



Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula

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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

Follow The Spirit



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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 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 15th
Leviticus readings will begin on February 16th

Connect with us through the church website (Pastor’s Corner on laamb.ca) or 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



Janaki Bandara – LAAMB and Christ Church pastor
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if you don’t get me in person, available at 519-588-7701

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Year A

4th 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)

5TH 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)

1st 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)

Sponsorship Opportunities

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

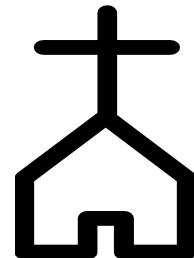
*If you wish to make these donations, please speak
with Satomi in the Parish Office.*

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



*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 22nd
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. 24th,

March 3rd ,10th ,17th , & 24th

Wiarton Lutheran Ladies

**Next Meeting Fellowship Hall
Thursday February 11th 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

4TH 11TH 18TH & 25TH

**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.

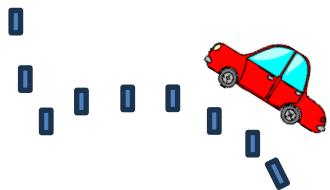


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"SAVE THE DATE: "

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

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 Janaki & Reverend Sheryl



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th

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



INSIGHT FOR TODAY

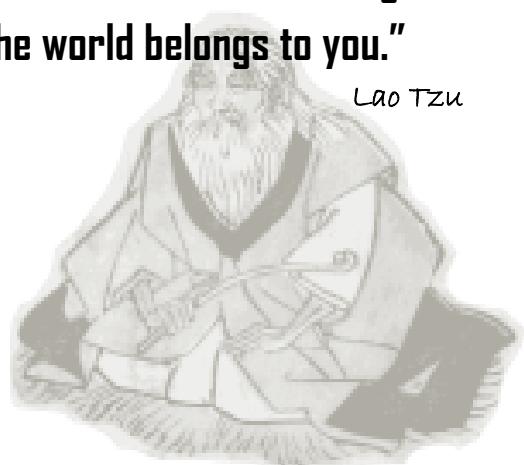
**"If you look to others for fulfilment, you
will never be fulfilled.**

**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



Lent Book Study on Zoom

Starting February 26th

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 23rd, 2026.

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

Thursday February 26 th , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 1 & 2.
Thursday March 5 th , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 3 & 4.
Thursday March 12 th , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 5 & 6.
Thursday March 19 th , 7 pm	– study questions from Appendix B for Chapters 7 & 8
Thursday March 26 th , 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 23rd, 2026.

The first session February 26th 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 steady 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
22nd.**

Congratulations



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.

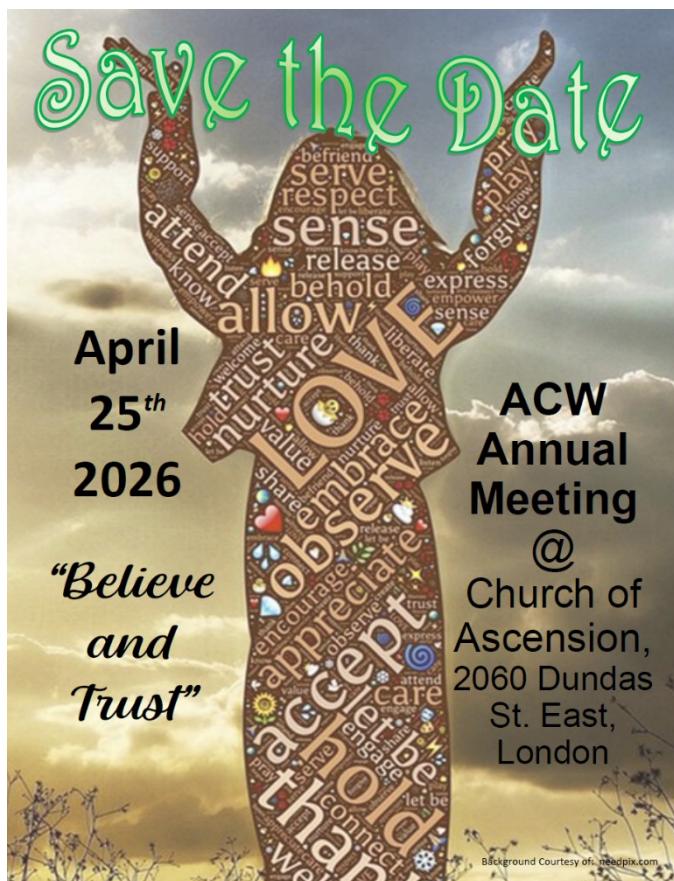
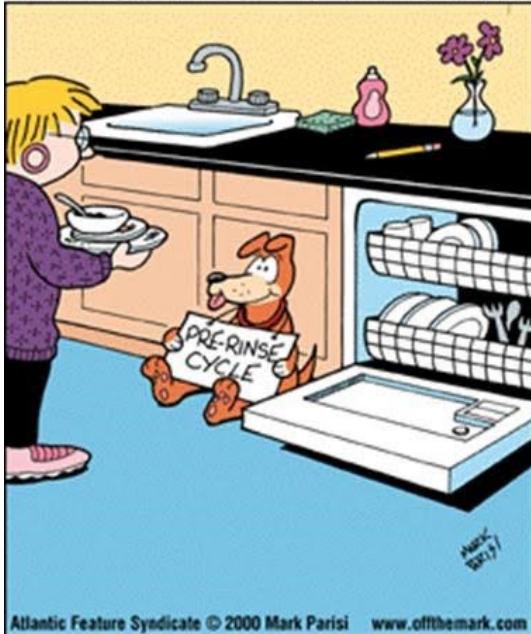
It's not an exact translation, but it offers a fresh and delightful way to hear familiar truths.

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

CELTIC SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

May 15th 7:00 pm to May 17th 1:30pm
Venue – Knox Waterloo

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

The IRL Festival is thrilled to offer a weekend of immersive engagement in which the wisdom teachings of John Philip Newell and the spiritual practices of Cami Twilling call us to be aware of the sacredness of Earth and every human being as key to the way of transformation and healing in our lives and world. The retreat focuses on the main themes of John Philip's award-winning book *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World*.

John Philip Newell is a 'wandering teacher' from Scotland in the ancient Celtic Christian tradition, drawing on both the poetic and the intellectual, and addressing the head as well as the heart. Cami Twilling is the director of Earth & Soul, a Celtic initiative of study, spiritual practice, and compassionate action based in Colorado. Their much-loved combination of teaching and spiritual practice offers great hope for healing and transformation in our lives, both individually and together.

For additional information, tickets and local hotel discounts please follow the link below.

<https://www.irishreallifekw.com/event-details/full-weekend-retreat-based-on-sacred-earth-sacred-soul-by-john-philip-newell>

SUNDAY HUMOUR



"Our mouths were filled with laughter"

Psalm 126:2

Paraprosdokians
(What?)

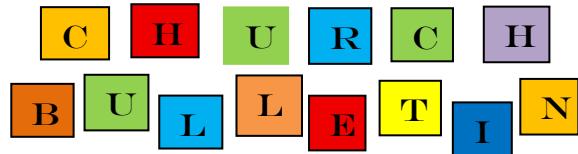


I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it is getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

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
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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 Ash Wednesday	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  AVGEN ORDERS DUE	23.	24. 2:00 pm Mid Peninsula Lent Afternoon Tea Reflection, United Church, Lion's Head 4:00 W.I.G. - Wiarton	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..
March 1. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUC					Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 29,10	