



Karibuni chakula (Invitation to the meal)
Assante (Thank you)

April 17, 2024

Saturday morning dawned cold and wet with Margaret and her helpers, Alice, Anthony, Caroline, Dedan, Godfrey, Jackson, Njeri (Susan), Paul, Samuel, Tabbia, and William, waiting for Maureen to open the church and let them in. They were wrapped in blankets and shivering on the front porch! Maureen's morning job is one of goffer and finder as at least four people in the hallway on small tables prepare the kale and spinach, and at least seven people in Graceview's small kitchen preparing and cooking. Nancy and Robin arrived mid-morning to assist in any way needed. It was non-stop. Nobody stopped for a tea break or much else!

All ready to go at about 12:45! Godfrey never left the stove. Alice worked tirelessly in the hallway, standing with the kale and spinach. Caroline and Margaret worked like robots with everyone else washing, chopping, sweeping, etc., etc! And in the middle of all this enterprise they started practicing the song they would sing later after lunch. It brought tears to my eyes and I was reminded of all my time in Africa when people with so little were so cheerful and sang joyfully, especially in Malawi.

So, a wonderful buffet dinner with at least nine Kenyan dishes to taste, followed by the most wonderful Kenyan tea, which Margaret prepared from tea leaves and spices on the stove. The tea was very popular and disappeared quickly. We also can't forget the donuts, mandazi, Caroline and Godfrey had prepared ahead of time for our dessert.

As if a wonderful meal wasn't enough, the tireless Kenyans entertained us, singing and dancing around the room and inviting us to join in.

The whole Kenyan community stayed to clean up with some learning how to operate our dishwasher and others, especially Alice, non-stop at the sink. They were really terrific hard workers and pleasant to be with at the same time. We really can't thank our Kenyan friends enough for a very special and memorable experience. Margaret, for orchestrating the whole affair and working tirelessly. Caroline and Godfrey for days of prep and a full day on Saturday as well.

Memories of the day will last a long time, especially with all the photos taken! Asante Sana! (Thank you very much)



The making of
the Mukimo.



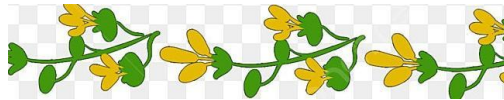
Working hard in the
kitchen



Dancing around the room.



Having fun whilst preparing the Kale/Spinach dish



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Awareness Sunday

"Next Sunday, the 21st, is Mission Awareness Sunday and will therefore be conducted by Graceview's Mission Team. In place of a sermon we are looking forward to hearing the testimonies of Caroline Miringu and her brother, Godfrey Kahiti. A donation envelope will be included in the bulletin to help with the team's work in Puvirnitug, Kenya, and Malawi."

Bible Study

Bible Study will commence on Tuesday, April 16, at 11:00 AM. After much discussion and deliberation, we will be studying Season 3 of The Chosen. This has been a most popular study for the last 2 years and we are very excited to be continuing with this stellar series. If you have not attended one of The Chosen studies, do not worry. Each episode stands on its own and provides much insight into the life of Jesus. Season 3 begins around the time of The Sermon on the Mount.

April 16 – Homecoming – Pastor Eric
April 23 – Two by Two – Pastor Eric
April 30 – Physician, Heal Yourself – Pastor Eric
May 7 – Clean Part 1 – Pastor Eric



May 14 – Clean Part 2 – Kathy Twynam
May 21 – Intensity in Tent City - Pastor Eric
May 28 – Ears to Hear - Pastor Eric
June 4 - Sustenance - Pastor Eric

Dear beloved children of God,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm excited to share that our new season of Bible study has begun. Today, 10 faithful congregants gathered to watch Episode 1 of The Chosen Season 3, followed by enriching spiritual discussions and sharing. Forgiveness and reconciliation are what we need to do to respond to Jesus' words.

We have 7 more episodes to go, every Tuesday at 11 AM. I invite you to join us and experience the wonderful story of Jesus' ministry together.

Joy in Christ,
Pastor Eric



Smile and say cheese! It's time for a new Church Directory! A photographer will be coming into the church on May 27, 28, and 29, from 2:30pm to 8:30pm to take pictures of members and adherents. On May 5, 12, and 19, sign-up sheets will be available after church in the Adamson Lounge. During the week of May 20, those who have not yet signed up will be contacted. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase professional photographs of your family, but there is absolutely no obligation to do so.

It is important that every member and adherent participate, so our 2024 Directory will be 100% inclusive and useful for all. If you have any questions, please speak to Kathy or Bob Twynam or Maureen Screen.

What are YOUR Favourite Hymns?

You will notice an insert in this Sunday's bulletin. We are asking you to tell us what your top 3 or 4 or 5 favourite hymns are and would like to be sung on a Sunday morning. Please fill out the form and deposit it in the collection plate. We will do our best to please everyone, but depending on the response it may take a while.



Property Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 27th at 9:30 AM. Come out for a couple of hours and help!

Loonies for Lent – Eggcellent Results

Due to the heartwarming generosity of our congregation, we raised close to \$1250. As a result, Outreach will be donating this amount to the St James Food Basket. With these funds, the organizers will be able to buy a very large number of eggs to help fill all the egg cartons that everyone has been bringing to the church. Eggs are one of the healthiest foods on the planet and will provide client families with an important part of their diet. All the members of Outreach would like to thank those who donated to this program. Your tremendous support is very much appreciated.

A Spring devotional update:

The current edition of **Our Daily Bread (March/April/May)** is available in the devotional box on the church porch and on the table in the church vestibule. **These Days (April/May/June) - Coming soon!**

An Invitation from Church of Christ the King

Greetings friends,

Hope you're all doing well. I wanted to share some "Easter Learning" events that are coming up at Christ the King. On Wed, Apr 24 at 1:30 PM, I'll be giving a presentation on *Why have so many people given up on the church?* I'll be highlighting six factors from the last 80 years that have contributed to church decline. On Wed, May 22, I'll be giving a presentation on *Lessons from the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*.

Thanks!

Jeff-----

Jeff Nowers

Priest-in-Charge

Church of Christ the King, Etobicoke

www.christthekingetobicoke.ca

Coffee/Tea Sign-Up: As you can see we need some volunteers for the month of May. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen in the basement. Many thanks to all who have signed up and served.

April 21 – Outreach

April 28 – Outreach

May 5 -

May 12 – Susan & Margaret

May 19 –

May 26 -



St. James Food Basket

St. James Food Basket needs egg cartons only. They currently have a good stockpile of reusable bags and have **run out of storage space.** Thank you for your help.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

* Pray for the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Malawi, Haiti and Taiwan . Pray for all countries who are in turmoil. Pray for those who are affected by hate crimes here in our own city. Pray that all can get along and live in peace.

* Please keep in your prayers the following: Irene Cherniak, Shannon Jarvis, Wayne Jarvis and the Jarvis family, Christine and Brad Turcotte, Deb Thomas, and Frank and Janet Ottewell, Olive Stanton, Mark McKennell, Charlotte Prentice and Margaret M's brother, Simon. Please keep these folks, and indeed everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor: Could you please advise us from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.

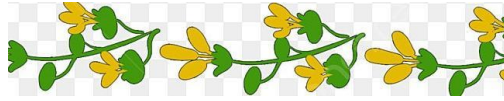


Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right.

Give, and God's reward to you will be the spirit of giving more: a blessed spirit, for it is the Spirit of God himself, whose Life is the blessedness of giving.

Love, and God will pay you with the capacity of more love; for love is Heaven – love is God within you.

F.W. Robertson



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome
- * Sunday, April 21 – Mission Awareness Sunday
- * Tuesday, April 23 @ 11:00 AM – Bible Study – “The Chosen” season 3 – Episode 2
- * Wednesday, April 24 @ 1:30 PM – Presentation at Christ the King Anglican Church ***Why have so many people given up on the church?***
- * Saturday, April 27 @ 9:30 AM – Property Spring Clean-Up
- * Wed, May 22 @ 1:30 PM - Presentation at Christ the King Anglican Church ***Lessons from the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.***
- * Friday, May 24 @ 7:00 PM – Concert featuring a 13-member saxophone ensemble
- * Sunday, May 26 – Church BBQ
- * Saturday – June 8 * 7:00 PM – Concert featuring Pascale Menke and Kento Stratford

*Our services are now live-streamed. Go to the church’s website (www.graceview.ca) to click the link for the most recent worship services on YouTube.

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to “follow.”

	<u>Prayer Roster</u>	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Welcome and Announcements</u>
Apr. 21	Mission. Team	Mission Team	Mission Team
Apr. 28	Susan Chopp	Harry Learoyd	Pastor Eric



GIGGLES FOR THE WEEK

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two (2) places. He told me to stop going to those places.

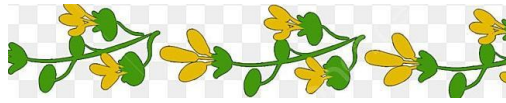
I put our scale in the bathroom corner & that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the ‘Wizard of Oz’ & wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror & think, "That can't be accurate!"

I want to be 14 again & ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Apparently RSVPing to a wedding invitation with “Maybe next time” isn't the correct response.



Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

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NB: If the phone number for Pastor Eric does not connect you immediately (technical issues?) call the church (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Email for Iris: ericirishk@gmail.com

* Message from **Pastor Eric**: “FYI the Graceview website page below has been revamped to keep people updated on our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview”. <https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2 *Walking Group 11:00	3	4 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	5	6
7	8 Music & Worship 1:30 PM	9 *Walking Group 11:00 *Elaine's Craft Club 11:00 *Mission 6:30	10	11 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	12	13 Kenyan-themed luncheon – 1:00 PM
14	15 Outreach – 7:00 PM	16 Bible Study 11:00 AM	17	18 Choir Practice 7:00 PM	19	20
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