



The KEY MARCH 2025

Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



LAAMB UPDATES

For those from LAAMB who live full-time on the Peninsula, this has been a challenging winter. I can fairly say, I had no idea that the heavens could hold so much snow. We've had two Sundays when services in Wiarton were cancelled, and one Sunday when St Edmund's also had to close. However, being duly pandemic-trained, we were able to gather for worship on ZOOM. Many have told me "this is a good old-fashioned winter". Others have said it has been the worst or second-worst winter they have experienced here on the Peninsula for snow. I can think of nothing more Canadian than beginning our newsletter with a weather update ☺

January and February also are generally our Vestry and Annual Meeting season. However Christ Church Vestry and St Peter's Lutheran Annual General Meeting were postponed to March – so stay tuned for updates from those fronts in the next KEY.

At our February LAAMB Annual Vestry Meeting, we met upon two challenges:

1) We encountered a CRA decision needing to be made for the amalgamated Anglican Parish of the Bruce (APB). APB is comprised of Church of St Edmund's (Tobermory), St Margaret's Chapel (Cape Chin), St Andrews Memorial (Howdenvale) and Trinity Anglican (Wiarton). The decision that came before the Vestry was regarding how the amalgamated CRA number should be approached – as one number to serve the entire APB, or one number with a separate suffix for each congregation of the APB. I was very thankful for the engagement of the gathering on ZOOM and in-person, who requested more clarity on the implications. Parish Partnership Council is presenting pros and cons of the two options in this issue, and will present a process document in the April issue. Questions and conversations are welcome and encouraged.

2) We were challenged in electing a second churchwarden from the vestry floor in February. Jim Blight, after two challenging years agreed to continue as People's Warden. Brian Reis requested to step down. We are thankful to you Brian for your steady service during the past two years. The second churchwarden may be elected by me, as the Rector's Warden, but we have not had volunteers to serve in this capacity, except Mona Goulette, whom some of you know as Rev Mona. The Anglican Canons do not allow clergy to serve as churchwardens. But, recognizing that, as individual congregations and as a parish, we are doing good ministry in each location, I made an appeal to the Diocese that we have Mona appointed as a "friendly administrator" with these responsibilities:



- to build capacity within the parish, especially within lay leadership roles (possibly to include coaching);
- to work together with the current warden, as well as with the councils in each congregation and the PPC, in effect acting as the second warden until a suitable lay leader may be appointed;
- that the initial appointment be for one year, with a renewal possible beyond that.
- that she may also serve priestly duties where helpful and needed, to allow me to work individually with congregations on Sundays after worship.
- that she may support communications within the congregations regarding CRA number requirements for the amalgamated Anglican Parish of the Bruce, as we move more fully into the amalgamated reality.

In a way, Mona will be serving as a “friendly administrator” who functions much as a churchwarden would, but with the added benefit of serving with priestly duties. I am deeply thankful for her willingness to serve. Jim wholeheartedly supported this appeal, and with Mona’s blessing, it was submitted to the Diocese office. We’ve received Bishop Todd’s go-ahead and we look forward to welcoming Mona in this leadership capacity. I trust completely that God is tooling us for whatever blessings our future is to bring – as disciples witnessing on the Peninsula.

You may have questions or be interested in talking about our CRA number, or church leadership. Please know that Jim, Mona and I are available to discuss. Please call or email us at
 Janaki (your pastor) – janakibandara@diohuron.org or cell 519-588-7701
 Jim (your churchwarden) - jmblight1974@gmail.com
 Mona (your friendly administrator) – mona.goulette@gmail.com or cell (519-379-3484)

Changes in our operations and even leadership structures may be inevitable in these changing times – but our faith remains focused on God whose love and mercy are our saving grace.

Much love, in Christ
 Janaki



Pastor Janaki Bandara
 Phone: 519-588-7701

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



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MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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Transfiguration Sunday, Mar 2, 2025 (W)

Exodus 34:29-35/PSALM 99

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2/LUKE 9:28-43a

9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Rev'd Mary Farmer /Charlotte)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Mary Farmer/Carl)

2:00 St. Edmund's, Tobermory (Rev'd Mona Goulette)

Ash Wednesday, Mar 5, 2025 (V or P)

ISAIAH 58:1-12/PSALM 103:8-18

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

All Churches Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

10:30 St. Edmund's joint with Tobermory United

1:00 Christ Church

3:00 St. Peter's & Trinity

1st Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025 (V)

DEUTERONOMY 25:1-11/PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

ROMANS 10:8b-13/LUKE 4:1-13

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

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

2nd Sunday of Lent March, 16, 2025 (V)

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18/PSALM 27

PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1/LUKE 13:31-35

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

Followed by Vestry

3:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025 (V)

ISAIAH 55:1-9/PSALM 63:1-8

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13/LUKE 13:1-9

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

11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)

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

4th Sunday in Lent, March 30, 2025 (V)

JOSHUA 5:9-12/PSALM 32

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21/LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

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

Followed by St. Peter's AGM

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Mona Goulette)

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

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

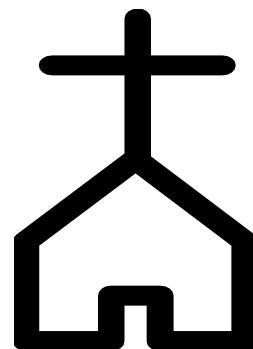
If you wish to make these donations, please speak with Karla in the Parish Office.

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*



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MARCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ash Wednesday March 5th
Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes Services
10:30 am St. Edmund's, joint with
Tobermory United
1:00 pm Christ Church, Lion's Head
3:00 pm St. Peter's & Trinity, Wiarton

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The invitation is out for everyone - women, men and children of all ages - to join the 2025 World Day of Prayer as we celebrate the theme:

'I made you wonderfully'



Friday March 7th at 2:00 pm
St. Peter's Lutheran & Trinity Anglican
Also at
Bethel Church, Lion's Head at 1:00 pm

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES

St. John's United Church Wiarton

Wednesday March 29th at Noon

Wednesday April 2nd at Noon

Wednesday April 9th at Noon

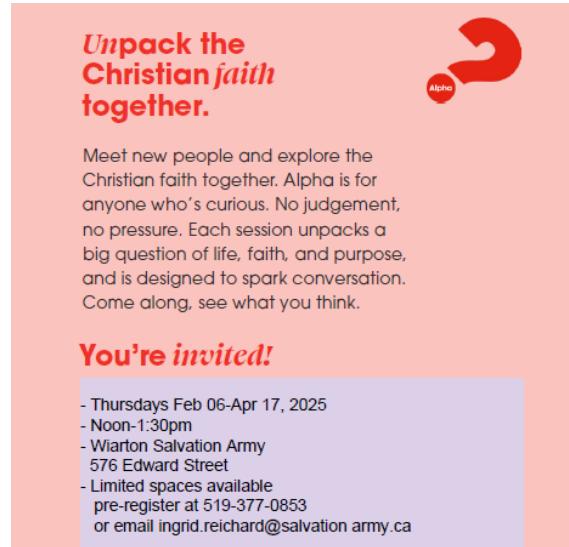
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Lenten Study
A Collection of Stories & Conversation
Wednesdays Starting March 12th
Through
Wednesday April 9th

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

Also available on line

Full details on page 5



Contact Helen Wheeler for more information



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
LENTEN STUDY
A Collection of Stories & Conversation



Gathering on ZOOM alone: Mondays at 7 pm during Lent (Mondays in March - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and April 7th). If Mondays work well for you, mark these in your calendar.

Gathering on ZOOM and IN-PERSON HUBS (Wiarton at 441 Brown Street and Tobermory at Tobermory United Church): Wednesdays at 2 pm during Lent (Wednesdays in March - 12th, 19th, 26th and April 2nd and 9th). If Wednesdays work well for you, mark these in your calendar.

Before each week of study (on Mondays), a posting will be published here on substack with:

- a link to the primary article (these are the five primary articles: [Mango time](#), [My Father's Skin](#), [United Nations of Fruit](#), [Stop the Bleeding](#), [Capybara Privilege](#)).
- an audio of the primary article (read in a lilting Caribbean-Sri-Lankan accent).

- a scripture reading.
- questions for reflection and discussion.
- Zoom link for the upcoming week.

You can access the study material for each week as they are posted by subscribing or by emailing me to go on the study email list at: janakibandara@diohuron.org

First Study Link will come out Monday March 3rd! Stay tuned!!

If you have any questions, you can also email me at janakibandara@diohuron.org

Please feel free to share the material at home, around a meal table, or however makes sense for your circle of reach. Let us find ways, creative and loving ways, to grow in grace together. First Study Link will come out Monday March 3rd! Stay tuned!!

To get more information on 'WHY THE PROCESS WORKS' and to get the study material to your inbox as it is posted, please provide your email address on the link below or directly to Pastor Janaki's email address:

To read additional information on how the process will work please tap your control button + click on the link below at the same time.

<https://janakibandara.substack.com/p/growing-in-grace>

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THURSDAY MORNINGS, FROM 10 TILL AROUND NOON

My wife, Meg, our two daughters and I stumbled onto Tobermory in 1990. We were delighted to find an active Anglican church and even more delighted to find Jean Hayes whom we had first met at our new parish of St Matthew's in Windsor. Jean was leading weekly Bible study on Thursday mornings.

Over the decades Bible study has continued on Thursday mornings. Jean no longer leads but she continues as a participant. Bible study is now led by Bernadette Burton. Through the marvel of Zoom we have Bible study throughout the year and no matter where we may be we are able to join. Still, if you are averse to Zoom and can get to Tobermory in the warmer months, Bible study is also available in person.

Over the last few months participants in Bible study have been from Texas, Florida and Michigan in the USA, from Portugal, and from Port Perry, Kitchener, London, Wiarton, Lion's Head and Tobermory in Ontario. I hope I have not forgotten anyone.

You need not be a Bible whizz to be a part of the group. The participants have varying levels of knowledge. Some of us are wordy and some are more measured. No one feels compelled to talk.

Apart from Bible study we have our rituals. For the first half hour or so we gab. Since we live far apart, especially in the cold months, we exchange news, share news about members who could not make it, pray especially for members, friends, family who have problems of many kinds, upcoming medical appointments.

As to the serious stuff, we read the four parts of the Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday in turn: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, Gospel. After each section we chat. Why did the geniuses who chose what to include in the Lectionary include verses 13 to 19 and did not continue to 22? What did the part before Verse 13 say? What can we learn from each part? Do the four parts have a common theme? It is

satisfying to find such a theme but sometimes we are left wondering. I can tell you that after Bible study, hearing the part in church makes far more sense than hearing it cold. The sermon will usually focus on one or more of the parts but rare is the preacher who will cover all four.

After some sessions I am more touched by what someone has shared, maybe some deep, inner thoughts, than I have been by the readings. Although we may be far apart geographically, we are drawn together.

Try it, just maybe you will like it. If you email dburton41@gmail.com you will get emails each week with the Zoom link and the readings for that week.

Leon Baltas, St. Edmund's

**NEXT AVGEN ORDER
IS
SUNDAY MARCH 30TH**



Choose

It's that time of the night again.
That time you dread.
Restaurants, malls and churches lock their doors.
The sun sets and the city grows dark.
The wind picks up and you feel the bitter cold
biting at your skin.
You knew this time would come.
You prepare yourself for reality.
The time has come.
It's time to Choose.
The man in his 70's or the woman in the
wheelchair.
Choose.
The guy in the alley or the girl in the doorway.
Choose.
The woman who has been walking all day or the
man the hospital dropped at the corner.
Choose.
The girl who wants to die or the guy that's always
kind. Choose.
The man who can't stop coughing or the
woman who can't feel her fingers.
Choose.
Choose who is warm.
Choose who will freeze.
Choose who goes inside and Choose
who doesn't.
40 beds to 500 people.
The sickening reality you face daily.
On the drive home you cry as you watch
your people shiver.
Curled under blankets. Huddled in
doorways.
You wonder whom you'll lose tonight.
Who won't make it.
You question the ethical state of our world as you
hold your head in your hands.
You feel anger, hurt, sadness and disgust well up
inside you.
Why some get denied basic human rights.
Not because they are not worthy or loved but
because human greed has decided their lives
aren't cost effective.

You can't breathe.
Your heart aches.
You feel a pain that won't stop hurting.
Why for the love of God do we have to Choose?
Do you not see that every human life holds
value?
How do you sleep knowing you hold all the
cards?
There is more than enough for everyone.
Please don't make me Choose.
House our people.
NO ONE SHOULD DIE IN THE COLD

Written by: Marc Henderson

The writer of the poem, Marc Henderson, is on staff,
during the night shift with the homeless, at London
Cares.

Sent in by Leon Baltas



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"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."
John 15:12

Dear Lord of all, may our words and actions as Christians reflect
the love you have shown us.
Charlotte Ewbank



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SUNDAY HUMOUR



ICE FISHING

A man goes out ice fishing one morning. He reaches the ice and is about to cut a hole in it when he hears a voice from above: "There are no fish here."

The fisherman is shocked but gets up and moves to another spot. As he's about to cut a hole, he hears a voice from above again, "There are no fish here either."

He gets up and moves to a third spot. Before he's even finished walking, the voice says, "I'm telling you, there are no fish here."

The fisherman says, "God, how can you be so sure there aren't any fish here?"

The voice replies, "This is the ice rink manager."



February Wordsearch

Answers

Isaac & Rebekah



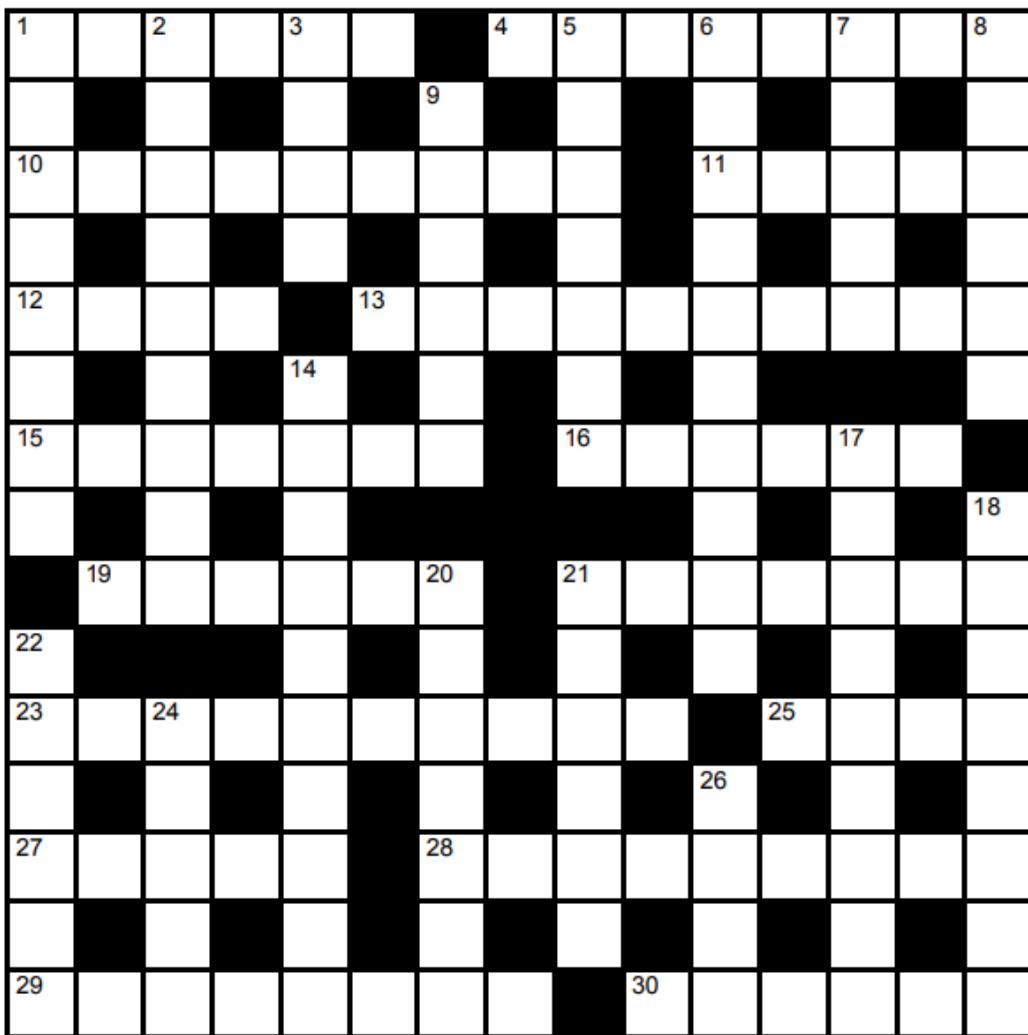
Brainy Quotes

Nobody cares how much you know,
until they know how much you care.

Theodore Roosevelt



BIBLE Crossword Puzzle #1



by *Philologus*

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Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 '...it is a ____ thing the king requireth'
(Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiations (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by

this (9)

- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)
- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 'He is proud, knowing nothing, but _____ about questions and strifes of words...' (1 Tim 6:4) (6)

9 Bread makers (6)

- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar's reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)



Parish of the Bruce Peninsula - CRA Charitable Registration Options

Item	Option	Pro	Con	Implications
1	<p>Parish obtains a charitable registration number which would be used by all the congregations and chapel.</p> <p>All \$ assets would be owned by the Parish.</p> <p>Parish would be responsible for CRA filing and tax receipts on behalf of congregations/chapel.</p>	<p>One CRA # and account vs. four.</p> <p>Better efficiency for charitable status</p> <p>One knowledgeable treasurer.</p> <p>Warden oversight provided to ensure CRA filing meets requirements.</p> <p>Communication with CRA is streamlined.</p> <p>Local control of congregation/chapel bank accounts\$.</p> <p>Donations \$ deposited in congregation/chapel bank accounts.</p>	<p>Donations would need to be tracked by Parish and Congregations/chapel. Weekly requirement.</p> <p>Parish responsible for issuing tax receipts under Parish CRA #.</p> <p>Donation enquiries/issues to Parish treasurer.</p> <p>Donors would need to know that \$ are going to local church/chapel.</p>	<p>Congregations/chapel will still control and manage their finances & bank accounts.</p> <p>Need for a streamlining of reporting between congregations and parish under this option.</p> <p>Parish ownership is only from a CRA perspective.</p> <p>Parish amalgamation would be completed.</p> <p>Higher administrative work load for Parish treasurer (More hours/Higher stipend \$)</p> <p>May require Parish Envelope Secretary.</p> <p>Confidentiality of donations is extended from congregations/chapel to Parish.</p> <p>Parish deals with CRA exclusively.</p> <p>Oversight by wardens required to ensure CRA requirements are met.</p>
2	<p>Parish obtains a charitable registration number with CRA suffix numbers for each congregation and chapel.</p> <p>\$ Assets would remain with the congregations and chapel.</p> <p>Congregations /chapel would be responsible for CRA filing and tax receipts each year.</p>	<p>Independent of Parish Master CRA #</p> <p>Local ownership/control of bank account \$</p> <p>Congregants donate directly to their church.</p> <p>Tax receipts issued locally under own CRA #.</p>	<p>Congregational Treasurer training required.</p> <p>Treasurer needs to know how to do CRA filing and when.</p> <p>CRA disputes must be handled directly by the leadership of church/chapel.</p> <p>Need to track donations.</p> <p>Need to prepare tax receipts for donors.</p>	<p>Oversite required by steward and treasurer.</p> <p>Risk of missing CRA designated schedule</p> <p>Risk of losing CRA charitable status if requirements not met.</p> <p>This is similar to Item 3 below with the exception of changing CRA #</p>
3	<p>Status Quo</p> <p>Each congregation/chapel has own CRA #</p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CRA filing yearly 2) Issuing Tax Receipts for donations 	<p>Independent of Parish</p> <p>Use existing CRA # with no need to apply for new CRA suffix #</p> <p>Local ownership/control of bank account \$</p> <p>Congregants donate directly to their church.</p> <p>Tax receipts issued locally under own CRA #.</p>	<p>Treasurer training required.</p> <p>Treasurer needs to know how to do CRA filing and when.</p> <p>CRA disputes must be handled directly by the leadership of church/chapel.</p> <p>Need to track donations.</p> <p>Need to prepare tax receipts for donors.</p>	<p>Oversite required by steward and treasurer.</p> <p>Risk of missing CRA designated schedule</p> <p>Risk of losing CRA charitable status if requirements not met.</p>

Please note this CRA issue does not affect St. Peter's Lutheran

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR MARCH 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 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.			NOTES			1.
2. 11:00 St. Peter's Trinity 12:00 Pot Luck Lunch 1:00 Parish Vestry 11:30 Christ Church	3.	4.	5. 	6. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	7. 2:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer St. Peter's & Trinity Bethel in Lion's Head	8. 10:00 am Christ Church Council
9. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:00 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	10. 7:00 pm on-line study 'Growing in Grace' Lenten Study	11. Golden Dawn 10:30	12. 10:00 Wiarton Joint Council 2:00 Lenten Study 'Growing in Grace' In Person & on Line	13. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	14.	15.
16. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church Followed by Vestry 3:00 St. Edmund's	17. 7:00 pm on-line study 'Growing in Grace' Lenten Study	18. Planning meeting with LLR For Retreat & Summer Schedule	19. 9:00 Ministries - Zoom 10:00 PPC - Zoom 2:00 Lenten Study 'Growing in Grace' In Person & on Line	20. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	21.	22.
23 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	24. 7:00 pm on-line study 'Growing in Grace' Lenten Study	25. 4:00 W.I.G. at St. John's United, Wiarton	26. 2:00 Lenten Study 'Growing in Grace' In Person & on Line	27. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	28.	29
30. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity Followed by AGM 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's	31.					



Parish Office Hours are now Wednesday and Thursday