



# The KEY JANUARY 2024

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## PARISH PONDERINGS

### Are You Devoted to Fellowship?

I've been thinking a lot about fellowship lately. It started off simple enough when I was part of a conversation about Sunday fellowship after worship. It seemed to me that people were less enthusiastic about fellowship than they use to be. There was even a suggestion specifically not to bake but to just bring bought cookies. Now this is just me but to relax, I love to bake, while I know there are others who like to bake as well, I also know some others feel they can't participate in fellowship anymore because they are not able to bake like they use to. Now I've admitted I like to bake so I disagreed with just buying a package of cookies to bring for Sunday fellowship.

Well, I was wrong!

Once I really started to think about it, sitting down after worship on Sunday visiting with others, was mainly about sharing a laugh or two, sometimes exchanging or sharing ideas, on occasion even discussing the homily. It had very little to do with the cookies. It was about being with people. Fellow members who have the same core beliefs, values as I do. The cookies and tea just give us an excuse to sit and share in fellowship. I'll be honest I love home baking, but I would stay for fellowship even without any refreshments. Then I started to think about how much I missed being at church and fellowship during the early days of Covid. From there it became a question of why is fellowship so important. What is 'fellowship'.

#### **Fellowship**

Is it the church hall or fellowship hall? Could fellowship be a potluck dinner? Or maybe a fish fry or a pork dinner? Is it bible study or a book study? Could it be welcoming a new comer to the area. Yes, it could be any and all of these.

The more I thought about it the more my view or ideas expanded. Why do we join certain groups or play certain sports or go to certain summer camps? The only camps I have every gone to have been church camps or a group camp associated with a certain church. Why are we sent to these types of camps? Of course, we know our families wanted us to associate with like minded children with similar values or belief systems. Or we join a sports club, we could play basketball in our driveway but the real fun the pleasure comes from sharing, learning and challenging our peers – fellowship with others who enjoy similar things.

My old Thorndike – Barnhart Dictionary defines fellowship as companionship; a taking part with others; group of people having similar tastes or interest. The Oxford dictionary is very

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similar a feeling of friendship between people who do things together or share an interest especially in religious groups.

One of the first things I remember enjoying when we first moved to the Bruce was Worship 2000 in the park, here in Wiarton. The churches here meet monthly and raise money for the local foodbank and for a winter heat program. They work together to organize and share in an Advent Lunch each year and annual Lenten lunches as well as the big summer get together down at Bluewater Park. The group is the Wiarton Interfaith Group or WIG. It is one of the best things we do here each year as 'church' to be in community together – fellowship. We certainly don't believe in all the same doctrine or have the same ideas about how to do church, but our core beliefs are the same.

Fellowship was such an important part of the first century church. I believe it was one of the main reasons for its exponential growth. Fellowship builds relationships that strengthen our faith, even those non-formal fellowship opportunities. The early Christians met day by day in the temple, and were eating meals in each others homes daily. They were devoted to fellowship.

Are we missing something here? Could, it be that in order for us to have the kind of growth that the early church did, we must again devote ourselves to fellowship with one another inviting the wider community in. We are slowly building these relationships or fellowships with other denominations. Just recently I read how we, Lutherans and Anglicans are now in full communion with the Moravians. That's very exciting news.

Sometimes, of course, we may feel others from other denominations or even our own denomination can be a pain, they might even irritate us, we might disagree with some of their practices or their ideas, what they say or do. I have known individuals who have said enough! And walked away while others have just slowly drifted away. We might think that the church is not meeting our needs and that worshipping and praying or meditating on our own would be better. For awhile it may work, but what about your needs; or the future of church.

Our fellowship is a witness to the community or lack of fellowship is a blight on our community.

Looking at the bigger picture fellowship reinforces our beliefs; it helps to strengthen who we are.

Fellowship changes our relationship to God from I to We. We can pass on our knowledge, our learning to others.... building God's family. We learn from each other; we improve with encouragement from others.

This is why Christian fellowship is so important and a basic element of Christianity. Without fellowship with other Christians how could we grow or spur others on to Christian growth?

In the New Testament the Greek word for fellowship is Koinonia. This word expresses the idea of being together for mutual benefit. Fellowship with God and fellowship with other Christians. In Hebrews 10:24-25, 'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching'.

Fellowship is also needed for emotional support. Knowing that others are there for us when we are in need; be it physical injury, emotional crisis, or even a crisis of faith. It is good to know others are there for us and we are there for others, ready to offer our help in whatever form is needed.

Fellowship is you! It isn't just coming together to exchange niceties, to talk about the weather or sports or even to get together for a meal. While all of these are enjoyable and fun to do being a part of Christian Fellowship is so much more. To be in Christian Fellowship is to be in community with each other. You support one another, you build each other up in our relationship with God. You extend your help to others beyond our faith community to the best of our individual abilities.

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# JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Year B

## **The Baptism of the Lord, January 7, 2024 (W)**

Genesis 1:1-5/Psalm 29  
Romans 6:1-11/Mark 1:4-11  
9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Janaki)  
1130 Christ Church (Janaki)  
3:00 St. Edmund's (Janaki)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany, Jan 14, 2024(G)**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)/Psalm 139:1-10  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20/John 1:43-51  
9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Janaki)  
11:30 Christ Church (Supply Celebrant)  
3:00 St. Edmund's (Janaki)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany, Jan 21, 2024 (G)**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10/Psalm 62  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)/Mark 1:14-20  
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Janaki)  
11:30 Christ Church (Janaki)  
3:00 St. Edmund's (Janaki)

## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany, Jan 28, 2024 (G)**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20/Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13/Mark 1:21-28  
11:00 Parish Service at St. Peter's Lutheran,  
Warton  
Followed by a Pot Luck Lunch  
1:00 Laamb Congregation Meeting and  
Anglican Parish Annual Vestry  
Pastor Janaki

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## **Sponsorship Opportunities**

In memory of loved ones or in celebration of a milestone in your life consider in addition to donating flowers other methods to gift our congregations through sponsorship opportunities.

**The KEY may be sponsored for \$60.00**  
**An individual congregational bulletin may be sponsored for \$30.00**

*If you wish to make these donations, please speak with Charlotte in the Parish Office.*

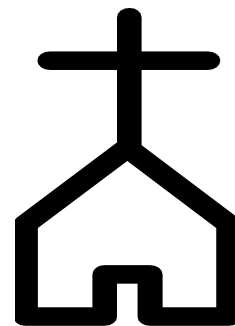
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## **LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN MINISTRIES OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA**

Together in faith,  
loving and serving God  
by helping others.

We pledge to:

- be led by Holy Spirit
- embrace differences
- adapt to changing times



*MISSION STATEMENT,  
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018*

## January Events

**Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Wiarion Ladies**

**Gather for a Epiphany Dinner**

**11:30 Gathering & Time for Fellowship**

**1:00 pm Catered Dinner**

### **Advent Book Study**

Tuesday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> mat 4:30 pm

In person in Wiarion & on Zoom

Study Wrap Up

### **Meeting Notices**

**Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Ministries Group on Zoom

10:00 am PPC on Zoom

**Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Joint Council Meeting - St. Peter's & Trinity

10:00 am in Person at St. Peter's, Wiarion

**Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**11:00 Parish Worship Service in Wiarion**

Followed by a Potluck Lunch

1:00 pm

**Laamb Annual Congregational Meeting  
And Anglican Vestry**

**Help Support Your Congregations  
Fundraising!**

**Next Avgen Order  
is  
Sunday January 7, 2024**

### **My Life's Recipe**

- 1 cup of good thoughts
- 1 cup of kind deeds
- 1 cup of consideration for others
- 2 cups of sacrifice for others
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 2 cups of well beaten faults



#### **Instructions:**

1. Mix these thorough, add tears of joy and sorrow, and sympathy for others.
2. Flavour with little gifts of love and kindly service.
3. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith to lighten other ingredients and raise the texture to a great height of Christian Living.
4. After pouring all into our daily life, bake well with the heat of human kindness.
5. Serve with a smile

Gail Ermel St. Peter's Lutheran



Parish Partnership Council Meeting  
Update  
December 12<sup>th</sup>

With this being another year of transition, it has taken longer than usual to complete a budget for the entire Parish. It of course has a great impact on the budgets of each of our churches. On Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> we held a PPC meeting specifically to again review/revise the budget. Our Wardens, Co-Chairs, Pastor members of PPC and myself as Treasurer have put in a lot of work to make this a doable budget. It will be brought forward for your approval at our expanded Laamb Annual Congregational meeting and the Anglican Parish Annual Vestry. So, everyone has a chance to review, discuss and have a say in the budget's approval. We are all aware of how costs keep going up. We are looking at all of our options to control expenses or to reduce their impact. All options, have been considered including discussions with the Diocese on their apportionment. The reworking of numbers and capital being withdrawn from Trinity Church Building Trust Fund.



**Marybeth Ginn Helping to Light  
the Advent 3 Candles**

St. Peter's Trinity, Wiarton

**Notice of Annual Meeting**

Following an  
11:00 am Parish Worship Service  
At  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Wiarton

A potluck Lunch

1:00 p.m. Laamb & Anglican Parish Vestry

We encourage das many as possible to attend  
in person.

Zoom Link will also be provided

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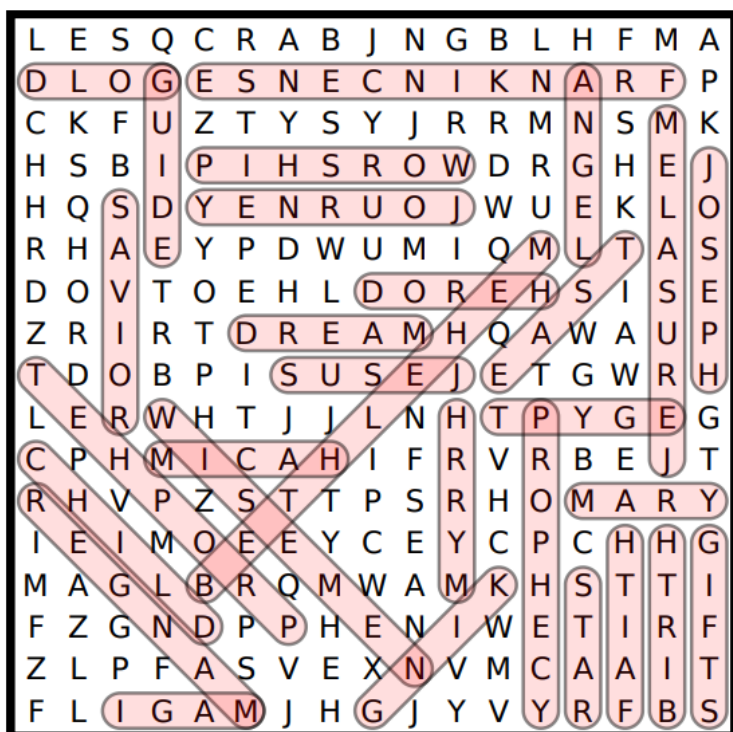
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## SUNDAY HUMOUR



### December Crossword Solution



### Adults Say The Darndest Things

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue:

'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

-Eleanor Roosevelt

### WORDS TO LIVE BY

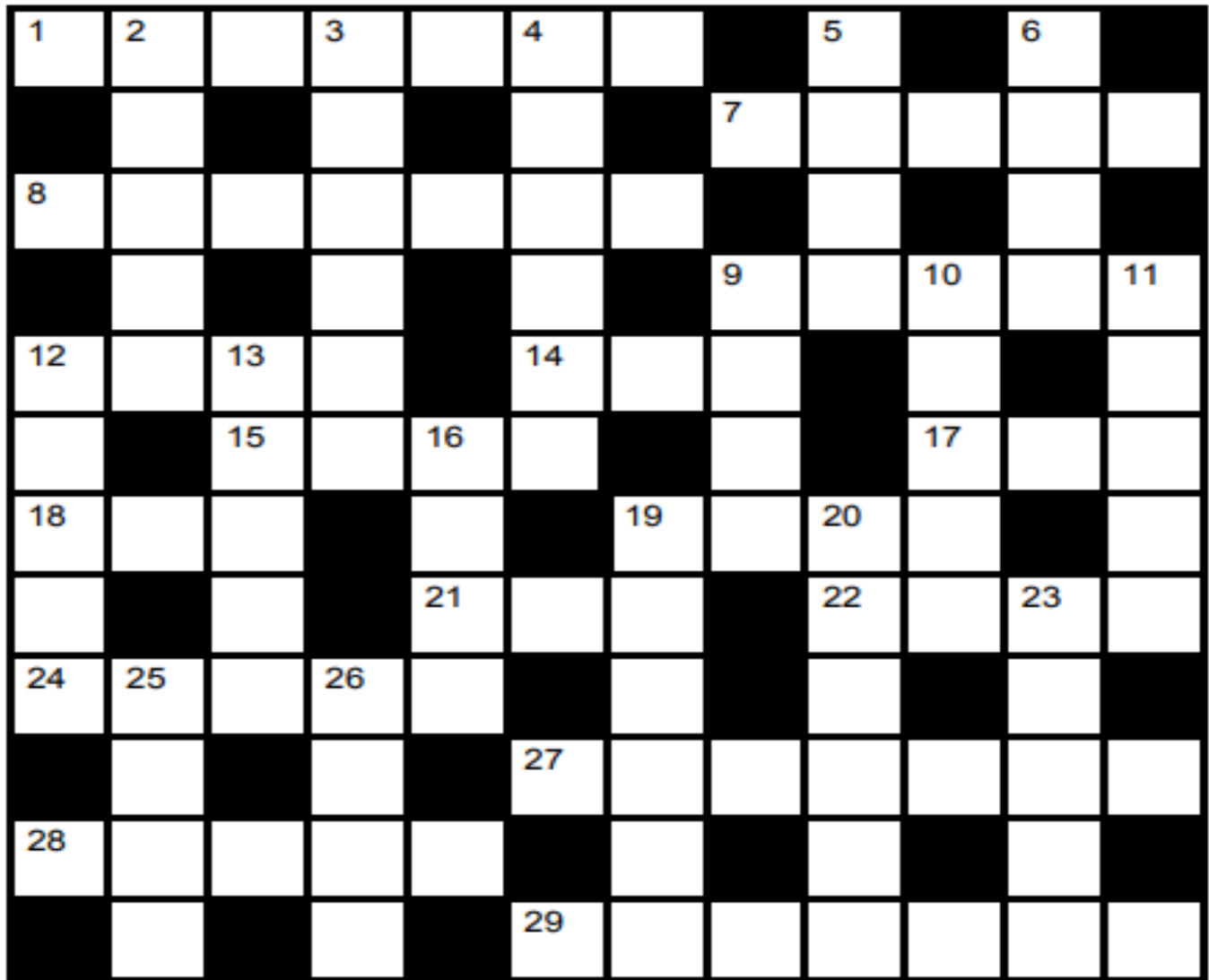
Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully .... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker!



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# January Crossword Puzzle



by *Philologus*

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Across


- 1 Story of Jesus (7)
- 7 Roman Procurator (5)
- 8 Early Christian city (7)
- 9 Propose (5)
- 12 Appeal (4)
- 14 Greater light (3)
- 15 Secret plan (4)
- 17 Pot (3)
- 18 Fire remnant (3)
- 19 Yoked pair (4)
- 21 Thief (3)
- 22 Lazy (4)
- 24 Walls (5)
- 27 Bathsheba, when David saw her (7)
- 28 Flat (5)

29 Loosening (7)

Down



- 2 Bring to naught (5)
- 3 Ark passenger (6)
- 4 Pest (6) 5 Not hearing (4)
- 6 Last supper drink (4) 9 Precious stone (4)
- 10 Lost no more (5)
- 11 Run under water (5) 12 Talks to God (5)
- 13 Sacred vestment (5) 16 Belonging to us (4)
- 19 Acquire (6)
- 20 Moses' age when he spoke to Pharaoh (6)
- 23 Sheets (5)
- 25 Land in the water (4)
- 26 Wicked (4)



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>VESTA Toll free Phone in sessions: 1-866-261-6767</b><br><b>Guest Code: 7722700 followed by# You will be in the session.</b>  | <b>1</b><br>  | <b>2</b><br>11:15 – 11:45 a.m.<br><b>VESTA Toll free phone chat - Topic: Celebrating Family Traditions</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br>11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.<br>Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone   | <b>6</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone  |
| <b>ZP = Zoom phone in with Laughter with Carolyn</b><br><br><b>ZV = Zoom Video with Laughter with Carolyn</b>  | <b>8</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone  | <b>9</b><br>11:15 – 11:45 a.m.<br><b>VESTA Toll free phone chat -Topic: Favourite Recipes</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>11:15 – 12:00 p.m.<br>Mindfulness and Gentle Chair Stretches – <b>VESTA toll free phone in</b>  | <b>12</b><br>11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.<br>Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone  | <b>13</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone |
| <b>NBPCSAAC = Northern Bruce Peninsula Community Support Advisory Action Committee</b>   | <b>15</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone | <b>16</b><br>11:15 – 11:45 a.m.<br>Let's Chat via <b>VESTA Toll free phone -Topic: Easy Cookie Recipes</b>   | <b>17</b><br>1:00 – 2:00 p.m.<br>Writer's Workshop<br><b>Zoom Link</b> will be sent to you or join by <b>VESTA toll free phone in.</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone in  | <b>20</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone |
| <b>NBP Bruce Grey Senior Centre Without Walls</b><br><br><b>Community Grant Sponsors = The Good Companions Senior Centre, Ottawa</b><br><br><b>OSHS = Old School House Seniors</b> | <b>22</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone | <b>23</b><br>1:00 – 3:00 p.m.<br><b>Community Forum on Senior Issues and Elder Abuse Prevention</b> with Amber Jackson at Christ Church, Lion's Head, Refreshments served. | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Let's Do Coffee – phone Sharron for the link.<br>11:15 – 12:00 p.m. – <b>VESTA toll free phone – Topic: Trivia with Debbie</b> | <b>26</b><br>11:00 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone in  | <b>27</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Laughter with Carolyn via zoom video or zoom phone |
|  | <b>29</b><br><b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Zoom Phone only with Carolyn</b><br>11:00 – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laughter with Carolyn                              | <b>30</b><br>11:00 – 12:00 p.m.<br>Book Club – “Yes, Miss Thompson”<br>Contact Sharron at 519-793-3473 for the link.   | “We acknowledge with respect, the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabek and the Haudenosaunee peoples on whose traditional territories we gather and whose ancestors signed Treaties with our ancestors. We recognize also, the Ojibway of Nawash and the Ojibway of Saugeen, whose ancestors shared this land and these waters. May we all live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all its diverse peoples.” |  | <b>Toll free Phone in sessions: 1-866-261-6767 Guest Code: 7722700 followed by# You will be in the session. Zoom video program Click on join meeting. Input ID 86980849744 when prompted. Click join meeting. Input Passcode 987999 when prompted. You will be asked to check video and audio. For zoom phone in program dial 1-647-374-4685 (\$0.3 a minute without long distance plan)</b><br><b>Listen for the voice. Input ID 86980849744 followed by #. Listen to the voice. Then input passcode 987999 followed by #. You will be placed into the session.</b> |  |

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# LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR JANUARY 2024

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|---|--------|---|
|   | 1.<br> | 2.                           | 3.   | 4.  | 5.     | 6.<br>11:30 - Social<br>1:00 Catered Lunch<br>Wiarton Ladies at St. Peter's |
| 7.<br>9:30 St. Peter's Trinity<br>11:30 Christ Church<br>3:00 St. Edmund's  | 8.   | 9.<br>4:30 Advent Book Study | 10.  | 11.<br>10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>  | 12.    | 13.   |
| 14.<br>9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity<br>11:30 Christ Church<br>3:00 St. Edmund's   | 15.  | 16.                          | 17.<br>9:00 Ministries<br>10:00 PPC<br>On Zoom | 18.<br>10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>  | 19.    | 20.   |
| 21.<br>9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity<br>11:30 Christ Church<br>3:00 St. Edmund's   | 12.  | 23.                          | 24.  | 25.<br>10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>  | 26.    | 27.   |
| 28.<br>11:30 Christ Church<br>11:00 Parish Service<br>Wiarton - followed by<br>Pot Luck Lunch<br>1:00 Laamb<br>Congregational Meeting<br>Anglican Parish Vestry | 29.  | 30.                          | 31.  |  <p>Lutheran &amp; Anglican Ministries of the Bruce<br/>Rectory 519-534-2607 Office 519-534-1604</p> <p>Office Hours:<br/>Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.<br/>Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> |        |   |