

St. Andrew's News

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Welcome to the worship of God this morning, and to our shared life in this church. It is a pleasure to have you with us today. Seat cushions are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask a greeter for help. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

Game Night & Potluck Dinner

You are invited to a Congregational Game Night & Potluck Dinner, Sunday, March 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Invite friends and bring games to share. *There will be a sign up sheet in the office.*

Sensing the Gospel: A Mid-Week Lenten Series...

that explores the story of Jesus through the senses. Each service runs Wednesday 12:05 – 12:25 in the 5th Floor Chapel of St. Andrew's and is followed by a light lunch of soup and bread for those who can stay for fellowship. The March 9th service only is followed by Lunch with a difference in which a meal is served.

Service dates are:
March 2, 9, and 16.



PRAYER INVITATIONS

As Christians, we have been Called to pray for each other in all circumstances. To help with this, we simply move through the church membership list. Today we ask that you hold the persons listed in your prayers:

Jomo McCormack; Rob & Helen McCormack; Allan, Moreen & Susan Mcfarlane; Mary McGhee; Wallace & Julie McKay; Lynda McKeown; Don, Jane, Bradley & Megan McLeod; Gwen McLeod; Martha McLeod; Bob McMahan & Ann Alexander; Marvin McNabb; Lloyd McNaughton; Nancy & Sarah McNaughton; and Max Mekilok.



Week of Feb. 29 - Mar 6, 2016

Mon	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
Tues	Camp Committee	2:00 p.m.
Wed	Fun & Fitness	9:30 a.m.
	Mid Week Lenten Service	12:05 noon
	Facilities & Finance Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Thurs	Prayers in the Chapel.....	3:30 p.m.

DINNER AUCTION APRIL 7TH

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Dinner Auction on April 7th, 6:30 p.m., at the Columbus Centre (corner of May & Arthur Streets) in support of the Restoration Committee and ongoing efforts to renovate and repair St. Andrew's. This very popular evening of fellowship and good fun will consist of a



Live Auction let by auctioneer Peter Kantola, and a Silent Auction let by Jan Sewell. Tickets are \$28 for adults and \$10 for Children under 12. We ask for your support by purchasing tickets for this night of great food and entertainment *PLUS* we ask that you consider donating a prize for auction (examples include: art, antiques, service items, restaurant/hotel gift certificates, new tools/tackle/sporting goods/entertainment items, etc). *Gluten free* meals are available for the event; send your request to John by March 30th. Contact John Mason at 620-3836 to buy tickets (feel free to invite neighbors and friends) and donate a prize. **Thank you!**



BENEFIT CONCERT FOR TBSO

TODAY at 2:30 p.m. Lakeview and Friends Choir & Orchestra and Polyphony



present *REJOICE! GIVE THANKS!* A musical Celebration, featuring G.F. Handel's exciting *UTRECHT TE DEUM* for choir, orchestra and soloists. The one hour concert at

Lakeview Presbyterian Church.

Donations at the door. Further information call Diane at 251-0566

From Rev. Joyce



So how about a little church polity. Not policy, but polity. I didn't make a spelling error. Polity just means a particular form or system of government. The Presbyterian Church (PCC) has a particular form of governance. Interestingly enough we call many of the layers courts. In the Presbyterian Church the congregation is of most importance, but we are not what some would call Congregationalist as we have other bodies or courts that help in keeping us from getting too inward focused.

Most people will have heard of elders and the Session. These are people from within our own congregation who have been elected to serve as a governing body for the congregation. Their responsibility is to lead in all areas of the church whether spiritual or temporal. From there we have Presbyteries. St. Andrew's is part of the Presbytery of Superior. Five churches comprise the Presbytery of Superior, St. Andrew's, Calvin, First, and Lakeview, all in Thunder Bay. The fifth church is St. Andrew's Geraldton. Presbyteries have geographical boundaries. In Canada our presbytery is one of the smallest in terms of number of churches. Toronto East and West Presbyteries would be the largest numerically but not geographically. Presbyteries have representation from each session within their bounds from a representative elder. All ministers are part of a Presbytery, as Presbyteries have oversight of ministers.

Of course, the reason this is on my mind is that I am in Geraldton this weekend to lead worship, provide communion, moderate a session meeting, and chair their annual meeting. All responsibilities the Presbytery has to a congregation that is without a minister. It is part of how we care for one another. Thank you for being a part of the care that we provide to our sister church.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING



There will be a Youth Group Meeting at Lakeview Presbyterian Church **TODAY** from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. All youth grades 5 and up are welcome. If you have any questions please contact:

Will Newton
(newton9455@hotmail.com) or
Sarah Campbell (sarahcampbell@hotmail.com)

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Presbyterians



Stay related to us; keep us in your prayers

Building community

Presbyterians Sharing supports Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario as it engages people in the community "where they are at", in neutral spaces. Some of the initiatives launched this past year include a musical Kitchen Party, Theology in the Dark (movies) and Theology by the Glass (pub gatherings), a bicycle event, a community garden, a book club and potluck dinners hosted in people's homes. These events make others aware of the church's presence in the city and have resulted in new members and participants in church programs. By making connections, the community is strengthened. Recently, Two Rivers members joined with neighbours to sponsor a Syrian refugee family! Pray for Two Rivers church as it continues to reach out and make a difference.

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Notice...

Rev. Joyce will be in Geraldton **TODAY**, & a big Thank You to *Susan Dynes* will be leading Worship this morning.



Chapel Prayers

On Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. our Chapel doors are open for prayers, drop-ins welcome.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

This month's Blood Pressure Clinic will take place **TODAY** after the service



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Church Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.