

Corner Brook United Church

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Washrooms

Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

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May 18, 2025



Vatican fresco by Michaelangelo, 1542-45. (Wikipedia) Many depictions of Saul's conversion feature him riding a horse even though there's no mention of a horse in the book of Acts, and it's highly unlikely that a tent-maker could have afforded one. (Although being thrown from a horse does make for a more dramatic image than simply falling over.)

May 18, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 33)

L: The Lord overrules what the nations plan and frustrates the plans people intend to do.

P: But the Lord's plan stands forever; lasting from one generation to the next.

L: From his dwelling place God observes all who live on earth.

P: God is the one who made all their hearts, the one who knows everything they do.

L: We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.

Hymn: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* VU 213

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Reading: Acts 9: 1 – 25

Message: Better call Saul

Hymn: *Amazing Grace* VU 266

Offertory Hymn: *We Give Thee But Your Own* VU 542

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Go Forth For God*

VU 418

Blessing

Postlude

There is no Sunday Cafe this week.

Memorials

Local: In loving memory of friend Bill Cross by Carolyn and Austin

Local: In loving memory of Harry & Mary House by Carolyn and Austin

Local: In loving memory of mother & grandmother Rosemary Crewe by Emeline, Jeff, Jason, Matthew and families

Once again this year, the Accordian Group made a generous donation to the church. This time it was \$545 to the **Local Fund**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Services will continue at **11 AM** on May 25th and June 1st.

The next **Outreach Lunch** is this Wednesday, May 21st from 11:30 am to 12:30. We're always looking for volunteers.

The UCW **Used Clothing Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

The Men's Club will be holding a **Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 31st. Doors open at 9 AM.

The **Used Book Sale** is set for Saturday, June 7th in the Lower Hall, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Any items you wish to donate to any of the sales can be dropped off at the church during regular business hours.

The **UCW Closing Dinner** will be on Monday June 2nd at 6 pm in the lower hall. The Men's Club is catering and the cost will be \$20/person. UCW members and any ladies in the congregation who are interested are invited to attend, please contact the church office to pay before Tuesday May 27th.

The value of a good editor...

Luke wrote both a Gospel and the book of Acts. In **Acts 9**, Luke relays that on the road to Damascus Saul was blinded by a light and fell down, and then heard Jesus' disembodied voice, who gave him instructions on how to proceed. Saul's companions didn't see the light, and didn't fall down – but *did* hear the voice.

In **Acts 22**, Saul's part of the story is similar, but the men with him saw the light, but *didn't* hear the voice.

A few chapters later in **Acts 26**, Luke records Saul telling king Herod Agrippa the story. This time Saul said that he saw the light and heard the voice, and that he fell down. But he doesn't claim to have been blinded – which was no small detail, so you'd think he would have included it. His men apparently didn't see a light or hear a voice, but for some reason they also fell down.

Evangelical/Fundamentalist scholars put in a lot of effort trying to explain how there really are no contradictions in these three accounts. But clearly the three versions have differences. The easiest way to understand it is that either Saul/Paul told essentially the same story three times, but mixed up some details, or that Luke (who was not an eyewitness) could have used a good editor when he was writing it all down 50 years later.

Mother's Day Memorials

Local: In loving memory of mothers Ida Mosher
and Catherine Noel by Bax & Lorraine Mosher
and Jim & Marie Noel

Local: In loving memory of mother Elaine Bailey
by Irene, Phyllis, Ted, Joan and families

Local: In loving memory of mothers Marion
Broomfield & Maisie Hynes and grandmothers
Mary Best, Gladis Hynes & Mary Gilbert by
Catherine and Ben Hynes

Local: In loving memory of mothers Cedella
Mosher and Edith Dawe and friends Jean
McMichael & Sandra Thistle by Jim and Shirley
Mosher

Local: In loving memory of mothers Lillian Fisher
and Eliza Goulding by Pat and Bud Goulding

Local: In loving memory of mother Mima Penney
by Sharon, Graham and family

Local: In loving memory of Aunt Ramona
Woodridge by Sharon, Graham and family