

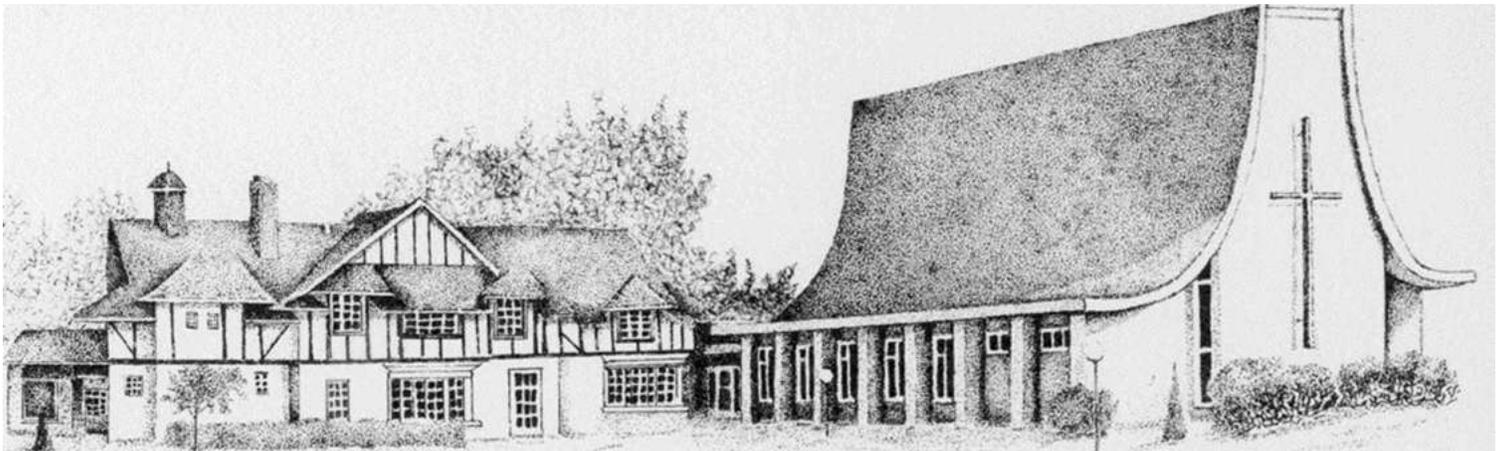
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NEWSLETTER OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, OWEN SOUND

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APRIL/SPRING
celebrations

BIRTHDAYS:

April 2025

- 5 - Graham Jordan
- 7 - Delaney Mitchell
- 14 - Christian Osadzuk
- 17 - Corinne Furniss
- 18 - Dianne McNabb
- 22 - Beth Gendron
- 24 - Racheal Prowd
- 27 - Yvonne Gardhouse
- 29 - Janet Furniss

May 2025

- 1 - David Knipe
- 2 - Paige Davison
- 3 - Laura Rebel
- 8 - Reed Bell
- 16 - Selda Graham
- 16 - Marg Schuknecht
- 20 - Glenn McNabb
- 20 - Karin VanderDuim
- 22 - Peggy Uttley

June 2025

- 1 - Karlie Batterman
- 1 - Hailey Bruin
- 6 - Carly Furniss
- 10 - Orval Kalinowski
- 12 - Amy Heft
- 15 - Amy Rebel-Gomes
- 15 - Bev Grahlman
- 17 - Ron Linseman
- 20 - Sylvia Statham
- 21 - Harvey MacDonnell
- 24 - Joyce Grahlman
- 24 - Stella Redeker
- 28 - James Bruin

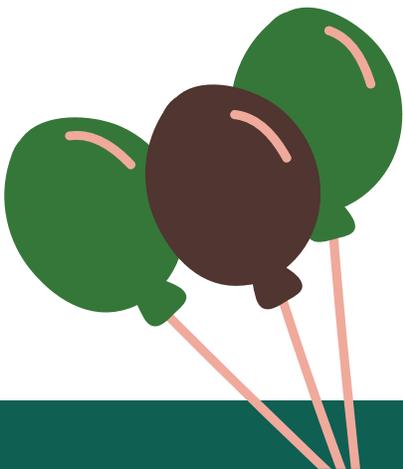
ANNIVERSIES:

May.

- 7 - Ron & Yvonne Gardhouse
- 22 - Linda & John Marek
- 26 - Joyce & Guy Kauffman
- 28 - Susan & Richard Prowd

June

- 1 - Shelly & Scott Batterman



WORSHIP SCHEDULE**WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR**
May to August 2025**May 2025**

May 4/25	3 rd Easter	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
May 11/25	4 th Easter	Angela Yenssen – Service Word
May 18/25	5 th Easter	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
May 25/25	6 th Easter	Bishop Larry Kochendorfer - Service Word Jul 31/22–

June 2025

June 1/25	7 th Easter	Bishop Jason Zinko - Service Word: Aug 7/22
June 8/25	Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
June 15/25	Holy Trinity	Angela Yenssen - Service Word
June 22/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
June 29/25	Time after Pentecost	Rev Prema Samuel- Service Word - Aug 14/22

JULY 2025

Jul 6/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
July 13/25	Time after Pentecost	Deacon Michelle Collins - Service Word Aug 21/22
July 20/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
July 27/25	Time after Pentecost	Angela Yenssen - Service Word

August 2025

Aug 3/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
Aug 10/25	Time after Pentecost	Angela Yenssen - Service Word
Aug 17/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion
Aug 24/25	Time after Pentecost	Bishop Michael Pryse (Ret) - Service Word - Aug 28/22
Aug 31/25	Time after Pentecost	Pastor Becky Klages - Communion

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

LCOS Congregational Council Installation

Your 2025-2026 LCOS council was installed ("like a dishwasher", as Pastor Christie would say) on March 16th 2025.

Michele Osadzuk: Chair, Mike Furniss: Vice Chair, Don Statham: Treasurer, Richard Prowd: Secretary, Paul Osadzuk.

NEW THIS YEAR!!! Jan Chamberlain, Steve Kellner-Miller

As always please feel free to contact any member of council with any questions, comments or concerns. The group of volunteers look forward to serving the church family.



Left to right - Back row: Mike Furniss, Don Statham, Michele Osadzuk, Paul Osadzuk. Front Row: Gloria Pfeffer, Steve Kellner-Miller, Mary-Lou Armstrong, Jan Chamberlain, Pastor Rebecca Klages, Richard Prowd.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada: Non-Binary Safety

Bishops on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have written a letter to the Church discussing the importance of prayer and protection for the marginalized 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Click on the pink link above to read what they have to say.

If you wish to receive the weekly newsletter from ELCIC please subscribe using this link: <https://elcic.ca/elcic-news/>

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team (GBOHT) Initiatives



The GBPHT is working to provide information to our community. Three new initiatives from GBOHT for you to investigate:

1. A 5-minute Patient Experience Survey that the public is being asked to complete regarding various aspects of their healthcare.
<https://www.greybruceoht.ca/>
2. ConnectMyHealth App is available to allow individuals to sign up and see their medical records and reports from GB hospitals (MRI, CT scans, etc). This does not include information from your family doctor or lifelabs. <https://info.connectmyhealth.ca/>
3. GBOHT Newsletter provides a variety of health information. Find the newsletter at the following link: <https://www.greybruceoht.ca/news>

Easter Breakfast

An Easter breakfast will be held prior to our Easter Service on Sunday April 20th. Come join us at 10 AM to enjoy a breakfast with our Church family. Easter service will then be held at 11 AM following our meal.



TUNE IN



Notes from Sharon

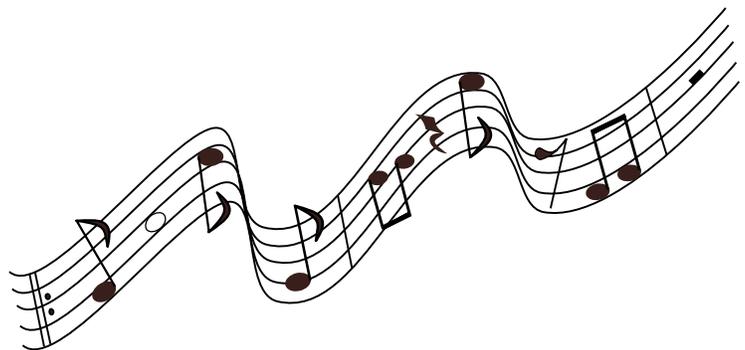
We are now upon Lent's doorstep. Ash Wednesday began on March 5, and Easter this year is April 20. The choir has been working hard to present you with our offerings of anthems set with the Lenten tone and journey towards the cross.

Offering Communion to our Shut-ins:

If there is anyone who would appreciate communion brought to them during this Lenten Season, please call the Church office at 519-376-9710, and leave a message. Sharon will get back to you to make an appointment.

We've started a series of Introductions to our Accompanists. Here is an introduction to Faith Peters. She has been with us as accompanist since March of last year.

Sharon MacKenzie-Jordan
Director of Music
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TUNE IN

My name is Faith Peters.

I grew up in a small Mennonite Brethren Church near Main Center, SK. Our family farmed within a community of Norwegian Lutherans in the Beaver Flat area. We often participated in their church services with our family of seven providing music. The Funk Family Plays Gospel was the name of our album and we gave concerts in many south Saskatchewan churches.



Church music has been my life. I have accompanied several church choirs including the North Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church in Fresno, CA. Most recently, I held the position of music director at St. Luke's Zion Lutheran Church in Winnipeg for 15 years. I studied pipe organ under Lottie Enns-Braun . I studied piano under Irmgard Baerg whose teacher was the world famous Leon Fleischer. She was the concert pianist for the Mennonite Piano Concerto recorded by the London, England Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Lyell Gustin of Saskatoon was also my instructor. I played violin for Dr. Howard Leighton Brown of the University of Regina in the Swift Current music festivals.

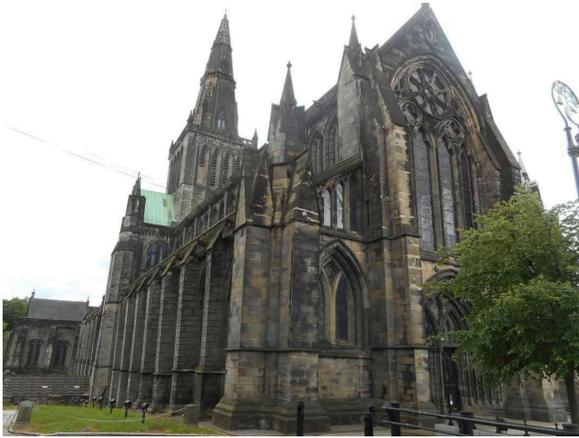
I have taught private and group piano, violin, guitar and theory lessons for about fifty years in Winnipeg. I received Yamaha group lesson education in Toronto for several summers. I had a small orchestra of about twelve musicians for four years. I also sang in the Mennonite Oratorio Choir for many years. Presently, I play second violin in the Rosin Dust Community Symphony Orchestra. When I am not at LCOS, I sing in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir and serve as a substitute organist. I also provide pulpit supply as a preacher. Owen Sound has been my home for almost two years now and I am pleased to assist LCOS. Many thanks for this opportunity!

Faith Peters

SHARING FAITH

Below are places of worship your fellow Church members have visited. Please enjoy and visit the Church websites by clicking the names above the photos!

Glasgow Cathedral



The building of Glasgow Cathedral began in 1136 and took about 350 years to finish. It is a parish church of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). Absolutely beautiful! Ray and I visited on our honeymoon in Scotland, July 2014.

Submitted by Kim Redeker

Trinity Anglican Church



In winter 2023 I spent 2.5 months in Nice in the South of France and while there, most Sundays I attended Trinity Anglican Church (English speaking). The congregation consisted mostly of English, Canadians and Americans but I am sure other English speaking people. Afterwards we would have refreshments in the garden/cemetery.

Submitted by Diana Lenk

SHARING FAITH

Papua New Guinea, 1972



At this time Papua New Guinea was under Australian control but gained its independence in 1973. I did volunteer work in the Western Highlands in Papua and New Guinea and this is the church for the volunteers. The missionaries would do the service .

Submitted by Gloria Pfeffer

Uppsala Cathedral



Originally a pagan temple in Old Uppsala and eventually converting to a Christian church, Uppsala Cathedral is the tallest of all Church buildings in Scandinavia. The original church was damaged in a fire in the 12th century, so the church was moved and rebuilt in its current location. It was not completely finished until the 14th century, with the western wing being added in the 15th. Eventually the congregation and building was converted to the Church of Sweden, an evangelical Lutheran denomination, lucky us.

Submitted by Christian Osadzuk

SHARING FAITH

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia is home to the oldest worshipping Lutheran congregation in Canada. The first Lutherans settled in Lunenburg in 1753. The first Church was built in 1770.



The bell of the Church, originally hung in Louisbourg, and was rung for the first time in the new church in August of 1776.

Submitted by Michele Osadzuk

Chapel of Bones, Igreja do Carmo - Faro, Portugal

The interior of the church is beautiful. There are 1,250 Carmelite monk's skeletons built into the walls of the chapel. The chapel is a little creepy.

Submitted by Marianne Williams



PANCAKES! PANCAKES! PANCAKES!

Lots of wonderful smiles and plenty of sticky fingers at LCOS Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday (March 4, 2025).

Fresh homemade pancakes were provided to the congregation, Church visitors, and over 30 friends at St. Francis Place. Over 90 people were served wonderful pancakes and sausages, and if they had room, some ice cream as well! Funds raised from this event were approximately \$1000. Thank you to our volunteers and all those who came out.



Cathy Todd, Michele, & Christian Osadzuk busy in the kitchen.



Marianne Williams on flipping duty.



Pat Evans and Friends enjoying the company.



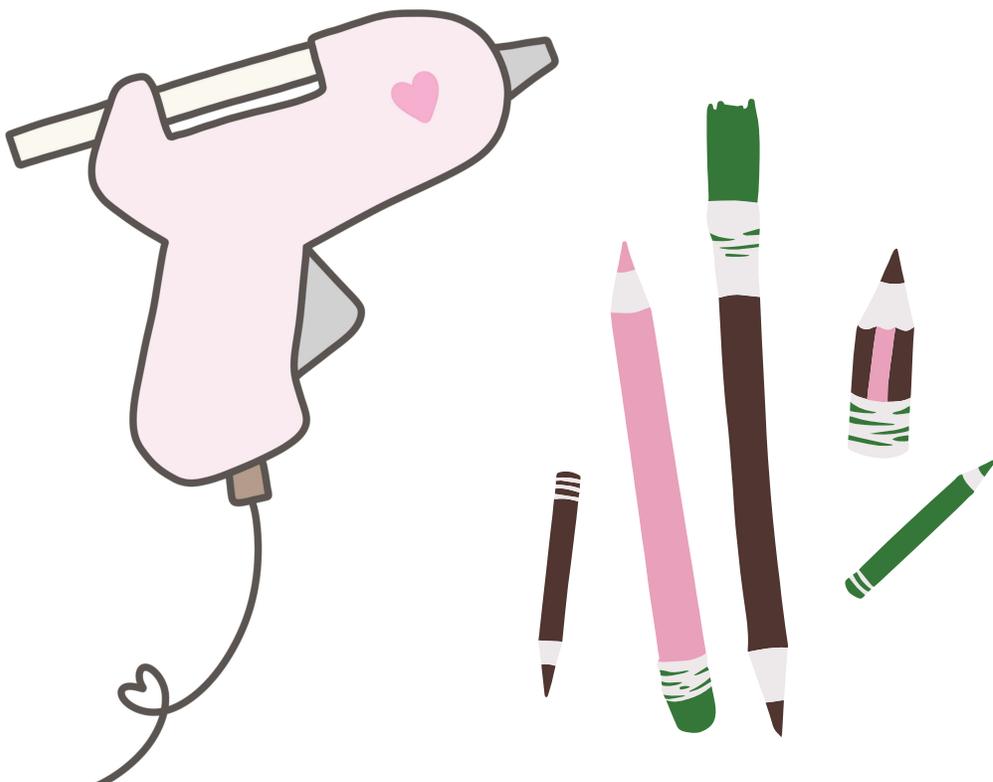
Don Statham collecting donations.



Elaine Ruhl, Arlene Wright and friends finishing up their pancakes.

EASTER CRAFTING

All were excited to make sparkly charms, spring wreaths and vibrant flowers on this rainy Saturday morning! Keep your eyes peeled for announcements on more exciting events hosted by our fabulous Witness Committee.



LSS & LOM UPDATES

St. Clare Place

We have conditional approval on the funding. We haven't seen any money yet, but it sounds positive. We were required by CMHC to get a new geotechnical study done and we got the test bore hole done March 26 (after a few days of delays). The engineering firm is working on a report. We are also working with the city on some paperwork and legal stuff. We should have some resolution by May.

Office / Apartment Conversion project

LSS / LOM are working on converting some office space into 3 one bedroom apartments in St. Francis Place. The project is going along well. Demolition was done and the new walls are going up. The concrete floor was saw cut and jack hammered (sorry Edward Jones), so new drain lines could be installed. New concrete has been poured to cover the pipes. We also got \$182,000 in funding from the province that will make one of the units "affordable". Move in should be by July.



FINANCE REPORT

Finance Report for February

LCOS is doing well in the current fund at present but there are some concerns. We have about \$1,000 less current “envelope” income than last year. We’ll have to see if this is just a blip or a trend.

LCOS has invested some of the accumulated funds in a high interest savings account to earn some income. We had accumulated money in our chequing account but the chequing account doesn’t generate interest income.

It is still early in the year and there are a few anomalies in the books. Gas heating bill expenses are very low due to the late billing from Enbridge. So next month should look more normal. The water heater sprung a leak and was replaced by the plumber. The bill was about \$1300. This hasn’t been included in the expenses yet and will be accounted for in March.

~ Don Statham

ST. FRANCIS

As many of you know, LSS offer non-profit housing in St. Francis place. But what do you know about the person after which the building was named? St. Francis was born in Italy in 1181/82. St. Francis embraced a life of poverty and service.



[St. Francis of Assisi, Biography.com](https://www.biography.com)

He believed that we must “follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and walk in his footsteps”. Francis considered all creatures his brother and sisters and is now recognized as the patron saint of animals, ecology and Italy.

ST. CLARE

The new LSS apartment building will be named St. Clare Place. St. Clare of Assisi was born in 1194. She was deeply influenced by St. Francis and began the second order of St. Francis, eventually becoming the abbess or head nun. St. Clare was credited with a variety of miracles, both in life and in death. She is the Patron Saint of eye-disease, goldsmiths, laundry, embroiderers, needle-workers and good weather.



[St. Clare of Assisi, Britannica.com](https://www.britannica.com)