

# Redeemer/ St. George's January Newsletter 2026



## From the Pastor's Desk



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord... -

*Jeremiah 29:11-14a*

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## Service schedule

Services in January will be as follows.

Sunday Jan. 4 Communion  
Epiphany  
Sunday Jan. 11 Communion  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday Jan. 18 Morning  
prayer Soup and Sandwich  
potluck Vanessa guest  
speaker  
Sunday Jan. 25 Communion  
Samaritan House Sunday

Family, in Christ,

The new year is upon us! With that come fresh hopes and expectations, fresh visions and dreams, new purpose and resolution. This year we receive Jesus' challenge afresh: to seek *first* (that is, above other things, before we seek other things, the primary aim of our lives) the Kingdom of God, and *his* (not our own, as though achievement or our works surpassed his grace in our lives) righteousness.

I had opportunity a short time ago to talk with some folks about involvement with the Church. I shared that what the local churches really need is people who are involved in their life – that is, people who involve the church in their lives. Which doesn't necessarily mean the programming of the church, or giving money to the church (though it could involve either, or both, of these). But as far as the Church is comprised of people, not bricks-and-mortar, involving the local church in our lives means meaningful interactions with other Christians: gathering together for public worship on Sundays; meeting with others to work through a Bible study series; regularly holding one another in prayer, sharing with others what is in our hearts; using the talents God has given us, both the innate ones and the ones we've developed over our lifetimes, for the building up of God's Kingdom.

In both Souris and Brandon we have had some big building projects either recently completed or about to break ground. Having safely and easily accessible buildings for our corporate worship services is important;

having appropriately reverent and awe-inspiring worship spaces to meet in is important: these things speak to the grandeur of the God who has brought us together. At the same time, it would be a shame if incredible buildings were all that our communities were about. The Holy Spirit's work among us, transforming this rag-tag band of misfits into a community worthy of the name of Jesus, could be the greatest thing about us. Jesus' words of warning to those who are concerned about outward appearance and not inner content (Matt. 23:27-28) are comparison to whitewashed tombs, full of death.

We are called into new life, and to lay hold of it through meaningful interaction with one another. How might you take part in the life of Christ's Church through meaningful relationship with others from our local church community? Is there a book of the Bible you'd like to work through, in a group? Is there a particular topic that you'd like to find a study series on? Who do you know and trust that you can share your heart's concerns with them, and trust them to hold your situations in prayer? Who do you know that you can do that for? If the parish held special events, what would you like to see? How can we grow together, as we continue to walk together, in 2026?

God bless you, as you prayerfully discern.

Jonathan+

# This month at church:

**Choir Practice** Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:15

**Council and Vestry** will meet Tuesday Jan. 20 at 7:30

**Confirmation Classes Thursdays** Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 at 4:00

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

**January 18** Vanessa speaking about her mission to Nicaragua and soup and sandwich potluck to follow

**January 18** reports due for Redeemer and St. George's AGMs

Looking ahead **Redeemer AGM Feb. 8 and St. George's AGM Feb. 15**

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

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# A peek around church



Hanging of the Greens  
Service Nov. 30



Each Sunday  
In Advent  
the children  
brought up  
parts to build  
the nativity scene.



The choir performed for us twice in December.

The Children presented the Christmas story for us



## Service of Lessons and Carols



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Happy New Year!	2	3
4 Communion Epiphany Victoria Landing 8:00	5	6	7 FairView 10:30 Souris 2:30 Confirmation class at 4:00	8	9	10
11 Communion The Baptism of the Lord	12	13	14 Hillcrest 10:30 Dinsdale 2:00 Confirmation class at 4:00	15 Bible Study 2:00	16	17
18 Vanessa Guest Speaker Morning prayer Sandwich Potluck Anglican + Lutheran All Reports due for AGMs	20	21	22 Riverheights 11:00 Bible Study 2:00	23	24	
25 Samaritan House Sunday	26	27	28 Confirmation Class 4:00	29 Bible Study 2:00	30	31
Communion Valleyview 2:00			Choir 6:15	Confirmation Class 4:00		

February 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28