

ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – MARCH 2026 EDITION

Upcoming events at St. Luke's

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

March 15 - St. Patty's Day mini coffee hour

March 29 - Palm Sunday mini coffee hour

Thursdays at 1:00 - Mid-week Communion at St. Tom's



Upcoming events in Cambridge

Friday, March 6 at 2:00 - World Day of Prayer (Galt) – St. Tom's

Friday, March 6 at 2:00 - World Day of Prayer (Preston) St. Peter's Lutheran Church on King Street

Warden's Words

We're heading into the end of the 1st quarter of 2026 with what looks like it's going to be a busy exciting year for us at St. Luke's. Your Council is working hard to give opportunities for everyone to share themselves. We're trying hard to communicate and share information with everyone about things that YOU can do to support your church in many ways. There is a new schedule board that is being posted to show what's happening months ahead to the end of the year. So that anyone can see these opportunities and book them in their schedule and be prepared to support in many ways. There is a list of volunteer opportunities that will be available so that you can see some opportunities and pick one or more that interest you and help to support the Church in many ways.

We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do and help our little church to continue to function and flourish. Think about it, I could simply say "give more money, put more on the plate" but that is too easy and not what being a Christian is about. Everyone can do something; no task is too small and not appreciated. I'm so grateful for the many who help in many ways.

2nd Corinthians 9:6-7 Generous Spirit. Highlights that God loves a "cheerful giver" who gives not reluctantly but from the heart.

Watch for upcoming changes to our sign on the lawn. After many years we will be retiring it and replacing it with a new digital sign. It will help to share and communicate easier, faster and more noticeable. Hopefully it will make the Community notice the happening little church on the corner of Mary and Bishop. Also, we have met with a provider to help us get accessible for ourselves and the community. These are exciting opportunities for St. Luke's, and I look forward to more exciting things ahead. *God Bless Dave Bowman*

Pastoral Ponderings

We are now entering the third week of our Lenten journey. In a culture that prizes speed and noise, the forty days of Lent ask us to slow down and tell the truth about our limits, our sins, and our deep need for grace. We increase our prayers not to heap up religious words, but to train our attention toward the One who never turns away. We fast to expose the habits that dull our compassion and to be restored to a holy hunger to be right with God. Giving generously, we loosen the grip of fear, reminded that all we have is a gift, participating in God's own self-giving life.

These Lenten practices prepare us, clearing the grounds of the heart, so that when Easter comes, we are ready — not because we have perfected ourselves, but because we have learned again to rely on God's mercy. The risen Christ meets a people who have practised turning toward him, and he greets us with life that death can never overcome.

Craig+

Name change

After prayerful consideration and from speaking to several faithful parishioners, the name of the series "Pillars of St. Luke's" will now be called "This is my Life". The expected content will remain the same. It was always meant to be a way to get to know each other more fully and deeply. Some of our cherished members can't think of themselves as "pillars" even though without them St. Luke's would not be as strong as it is – able to sustain itself from the battering of the outside world.

Comments on this name change are always welcome.

One Small Child's Prayer Offering

Words are unimportant in approaching God.

Instead, let us go to God with the same attitude one child had as she sat almost hidden in the midst of a field of waving wheat.

When her grandfather went looking for her, from a distance he heard her going through the entire alphabet, softly saying, "A, B, C, D, E..."

Curious, her grandfather asked,

"What are you doing?"

"I'm praying, Grandpa. but I don't know the right words, so, I'm saying all the letters and letting God put them together."

From The Alchemy of Awareness by Lorraine Sinkler

Devotional

By [The Rev. Patricia L. Hunter](#)

For the 40 days of Lent this year, I decided to turn off my television.

Lent is a time when Christians slow down their schedules or deny themselves some of life's simple pleasures to make more space in their lives for God. I find it increasingly difficult to hear the voice of God in our fast-paced, noisy, urban, got-to-get-ahead environment. So instead of watching chefs hone their culinary skills or domestic gurus fashion a mansion out of a bungalow, or the 24-hour shopping channels, I decided to listen to the silence and see if perhaps God would speak to me as God spoke in Scripture to Elijah, in a still, small voice.

In the silence, I have had time to read about effective leadership, the importance of prayer and a

contemplative lifestyle, write in my journal, write sermons and reflect on Jesus' commandment for us to love one another as he loves us.

While I was growing up, my Baptist church didn't pay much attention to the season of Lent, noting it in the church newsletter but otherwise making little of it. As I became aware of other Christian traditions, I realized that Lent was the holiest season of the year in more liturgical traditions such as the Episcopal, Lutheran and Catholic churches. Lent offers a time for personal reflection, repentance and reconciliation.

There is something in the human spirit that longs for a connection with the divine. As a clergywoman, I've watched women and men struggle to find purpose in their lives before coming to see that a life full of activities may not translate to a life filled with meaning. Rick Warren, in his popular series of "Purpose Driven" books, writes that one must begin with God in order to find purpose in life. I frequently hear questions about why one was created, what difference one's life will make and why bad things happen to good people. These great questions of the human spirit deserve intentional consideration. Having a season to deliberately ponder such thoughts is key to having a spiritually rooted life.

While the days leading to Easter are for reflecting on one's personal relationship with God, we also must reflect on how well we are showing God's love to our friends and our enemies. We might find it relatively easy to care for those who look like us, talk like us, vote like we do or worship in the same congregation.

Yet, I suspect there is room for most of us to improve when it comes to loving those who get on our nerves or who have harmed us because of the color of our skin, our gender, our age, our income, our education, our religion or because of whom we love. When we realize that we have not loved our enemies as God has commanded us to do, we must confess our shortcomings and find ways to do differently.

Lent is generally an uncomfortable season, because if we are serious about reflecting on our spiritual journeys, we must face our disappointments and those areas where our walk does not match our talk. Instead of sitting with the discomfort and making changes so our actions match our beliefs, we would rather just skip Lent and get to the fun of Easter. But there are lessons of patience, forgiveness, reconciliation and love that must be learned before we get to the grand party.

There are only two more weeks in Lent, but it is never too late to stop and listen for the voice of God. Unlike me, you may not have to turn off your television, stereo or MP3 player. God speaks love, peace, reconciliation and justice regardless of the decibel level of our surroundings.

Perhaps the challenge for all of us in our fast-paced, noisy, urban environment is to find that quiet place within our spirits that listens for, and hears, the voice of God.

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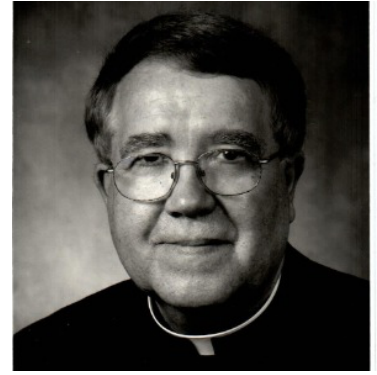
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Pancake Supper

Thank you everyone who contributed to a very successful Pancake Supper on February 17. The kitchen crew worked tirelessly to cook up the big fluffy pancakes and the sausage. A special thanks go out to Joe Lopez who was able to get the pancake mix donated to us from P & H Milling.

In Remembrance

Dr Peter Baldwin was St. Luke's part-time priest for about 11 years, from 2000 to 2021. Peter lived in Goderich and commuted to Cambridge every Sunday to lead our services. He was a quiet and gentle man with a gift of persuasion. Many Sunday nights he bunk at Dianne and Bob's house so he could continue with the work of the church on Mondays. This was when he visited those in our parish who were sick in health, spirit or mind. This was also when he gently but doggedly convinced Bob to don a robe and be a server. Peter died on 15 February 2026 at the age of 87.



The Lighter Side Quotes

"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old, it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother that does."

J. Norman Collie

"The older we get; the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for."

Will Rogers

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened."

Mark Twain

"Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get."

Robert Orben

If you were on trial for being a Christian--- would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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