



St. James United Church

Announcements

May 28, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Wed. May 31st – 9:30am – Social Morning** (Upper Room)
 - **Wed. May 31st – 9:30am – EDGE Committee Meeting** (Noah's Ark Room)
 - **Sun. June 4th – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Tues. June 6th – 9:30am – Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting**
 - **Wed. June 7th – 9:30am – Social Morning** (Upper Room)
 - **Sun. June 11th – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Mon. June 12th – 12:30pm – UCW Lunch** – Meet at Gibby G's...reservation is for the back room.
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A BIG thank you to Hilary for stepping in at the very last-minute last Sunday as she led the worship service. It is tricky to read on behalf of someone else, but I know she did a divine job!

A BIG thank you to Clasina as well, who did the worship service at Lakeside on my behalf. They love having her, so I know it was a wonderful time together!

We have amazing people who have a special ministry of their own to offer, and all are blessed to receive their gift. ~ 🙏 Patricia

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... from Pastor Patricia

Last week we celebrated Jesus ascending to the throne. This week we continue our celebration as we welcome Pentecost and the birth of our church through Holy Communion; as we dedicate our new doors in memory of Stewart Fisher; and as we celebrate our time of fellowship with birthday cakes and our "Salads Galore" lunch. I'll see you on Sunday when you are sure to be nourished in every way!

Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful & fun:

Greeter: Carley Moore & Allison Moore

Lay Reader: Donna Wice

Refreshments: Pat Edmonds & Volunteers



Curious About the Gnomes?

I am sure there are some of you wondering why I include a GNOME slide in each Sunday Service, so thought I would pass on some information as to how it came about.

My dad's family emigrated from Norway, first to the USA and eventually made their way to Saskatchewan. I have grown up knowing about the GNOMES and the part they have played in the Folklore of the Norse (Scandinavian) people.

The garden gnomes got their start in Norse Mythology as house spirits. What I found interesting was that, even as the Scandinavian Countries were Christianized and many pagan ways were lost, the tradition of the GNOME survived.

The GNOMES hold a complex and varied symbolic meaning that extends beyond their whimsical appearance. They represent Good Luck, Protection, Health, Happiness, and Love. They also bring awareness to Mother Nature and the Abundance that comes when we treat our earth well.

Adding a garden gnome to your space can serve as a reminder of the importance of these values and the role we play in protecting and appreciating the world around us.

Overall, garden gnomes represent many of the values that our Faith Journeys are to be based on. (Joy and Laughter is also one of God's greatest medicines.)

I love them, they bring much joy and happiness to me. Now, knowing a bit more about their background, I hope you too may find joy and happiness in their appearance in our weekly Sunday Service.

Blessings to all,
Linda Severson-Winson (and the GNOMES)

Mission & Outreach

- Thanks to all who so generously continue to donate to the Innisfil Food Bank. A cheque for \$1000 was presented to them from St. James in April.
- Helpers are needed for the Strawberry Supper. The sign-up sheet is in the upper room.

Finance Facts

A note from the treasurer's desk... I have been asked to keep the congregation up to date on our finances, so a statistic will be given each month. ~ Karen Kelly

Inflation has hit us all in our household budget, and this also has extended to our church budget.

The cost of heating the church for April was \$417.00.

SJUC income for April: \$6504.70

SJUC expenses: \$9405.51

Shortfall of: - \$2903.81

St. James United Church
2230 Victoria Street West, Stroud

Strawberrylicious Supper

Friday, June 23rd



Tasty Salads & Ham



Strawberries galore!



Sit-down Supper @ 6:00 pm

**or Pick-up @ 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm
& Select Your Own Salads**

\$25.00 each

To Order – Call 705-436-5225 (leave message)
or e-mail stjamesunited@rogers.com

Community:

Lefroy United Church VENDOR SALE BAZAAR, CRAFTS and MORE

Saturday June 10th from 9-2.

We have something for everyone.

Showcasing Local Artisans.

For info or to book a table (\$25) call 705-717-5947.

BBQ Lunch will Be Available.



Saturday June 10th - 9am-2pm

Lefroy United Church - 931 Church St, Lefroy

For more info call 705-717-5947

*Please submit all announcements via e-mail to Heather Thompson by noon on Tuesdays.
Thank you!*