, organized by the mid-Peninsula ecumenical Group.

These two initiatives have brought me back to two basic aspects of our worship life:

- listening to the Word of God, and reading it through book-by-book, chapter-bychapter in sequence.
- singing together with others of our common faith, regardless of our denominational stripe.

Within our LAAMB communities, we have in the far north in Tobermory, a (mostly online) Bible Study organized weekly by Bernadette Burton. Bernie uses the upcoming Lectionary readings in this Study, facilitating discussion on all four readings coming up on Sunday. This vibrant and faithful discussion provides a lot of food for thought and exemplifies what happens when we study scripture together in community. If you would like to join this study, please email Bernie at dbburton41@gmail.com

Bernie's study long-preceded my involvement with the LAAMB, and the group that meets regularly on Thursday mornings at 10 am are an international group who not only study scripture together, but regularly uphold each other and many of our communities in prayer.

At the far south, in Wiarton, a quiet but powerful group of four, who call themselves

FABS (Friday Afternoon Bible Study), also meet for prayer and scripture study. FABS have held our common life as church in prayer for many years now. They keep a close ear and eye on what needs prayer in our parishes and our administrative life, and apply themselves diligently to praying for God's influence and direction in our lives.







Sometimes, in the busyness of "being church" we forget the deeply foundational role of immersing ourselves in the Word of God. At various times in my own life, when I have strayed, returning to God's care always includes returning to regular study of scripture.

This October, I want you to prayerfully consider reading the Bible through in 2026. I will be trying to do this, specifically using The Message Translation (one of my favourites for home study), in an edition designed for reading the Bible through in one year. If you would like to join a study group for this project, please email me (janakibandara@diohuron.org) or call/text me (519-588-7701) and let me know. I recall a time in seminary when I joined an ecumenical morning prayer and Bible Study group that met online. It was one of the most deeply formative times of my life.

Brent's "Reading the Gospels" project had us listen to the Gospels being read through, as a group. The act of listening was very different than the act of reading. My hope for 2026 is to record the scripture readings for each day (with the help of a gleeful group of volunteer readers who will make themselves known to me in numbers), so that we have the choice of listening or reading each day.

As for the singing aspect, the mid-Peninsula ecumenical group have put together a wonderful set of songbooks which include many of our best-loved and favourite hymns in large print. Singing is not confined to Sunday mornings by any measure, and our first "Sing Song Sing-along" was held at Christ Church on September 17<sup>th</sup>, with close to 30 people from across the Peninsula attending. These books are available for loan if your location would like to organize a singalong too © We also have two more dates planned for upcoming sing-alongs: October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm in Lions Head and December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm in Lions Head. Specific locations to be confirmed.

Singing and scripture study are two basic ways in which we can deepen our relationships with God and each other – let us look to how we can do more of both!

Peace & blessings Janaki

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## **OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### Year C

### 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 5, 2025 (G)

LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6/PSALM 137 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14/LUKE17:5-10 9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki) 11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6/PSALM 37:1-9 10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev Ian McAlpine)

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 12, 2025 (G) Thanksgiving Sunday

JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7/PSALM 66:1-11 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15/LUKE 17:11-19 9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki) 10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev Ian McAlpine) 11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki) 7:00 pm St. Margaret's Chapel (Pastor Janaki)

### 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 19, 2025 (G)

JEREMIAH 31:27-34/PSALM 119:97-104 2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5/LUKE 18:1-8 9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki) 11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki) 2:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

#### Reformation Sunday, Oct 26, 2025 (R)

JEREMIAH 31:31-34/PSALM 46 ROMANS 3:19-28/JOHN 8:31-36 9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 26, 2025 (G)

JOEL 2:23-32/PSALM 65 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18/LUKE 18:9-14 11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki) 2:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

## The KEY may be sponsored for \$60.00 An individual congregational bulletin may be sponsored for \$30.00

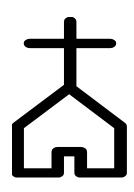
If you wish to make these donations, please speak with Satomi in the Parish Office.

# LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN MINISTRIES OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Together in faith, loving and serving God by helping others.

We pledge to:

- be led by Holy Spirit
- embrace differences
- adapt to changing times



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# A heartfelt thank you to Elaine Whetton, Trinity

For her sponsorship of this issue of The Key







## OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, OCTOBER 14th

Join A Gathering of Community Churches for an evening of SING SONG SING ALONG Starting at 6:30 Christ Church, Lion's Head



October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>
Diocese of Huron Synod
London

St. Peter's Lutheran and Trinity Anglican
Halloween

For all the little ghouls and goblins
Friday October 31st

Doors open at 5:30 pm

441 Brown Street, Wiarton



## **Brainy Quotes**

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."



Francis of Assisi

What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare?

No time to stand beneath the boughs, And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass, Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare







# Biblical Anagrams

September Answer:

The Gospel of Luke

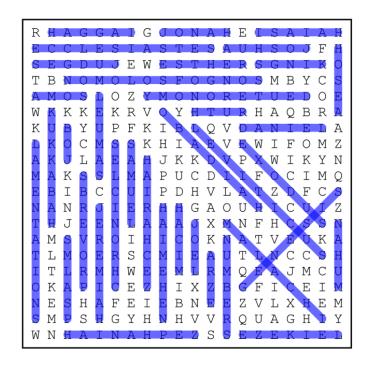


**New Anagram for October** 

AGATHA SKEW VINYLS

# **Answer September Wordsearch**

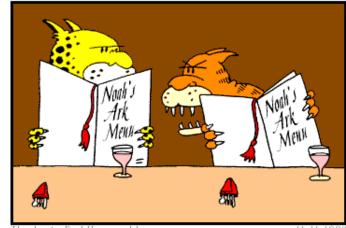
Books of the Bible



# **Bulletin Blunders**

LADIES, DON'T FORGET THE RUMMAGE SALE, IT'S A CHANCE TO GET RID OF THOSE THINGS NOT WORTH KEEPING AROUND THE HOUSE. BRING YOUR HUSBANDS.

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I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, PAL, BUT I COULD SURE GO FOR SOME CARIBOU RIGHT ABOUT NOW ... I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S ALWAYS GOTTA BE RABBIT, RABBIT, RABBIT





# Our mouths were filled with laughter" Psalm 126:2

## SUNDAY HUMOUR





Creation is Exhausting!

God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

Best of friends, Rabbi Schwartz and Father O'Malley were at a diner enjoying lunch. Father O'Malley put down his ham and cheese sandwich and commented, "This sandwich is so good! Kosher dietary restrictions made sense in ancient times, but when are you going to join the modern age and eat delicious, wholesome food like this?

Without missing a beat, Rabbi Schwartz replied, "At your wedding."





Paraprosdokians (A What?)

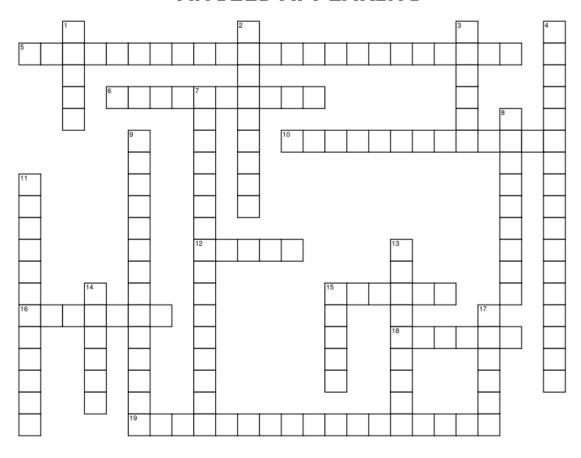
Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy

Paraprosdokians Loved by Winston Churchill





# October – Crossword Puzzle ANGELS APPEARING



#### **ACROSS**

- 5 When the apostles were put in prison, an angel of the Lord did this (6 wds)
- 6 Place John was carried away to by an angel
- **10** An angel instructed John not to do this (2 wds)
- **12** Two angels appeared to Lot to announce the destruction of this city
- 15 Told by an angel to flee to Egypt with his wife and child
- **16** Three angels appeared for this announcement to that he would have a son
- 18 John saw an angel coming down from \_\_\_\_\_
- **19** An angel of the Lord told Joseph not to be afraid to do this (5 wds)

#### DOWN

- 1 Mary was told of His birth by an angel
- 2 An angel told him to send for Peter
- **3** Manoah was foretold of the birth of his son, \_\_\_\_\_, in this angelic appearance
- 4 John saw an angel standing \_\_\_\_\_ (6 wds
- 7 An angel directed Philip to \_\_\_\_\_ to an Ethiopian man (2 wds)
- 8 This angel appeared to measure \_\_\_\_\_\_, according to Zechariah
- **9** Zacharias had a visit in which the angel announced the birth of (3 wds)
- 11 They heard two angels say, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky?" (3 wds)
- **13** They were watching the fields by night when an angel appeared
- 14 An angel appeared to John when he was on this island
- 15 Angels ascended and descended a ladder in this dream of his
- 17 An angel instructed John to measure it





# LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR - OCT 2025

Lutheran & Anglica Office 519-534-1 Thursday 9:00 a.m.  5. 6.  9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church	n. to 4:30 p.m.		1. 9:00 am Ministries 10:00 am PPC On Zoom  8. 10:00 am St. Peter's Trinity Joint Council	2. 10:00 a.m. Virtual Bible Study  9. 10:00 a.m. Virtual Bible Study	3	4. Christ Church Council Meeting
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12. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Emund's 11:30 Christ Church 7:00 St. Margaret's Chapel  Harvest Thanksgiving	3.	14. 10:30 Golden Dawn Communion Service 6:30 pm Mid Peninsula Churches Gather for Sing Song Sing-Along Christ Church	PPC 2026 Budget Meeting On Zoom	16. 10:00 a.m. Virtual Bible Study	17.	18.
9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Emund's	).	7:00 pm St. Edmund's Meeting	22.	23. 10:00 a.m. Virtual Bible Study	Diocese of Huron Synod Meeting	25. Diocese of Huron Synod Meeting
26.       27.         9:30 St. Peter's Trinity       11:30 Christ Church         2:00 St. Emund's       2:00 St. Emund's	7.	28.	29.	30. 10:00 a.m. Virtual Bible Study	31.  Halloween St. Peter's & Trinity	
		October 27 to November 11 Pastor Janaki on Vacation				