

Redeemer/ St. George's June Newsletter 2025



From the Pastor's Desk

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." - Luke 10:27

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Dear Friends,

The transformation of a life is a process full of joys and frustrations – in our case, as the ones being transformed, these fall to us in ways that often cause discomfort. In fact, if we don't find ourselves uncomfortable with change, we might wonder how deeply the effect of that change is really taking hold in us. Is it just scratching the surface, or really getting into our core? But the difference that Christ is making in our lives is not purely aesthetic but runs at the core level through which we see and understand everything else.

How, then, do we put ourselves in the space to receive God's blessing of new life through loving Him with all of our strength? Acts of service are about love for neighbour (as we love ourselves; or even, as Christ loves them), and are not the physical expression of and trainers of love for God (with all our strength). The physical motions of personal piety are primarily in self-denial. It is our instinct to expend our strength in self-preservation, yet our faith teaches us to entrust our preservation to God's loving care. And so our love for God is trained through practising the self-denial of refusing to hold onto our own claims to our preservation. We are not self-sufficient but are wholly dependent on God's goodness. And this is made manifest in our lives as this self-denial, and full reliance on God, becomes natural to us through practise and Holy Spirit transformation.

We learn to let go of ourselves and to stop getting in the way of what God is working.

Complementary to this are the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving. The one denies that we are ruled by our bellies (for “humanity does not live by bread alone” Lk 4.4) and sets our eating in the ordered place of grateful reception of what God has provided – upon whom we rely. The other denies that we are slaves of our pocketbooks (we “cannot serve God and Mammon” Mt 6.24) and models God’s generosity through good stewardship of God’s resources entrusted to us for a time. Both of these spiritual disciplines have very physical realities attached to their practise and run contrary to our natural dispositions. Again, self-denial is involved in keeping them.

Finally, I would suggest that learning to really enjoy life – whatever comes our way – is another way of loving God with our strength. The more we do so, the closer we creep to loving God with all of our strength. Related to this is the wonder and awe that we felt as children when Christmas Eve was upon us. All of life is a gift – God is moving in miraculous ways among us. Finding joy in whatever comes our way, and the ability to do so, is a result of trusting in God alone for our security. C. S. Lewis opined that the great obstacle [to charity, specifically, though by extension to any act of self-denial] is not in our love of self-indulgence (though this, too, may be a lesser obstacle), but in our fear of insecurity. The temptation to fear insecurity, and to act from that fear rather than trust in the God who provides, must be overcome in us if we are to love God with all of our strength.

God bless!

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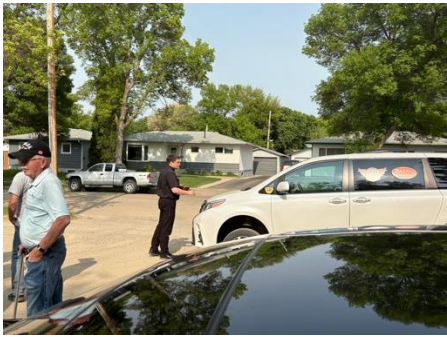


Welcoming Mary Marika to the family



Blessing of the Wheels





This month at church:

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 meet for coffee and discuss what you have been reading this week in the bible.

June 5 last bible study at 2:00. We will meet again in the fall.

June 7 Camp Clean up 10:00 at the camp

Council and Vestry will meet Tuesday **June 17 6:30**

June 22 joint service with St. Luke's and St. Paul's from Souris and Kick off to Summer BBQ and potluck

June 29 Samaritan House Sunday

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

Senior housing services:

June 1 Victoria Landing 3:00, June 4 Fairview 10:00, June 11 Hillcrest 11:00, Dinsdale 2:00, June 26 Riverheights 11:00

The Bible Project

This year we have taken on the ambitious challenge as a community of Christ-followers, to read the entire bible. To assist us in this task, we will be following the One-year Bible Reading plan from the Bible project. You can find this online here: <https://bibleproject.com/>

There is also an app that can be downloaded to assist you with this challenge. You can find it in the app store or on google play. It is called BibleProject App
Watch FaceBook for updates from Jonathan

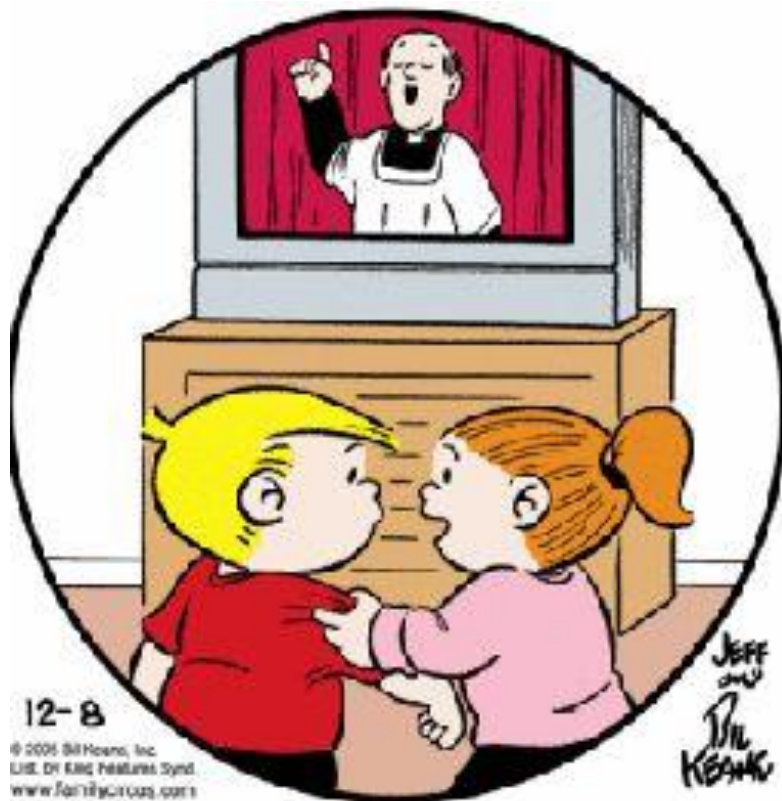


Teen Camp July 4-10
 Intermediate Camp July 12-18
 Junior Camp July 20-26
 Early Bird Registration \$300.00
 Register by May 31
 Regular price \$350.00 Register
 By June 17

2025 Raffle – 3/20\$

This year the prizes are, 3-night
 stay at Geiler corner (Value \$900
 - \$1785), Wheat Kings Bundle - 2
 adult and 2 children's tickets and
 a gift card to Browns Social
 House (Est Value \$300), and a
 meat bundle (Value \$500)
 See Carole for tickets





**"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anglican 1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
Victoria Landing 3:00		Fairview 10:00 Souns 2:30				
Lutheran 8 Communion	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost		Hillcrest 11:00 Dinsdale 2:00				
Anglican 15 Communion	16	17	18	19	20	21
		(Council) vestry 7:15				
Lutheran 22 Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28
Soun's joining us 8:00 + Potluck				Riverheights 11:00		
Lutheran 29 Communion	30					
Samaritan House Sunday						

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Last Sunday in July and August Samaritan House Sunday