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Plains Presbyterian Notices

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Sunday 20th February **Harvest of the Produce;**

Sunday 20th Feb: Breakfast Cereal & Biscuits. A box will be placed in the foyer to receive these food offerings. Thank you.

Tuesday 22nd February

10:30 am | **Rakaia Fit Kids** *Welcome* to all preschool children.

1:00 pm | **Steady As You Go.**

Friday 4th March | **World Day of Prayer;** "I know the Plans I have for you." Prepared by WDP England, Wales and Northern Island. *Combined Churches of Rakaia, hosted by St. Andrew's this year.*

St. John's Methven

Tuesday 22nd February

Parish Council Meeting

Trinity Mayfield Thursday 24th February at 1:30 pm Mission group meeting at church.

How Luke was written *by Silvia Purdie*

Have you ever tried writing your autobiography? Or telling your grandchildren about what happened when you were young? What kinds of things do you remember best? Personally I struggle to remember specifics like words people actually said. And I don't remember colour very well. I do remember music, and emotion, and connections between things. How about you?

We are talking in church at the moment about how we remember the past, because it helps us understand how the Gospels were written. This year the Lectionary follows Luke's Gospel, and churches all around the world will be reading Jesus' parables and teachings from Luke. So how did Luke's gospel come to be written? Was Luke there? How did he know about Jesus?

Of all the gospels, Luke is the only one that tells us why and how he wrote it. If you look at the very beginning of Luke chapter 1, he explains that he looked into all that people were saying and writing about Jesus, and he put together the most accurate record he could. Luke tells us that there were other writings already, that he incorporated into his Gospel. Most Bible scholars agree that the main one of these writings was the Gospel of Mark. Most of Mark is copied into Luke and tidied up a bit. But there were some important things missing from Mark, most importantly the resurrection.

Luke was not present during the events he describes. He never met Jesus in person. Luke joined Paul's journeys, and is mentioned by Paul in his letters (e.g. Colossians 4:14). Luke also wrote the book of Acts, and he starts writing in the first person "we" part way through. He went to Jerusalem with Paul, and it makes perfect sense to me that while he was there he met Mary and many other disciples, who told him what had happened, including Jesus' birth and resurrection. Scholars also think that someone else had written a collection of the teachings of Jesus. Both Luke and Matthew used this text, called 'Q'.

What do you think? I think that Luke, Matthew, Mark and John each did an amazing job recording what they had heard from first hand witnesses about Jesus. I think that we can trust that what they write is historical and accurate. Yes, they each bring a different version of the events and the teachings, but to me this makes it all the more believable.

Worship Services

20th Feb.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Silvia Purdie
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. John Titlow
27th Feb.	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Garth Cant
	10:00 am	Trinity Mayfield	Pastor Paul Eden
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
6th March	10:30 am	St. John's Methven <i>Communion</i>	Rev. John Titlow
13th March	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. John Titlow
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Silvia Purdie
20th March	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia <i>Communion</i>	Rev. Silvia Purdie
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