

# Redeemer/ St. George's March 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



## Service schedule

Services in March will be as follows.

Sunday March 2 Anglican Communion

March 9 Lutheran Service of the Word Chris Arthur taking the service

Sunday March 16 Anglican morning prayer Cheryl taking the service Guest speaker MacKenzie Kukurudz

Sunday March 23 Lutheran Communion

Sunday March 30 Anglican Communion

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Dear Friends,

This March we move into Lent – a season that has been observed by Christians since the Church was young. Easter was the time for Baptism (what better time to celebrate the new life of Jesus' followers, than the observance of His resurrection?), and so the devotional practises that people temporarily adopted while observing Lent were about preparation for baptism. Even for those of us who won't be baptized this Easter, it is a time for preparation with regards to the renewal of our baptismal promises. We will commit ourselves afresh, to living life Jesus' way.

Last month I wrote concerning loving the Lord our God with all of our mind, and I wrote with regards to Bible reading/study. Our One-Year Bible Reading Challenge continues, and if you need a little help or direction jumping into that with us, just ask! By reading God's Word we familiarize ourselves with His written word, but also with His Word incarnate – Jesus! – and with His voice (as His Holy Spirit speaks into our hearts and minds through His Word, raising questions and giving understanding). Knowing God's Word is so important that it was an ordinance for Israel's Kings that they keep a copy of Torah with them and read it daily (Deut. 17:19).

I remember that as I was growing up and my attention would shift from one hobby to another (I collected coins, stamps, cards, etc.) I would find that the world shifted its attention too. Or so it seemed. In reality, news about my varied hobbies was always progressing, but it wasn't until put my attention on it that I would notice. The world hadn't shifted its attention, but I was tuned in. Similarly, when we spend time immersed in God's Word, it attunes us to God's voice.

I want to just suggest some other ways that we can fill our minds with the things of God – practises that we can adopt that will help us stay tuned to what God is saying. In this way, our minds can be filled with the way of Jesus for us, and we can learn to truly love God with all of our mind as our thoughts are populated more completely with God's words and ways. In addition to studying Scripture, we can study the teaching of the Church – good theology is built upon the foundation of the Scriptures, and studying it can not only build our understanding of Scripture, but also teach us ways to handle Scripture as a complete body (rather than as isolated texts), as well as illuminating avenues of application that we may not have realized ourselves.

Additionally, we can take time to study our circumstances and situation in life. Are we overcomplicating things, filling our lives with things that distract us and deter us from faithfulness to God? The life of simplicity is, in itself, another of the classic Christian disciplines. To arrive at it, we need to study the complexities at play in our daily lives – and the practise of seeking God's Kingdom through the simplification of our own is a practise that helps us love God with our whole mind. Further to that, we can study ourselves – the prayer of examen, by which we come to greater realization of sin's hold in our lives and make confession as we seek forgiveness, is another of the great classic Christian spiritual disciplines. It requires taking a hard look at oneself, and real honesty with God about what we find. It requires the hard conversation of asking God to show us our brokenness, and being honest with ourselves about what God reveals. It is a wonderfully “Lenten” discipline.

Studying God's Word and the theology that God's people have derived from God's Word over the centuries, studying the context of our own lives, and studying the our own need for God's faithful goodness in our lives: all of these are ways that God has given us to turn our minds to Him, to fill our thoughts with Him, to love Him with the whole of our minds – and in doing so, to grow as His disciples.

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# This month at church:

**Choir Practice** Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. **March 4,11,18,25**

**Shrove Tuesday March 4** come for pancakes 5-7 free will offering at the door.

**Ash Wednesday** service at 4:00

**Evensong Wednesdays during lent** March 12,19,26 and April 2,9,16

**Council and Vestry** will meet Tuesday March 18 at 7:30

**Thursdays March. 6,13,20,27** at 1:30 there will be a Book of Common Prayer Communion service with bible study to follow at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

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

**March 30 Samaritan House Sunday**

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

## 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

HAPPY  
March



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bill Keane



"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."



Turn your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday March 8.



# March 2025

Remember to bring a loonie  
a week for the little church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anglican 2 Communion						
3		Shrove Tuesday partakes choir 6:15	4 Ash Wednesday Fairview 10:00 Sours 2:30 Even song 4:00	6 1:30 Communion 2:00 Bible Study		
Review Fire Escape Plan Lutheran Service of the word	10	11 Choir 6:15	12 Hillcrest 11:00 Dinsdale 2:00 Even song 4:00	13 1:30 Communion 2:00 Bible Study		
Anglican 16 Morning prayer	17	18 Council Vestry choir 6:15	19 Even song 4:00	20 1:30 Communion 2:00 Bible Study		
Lutheran 23 Communion	24	25 Choir 6:15	26 Even song 4:00	27 Riverheights 11:00 1:30 Communion 2:00 Bible Study		
Valley View 2:00						
Anglican 30 Communion Samaritan House Sunday	31					
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