# Announcements September 1—7, 2025

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The flowers in the chapel today are given to the Glory of God by Carol Stirling in loving memory of her husband Al and her daughter Ann.

## As you prepare for worship... Proper 22C

Jeremiah 2:4-5, 7, 9, 11b-13: The language in this reading is reminiscent of God bringing a lawsuit against His people. "I've done so much for you and you have thrown it all away!" The witnesses to Israel's faithlessness to God even include the heavens. The people have traded their glory, a gift from God, for worthless cisterns that cannot "hold water" and so are ultimately worthless.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a: The unknown author contrasts the Covenant God made with the Hebrew people ("something that can be touched" – the stone tablets, and then a reminder of the events on Mt Zion) with the new one God has given the world through Christ. In this new Covenant, we are made "righteous" and "perfect."

Luke 14:1, 7-14: On his way to dine with some Pharisees, Jesus healed a man with dropsy. Jesus, at the table, noticed how all the guests (clergy) were jockeying for the best seats. Jesus told a parable about a wedding feast (a metaphor for the Kingdom) where he explained it is wisest to choose the seat of lowest honour. God will reward you and is never fooled by self-promotion. And then to the host who invited him, Jesus exhorted him to invite people who can never pay him back. God will "pay" you, Jesus said. The Pharisee should invite the very people Jesus is healing, like the man with dropsy.

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Philemon 9b-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



**Activities this Week** 

Sep 1 Monday

7:00 pm—Group Meeting, Basement

Sep 2 Tuesday

7:00 pm—Bluewater Chordsmen, Parish Hall

Sep 3 Wednesday

10:00 am & 7:00 pm—Bible Study, Rectory

Sep 4 Thursday

3:30 pm—Choir practice **Sep 5 Friday** 

8:00 pm—Group meeting Parish Hall

Sep 7 Sunday

8:00 am—Holy Eucharist BCP 10:30 am—Holy Eucharist BCP

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 Altar 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 reading the Readings, Prayers of the People and Greeters. If you are interested please contact the office (519-344-5167) or one of our Wardens.

### 2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Warden: Heather Norwood

Gord Loeven

**Deputy Warden:** Carole James-Airey

Kathy Hungerford

Treasurer: Natalie Beer

Lay Delegates to Synod: Susan Memedovich

Maurice Carson

Alternate Lay Delegates: Jim Hodgins

Barb Pajuk

Members at Large: Leigh Carson

Beverly Woods Kory Memedovich Glen Crawford Kathy Hungerford

Don Hunter

Clergy: Rev'd Karen Nelles, Priest-in-Charge

Rev'd Canon Steve Harnadek, Associate Priest

**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday - Friday: 9am-1pm. **Steve Harnadek** - Tues - Fri: 10 am - 12 Noon (Day off: Mon) (These are estimated times and do fluctuate, depending on circumstances. It is best to call first!)

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!

## **Prayer List**

"We hope to ensure that those currently in need of our prayers are remembered each Sunday in our bulletin. We are therefore going to start afresh on our prayer list and we are seeking your help. If there is someone whom you wish to include in our weekly prayers, please contact the office. Please give Valerie, our secretary, your name and the first name of the person whom you wish to include in our weekly prayers. If you call before September 3, we can ensure that the person in need will be included in our new prayer list, which will be announced on Sunday, September 7. As always, needs change and new requests are always welcome."



# **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, cookies, manwich/stew, instant coffee/regular tea, 1 liter juice boxes, toilet paper, fruit / pudding cups, canned meats, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. They do not take clothing or empty containers.



## "From the Pantry"

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

#### 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.

Sep 8	1:30 pm-	-Bible	Crossword,	Rectory
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Sep 12 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Sep 14 4 pm—Corn Boil & Potluck, Christ

Church in Forest

Sep 24 1:30 pm—ACW joint meeting, St. Paul's

Sep 26 5 pm – The Slice, TBA

6:30 pm – Hymn Sing

Oct 10 7 pm—Creative Word, TBA

Oct 13 1:30 pm—Bible Crossword, Rectory

Oct 24 5 pm—The Slice, TBA

## Lambton Deanery Corn Boil & Potluck Sunday, Sept 14th at 4 pm Christ Church, 20 Main St. South, Forest

Everyone is invited. Bring a dish to share (main or desert), your lawn chair (if we are outdoors) a smile and an appetite! Weather permitting we will enjoy the beauty of the Christ Church grounds and eat outdoors. If it rains, we'll move indoors to the Christ Church Hall. For more information, see the bulletin board.

Guest Speaker: Deve Persad, Regional Minister— Evangelical Missionary Church, Sarnia.



**Bible Crossword** events will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:30-ish, at the rectory. Next month will be on **September 8th.** 

The next Creative Word will be **September 12th**, **7 pm** location TBA.



**The Slice.** We'll gather for dinner at 5pm on **September 26th** Location TBA. Then back to the Parish House for a hymn sing around 6:30 pm.

#### Serving Schedule:

PA Monitor: Andi Beer

**Greeters: Donna Piggot & Fred Warriner**