Announcements July 7—13, 2025

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As you prepare for worship... Proper 14C

2 Kings 5:1-14: In this reading, we hear of a mighty Syrian warrior, Naaman, who suffered from "leprosy" (a term used for many incurable skin ailments, a few of which were fatal). Naaman heard of a Prophet of the God of Israel from an unlikely source – the captured Israeli servant girl of his wife. Mighty Naaman humbled himself to go to Elisha (the Prophet of a defeated people's God), but did not go into the Prophet's home. Elisha did not go out to greet this august guest, but instead merely sent a messenger to Naaman (which seemed like a snub to him) to tell him to wash seven times in the Jordan. This seemed too simple for Naaman, but he further humbled himself, and did so anyway, and he was healed. He returned home proclaiming that there is only one God in all the earth, the God of Israel!

Galatians 6:14-16: Paul had written that while we are "free" from the constraints of the Law that did not give us permission to do whatever we want. We must live lives worthy of the Lord. There were obviously those in the Galatian Church who boasted in their "righteous living" (by observing the Law) compared to other members of the Church. In our reading today, Paul reminded us that we can only boast in "the cross" (the crucifixion, death and resurrection of the Lord) by which we are set free from the power of sin and death and have become new creations, the new Israel of God. All of this is of God and not because of anything we do.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20: As Jesus had sent his twelve on missionary expeditions, he now sent out "70" beyond Israel (Seventy was the number of the known nations of the earth at the time). Jesus told them that though this is a dangerous mission, they are not to worry about anything – all would be provided for them. They went out to heal people and proclaim by word and action the Kingdom of God. Returning, they told Jesus of their success, for they even had received power over evil spirits! Jesus responded to them by telling them he saw Satan fall from heaven and that they should rejoice that their names are "written in heaven."

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

Activities this Week Monday Jul 7 7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement Jul 8 Tuesday 7:00 pm—Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall Jul 9 Wednesday 10:00 am & 7:00 pm—Bible Study, Rectory **Jul 11** Friday 8:00 pm—Group meeting Parish Hall **Jul 13** Sunday 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist BCP 10:30 am—Holy Eucharist, BAS

If you are a new member of the congregation please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of the wardens with your contact information. Email, mailing address and phone number. Thank you and Welcome.

Anyone interested in joining a great group of women in the Alter Guild please contact Deb Heaton or Carole James-Airey. (Two consecutive weeks every two & a half months is the necessary commitment)

Readers and Greeters

We are always looking for more people to take part in doing the Readings, Prayers of the People and Greeters. If you are interested please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of our Wardens.

E-Mail Addresses - As many of you are aware, any urgent messages, prayer requests and general information is being emailed to anyone who has provided us that information. If you would like to begin receiving these emails, please let Valerie know in the office, or email allsaints.sarnia@gmail.com

<u>Stamps</u>—Please remember to save your stamps for the Bible Society. Stamps can be placed in the containers located at the doors of the church in Memorial Hall or give them to Esme Gander. Thank you.

Memorial Flowers—Anyone wishing to bring flowers from the altar to a shut-in or ill parishioner please see a Chancel Guild member immediately before or after the church service. Thank you.

A reminder—That anyone may request that flowers be put on the altar on any Sunday in memory of loved ones or in honour of a special event etc. If you wish to do so, please contact Valerie in the business office (344-5167) to make arrangements. A donation to help offset the flower costs for that Sunday will be gratefully received.

It has come to my attention that some of our newer members don't know what the Slice is nor what Creative Word is.

The Slice: On the 4th Friday of the month we gather at 5 PM at a restaurant in Sarnia or Corunna (the location is on the announcement page. Well, usually). Around 6:30 we gather in the lounge of the Parish House with one of our former organists, Lois Lafond (now at St Andrew;s Presbyterian) for a hymn sing. I always go home with a smile on my face!

Creative Word: On the second Friday of the month we gather at 7 PM in one of our homes with wine and cheese (of course) as we discuss whatever book we are reading.

This is announced on the announcement page (well, usually). It is a very fun event. Come and join us!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS—During the period from July 16 - August 5, the office will be open Wednesday - Fridays. Exceptions are: Wednesday, July 16, when the office will be closed. All other Wednesdays, it will be open from 10 am - 12 pm. All Thursdays & Fridays it will open from 10 am - 1 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE **

(Every Tuesday, 11 am Walking Group meeting at the Animal Farm parking lot with a 12:15 pm Lunch. This week is TBA.

(**Every Wednesday**, 10 am & 7 pm - Bible Study at the Rectory.

Jul 11 7 pm—Creative Wo

Jul 14 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Jul 25 5 pm – The Slice, TBA 6:30 pm – Hymn Sing

Aug 8 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Aug 11 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Aug 22 5 pm—The Slice, TBA 6:30 pm—Hymn Sing

Sep 8 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Sep 12 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Sep 15 1:30 pm—ACW meets, Parish House



Bible Crossword events will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30ish, at the rectory. Next month will be on **July 14th.**

Food Bank Sunday



The first Sunday of each month will be food bank Sunday. All items collected will be donated to the St Andrew's Food Bank in Corunna.

Much needed items are canned fruit, snack crackers, Manwich, canned chili, canned pasta with meat, juice boxes, men's and women's deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. At this time they do not need canned beans, or soup. They do not take clothing or empty containers.

Donations Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Donations

Any parishioners needing envelopes or wishing to donate via pre-authorized payment, please see Leigh Carson after the service or leave a message in the office Tuesday through Friday.



"From the Pantry"

Available now, homemade soup, \$6 and dinners \$12 each. Includes various soups, mac & cheese, dinners and more to come.

The next Creative Word will be **July 11th**, **7 pm**.



Serving Schedule:

PA Monitor: Andi Beer

Greeters: Natalie Beer & Renee Huizenga