

# Redeemer/ St. George's November Newsletter 2024



## From the Pastor's Desk

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. -2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV)



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## Service schedule

Services in November will be as follows.

Sunday Nov. 3 Anglican Communion

Sunday Nov. 10 Lutheran Service of the Word

Sunday Nov. 17 Anglican morning prayer

Sunday Nov. 24 Lutheran communion

Please speak to a council or vestry member to share your thoughts about this service schedule. We value your feedback and hope to hear from you!

Dear Friends,

The Fall has flown past us, and Christmas will be upon us sooner than we think! With all of the things that we are looking ahead to, it can sometimes be a real skill to live in-the-moment. It is a skill worth developing – part-and-parcel with it are abilities having to do with focus and self-discipline, and particularly (for the current topic) formation. Who we are, the core character of each one of us, is lived in the present, not in the future that we look forward to. So, who are you?

Not in the sense of “when you’re not in a Halloween costume,” or regarding other caricatures of ourselves that we put on in different situations. Rather, who are you in your core – the “you” that rises from your core essence/character no matter what hat you may be wearing? Having received the formational influences that you have, in your life, what has been formed in you? Who are you?

In recent months I’ve been asked a number of times how our shared ministries are faring – Redeemer/St. George, and St. Luke/St. Paul. My answer tends to be that things are going well. As we’ve said all along, the Church is not the physical building, but the people – in both of the shared ministries – the people – inasmuch as they are each open to God’s grace in bringing these communities together – the people make it a joy to serve these communities of Jesus’ people. If God is leading this, then it will happen; if we can keep our minds on God’s things, then we will rejoice in it.

There are challenges that continue to be a part of our shared ministry, most of which are pragmatic questions that deserve robust answers. For the St. George’s folks, the space where we worship is still new, and maybe doesn’t yet feel like “our own.”

For both groups half of our Sundays involve liturgy that isn't entirely familiar yet. For the Redeemer crowd, there are people who have invaded "our" space, who don't do things the "way we always have." These are practical considerations that can be solved for us over time as we are generous with one another.

Looming larger is the big question: God has placed this worshipping community here; what is the significance of "here" in the carrying out of God's mission for us? How does "here" effect the work of God among us and through us, differently than locating ourselves in another place might have? And so, how is God guiding us, His people, to carry out His mission in the world? What does our part of that mission look like, at this time? As we engage God's mission in God's way for us, we will see ourselves, our community dynamic, our neighbourhood(s), our city, and our world transformed in new and fantastic ways – "from one degree of glory to another."

God's work among us has only just begun, and the best is yet-to-come. I invite you to continue to seek God in prayer, to seek guidance for our faith community, and to both creatively and faithfully imagine the future that God has brought us together to bring about. This month we begin with the celebration of All Saints, and close with the celebration of Christ's Sovereignty. I want to encourage everyone to set aside time to regularly seek God's future for us, throughout this month in recognition that in Him we are made saints by the blood of Christ, and that Jesus is Lord of our lives. May these two bookends of the month focus our prayers.

God bless!

Jonathan+

# Bible Study

A small group are meeting Thursday afternoons for bible study. Through an online biblical training organization, we are following *Bible Survey – A Big Screen Perspective* led by Bert Downs. In these ten sessions, Downs is leading us through an overview of three specific sections of the Old Testament and the same specific sections in the New Testament: *Foundational* books, *Historical* books, and *Instructional* books.

We are reviewing the Old Testament first. Beginning with the Foundational piece, or Pentateuch, we reviewed the key people, themes and words of these books. In the Historical portion, Downs broke down the books to five sections: Pre-Kings, Kings United, Kings Divided, Judgement/Exile, and Return. The Instructional books are further broken down into two sections: Poetical and Prophetical. In the Poetical portion, we focused on the themes and messages of the eight books that fall into this category.

Our next lesson will cover the Prophetical portion of the Instructional books and then we will move onto the review of these same three sections in the New Testament.

Submitted by,

Kathy Maxon

## Laying Down the LAW

Is there interest in starting a women's group? A Lutheran-Anglican Women (LAW) group? Sometimes these groups run into trouble because people who are able to attend meetings during the day are limited, and people who are able to attend meetings in the evening are limited, so when is a good time for everybody? Maybe there need to be two groups?

The benefit of such a group is immeasurable (quite seriously, because so much is qualitative rather than quantitative). Women's groups have often been formed around social times or fundraising, but these aren't the only reasons to form a group. Bible/book study, or prayer, or a particular need that is perceived in the local area or the wider city, or perhaps a particular interest that is shared between members.

# The month at church:

**Choir Practice** Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. Nov. 5,12,19,26 at 6:15

**Thursdays Nov. 7,14,21,28** at 1:30 there will be a Book of Common Prayer Communion service with bible study to follow at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

**Nov. 24 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.

**Potluck lunch Sunday**  
**Nov. 3**

Please come for a time of fellowship and good food. Please bring a dish to share. We will distribute the photo directories at this time.



In the parable, what was the woman who swept her house looking for?

A lost silver coin



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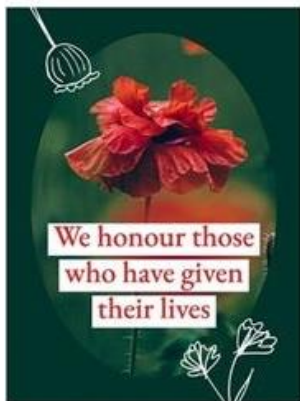
"...forgive those who trespass against us. And leave us ninety-two temptations..."

# Faith Passages: Confirmation

Confirmation is an important step along one's journey of faith – in some ways it is a renewal of baptismal commitments, and in some ways it is the fulfilment of the promises of baptism. In another sense, it is a fresh deposit of God's grace. Confirmation services are one moment, but just as a marriage is more than the wedding, confirmation sets the tone for a person's ongoing life as a follower of Jesus.

All those interested in confirmation preparation are invited to be in touch with the church office, or with Jonathan directly, as we look towards growing in the new life that God has called us into through Jesus. Confirmation isn't only for teenagers – adults who haven't been confirmed are invited to be in touch, also. Confirmation preparation isn't only for the already-baptized, either: if you were never baptized you may also work through the preparation and be both baptized and confirmed at the same service. Confirmation preparation isn't only for the non-confirmed: if you're interested in a refresh regarding the foundations of Christian faith, if you're interested in making a re-committal of yourself to your confirmation vows, you're welcome to be in touch, also.

Let us join together in the life-giving ministrations of the Church, as they are displayed in our joint life together!



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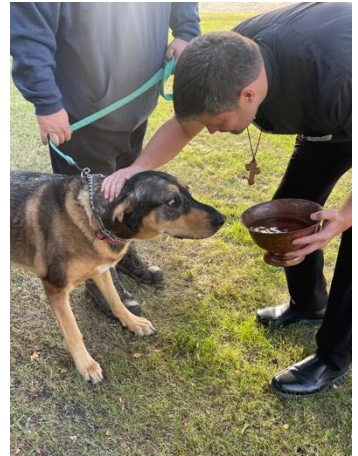
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Blessing of the animals was a great success.  
Thanks to everyone who brought their animals to  
be blessed.



# November 2024

Remember to bring a loonie  
a week for the little church.

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