



ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – FEBRUARY EDITION

Upcoming events at St. Luke's

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm - Bible study continues at St. Luke's

Thursdays at 1:00 pm – Holy Communion at St. Tom's

February 8 – Vestry meeting after the service

February 15 – Commissioning of the Parish Council

February 17 at 5:00 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 18 at 7:00 – Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 – 1st Sunday of Lent

February 25 – Steve will be playing music for Lenten reflection each Wednesday evening @ 7:00



Upcoming events in Cambridge

No upcoming events have been reported.

Warden's Words

When you read this St. Luke's will be gearing up for our Annual Vestry meeting that will review 2025 and set the plan for moving ahead in 2026.

Thanks everyone for their hard work over the past year and a blessed thanks for the continued support and diligence our congregation always shows. That is one thing that can be counted, and we can be grateful for. This year already has some exciting activities ahead, some new and of course our traditions that we are comforted by each year.

I remember a Pastor years ago preaching about his feelings with the government allowing Sunday shopping. His words "The Devil gets in one step at a time" still in my memories as I see how every Church struggles as Sunday has become just another day of the week. There is no day to slow down and relax, enjoy your family and fellowship activities. Old Preston Folks will remember the only things during the winter on Sundays was open skate at the old arena. Now families struggle to squeeze in shopping and getting their kids and themselves to the many alternative activities.

It's now acceptable in our society to put other priorities above the Church. We need to take the step to encourage a friend to come to Church and slow down. Hear the word of God or join us for our activities, let them see how welcoming it is here. We're a family together. I speak from experience as you welcomed myself and my family to be part of yours at St. Luke's. Let's make this happen.

Dave

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Faithfully, Craig

Pastoral Ponderings

February is the shortest month, yet it can feel like the longest when winter keeps its firm grip on us. This season asks for a quiet kind of faith — the kind that keeps going when nothing much seems to be happening, trusting that God is still at work even when the ground looks frozen.

Times of waiting, weariness, or uncertainty can feel a lot like winter. And yet, Scripture reminds us again & again that God does not waste these seasons. Grace is always at work beneath the surface, like seeds waiting to germinate, preparing for new life to rise.

So if your faith feels quiet this February, know that you are not alone. God is with us in the waiting, gently bringing light back into the world one day at a time. May we be patient with ourselves, kind to one another, & trusting that spring will come — by God's grace, in God's time.

In Christ, Craig+



Shrove Tuesday.

St. Luke's annual Pancake Supper is always a great fellowship event for the whole family. Come and join in the fluffy pancakes and savory sausage on February 17 between 5:00 pm and 6:30. **\$10.00/person.**

Setup crew, cooks and a clean up crew are needed to help make this year's event another resounding success. Please speak to a Warden.

February 2nd - Candlemas Day

A history of the day from the book 'A Country Compendium'

In olden times parishioners attended church on this day. Wax candles and tapers were consecrated, lighted, and distributed, they were then carried in procession to guard against evil spirits and storms. The bigger the candle and the more brightly it burned, the greater the protection.

This procession is one of the reasons Candlemas day was so called; the other is because lighted tapers, used all winter at vespers and litanies, were put away until the next All-Hallowmas.

Candlemas day is an important festival of the church, held in commemoration of the purification of the Virgin. It was particularly important to women and used also to be called the Wives' Feast day.

In Scotland Candlemas day is the first quarter day, when payment of rents is due.

Furnace Woes

January has been a very chilly month both outside and inside St. Luke's. For 3 Sundays in mid-January our Sunday service had to be held in the Parish Hall due to the furnace that heats the upstairs of the church being broken. It took six visits by technicians before the problem was identified and repaired.

But in true St. Luke's fashion we made the best of it and even enjoyed the warm, comfortable, companionable feeling of meeting with our friends in a different worship environment.



Vestry

St. Luke's annual meeting will be held on February 8, 2026. This is a very important meeting that every member of our church should plan to attend. It is a look back at 2025, and a time to plan for our future. Come and have your say – what are we doing right and where can we make improvements. Lunch will be served following the Sunday service and then we will start the meeting. The Vestry Booklets have been distributed.

Now is the time for you to prayerfully consider being a member of parish council. There will be several openings for people willing to give of their time and talents to build St. Luke's. New faces mean new ideas, new visions for our church.

DEVOTIONAL The Amazing Depth of Jesus' Love

A reminder that His love for us is deeper than the ocean.



At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. John 21:4 (NLT)

Sunrise at the beach is my favorite place to worship and fully experience Jesus; I'm overwhelmed by His presence there. His majesty is displayed in the splendor of the sunrise as the rays paint the sky with beautiful shades of color. The roar of the waves proclaims His might. The smell of the salt in the air, the feel of the soft sand beneath my feet, and the cool mist all refresh me. *At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who he was. John 21:4 (NLT)*

When Jesus was on earth, He must have loved the sea also. The Bible tells several stories where He's on the sea or at the beach. Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when He called two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, to be His disciples, making them fishers of men. In Matthew 8:24–27, Jesus was on the boat asleep when the disciples became afraid and woke him. A storm was threatening to sink the boat, and Jesus calmed the wind and the waves, unleashing His power on the sea. Jesus didn't stop there . . . He walked on the water. And after Jesus was resurrected, He stood on the beach at dawn, but the disciples did not recognize Him. They had been out all night, fishing without a single catch. He told them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat, and their nets became full. A miracle on the beach! Time after time, Jesus uses the backdrop of the sea to reveal His love to humanity.

The Bible describes His love for us as being deeper than the ocean. The beach proclaims His majesty, His presence, and the depth of His love. Let the vastness of the ocean and the beauty of His creation remind you again today that His love for you is fathomless.

FAITH STEP: Look up pictures of the ocean. Remind yourself of the amazing depths of love that He has for you and praise Him.

- ***A Guideposts' daily devotion by Katie Minter Jones***

Games Afternoon

Fun afternoon at St Luke's Game Day. The group got together for a good time of fellowship and potluck "Munchies" playing a variety of games to beat the Winter Blahs - and share some laughs. Stay tuned for the next Game Day and come enjoy the fun. Dave



The Lighter Side

When we're young, we sneak out of the house to go to parties. When we're old, we sneak out of parties to go home.

A car's weakest part is the nut sitting behind the steering wheel.

Whenever I try to eat healthy a chocolate bar looks at me and snickers.

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone."

Andy Rooney

"The older I get, the better I used to be."

Lee Trevino

*Put a smile on someone's face today – give them a HUG.
Tell them you are grateful that they are part of your life.*

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