

## A Time Called ... PENTECOST SEASON

*What is better than an ordinary day? An ordinary day lets you catch up on small tasks, or it gives you time to have a nap, or it gives you time to clear out the garage. The season of Pentecost is both long and ordinary.*

### Historical Roots of Pentecost

The seasons of the Christian church are organized around two major celebrations – Christmas and Easter. The long period of time (33 or 34 Sundays) between Pentecost Sunday and Advent have long been referred to as Pentecost Season or Ordinary Time. The original meaning of Ordinary Time seems not to have the meaning of mundane or common. Rather, it meant “counted time” – the time counted between Pentecost and Advent. Traditionally, this time focused on the mission of the church to the world.

### Finding Meaning in the Tradition

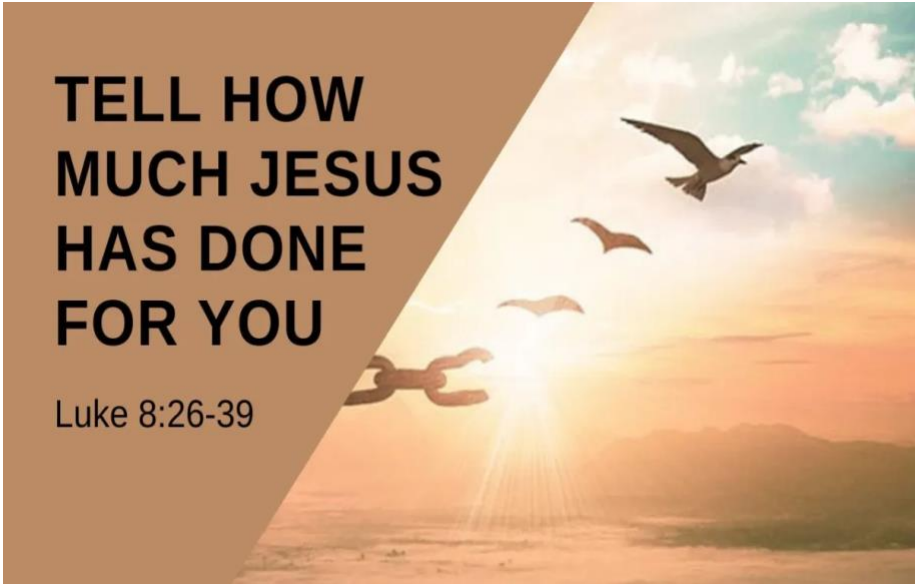
Sometimes church leaders jokingly say that the long stretch of time from Pentecost Sunday in the Spring to Advent in the fall contains all the parts of the church year left over after everything else has been accounted for. It is a time for growth. Hence, the colour green. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for “green” also means “young.” Pentecost season is a time for doing ordinary things – teaching the young, growing, learning, experimenting changing, thinking. This long season is a time to reflect on how to live under the guidance of God’s Spirit.

### Questions for Personal Meditation

In what ways will I grow and change in this long season? What delights me about Ordinary time? How can I engage in the mission of the church to the world?

FORGIVEN

TO GLORIFY, WITNESS & SERVE



TELL HOW  
MUCH JESUS  
HAS DONE  
FOR YOU

Luke 8:26-39

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Rev. Dr. Mark S. Richardson

Rev. Jeff Smith

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**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 10:30 am**  
**The Church of Jesus the Saviour**  
**Celebrates the Good News**  
**of God's Love for the World**  
**Made Manifest in Jesus His Son**  
**as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone!!!**

***Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!***

Call to Worship:

**Praise: “Come now is the time to worship”** **SB #81**

Welcome, and announcements:

***Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!***

**Praise: “As the deer”** **SB #24**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

***Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!***

Scripture: St. Luke 3:26-39                      NLT

Message: “Possessed”

***Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable***

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “We give Thee” vs. 1, 2 **BP #364**

Prayer of Dedication

**Praise: “A mighty Fortress is our God”** **BP #86**

***Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry***

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “May the Lord”** **SB #80**

## **Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – at home

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

## **Sunday School:**

Thank-you to the children and the families of our Sunday School for your participation and support throughout this past school year!

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team for the fall. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children.

Peace and Joy,              Cathrine and Nicolene

## **Events This Week: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Sunday:**        10:30 am – Worship Service;

**Tuesday:**    12 – 1:30 pm – Music Therapy

**Wednesday:** 9 am – Final VBS decorating party

**Friday:**        12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy

**Saturday:**    10 am – noon – WOW in the Gray Hall

**Sunday:**        10:30 am – Worship Service

### **Here are the May financial statements**

A shortfall of about \$1000 for the month and close to a \$7400 shortfall year to date.

With the summer months approaching we'll continue to monitor and report to the congregation regularly with the updated financial results. We appreciate everyone's financial support.

Finance & Stewardship Team

### **From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:**

1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8

2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net

3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.

4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.

5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

**Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.**

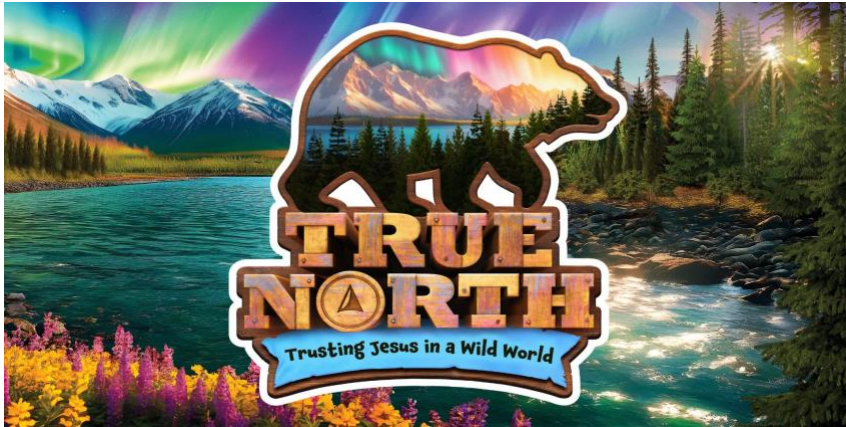
**Offering Envelopes:** If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2025 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

### **Grocery Cards:**

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

**WOW** is inviting all Ladies of KEPC to join together in a “See You In September” potluck breakfast. This will be held on **Saturday, June 28th** from 10:00 til Noon in the Gray Hall. Please do not feel that you need to bring anything in order to join us. We would rather have you than food!! Beverages will be provided. Any ideas for upcoming meetings will be most welcome. These meetings are for you, the Ladies of KEPC. What would you like to do, discuss or hear about? All ideas are most welcome. Any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com

**The Mission and Outreach** team would like to thank our KEPC family for your generous support to a worthy cause. Together, we raised \$637 in gift cards and monetary donations for Anselma House!



### **Vacation Bible School Camp: 14 – 18 July 2025**

**9am-noon. The theme is True North.**

We are planning our VBS at KEPC this summer and we want to check to see who would be interested and available in volunteering again this year.

We need both group leaders and station leaders. Let me know if you have an interest in a particular area.

Please let me know so I can get an idea of interest/availability of volunteers and we will get the plans finalized soon.

Kindly,

Sarah, VBS Co-ordinator, [bowmasarah@hotmail.com](mailto:bowmasarah@hotmail.com)


***Final decorating blitz for VBS*** - A big thankyou to everyone who has taken part in our gatherings to create some amazing scenes for our True North VBS- *Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*. On Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am join us to finish up the last details for decorations for VBS. Lots of little projects to complete and planning for the layout of the sanctuary and Gray Hall. Snacks provide.


*We have scheduled the final setup for all decorations and general setup just before VBS starts. On July 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 we will be transforming the sanctuary and Gray Hall to prepare for our great True North adventure. Lots of fun things to help with so if you can come, bring your creativity and sense of humour as we prepare for the children during VBS. Thanks in advance for your help.*


# ★ WANTED ★


**Young disciples, truth seekers, and future members of the church!** Are you ready to embark on a journey of faith, understanding, and commitment?

 **The Confirmation Class at Kitchener East Presbyterian Church is now open for enrollment!**

 **Who:** Anyone aged 12-16 years old looking to deepen their faith and prepare for confirmation


 **When:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday starting September 7, 2025

 **Where:** Kitchener East Presbyterian Church

 **Time:** 10:30-11:30

 **No cost—just an open heart and a willingness to grow in Christ!**

**This class is designed to deepen your understanding of faith, scripture, and Presbyterian beliefs. Come as you are, and let's grow together in faith!**

 **Sign up today!** Contact Nicolene at [nclemens7@yahoo.ca](mailto:nclemens7@yahoo.ca)