

ST. LUKE'S PEWS NEWS – JUNE 2026 EDITION

Upcoming events at St. Luke's

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

June 6 – Plant, Bake and Boot Sale 9:00 – 2:00

June 14 – Joint service and BBQ potluck with St. Tom's

June 23 at 9:30 – Men's Breakfast at Zaz's

June 25 at 1:00 – Ladies Lunch at Angels



Upcoming events in Cambridge

June 28 at 10:00 – A.C.I.C. service and Picnic at St. James Anglican Church in Hespeler. Gathering music starts at 10:00 and the service starts at 10:30. Picnic to follow.

Warden's Words

'I owe the Lord a morning song, of gratitude and praise!' - Hymn by A. Herr (1816-1897)

In the early hours, when I look out the window at the garden bursting into bloom and hear the birds singing, I think of this most favourite hymn. It's in my little backyard that I see God's glory, and I thank him for 'lengthening out my days', and I ask Him, 'what do you have in store for me today, Lord?' I'm blessed beyond words for his mercy to me and those around me and we're grateful every day. I hope you too see His glory in your favourite places and find time to sit and listen for that still, small voice beckoning you to feel His peace.

In the life of our church, we're looking forward to the annual Plant & Boot Sale. We'll see a gathering of people who have a gift of creating beautiful things and others with the gift of playing music. We'll see people enjoying each other's company and working together for the good of us all. All our gifts are God-given; we all have a calling and a role to play in our Christian life.

Be open to His voice and enjoy His beautiful creation this summer.

Blessings to you all.

Cheryl, People's Warden

Pastoral Ponderings

In Genesis 1, God does not create the world and then step away from it. God lingers over creation, calling light "good," shaping land and sea, filling the earth with living things, and finally placing humanity within it, not as owners, but as caretakers. We are formed of the earth, creatures entrusted with breath, invited to tend what belongs to God.

Stewardship begins there: in learning to receive the world as gift instead of possession. The gardens we keep, the neighbours we notice, the words we choose, the small daily acts of repair and mercy — all of these matter. Creation is not raw material for our consumption and disposal; it is holy ground alive with God's presence.

This summer, pay attention to what has been placed in your care. The ordinary things may well be where God is waiting for your faithfulness most of all.

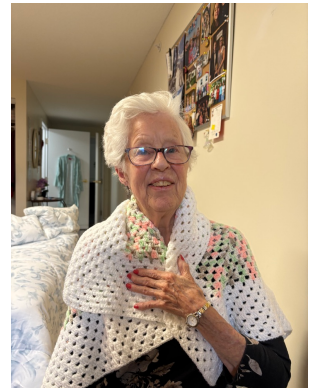
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A dearly loved member of our family

Carol Wilson has been a member of St. Luke's for many years, as were several members of her extended family. Carol has moved into Dunbar Heights Seniors Residence where she receives the assistance she requires but she is still living close to her daughter and her St. Luke's family.

This picture shows Carol wrapped warmly in a shawl presented by St. Luke's Prayer Shawl ministry.

If you are in the area, please consider dropping in on Carol for a short chat.



Plant, Bake, and Boot Sale

It's all hands-on deck for our annual plant, bake and boot sale on June 6 – rain or shine. This is our major fundraiser of 2026 and we need your help. Help comes in many forms – donations of plants, donations of baking, and donations of gently used items for the garage sale part of the event. Cheryl is heading up the plant sale portion; Sheila oversees the bake sale, and Andrea is chairing the boot sale. Volunteers are needed to assist in all 3 areas.

Come on out and give us a hand, all you have to do is bring a smile and a cheery disposition. The chairpersons will give you a job in whichever area you feel comfortable help in.

Devotional: The Joys of Summer

Aug 5, 2019

Written by Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries

Summer is so bright and cheerful. It invites it us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain, "It's sure hot outside," but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. Trees are in full leaves, flowers and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, and shorts and a t-shirt rule the day. Daylight is plentiful and it appears that there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark.

Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness – the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Author Barbara Johnson says, "Human beings thrive on laughter. Since most of us can't afford vacations in Hawaii, we have to learn to make our own fun! The best way to do that is to keep your state of mind green and golden: find, recycle, or produce joy wherever and however you can." Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy should have in our lives:

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" –[Psalm 126:2](#)

"Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them." –[Psalm 111:2](#)

"Shout for joy to God, our source of strength! Shout out to the God of Jacob!" –[Psalm 81:1](#)

Joy grows from a deep place in our souls where we meet with God honestly and humbly. A place where we learn more about Him and how our relationship can grow stronger. In this place we discover a peace that is 'beyond all understanding' ([Philippians 4:7](#)). Through this peace we can begin to experience a joy that is not dependent on the happenings of the moment – because our strength is not in ourselves, but in Christ.

Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do.

And save me a cold glass of peach iced tea!

Beef BBQ Luncheon



The smell of fried onions wafted up the stairs from the kitchen to greet all our guests for the Beef BBQ Luncheon held on May 13.

The group was small, but everyone enjoyed a great meal put together by Ruth and her faithful team. The meal consisted of BBQ beef on a bun with lots of condiments to choose from, potato salad, plus cake and ice cream for dessert. Over \$400.00 was cleared after expenses.



Joint Service and Picnic with St. Thomas

June 14 is the date of our annual joint service. This service was held for many years on the banks of the Grand River, now we get to enjoy each other's company on the lawn at St. Luke's, weather permitting.

This year we are trying something a little different, we are having a "make your own cold cut sandwich" and salad picnic. Arrangements have been made for the meat and breads to be purchased.

Our members are to supply the salads and St. Tom's members will be supplying the desserts. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and a TV table if you have one.

The next Pews News will be a mid-summer edition.

Pews News is taking a summer break, but the expenses of the church do not have that luxury. Please consider continuing your weekly offerings throughout the summer.

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