

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 assistance. We invite guests to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving.



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:



David, Gayle, Devin, Dayle & Dallas Klassen; Ann Korcheski; Lana Lang; Jennifer Larocque, Lexi Lu Stewart & Cohen Russell; Tessa, Curtis, Bailey, Shayna & Melanie Larson.

PRESBYTERIAN SHARING

Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital."



PWS&D responds to illness with care and courage

Week of March 19—24, 2018

Mon. 19—Fun & Fitness

Wed. 21—Fun & Fitness—9:30 a.m.

Lent Service in Chapel—12:05 p.m.

Thurs. 22—Prayers in Chapel—2:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP

The bible teaches us that everything we have is a gift from God, and has been entrusted to our care. As stewards of God's gifts, we are accountable to God for what we do with these gifts. Stewardship has to do with the responsible use of all life, including our natural resources, our bodies, our time, talents and financial resources. We are not owners, but stewards, of what God has entrusted to us. Financial stewardship is only one area of stewardship, but a very important one. So what does it mean to be a good steward of our financial resources? In order to help us answer this question, the Presbyterian Church has developed some guidelines for giving.

1. Giving is a symbolic act of worship, which expresses the giving of your whole self to Jesus and his teachings.
2. Give because God loves you, not to earn God's approval.
3. Give intentionally and of your own free will.
4. Give the "first fruits", not the leftovers of your income.
5. Give regularly.
6. Give cheerfully.
7. Give proportionally, a percentage of your income, according to what you have been given.

We are stewards of this beautiful building and of the ministry carried out by St Andrew's. It exists because of our financial stewardship.

A FINANCIAL UPDATE

February is 17% of the way through the year. The funds raised to date should be close to that amount. We are very happy to report that Presbyterian Sharing is currently at 21%; however, funds raised to support our church continue to fall behind and is currently at 12%.

Our new heating system continues to save us money on our heating bill. In February we had a much colder month than last year and we still had a savings of 32% compared to February 2017.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018

Mid-Week Lenten Services *Trumpets, Tears, and Ashes: A Series on Habakkuk*

Day: Wednesday February 21st – March 21st

Time: 12:05- 12:25

Place: 5th floor St. Andrew's Chapel

Lunch: If you so choose, bring a lunch, and after worship those gathered can share fellowship with one another as we eat lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Sunday Worship Series:

Let All of Me Kneel before God's Holy Name

Lent 5 - March 18: (Knees)

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-3

Epistle: Acts 21:1-6

Gospel: Mark 1:40-42

Palm Sunday March 25: (Feet)

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-12

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-3

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 1:16-20

Maundy Thursday March 29 7:00 p.m.

with communion

Good Friday March 30 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday April 1 Service with Communion

From Rev. Joyce,

This past weekend Elders from the Presbytery of Superior met together at St. Andrew's to learn about the *Role of Elders in Congregational Change: The Challenges and Opportunities*. Our workshop leader was Rev. Dr. Dales Woods, Principal at Presbyterian College, in Montreal. Dr. Woods came to Presbyterian College in 2008 as Director of Pastoral Studies after almost fourteen years as senior minister at First Presbyterian Church, Brandon. In 2005 he completed his Doctor of Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. His main focus has been in the area of congregational change and revitalization. He was named Principal in 2014. Dr. Woods' leadership at the workshop was an occasion for Elders of St. Andrew's Geraldton, Lakeview Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and our own St. Andrew's to explore and discuss our church and ministry contexts. The Friday evening and Saturday workshop also allowed Elders of the various churches to reconnect, get to know one another, and support each other in our roles as leaders called to a specific task and work within the church. Elders take seriously their call from God and the congregation to lead God's people. I give thanks for their willingness to take time to be present for this learning opportunity. Please hold your elders in prayer on a regular basis.



COME BOWL WITH US!

Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's Congregational Bowling will be held Sun. March 25 from 2-4 p.m. at Superior Bowladrome on the corner of Cummings & May Streets. The cost is \$5 per person per game & includes shoes and taxes.



MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Seaway is opening on Mar. 29 & the 1st ocean going ship is due in early April. To help out at the Seafarers' Centre, call Canon Ed Swayze at 344-8241. We are looking for Watch Keepers, who host seafarers at the Seafarers' Centre, and Drivers to drive our van. www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay

EASTER FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Did you know that your contributions to the Flower Fund helps to provide flowers throughout the year? Easter Flowers are also a wonderful opportunity to remember friends and family. If you wish to contribute to the flower fund and have a memorial included in the Easter Booklet, please have the memorial in to the office no later than Wed. Mar. 21. Please include, along with your contribution, your name and the names of those you wish to remember.



SACRED MUSIC FOR GOOD FRIDAY

The Thunder Bay Community Choir directed by Mary McGhee will be held at Trinity United Church, 30 S. Algoma St., on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Freewill offering accepted in support of the Alzheimer Society of Thunder Bay.



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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

Office Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm