

Redeemer/ St. George's October Newsletter 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2)

...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

(2 Chronicles 7:14)



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Service schedule

Services in October:
Oct. 4 Communion
at 11:00 and Blessing
of the Pet at 5:00
Oct. 11 Thanksgiving
led by Chris Arthur
Oct. 18 Morning
Prayer
Oct. 25 Reformation
Sunday Communion
and Samaritan
House Sunday

Dear Friends,

What does humility look like? I think we often describe humility by what it isn't. Humility means not proud or arrogant. Even the sometimes-quoted definition begins with a negative description (what it isn't): "humility isn't thinking less of yourself, it's just thinking of yourself less." There is a quiet undertone in our society that being humble is akin to low self-esteem, and this is juxtaposed by our culture's preference for, and elevation of, confidence. So much so that the quote begins with a corrective against the commonly-held thought, before suggesting an alternative. The humble should not be construed as lacking confidence, or as possessing a low self-esteem.

There is, rather, a deep confidence in the humble. The humble seat their confidence in the Lord: the One who is the stone the builders rejected is their cornerstone, the foundation stone that their lives are built upon. And Jesus is a stable, firm, foundation. There is no need to self-aggrandizement. No need to puff themselves up, or to try to make themselves larger in the minds of others. The humble are secure in the strength of Jesus, and so the coming and going of the opinions of others about them carry less weight.

The catch-22 of humility has been cited to be that, upon realization that one has achieved humility they become proud of their accomplishment. I suggest, instead, that humility is a blessed state that is poured into the hearts of those who seek God's Kingdom, as a fruit of the Holy Spirit of God's presence in a human life. Humility is not borne in us from our efforts to be humble, but from our denial of self, our taking up of life in Jesus' way, and our seeking – above all things – the Kingdom of God:

that means seeking to give God glory through our living rather than ourselves, being witnesses of God's goodness to others, discovering the growing mustard seed of God's Kingdom in our hearts and embracing the selflessness that nurtures its growth instead of the self-seeking pride of sin that always misses the mark of God's plan for us.

Learning the ways of God begins with humility, with the humility to deny ourselves and choose God's self; with the humility that precedes prayer, discerningly undertaken according to God's will; with the humility that God promises to raise up; with the humility that is not sought as an end in itself, is not achieved by our grand efforts, but is found by those who seek God's Kingdom and righteousness first – above all else.

May we learn to seek Him.

God bless you all,
Jonathan+



The month at church:



Blessing of the Animals Sunday Oct. 4 at 5:00 outside

Please bring your pets to the Blessing of the Pets service. We will meet outside and and enjoy some time together.

Choir Practice Will be Thursdays this year. All are welcome to join. **Oct. 1,8,15,22,29** at 7:00

Thursdays Oct. 1,8,15,22,29 bible study at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

Oct. 25 is Samaritan House Sunday

Please bring a donation to church

Every Sunday remember your Loonie for the little church
donation for Samaritan House safe and warm shelter.

Why Blessing the Animals?

St. Francis of Assisi was a Christian saint in the thirteenth century, well known for his love of all of God's creatures (he is often pictured preaching to the birds). Oct. 4 is his feast day.



"Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart
Give me right faith,
sure hope
and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding
and knowledge
that I may fulfill
Your command."

St Francis of Assisi Pray for Us

Diocese of Brandon Synod Report September 26, 2026

I was privileged to be one of two delegates to the 52nd Anglican Synod at St. Matthews Cathedral. You may be wondering what Synod is? It is a meeting of our larger Anglican Community called the Diocese. We have one of the largest in area making it a challenge to bring everyone together! There were clergy and lay delegates from Parkland, The Pas, and Brandon Deaneries come together including folks from Easterville, Killarney, Boissevain, Virden, Melita, Flin Flon, Snow Lake, Wabowden, The Pas, Russell, Neepawa, Birtle, Russell, to name a few. We benefited from recent renovations to St. Matthews where the pews have been replaced with chairs. This made it possible for the entire event to be held in their beautiful sanctuary. Delegates were able to be seated around tables for the two days.

The theme was Revival and our bishop Rachel was inspiring in her message about this in the opening worship on Thursday evening. We are encouraged to engage in daily prayer to help revive our church and ourselves! There were three children that led us in singing Seek Ye First and sang beautifully during communion. Our Friday morning began with worship and bible study in preassigned groups (gospel based discipleship?) The resolutions for Friday and Saturday were controversial at times leading to some thought-provoking discussion. Some of the more notable ones were one requesting the Diocese develop job descriptions for both paid and volunteer positions for example parish officers, pastoral visitors, clergy and those serving vulnerable persons. There was also a similar motion about developing a Diocese and Parish Safeguarding officer which had some amendment before being carried.

There was also motions about supporting indigenous ministry, language and culture and also supporting the Henry Budd College in The Pas which has distance education programs we all can benefit from. There was also a motion requesting a mental health committee and designated funds be allocated for mental health needs in the diocese not only for clergy but also for lay volunteers. After a lot of discussion and an amendment, a resolution was passed in regards to upholding the dignity, safety, pastoral care and full belonging for LGBTQIA+ persons in the diocese. The recommendation was for the bishop to provide support and guidance and resources for parishes, clergy, lay leaders, youth leaders and pastoral visitors. There was also a resolution passed in regards to pastoral response in dying in particular those affected by MAID (medical assistance in dying). The bishop was requested to provide guidance to the diocese and parishes. There was a committee that brought forward other resolutions that arose out of the Bishop's message of Revival. I didn't keep notes on these but there was a resolution in regards to youth leadership. The other resolutions will be available when the minutes are published. The rest of Synod was mainly focused on nominating people interested in being on the executive council, and diocese delegates (clergy and lay) to the Provincial Synod coming up in 2027 in Regina and the National Synod in St. John's Nfld in 2028. Both Jonathon and his daughter Ashleigh will be going to the National Synod. We also had presentations from Alongside Hope (formerly known as PWRDF), the Anglican Foundation, and the Anglican Camp. Thank you so much for the opportunity to represent our church at this level. It was all very interesting and the worship was uplifting!

Submitted by Denise Cox

JESUS FEEDS THE 5000

A lesson on God's power and provision

Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

OPOCISNMSA

DESTRE

EHNAVE

SKCI

VWEETL

SBSAETK

NHSOUTAD

FHIS

Word list

Desert

Fish

Compassion

Baskets

Thousand

Twelve

Heaven

Sick





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“ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.”

1 Chronicles 16: 34

Don't forget your Loonie for the little church!

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bible Study 2:00 Choir 7:00	2	3
4 Communion Blessing of the Pets 5:00	5	6	7 Fairview 10:30 Souris 2:00	8 Bible Study 2:00 Choir 7:00	9	10
11 Thanksgiving Sunday Communion	12 Thanksgiving Day	13	14 Hillcrest 10:30 Dinsdale 2:00	15 Bible Study 2:00 Choir 7:00	16	17
18 Morning Prayer	19	20 Council/Vestry 7:00	21	22 Riverheights Terrace 11:00 Bible Study 2:00 Choir 7:00	23	24
25 Communion Reformation Sunday Samaritan House Sunday	26	27	28	29 Bible Study 2:00 Choir 7:00	30	31