



The KEY APRIL 2025

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Growing in Grace

Grace is often a tiny seed, a small kernel needing a bit of watering and light and nourishment to grow. Perhaps we grow together in grace when we bring our little seeds together: to water, nourish and shine light on them together. This year's Lenten study was an effort to bring us together to water, nourish and shine light on some spiritual seeds together.

Some of you know that I write a kind of "blog", janakibandara.substack.com where reflections, the occasional sermon, and other prayerful things show up. I write in the hope that we may read, reflect, discuss and grow in grace together. All of the study material is available there, and for three weeks of Lent so far, we have been meeting to discuss some complex things from those studies. How did I discern about this study?

In February, I attended our annual Eastern Synod Bishop's Retreat at the beautiful Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, where we usually have some interesting learning with a chaplain. This year, our chaplain was Jason Zinko, Bishop of Manitoba and Northern Ontario for the ELCIC.

Jason lead us in a process called Purpose-to-Practice, and I readily confess I didn't follow along the whole process - my brain was pretty tired as I prepare to take a few much-needed rest days. But one of the most useful exercises we did under Bishop Jason's guidance was the "nine whys" exercise.

The goal of the exercise was to dig deep and excavate our way to the bottom of our motivations or purpose in engaging in whatever we do. I applied this process, in group, to my desire to use some of the articles I have posted on my substack for

Follow The Spirit



this year's Lenten Study. The "nine whys" can be exercised in many other areas of our ministry:

- why do we want to do outreach?
- why do we consider activities outside of worship?
- why would we consider participating in studies of any kind that our churches offer?

Understanding our motivations help us to be fully invested in participating, and even discern whether or not participation is worthwhile.

This year, the "nine whys" helped me to formulate the direction for the Lenten study based on the articles I wrote. Each article took a gentle story-telling approach to introduce something that may be difficult to talk about (racism, immigration politics, birthright citizenship, migrant farm workers, cultural differences, privilege,). My goal was to put each article with a scripture and some study questions, and have people gather to discuss together. Connecting community, and teaching us to notice our responses (expansive or positive, versus contracted or negative) to the story material.

We've had good participation so far, and I am looking forward to the final two sessions in the series. If you would like to join, please email me (janakibandara@diohuron.org) or subscribe to the substack to get the information for each week's study.

In other parish news, in March, our Parish Partnership Council voted to go with one CRA number for our congregations of the Anglican Parish of the Bruce. Some process documentation will be provided in the KEY before we announce the special vestry date for this decision. STAY TUNED ☺

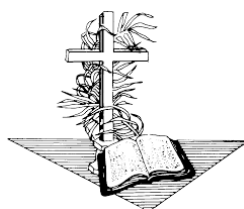
With love, in Christ

Janaki

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Lutheran & Anglican Ministries on the Bruce (LAAMB) & Christ Church, Lion's Head



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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5th Sunday in Lent, Apr 6, 2025 (V)

ISAIAH 43:16-21/PSALM 126

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14/JOHN 12:1-8

9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki/Carl)

2:00 St. Edmund's, Tobermory (Pastor Janaki)

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Apr 13, 2025 (V)

ISAIAH 50:4-9a/PSALM 31:9-16

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11/LUKE 23:1-49

9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

2:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 17, 2025 (R)

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14/PSALM 116:1, 10-17

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26/John 13 :1-17, 31b-35:

1:00 Christ Church (In fellowship Hall, Pastor Janaki)

3:00 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki in fellowship Hall – Followed by a Pot Luck Supper)

Good Friday Apr 18th, 2025 (R or B)

ISAIAH 52:13--53:12/PSALM 22

HEBREWS 10:16-25/JOHN 18:1--19:42

W.I.G. Interfaith in Wiarton

11:00 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

2:00 St. Edmunds, Tobermory (Pastor Janaki)

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day,

April 20th, 2025 (W or G)

ACTS 10:34-43/PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26/LUKE 24:1-12

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

2:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

2nd Sunday of Easter, Apr 27, 2025 (W)

ACTS 5:27-32/PSALM 150

REVELATION 1:4-8/JOHN 20:19-31

9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Heather)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Graham)

2:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Graham)

Sponsorship Opportunities

In memory of loved ones or in celebration of a milestone in your life consider in addition to donating flowers other methods to gift our congregations through sponsorship opportunities.

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

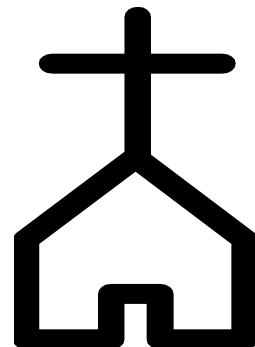
If you wish to make these donations, please speak with Karla in the Parish Office.

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



MISSION STATEMENT,
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018



Lutheran and Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula



APRIL MEETINGS & EVENTS

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ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES:

St. John's United Church
Wiarton

Wednesday April 2nd at Noon
Wednesday April 9th at Noon

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Sunday April 27th



Lenten Study
A Collection of Stories & Conversation
Wednesdays through to
Wednesday April 9th

In person hub at Tobermory United and
St. Peter's Lutheran & Trinity Anglican,
Wiarton

Also available on line

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TRINITY & ST. PETER'S, WIARTON

Collecting Dish Soap, Ground Coffee
Mayonnaise and Relish
For the Wiarton Food Bank



Answer March Crossword Puzzle

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Victory

Poet: Francis Pott

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell!
Alleluia!

Lord by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee!
Alleluia!

He is Risen, Halleluiah!



SUNDAY HUMOUR



The Power of Laughter in Faith

The Easter season is a time of solemn remembrance; spiritual reflection and renewal.

It is also a celebration of hope and joy. Laughter is a gift from God that brings people together, lifts spirits, and reminds us of the joy that comes from knowing and following Christ.

If you have the opportunity to share some time with your children, grandchildren and for some of us even great-grandchildren take a moment to share a little humour. No little ones; go on share some humour with your friends they may be real groaners but you know you will still enjoy them.

1. Q: Why did the Easter egg hide?
A: Because it was a little chicken!
2. Q: Why was the Easter Bunny so good at gardening?
A: Because he knew his way around the Garden of Eden!
3. Q: What did Adam say to Eve on Easter morning?
A: "Honey, I found the perfect hiding spot for the eggs – behind the forbidden fruit tree!"

4. Q: How does Moses make his coffee on Easter morning?
A: Hebrews it!

5. Why did the Easter bunny have a hard time making friends?
Because he was always a little "hare"-brained!

6. What do you call a line of rabbits hopping backwards?
A receding hare-line!

Dear friends as you celebrate Easter this year, may your heart be filled with the joy of resurrection, the warmth of fellowship, and the blessings of laughter.

Easter Blessings to you and yours.

May the spirit of hope and renewal

*uplift your soul now
and always!*

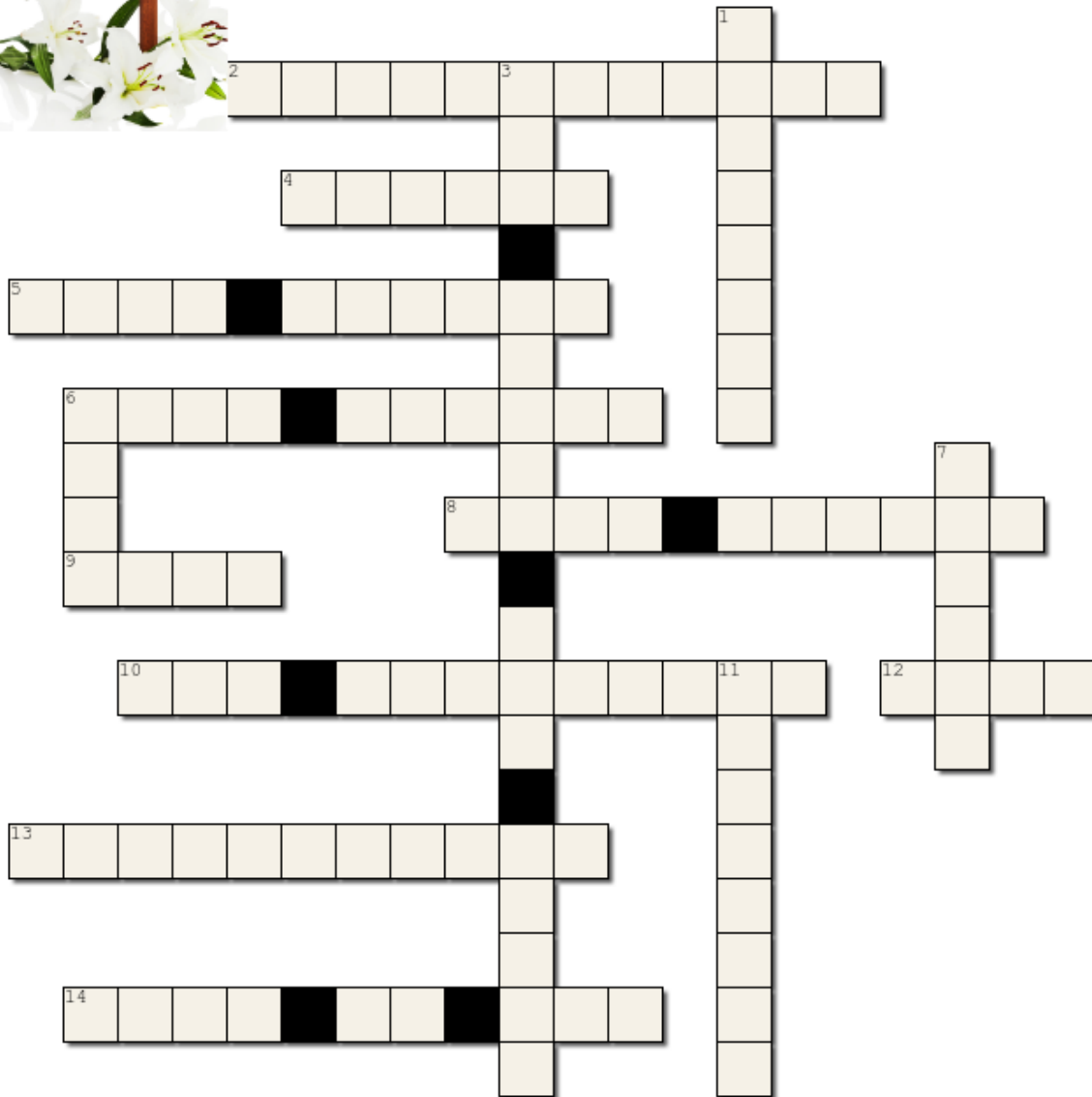
*Charlotte Ewbank
Editor*



BIBLE Easter Crossword Puzzle



EASTER



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

ACROSS




2. The religion derived from Jesus Christ
4. Good News
5. The Friday before Easter
6. The meal eaten by Jesus and his disciples on the night before his betrayal
8. The Sunday before Easter
9. A vault for the deceased
10. The first day of Lent
12. Exalted
13. Suffering

14. A figurative representation of Christ

DOWN

1. One who spreads the good word
3. The beginning and ending
6. Follows Ash Wednesday
7. One who brings redemption
11. Followers

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1.	2. 12:00 Lenten Lunch, St. John's United, Wiarton 2:00 Lenten Study 'Growing in Grace' <i>In Person & on Line</i>	10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	4.	5. 9:00 Lutheran Workshop at St. Matthews, Hanover
6. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	7. 7:00 pm <i>on-line study</i> 'Growing in Grace' Lenten Study	8. Golden Dawn 10:30	9. 12:00 Lenten Lunch, St. John's United, Wiarton 2:00 Lenten Study 'Growing in Grace' <i>In Person & on Line</i>	10. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	11.	12.. .
13. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:00 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	14	15.	16. 9:00 Ministries - Zoom 10:00 PPC - Zoom	17 Maundy Thursday 1:00 Christ Church 3:00 St. Peter's Trinity - Pot luck Supper followed by Worship	18. Good Friday 11:00 Christ Church 3:00 t. Edmund's	19. 
20.  9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 3:00 St. Edmund's	21.	22.	23. 10:00 Wiarton Joint Council	24.. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	25.	26.
27 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	28.	28. 4:00 W.I.G. at St. John's United, Wiarton	29.	30. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 	

AVGEN ORDERS DUE

Pastor Janaki Vacation. Bishops Conference April 27 to May 11

Parish Office Hours are now Wednesday and Thursday