



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

Loving God, we cannot help but wonder what is happening to our world. Thankfully, we realize that you are there to walk with us every step of the way as we work together, doing our best to make things better, one day at a time.

We pray for our families and our friends who are finding the path difficult these days. Let them feel your presence if they are lonely. Let them feel your peace if they are worried. Let them feel comforted if they are grieving or sad. Above all, let them know the joy of your love that never ends.

We pray for the church – especially we pray for its continuing vitality in these times that seem to limit our celebrations together. We long for the days when we can once again raise our voices in song, and share coffee, cake, hugs and laughter with each other.

We pray also that you would help us do a better job of being the body of Christ in your world. Help us to remember that you are always there to support us – behind us and beside us, before us and above us, within us and around us. We are so grateful for your ongoing presence among us and for the renewing power of your love.

In Christ's name we pray,
Amen

MISSION & OUTREACH FOOD BANK

Mission and Outreach is holding a Food Bank Drive with the goal of helping to restock the Miles St Food bank shelves. All donations of non-perishables gladly received at the church until October 31st. Baby food, pasta, sauce, canned tuna/salmon, pork and beans, Kraft Dinner.... are some of the well received items!

SUNDAY REMIX

To stay connected to the congregation, we will upload a Sunday Remix online. These videos will be available Monday. Please visit our Facebook page or our website to find a link to the Sunday Remix. <http://standrewspres-tbay.ca/>

SHORTBREAD SALES

To place a shortbread order please contact our Office Administrator, Shaundra.

Customers can e-transfer their shortbread payment to the church at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

before pick-up or can pay cash upon pick-up. E-transfers must include "Shortbread" in the notes.

Curbside pickup will be available at the church
Thurs Nov 19th 5pm-8pm
Sat Nov 21st 10am-3pm
Sunday Nov 22nd noon-2pm
Cost \$5/dozen

Delivery can be arranged for extenuating circumstances only.

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Increasing Nutrition in Malawi

Due to fear of contracting COVID-19, people in Malawi who are already vulnerable because of the effects of HIV and AIDS have increased concerns about accessing medication and community support. Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program (EHAP) has been supporting those whose lives are impacted by HIV and AIDS for decades. Acknowledging these increased concerns, EHAP continues to provide community health support through physically distanced workshops to help families learn how to cook nutritiously with limited ingredients.





From Joyce

The next few Sundays all represent days in which we are to bring about some remembrance. Today is Reformation Sunday. It falls on the Sunday just before October 31 where history records Martin Luther having posted his 95 thesis on the door of Wittenberg Cathedral in Germany in 1517. The time was ripe for a change. History was being shaped in many ways as new discoveries about the world were being understood, inventions like the printing press were developed, and people were beginning to question the authority of the church. For Luther he was looking for a reformation of the Catholic Church. He was not expecting to be excommunicated for his proposals, Luther only hoped for things to change within the Catholic Church of which he was a priest. It took 95 points for him to get his ideas on paper. He was looking for a number of small and larger actions to be taken in hopes of bringing the Church into a different understanding. As with all things human, where we have a tendency to take a good thing and make it complicated, rule bound, making some people powerful and others powerless, along with a propensity to make money a god, Luther saw what had gone sideways, and wanted to adjust the trajectory. People in power never like it when they are called to account and so their solution was to get rid of the problem. It took four years for Luther to be excommunicated and decades more strife, both religious and political, before things settled down, but the landscape of religious understanding was forever impacted. This is part of our church's history and has shaped how we worship to this day. It is still important for us to be vigilant in calling out the church locally and globally when things are going sideways, being particularly aware of how power, politics, and wealth can be road blocks to reaching the people of the world with the truth of God's gospel of love in action.

BUTTER

Shortbread bakers can pick up butter as needed from the church. All butter taken from the freezer downstairs needs to be recorded on the sheet on top of the freezer. Butter can be picked up at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Please remember to set your clocks back an hour on **Sunday November 1st**.



WAYS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

e-transfer: offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

- If you have an offering (envelope) number with the church and you know it, be sure to include that and your full name in the Message box.
- For all others, please include your first and last names along with your full address in the message box so we can send you a donation receipt.

Website: You can donate by credit card using the "Donate Now" link on the website.

Preauthorized Remittance: This is a monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account that can be set up with the bookkeeper. Email Barb at accounts.standrewspres@tbaytel.net to have a form sent to you.

Mail: You can mail in a donation to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 207 S. Brodie St. Thunder Bay, ON P7E 5X8. Or just drop it off in the mailbox at the church.

Thank you for supporting the life, ministry, and mission of St. Andrew's. You make a difference!

SHORTBREAD BAKERS

Many bakers make light work. For 200 lbs of butter, 10 baker means 20 lbs of butter each. If we can get 20 bakers, that's only 10 lbs each. Some will make more and some less. We appreciate whatever amount of baking you can do. Please contact our Office Admin Shaundra and let her know if you are able to bake. All baked shortbread should be packed in boxes or in cookie tins or airtight containers of some sort. If you want your container back, please label it. It will be kept frozen until it is packed by a separate group. All shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours or by arrangement.

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Sunday Worship - 11:00am