

# The KEY FEBRUARY 2026

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Gaining Perspective

For the recent months November, December and January, my Pastor's Desk article for the KEY has shared updates on conversations and possibilities for what our ministry together: Christ Church, LAAMB and myself might look like going forward.

Explorations of possibilities continue as, since our last newsletter, there have been a number of meetings and conversations looking at what next steps might be. Christ Church is having these conversations, and so is St Edmunds, as both congregations recognize the need to respond to the changes in congregational strength and energy. Both congregations have also been intentional in their conversations to consider how the decisions they make might impact ministry workload for me.

The work of figuring out how to navigate our ministry together for longer term viability continues. I think, over the decades of ministry on the Peninsula, this kind of disorientation and reorientation is familiar. It birthed the LAAMB back in 2013, and facilitated the revival of St Margaret's Chapel some decades ago too. The point I make is: exploring future possibilities has always been, and perhaps always should be part of our ministry in this unfolding Kin-dom of God.

January has also been a very snowy month! As I write this, in the past week, Highway 6 was closed for some portion (if not the entirety of) six days out of the past seven. As Canada records unprecedented cold weather in many places, I think to the other extreme of climate change: heat and rain. My family in both Sri Lanka and Jamaica have contended with the worst weather systems on record too by way of cyclones, hurricanes and the accompanying landslides and floods.

Minneapolis, Minnesota has exploded in protests following the ICE shooting death of Renee Good in January. In the same month when we celebrate and often commemorate the work of Rev Martin Luther King Jr, American civil rights activist and Baptist minister who lead the civil rights movement in the USA from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. In a way, it makes me think: how long, dear God must this kind of hatred and violence persist?

But also in January of 2026, I began, with a small group of willing participants (which has grown), a bucket list item for myself: Reading the Bible in One Year. Specifically, we are using the daily reading assignments provided in The One Year Bible - The Message. For



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those who may be unfamiliar with this edition of the Bible, it is (technically) a para-phrase of the Bible into “modern language” by Eugene Patterson.

Each day, there is an Old Testament reading, New Testament reading, Psalm and wisdom reading (Proverbs for January). Today we moved from Genesis to Exodus. The rhythm of reading like this, consistently, with nuggets of Old and New Testament, and Psalms and wisdom readings is excellent medicine for the anxiety of these times. I am posting the weekly readings every Wednesday night for the upcoming week on [janakibandara.substack.com](http://janakibandara.substack.com) and I encourage you to consider joining for a week, or a book if you do not feel like doing catch up with all the readings to get through the Bible in one year.

The participants in this project range from Etobicoke, Oshawa, Toronto, Jamaica, and across the Peninsula. We met once on Zoom to discuss our experience of this daily reading practice, and I think it fair to say we have all found it to be a very grounding and nourishing experience. We have decided to keep meeting every two to three weeks on Zoom to discuss what is standing out for us.

For me, each days reading fills my cup ... so I am able to put the things of this age into a different and more manageable kind of perspective.

If you would like to join us for a book or two of the Bible, consider these possible start points in February:

The Gospel of Mark will begin on February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Leviticus readings will begin on February 16<sup>th</sup>

Connect with us through the church website (Pastor's Corner on [laamb.ca](http://laamb.ca)) or [janakibandara.substack.com](http://janakibandara.substack.com) to access the weekly reading schedule.

Perhaps the most profound observation I am making from the daily reading is that the chaos and uncertainty of life has been present throughout time. But how we live: in faith, in community, in relationship makes all the difference.

As we move into the month of Vestries and Annual meetings, may we be wrapped in the comfort and care of God's Word, as a medicine to keep us strong in this age.

Peace & blessings  
Janaki



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## FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Year A

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after The Epiphany, Feb 1, 2026 (G)

MICAH 6:1-8/PSALM 15

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31/MATTHEW 5:1-12

10:00 St. Peter's/Trinity

PARISH SERVICE

Followed by Potluck Lunch, then

Annual General Vestry Meeting

In person & on Zoom (Pastor Janaki)

11:30 Christ Church (TBC)

2:00 St. Edmund's (NO SERVICE)

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after The Epiphany Feb. 8, 2026 (G)

ISAIAH 58:1-12/PSALM 112:1-9

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12/MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

Possibly followed by vestry

2:00 St. Edmund's, at TUC (TBC)

#### Last Sunday after Epiphany Feb. 15, 2026 (G)

EXODUS 24:12-18/PSALM 2

2 PETER 1:16-21/MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

2:00 St. Edmund's, at TUC (TBC)

#### Ash Wednesday Feb. 19, 2026 (P or V)

ISAIAH 58:1-12/PSALM 103:9-18

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10/MATTHEW 6:1-6,  
16-21

10:00 St. Edmund joint with Tobermory United

2:00 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

4:00 pm Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Feb 22, 2026 (V)

GENESIS 2:15-17.3:1-7PSALM 32

ROMANS 5:12-19/Matthew 4:4:1-11

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

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

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An individual congregational bulletin may be  
sponsored for \$30.00

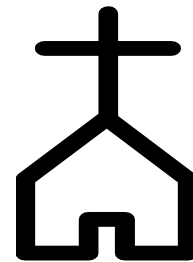
*If you wish to make these donations, please speak  
with Satomi in the Parish Office.*

## 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



*MISSION STATEMENT,  
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018*

## GUESS WHO IS TURNING 90!



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

#### NEXT AVGEN ORDER



Orders Collected

Last Sunday of February the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cheques must be made payable to Christ Church

In the memo line record 'Avgen in trust'

*Cheques will be held until CPP & OAS Received*

#### Mid-Peninsula Ecumenical Group

##### Lent Pot Luck 'Tea'

United Church, Lion's Head

'All are welcome'

Join us for

A Reflection, Reading & Hymn Sing

From 2:00 to 3:30

Tuesdays,

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>,**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>**



#### Warton Lutheran Ladies

**Next Meeting Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**

Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula and Christ Church Anglican  
Have Partnered to Host

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Serving: 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

**Rotary Hall, Lion's Head**



Pancakes, Real Maple Syrup, Breakfast Sausages,  
Apple Crisp with Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Juice

To help the environment,  
please bring your own dishes & cutlery

**Free Will Donation**

**Proceeds to the Lion's Head Food Bank**



#### WIARTON

W.I.G.

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH**

#### Lenten Lunches

**MENU**

**Variety of Soups and Sandwiches**

**Followed by**

A Reflection, Reading & Hymn Sing



**Planned For**

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

**MARCH**

**4<sup>TH</sup> 11<sup>TH</sup> 18<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Still to be discussed at our Joint Counsel**

**Meeting**

**And confirmed by W.I.G**

If you are able to support these luncheons by  
making a soup if needed or sandwiches, please  
let someone on our council know.

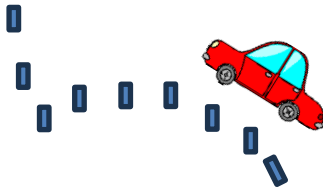


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"SAVE THE DATE: "

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**JOIN THE CONVOY!**



Leaving Tobermory at 3:00 pm  
with stops in Ferndale and Wiarton to  
Georgian Shores United Church in  
Owen Sound

**"HERE FROM THE BEGINNING."**

An exhibition that showcases the contributions  
of Black people within the church, amplifying  
voices that have long been overshadowed by  
the dominant narrative.

A celebration of faith, history, community and  
the United Church of Canada.

We invite a second car from mid-peninsula to  
join us at 3:30 at the Ferndale Gas Station and  
a third car from Wiarton to join us at Foodland  
at 4:00 pm. The more cars the better the  
convoy

*Pastor Tanaki & Reverend Sheryl*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**World Day of Prayer**

**Friday March 6th**

(Location & Time at  
Next W.I.G Meeting)

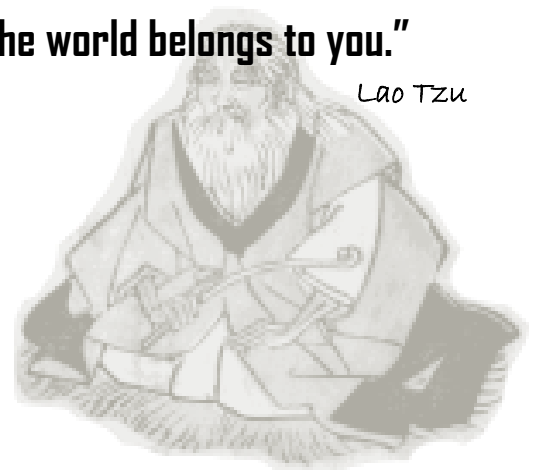


**INSIGHT FOR TODAY**

**"If you look to others for fulfilment, you  
will never be fulfilled.  
If your happiness depends on money, you  
will never be happy with yourself.  
Be content with what you have; rejoice in  
the way things are.**

**When you realize there is nothing  
lacking, the world belongs to you."**

*LAO TZU*





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# Lent Book Study on Zoom

## Starting February 26<sup>th</sup>

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### **A Book Study for LENT 2025:**

**LENT** is just around the corner! By the time you read and inwardly digest this, you will want to order your book for our 2025 LENT Book Study.

The study of Skye Jethani's book "*WITH: Reimagining the Way you Relate to God*" will be offered during Lent on Zoom. There is no need to sign up in advance. The Zoom link will be shared with worship notices beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

We will do this study on Thursdays at 7pm by ZOOM as follows:

Thursday February 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 1 & 2.
Thursday March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 3 & 4.
Thursday March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 5 & 6.
Thursday March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 7 & 8
Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapter 9 and as time permits, discussion from Appendix A.

This book is available from Amazon.ca (\$24.99 + tax and shipping). If you would like a copy ordered from the church office, please call Satomi at the LAAMB office and leave a voicemail.

There is no need to sign up in advance. The Zoom link will be shared with worship notices beginning on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

The first session February 26<sup>th</sup> study segment covers approximately 40 pages of reading.

Pastor Janaki



## A Letter From God to His People

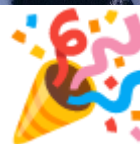
My beloved ones,  
I have carved your names  
on the quiet chambers of eternity,  
long before your first breath  
trembled into being.  
No distance dims you from My sight;  
no shadow hides you from My care.  
I gather every hope you carry,  
every ache you bury,  
and hold them gently  
as treasures I refuse to lose.  
When your strength thins,  
I am the steadying hand.  
When joy rises,  
I am the laughter woven through it.  
When you wander,  
I am the voice calling you home  
by the path of mercy.  
You are My delight—  
not for what you accomplish,  
but simply because you are Mine.  
I choose you again and again,  
with a love that does not tire,  
a love that outlives mountains,  
a love that outshines stars.  
So walk today knowing this:  
you are cherished,  
you are held,  
you are wholly, endlessly loved.  
And nothing—nothing—  
will ever change My mind.

YHWH

# Happy Birthday Brian



**Dear Brian,**



**May God pour out his blessings  
upon your life as we celebrate  
you on your special day on the  
22<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Congratulations*



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BOOK STUDY  
READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR  
'The Message Version'

This year's Bible study has taken a wonderfully unexpected turn — it's actually exciting! That may not be the first word people associate with Bible study, but reading Scripture together in a fresh way has opened new doors for many of us. Instead of focusing on a single book or working through a study guide, our group set out to read the entire Bible in one year. The suggested edition is The One Year Bible: The Message, arranged into 365 daily readings, although participants are welcome to use any translation they prefer.

Many of us grew up with the King James Version or other traditional translations. Their familiar, poetic language is deeply rooted in our Anglican and Lutheran heritage. But familiarity doesn't always mean clarity. Even after decades of reading Scripture, some passages — especially in the Old Testament — can remain difficult to grasp.

That's where The Message surprised me. It isn't a word-for-word translation but a paraphrase that expresses Scripture in today's language. And suddenly, stories that once felt distant came alive. Themes became clearer. Characters felt more human. Wisdom sounded like it was written for our own time.

For example, in the King James Bible, Matthew 1: 18-19.

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19. Then Joseph her husband being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privately.

The Message:

18-19 The birth of Jesus took place like this.

His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they enjoyed their wedding night, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) Joseph chagrined but noble, determined to take care of things quietly, so Mary would not be disgraced.

It's not an exact translation, but it offers a fresh and delightful way to hear familiar truths.

Reading Scripture this way has helped me see why younger generations sometimes struggle with older translations — and why contemporary language can open new pathways to understanding.

If you're curious, consider joining us. Whether you prefer the poetry of the King James Bible or the conversational tone of The Message, this journey through the Bible has something to offer everyone. You may choose any version you are comfortable with.

You can join at any time, you don't have to get caught up, start when or where it seems right for you.

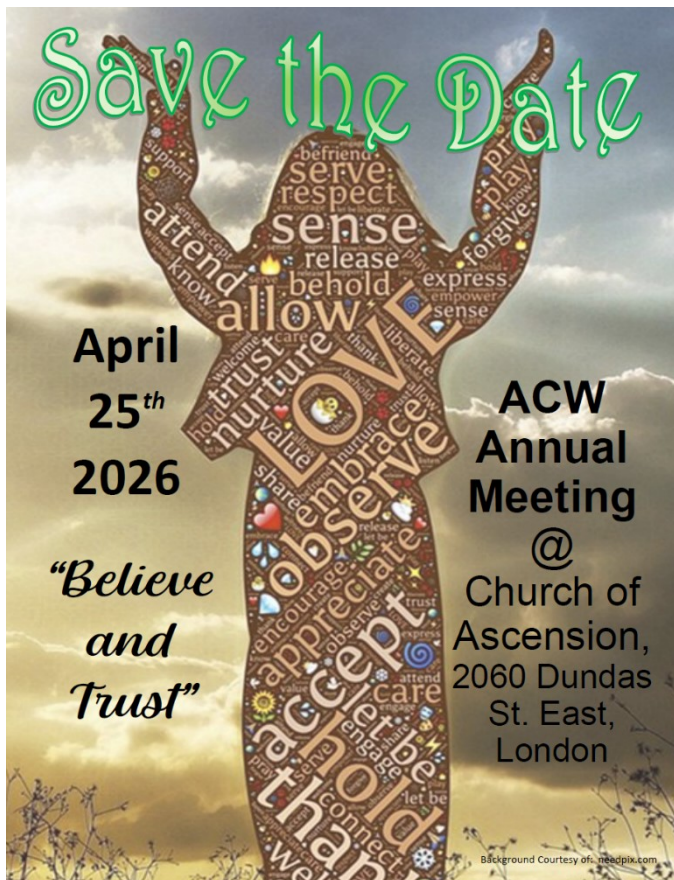
Charlotte Ewbank, Editor  
And Reader





# ADVANCED NOTICE

**Retreat is being hosted by former  
P.I.P Student Brent Krysa and Cami  
Twilling Director of Earth & Soul,  
Colorado**



**April  
25<sup>th</sup>  
2026**

*“Believe  
and  
Trust”*

**ACW  
Annual  
Meeting  
@  
Church of  
Ascension,  
2060 Dundas  
St. East,  
London**



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## SUNDAY HUMOUR



"Our mouths were filled with laughter"

Psalms 126:2

Paraprosdokians  
(What?)

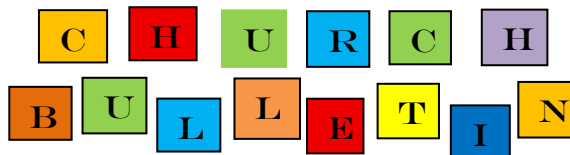
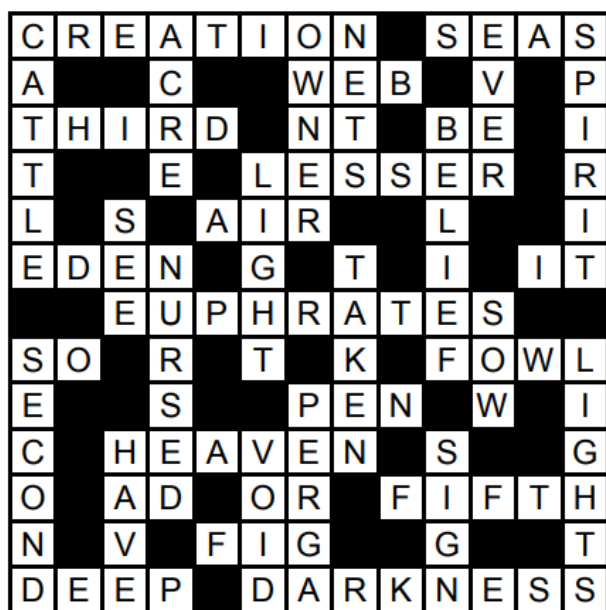


I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Paraprosdokians written by  
Winston Churchill



### Answer January Crossword



### BLUNDERS!

Don't let worry kill you off  
Let the church help!



## Biblical Anagrams

January Answer:

O Lord the hope of Israel

Jeremiah 17:13

New Anagram for February

dreamily halfway outhouse

starts with:

.....Y.....

.....



Hint: verse is in Luke



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## FEBRUARY WORDSEARCH

### Paul Shipwrecked



**ANCHOR**  
**CASTAWAY**  
**CENTURION**  
**CREW**  
**EUROCLYDON**  
**FAITH**  
**FATHOMS**  
**FIRE**

**GOD'S PROTECTION**  
**HEALING**  
**ISLAND**  
**JOURNEY**  
**MALTA**  
**MIRACLE**  
**NAVIGATION**  
**PAUL**

**PLANKS**  
**PRISONER**  
**PROPHECY**  
**ROME**  
**SAILORS**  
**SEAFARING**  
**SERPENT**

**SHIPWRECK**  
**STORM**  
**SURVIVORS**  
**TEMPEST**  
**VESSEL**  
**VISION**  
**WRECKAGE**



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# LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1. 10: Parish Worship St. Peter's & Trinity 11:150 Pot Luck Lunch Annual Meeting & Vestry	2.	3.	4. 10:00 Celebration of Life at Gateway	5. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	6.	7.
8 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at Tobermory United	9	10 9:00 am Ministries 10:00 PPC On Zoom	11 1:30 WLW meeting Fellowship Hall, Trinity, St. Peter's	12- 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	13  9.	14  Valentines Day
15. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUC	16.	7 Golden Dawn Service Lion's Head	18 10:00 am Joint With United Church, Tobermory  2:00 pm St. Peter's & Trinity  4:00 p, Christ Church <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	19. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	20.	21.
22 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUC  <b>AVGEN ORDERS DUE</b>	23.	24. 2:00 pm Mid Peninsula Lent Afternoon Tea Reflection, United Church, Lion's Head  4:00 W.I.G. - Warton	25. 10:00 am St. Peter's & Trinity Joint Council	26. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>  7:00 PM Lent Book Study on Zoom	27.	28..
<b>March 1.</b> 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUC				 <b>Lutheran &amp; Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula</b> Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 29,10		

