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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....	John 14
When men fail you.....	Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	Psalm 51
When you have worry.....	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	1 Cor. 13
When you feel down and out.....	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....	Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns.....	Mark 10
How to get along with fellowmen.....	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity.....	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Col. 3:12-17
If you want to be fruitful.....	John 15
If your pocketbook is empty.....	Psalm 37
If your losing confidence in people.....	1Cor. 13
If people seem unkind.....	John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small, and you great.....	Psalm 19

AVAILABLE 24/7 | PHONE SERVICE NOT REQUIRED
DIRECT PETITIONS HEAVENWARD

Check Us Out

Wondering where to find out even more information about the upcoming events and ongoing activities;

-  www.stjohnsstevensvilleunitedchurch.com
-  St. John's Stevensville United Church
-  The Embrace Center
-  www.niagaraonlineworship.com

Come worship with us Sunday mornings at 11:00am, in person or online at www.niagaraonlineworship.com

Embrace Center
Drop In - Monday to Thursday,
10am-4pm
Free Community Lunch - Tuesdays,
11:30am - 1pm

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LOVE GOD... LIVE JESUS

Important dates

- Feb. 13th - Lovely Trivia at 7:00pm
- Feb. 18th - Ash Wednesday Drop In Service (At the church from 10:00 - 11:30am, and at the Embrace Centre from 12:00 - 1:00pm.)
- Feb. 22nd - UCW Muffins for Missions (after service)
- Mar. 13th - St. Paddy's Games Night at 7:00pm
- Mar. 19th - 21st - Ladies Retreat (Following God's BEat With Our Own Drum... Finding Our Authentic Worship Style)
- Mar. 22nd - Annual General Meeting (after service)
- Mar. 25th - 28th - Photo Directory Sessions at the church
- Apr. 2nd - Maundy Thursday Potluck at 6:30pm
- Apr. 3rd - Good Friday Service at 7:00pm
- Apr. 4th - Holy Saturday Activity (Bonnet Making) at 2:00pm
- Apr. 5th - Easter Sunday!!!
- Apr. 25th - Fort Erie FanCon (10:00am - 5:00pm)
- May 17th - Music Concert By Ian

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Read Ahead

Sunday, February 22, 2026 – Lent 1 - COMMUNION

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Knowledge of Good & Evil

Matthew 4:1-11 Temptation of Jesus

Psalms 32 (VU#759)

Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Lent 2

John 3:1-17 Nicodemus

Psalms 121 (VU#842) Lift my eyes to the Hills

Sunday, March 8, 2026 – Lent 3

John 4:5-42 Woman at the Well

Psalms 95 (VU#814-815) Rock of Salvation

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Samuel anoints David

Ephesians 5:8-14 Children of Light

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Valley of Dry Bones

Psalms 130 (VU#852-853) From the Depths I cry to God

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Lent 6 – Palm Sunday

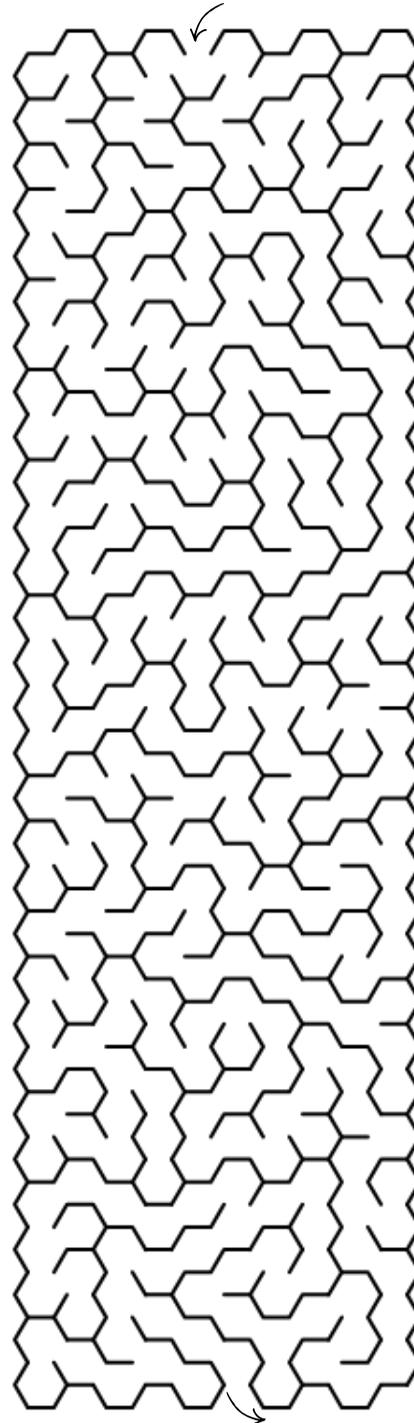
Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11 Entry into Jerusalem

Psalms 118 (VU#837) Stone that Builders rejected



For Fun!



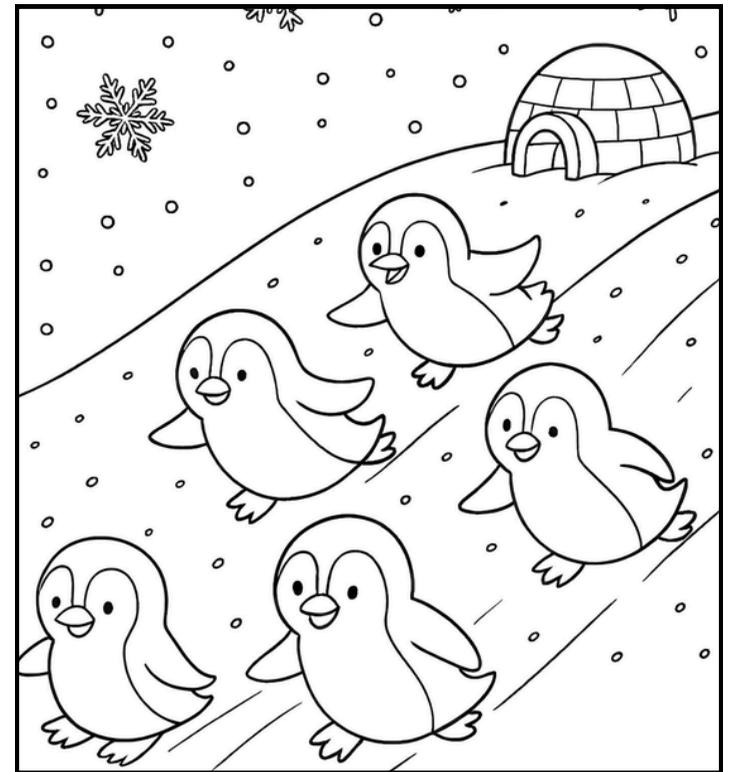
#1:
I have two lips. but
cannot kiss. My
bright colours can
be hard to miss.
What am I?

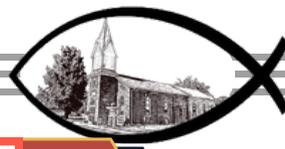
#3:
What's the best way
to make Easter
easier?

#2:
Why shouldn't you
tickle and easter
egg?

#4:
What kind of bunny
can't hop?

#1 - A Tulip
#2 - Because it
might crack up!
#3 - Put an "e"
where the "r" is!
#4 - A Chocolate
one!

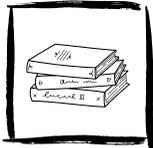




Announcements



When calling Rev. Cheryl, please leave a message or text. Her phone has been getting spam messages and it has begun filtering out many unknown numbers.



"A Thank You for those who purchased a copy of my autobiography....Trust you enjoyed the contents dealing with many facets of my life...(and had a laugh as well)."

-Charlie Lemmex



Photo directory time slots are available for sign up in the fellowship hall. Please make sure you and your family choose a time now!



Volunteer opportunities are always available! Sign up for reading, greeting, coffee time, Embrace sandwich making, Embrace lunch serving, special events and more!



If you have nice photos of the church, please send them to sjsprograms@gmail.com!



The Annual General Meeting is on March 22nd. Please plan to stay after service so that we can host this (quick) meeting together, and prepare ourselves for another amazing year!



Ladies Retreat: Following God's Beat With Our Own Drum

This years Ladies Retreat is all about finding our authentic styles of worship, and then worshipping to the fullest!

We will be taking inspiration from Miriam and her timbrel. Through workshops that help us find our own styles of praise, and activities to encourage movement and dance, we will worship God and all God has done... together.

The retreat is March 19-21st, and will be hosted at Jericho House in Wainfleet. Check in will begin at 4pm on Thursday, and check out will be 12:30pm on Saturday. Cost per person is \$250, with all meals, snacks, workshop materials, accomodations and bedding included.

If you think you're interested in participating in the Ladies Retreat this year, please talk to Rev. Cheryl or Victoria. Registration is now open, and spots are limited.





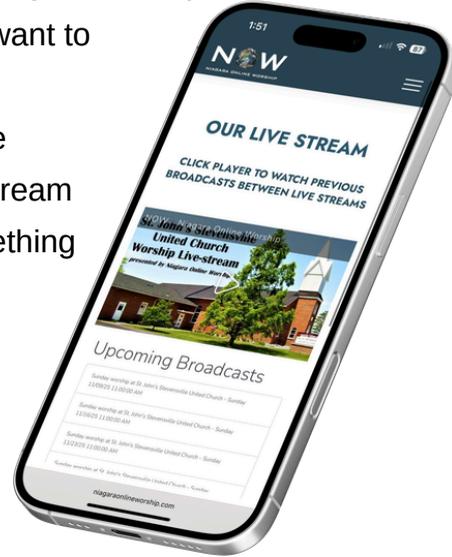
Sharing Online

Niagara Online Worship is still going strong, with increasing viewership over this time last year. As we start into a new year, we want to go over some things that have been asked.

First, the live stream begins at 11:00am, according to the computer in the tech box. If you are logging in and the stream hasn't started yet, please be patient. It will begin. If something has gone wrong, a post will be put up immediately, redirecting you to the NOW website, where the stream will still be available.

Second, every service is recorded, and posted online later in the afternoon. This recording is available for months after the fact, and can be watched at any time.

Anyone curious about learning the ins and outs of the tech box are more than welcome to come have a chat with us after any service!



Lenten series



The Lenten Bible Study for 2026 is called "The Seven Last Words of Jesus." It covers the recorded statements of Jesus leading up to his death on the cross. This study will be with Rev. Bill in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm. If interested, please talk to Rev. Bill, or just drop in!



Photo Directory

It's been over ten years since St. John's Stevesville United Church has had an official photo directory made, and so we figured it was time! After discussing the possibility for a little while now, we have made the move to invite IPC in to take our photos!

The photographer will be at the church from March 25-28, and each participant will receive a full colour copy of the directory once it is finished. Along with that, you will be able to purchase photo sets from the company for your wall at home or albums. If you haven't had a professional family photo done in a while, this is your chance!

The sessions are a half hour long, and you can sign up for one by seeing the sheets hanging in the fellowship hall.



The New Embrace



We know that everyone has been anxiously awaiting news on the New Embrace Centre, but as of right now we have little news to share. The applications are completed and sent to the Town of Fort Erie. At the moment, we are waiting on the myriad of proper people to have a chance to look at said application and sign off on it. Don't worry. As soon as more exciting news becomes available, we will be sharing it widely... immediately!