

**St. Matthew 9:9-13 NLT**

**Jesus Calls Matthew**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.

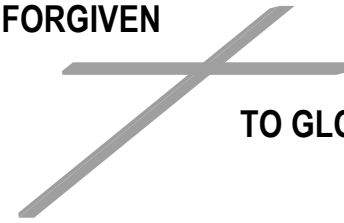
<sup>10</sup> Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. <sup>11</sup> But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do." <sup>13</sup> Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.' For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

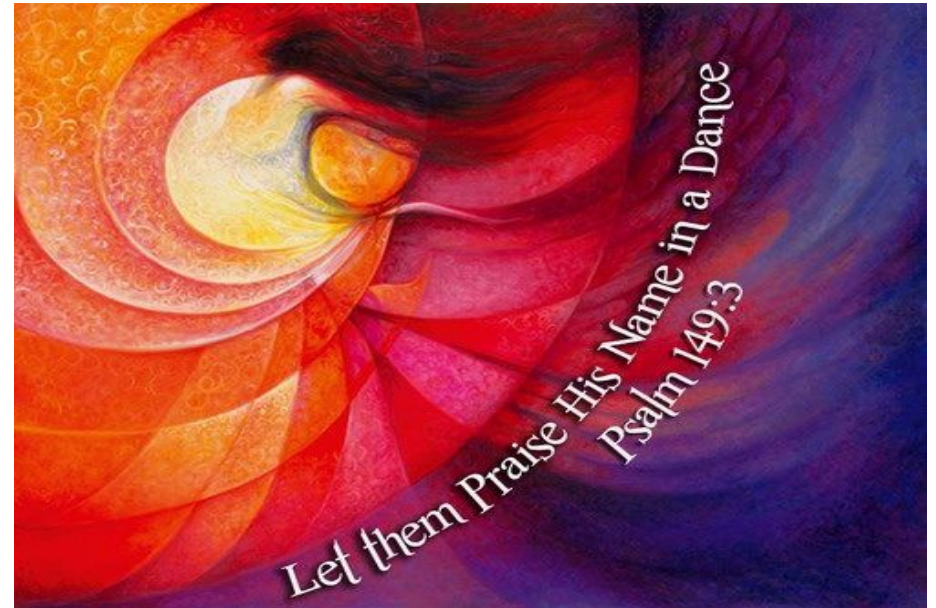
**Romans 8:15-17 NLT**

<sup>15</sup> So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

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**Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10:30 am**

**The Celebration of the Good News of Jesus Christ  
In the Spirit, the Presence, & Power of the Risen Lord  
To Discover New Dimensions of, New Possibilities for  
Living our best Christ Life!**

*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!*

Prayer, and the Lord’s prayer:

**Praise: “Lord of all power”** BP #362

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

Scripture: St. Matthew 9:9-13; Romans 8:15-17 NLT

Message: “Dancing with joy!”

*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

Prayer of Dedication

BP #364

**Praise: “Lord of the Dance”**

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

Benediction:

**Interpersonal Benediction: “The Blessing”**

**Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests**

Bernice Baum – at home

Gladys Brown – Doon Village Retirement Home

Frank De Vries – at home

Ann Gray – Trinity Village

Doug Greenwood – Huronview LTC, Clinton

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Anneleise Kramer – Briarfield Gardens Retirement Home

Larry Mason – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Mary Master – A. R. Goudie LTC

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorrison – at home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

**Sunday School 2025 – 2026:**

Our regular bi-weekly Sunday School dates wrap-up for this school year is: Sunday **07<sup>th</sup> June for our Fun Day together!**

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).

Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

**Book Sale at KEPC: Yesterday**

Thank-you to everyone who helped prepare for, set up, and run this year’s Book Sale!! It was a great time of serving together and welcoming many from our neighbourhood to our sale!!  
The Mission and Outreach Team

**Leading With Care:** KEPC has been a Leading with Care congregation since its inception in 2004. We are strengthening our understanding of this national church policy and our implementation of it in our congregation here in 2026. Rob Gloin & Kerry Weir are spear-heading this within our congregation.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2026 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris at clemensc78@yahoo.ca. 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.

**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.**

**Here is the KEPC April financial summary:**

We had a shortfall for the month of April of a little over \$5,700 which resulted in a YTD shortfall of about \$16,000. There were some e-transfer donations that arrived early in May that will have a positive impact on the shortfalls, so the financial picture should be more positive in our May update. Thanks for your financial support of KEPC, the F & S Team.

**Events This Week: 07<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee time in the Gray Hall.
- Monday:** 4 – 5 pm – Music Therapy  
7:30 – 9:30 – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 12 – 6:30 pm – Music Therapy  
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
- Wednesday:** 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
- Friday:** 12 – 5 pm – Music Therapy
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee time in the Gray Hall.

**Missions & Outreach Team:**

Anselma House is one of two emergency shelters in Kitchener and Cambridge for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Between **Mother's Day and Father's Day**, the Mission & Outreach Team would like your support for this local Mission through monetary or gift card donations. A jar will be placed on the table in the foyer each Sunday for donations. Thank-you for your generous care.

**Senior's Picnic at KEPC Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at noon.**

It's Potluck, so bring with you something to share: a salad, cheese plate, breads, ribs, a dessert, whatever you really like, bring it. Also bring your own plate & cutlery. We will supply tea, juice, and coffee. Weather may dictate having it inside but be prepared to tell your phone caller what you would prefer. We will have a Gift Exchange limited to about \$10.00, so wrap it up and we will draw #'s to see what order we will go in. And give some thought to what we will do this fall.

**VBS at KEPC this summer:**

Dates are Monday 06<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 9am-noon. The theme is Rainforest Falls.



**Women of Worship:**

The next meeting of WOW will be on Saturday, June 27, 2026 10 am till noon. This will be our “See you in September” breakfast potluck and planning meeting. Please bring whatever you would like and also bring along some ideas for our WOW meetings starting Saturday, September 26, 2026. This month’s meeting will be hosted by Joan Gloin. Joan is graciously opening her home for us to have the meeting. Coffee, tea, juice, plates, cups and cutlery will be provided. As always, all ladies of KEPC are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne at 519-886-6559 or [aitkenj09@gmail.com](mailto:aitkenj09@gmail.com). Joan Gloin 438 Deer Ridge Drive, Kitchener. 519-781-4379 P.S. Joan has a pool, so if you would like to stay for a swim after the meeting bring along your bathing suit and a towel.