

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, April 28th: Board Meeting at 7:00pm in Fellowship Room
 - Wednesday, April 29th: Choir practice at 6:30pm
 - Thursday, April 30th: Handbell Choir at 10:00am
 - Saturday, May 2nd: Men's supper at 6pm in the church hall
 - Tuesday, May 5th: Worship & Music Committee meeting at 1:00pm
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Today at 1:00pm: Our friend, Pastor Rick Pryce, has co-authored a book with the Rev. Laura-Marie Piotrowicz, entitled "What Is This Prayer Stuff Anyway? An Exploration of How Prayer is More Than Words." Rick is hosting a Book Launch for the Lunenburg churches this afternoon at Zion Lutheran Church, 65 Fox St., beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please use the entrance at York and Cornwallis. Stories, readings, prayers, goodies and a 20% discount on the book! Everyone welcome!

Monthly Benevolent Fund Collection: A special offering plate is at the back of the church on the last Sunday of each month. If you would like to receive a receipt for your donation of \$5 or more, please put your name on the envelope. Funds from the Benevolent Fund are used to support individuals in need in our community.

Youth & Young Adult Weekend Retreat: Feeling overwhelmed, pressured, or like you always need to be doing something? Need some quiet time? Come as you are to a weekend to slow down, connect in community, and enjoy time for reflection in the beautiful outdoor setting of Camp Mush-a-Mush. For youth in grade 7 through to age 25. When: June 12-14, 2026. Sign-up by May 29th. Registration forms are available in the church office or contact Lucille Wentzell at (902)527-7143. Hosted by South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry.

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Retreat Update

Last month, nearly 40 people gathered together to reflect on the life and future of Central United. We explored who we are, what we value and where God may be calling us next. Over the course of our time together, we identified a number of broad areas of ministry we would like to focus on moving forward. These include:

- ~ *strengthening our sense of community and connection within the congregation;*
- ~ *growing our ministry of welcome and inclusion,*
- ~ *becoming more of an active, outward-focused church,*
- ~ *encouraging new and broader participation,*
- ~ *including through new partnerships in the wider community,*
- ~ *celebrating our story and good news more visibly and intentionally.*

Some of the key projects that we identified to help us grow in these areas included:

- ~ **Continuing to Provide Opportunities to Build Community, through luncheons, potlucks, community drop-in's and more.**
- ~ **Becoming more visible in the Lunenburg community, as we love and care for our neighbours.**
- ~ **Reaching out to Community leaders and organizations to better understand the needs of our neighbours and partnering together to address those needs.**
- ~ **Strengthening our relationship with other churches and faith groups on the South Shore**
- ~ **Reviewing and improving the overall accessibility of our space.**
- ~ **Removing some pews in the sanctuary and exploring how best to use our physical space to support our ministry, so that we can have a greater impact on our community.**
- ~ **Making a plan for a more sustainable financial future, so that we can focus more on mission.**

The Board is reviewing all the feedback we received at the retreat and is putting together a plan of action, which will be shared with the congregation in the coming weeks. Those who offered to be champions, advocates or encouragers for particular projects will be hearing from Rev. Daniel over the next little bit, so that we can begin making progress on these goals and move into the future we imagine. Thank you to all who attended the retreat in March! And stay tuned for more updates soon!
