

Redeemer/ St. George's October Newsletter 2025



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are good news people! We are people borne of good news, and who have good news to share with the world!

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Service schedule

Services in October:

Oct. 5 Communion

led by Chris Arthur

Oct. 12 Thanksgiving
and baptism led by

Cheryl Kukurudz

Oct. 19 Morning
Prayer

Oct. 26 Reformation
Sunday Communion

Sometimes we forget that; sometimes we can get caught up in the whirlwind of tasks-at-hand, of required deliverables, of fires to put out, of urgent and loud demands on our attention. Sometimes we can be caught up in the seemingly never-ending relay of the swings in the economy, and our own financial situation. But we are good news people – God has spoken His counter-narrative into our lives, and through us into the world.

While so many of the concerns the world offers us end up blinding us – like a snowstorm – so that we can only bear uncertainty into a future that we can barely glimpse, Jesus' counter-narrative (the story we tell) is one of assurance, of peace, of stability. It is a word that the world needs to hear, and that we need to be constantly reminded of. Because the whirlwind of the snowstorm demands our attention. But we, like Peter, live a different story than the way of the world – a story where people who aren't distracted by the wind and waves are walking on the water.

This is why our devotional practises are so important in our lives. Disciplined fasting or giving of alms or celibacy are about denying ourselves pleasures in life, and as we deny these from ourselves, we learn to deny self. As we come after Jesus, it is important that we learn to deny self, and to take up our own cross and follow. This is the way of Jesus. Disciplined time set aside for reading Scripture and listening to the Holy Spirit's voice is about receiving a spiritual nourishment that we are all in need of, for we do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Disciplined time set aside for prayer, communicating our hopes and dreams, listening for God's considerations on the matters-at-hand, is about growing more deeply in love and normalizing relationship with the God who made us. Disciplined service to others is about training our hearts and minds to see God in those created in His image.

God has given many ways to us, put them at our disposal, by which our lives may be drawn more closely to His. As we engage with these, it is important that we return thanks to the One who made the way, that He is the focus of our engagement rather than the tool that we engage through. As we do so, our lives are more openly statements of God's good news for the world. We are the embodiment of that message, as He witnesses to the world through us. We become the story that we tell – the story of the counter-narrative of Jesus, who has undone the power of sin and death, and drawn us to be co-creators of His new Creation.

We are good news people!

Jonathan+

The month at church:



Blessing of the Animals Friday Oct. 3 at 5:30 outside

Please bring your pets to the Blessing of the Pets service. We will meet outside and and enjoy some time together.

Choir Practice Will be Tuesdays this year. All are welcome to join. Oct. 7,14,21,28 6:15

Thursdays Oct. 2,9,16,23,30 bible study at 2:00, led by Jonathan.

Oct. 26 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.

Why Blessing the Animals?

St. Francis of Assisi was a Christian saint in the thirteenth century, well known for his love of all of God's creatures (he is often pictured preaching to the birds). Oct. 3 is his feast day. (These are pictures from last year)



The fall supper was a huge success. Many thanks to everyone who donated food, volunteered their time and/or enjoyed the food! Here are a few pictures of the event.



Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

TKEA DEEH OT YVUSSROLEE: FI YTH TRROHEB TSSSRPEA
TSNIGAA EEHT, URKEEB MIH; NDA FI EH TRPNEE, VROIGFE
MIH. NDA FI EH TSSSRPEA TSNIGAA EEHT VSNEE TSMIE NI A
YDA, NDA VSNEE TSMIE NI A YDA UTRN NIGAA OT EEHT,
YSNIGA, I TRPNEE; UTOH TSLHA VROIGFE MIH.

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**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

“ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; give
thanks to him and praise his
name.

Psalm 100:4

Solution to Bible Scramble:
Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke
him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee
seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee,
saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. Luke 17:3-4

Don't forget your loonie for the little church

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November 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Fairview 10:30 Soun's 2:30	2 Bible Study 2:00	3 Blessing of the Pets 6:30	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 Hillcrest 10:30 Dinsdale 2:00	9 Bible Study 2:00	10	11
12 Thanksgiving Sunday Baptism Communion	13 Thanksgiving Day	14	15	16 Bible Study 2:00	17	18
19 Morning Prayer	20	21 Choir 6:15 Council/Vestry 7:15	22	23 River Heights 11:00 Bible Study 2:00	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday Communion Samaritan House Sunday	27	28	29	30 Bible Study 2:00	31	1