

Redeemer/ St. George's February Newsletter 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." –

John 15:12

Dear friends,

As I look to another year in the Church, I have been reminded of the Lord's command to love one another – not just as we are able, but as He has loved us.



Service schedule

Services in February will be as follows.

Sunday Feb. 1 Communion

Feb. 8 Service of the Word
Lutheran AGM following the service

Sunday Feb. 15 morning
prayer Anglican AGM
following the service

Sunday Feb. 22 Communion
and Samaritan House
Sunday

FOR GOD
SO LOVED
THE
WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL
NOT
PERISH
BUT
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ETERNAL
LIFE.
JOHN
3:16

This means that the commandment is something beyond us, something that we cannot attain to by rolling up our sleeves, trying harder, or using some elbow grease. Sometimes we treat it along those lines, even if we would never use those words. We realize we've been unloving, we realize we didn't share God's care in a way that we might have. We resolve to do better next time. All the while, we ignore the reality presented: we cannot do better next time simply because we resolve to do so. Faithfulness in loving as *Jesus loves*, is not within our grasp. It is something that Jesus brings about in us.

So the reality presented, that if we are going to fulfill Jesus' commandment it is going to be in His power, by His will, because of the metamorphosis that He brings about in us, this reality runs up against the hard truth that He hasn't perfected us yet. Most Christian living takes place in this space – the in-between. Most Christian living occupies this space, where the presented task is to open ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit's work in us – to work in concert with what God is moving to bring about in us. So most Christian living is about answering the question of how we might best employ our time, talent, and treasure that we can most effectively cooperate with what God has for us.

The early new year is a good time to assess our behaviours, habitual and on-their-way-to-becoming-habits. How do these fare, with regards to aligning with God's Kingdom purposes for our lives? What do we need more of – what do we need less of? What do we need to bring in – what do we need to cut out?

It isn't about being loving enough in a particular moment, but about being people through whom the love of Jesus flows naturally. How might we better position ourselves – set the context for our living – that our lives enable God's work more in us more completely? Relationships continue to grow over time, they are not static: even more of the same, in a relationship, informs the future of that relationship. How do we engage our personal relationship with our personal God in dynamic ways? Bible reading? Prayer? Important conversations with other Christians? Sharing what God has done for us with those who do not know Him? Fasting? Tithing?

This next year it is my hope that we can continue to grow in the things that better enable our reception of God's blessings as He transforms us, daily renewing us. In Christ Jesus we are a new creation – let us embrace the life that lets our nature be made new.

Yours,

Jonathan+



"Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy
or boast; it is not arrogant
or rude...."

1 COR. 13:4-7

Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things."

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This month at church:

Choir Practice Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. **Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24**

Council and Vestry will meet Tuesday Feb. 10 at 7:30

Confirmation Class Wednesdays Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 at 4:00

Bible Study Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 2:00 We are looking at the Psalms.

Redeemer AGM Feb. 8

St. George's AGM Feb. 15

Shrove Tuesday is Feb. 17 5-6:30

Ash Wednesday service Feb. 18 at 5:00

Feb. 22 Samaritan House Sunday

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



Thank you for sharing with us about
Operation Walk, Vanessa.

<https://operationwalkmb.ca/>

A Peek Around Church



Epiphany! The wisemen and camels arrived



Soup and Sandwich potluck



Remember your Loonie each Sunday for the Little Church

February 2026

March 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 communion Victoria Landing 3:00	2	3 choir 6:15	4 Fairview 10:30 Sauris 2:30 Confirmation Class 4:00	5 Bible Study 2:00	6	7
8 Service of the word Lutheran AGM	9	10 Choir 6:15 Council/Vestry 7:30	11 Hillcrest 10:30 Dinsdale 2:00 Confirmation Class 4:00	12 Bible Study 2:00	13	14
15 Communion Anglican AGM	16	17 Choir 6:15 Shrove Tues. 5-6:30	18 Confirmation Class 4:00 Ash Wednesday 5:00	19 Bible Study 2:00	20	21
22 Lent 1 service of the word Samaritan House Sunday	23	24 choir 6:15	25 Confirmation Class 4:00 Even song 5:00	26 Rivenheights 11:00 Bible study 2:00	27	28

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