



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



Services are available online and can be accessed on the church Facebook page, or on the website at

<https://standrewspres-tbay.ca/worship-services-by-video/>

Arrangements can also be made for a print version of the worship service to be provided. Connect with Rev. Joyce for more information

FAMILY TIME WITH JAMIE GEROW

St. Andrew's has a family time video series with our Choir Director, Jamie Gerow. Jamie will be making these every other week or so, and they can be found on our Youtube channel, so please be sure to subscribe.

Here is a link to the latest video.

<https://youtu.be/fU0xvmqPsuE>

LOOKING FOR GARDENING SPACE

My name is Kathryn Burris, I have been attending St. Andrew's since December of 2019. I am a passionate apartment dwelling vegetable gardener without terra firma. I am looking for back yard garden space to grow vegetables for the foodbank. If you have a backyard garden patch you aren't utilizing, please contact me at:

kathrynburris@hotmail.com,

807-708-5600



PRAYERS FROM THE HEART

SPRING PRAYER OF RENEWAL

We thank you Lord for the joy of spring and renewal in Northwestern Ontario:

-the chorus of a dozen newly arrived robins on the front lawn "telling us" about their long journey from the south

(and what they think of new snow)

-new plant shoots breaking the soil

-fresh air after a spring rain (or snow!)

-rushing streams running to Lake Superior, full of life amidst the spring runoff

-new buds on garden plants and in the forest

-vocal overhead geese heading in their "V" to Northern Ontario addresses

-harbour activity with Thunder Bay shipping secure food (Canadian grain) to European families

-longer days, and a chance to celebrate brilliant sunrises and peaceful sunsets

-young families out for walks with their new baby and the dog in tow!

-the promise and hope of healthier days ahead for all! For we are all your children!

Amen

Written by: John Mason

PCC MISSION MOMENTS

Arising

ARISE Ministry offers compassionate outreach and spiritual care to survivors of sexual exploitation living in the Greater Toronto Area. Inspired by Jesus' healing of the woman who was afflicted for 18 years with a condition that kept her bent over (Luke 13:10-17), ARISE aims to help those who have been living "bent over" by exploitation, trauma, abuse and addiction. Staff and volunteers work with vulnerable women, youth and children by providing one-on-one, goal-oriented support. As relationships strengthen, hope and empowerment are fostered, making it possible for futures to be reclaimed. Like the woman in the gospel of Luke, several women that ARISE has helped are now standing straight and tall, and God continues to do amazing things in their lives.

This is a reason to rejoice!



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From Joyce

The one thing about spring is that it always brings hope. Hope as we watch birds return, trees bud, grass green, and the earliest of flowers poke their way out of the ground. That, along with the longer days of sunshine, makes one feel that there is hope. I have gone from “fine” to “pandemic fine” to “pandemic weary”, but I do feel hope starting to find a place again.

One of my favorite go-to books is called *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms*. It says, “**Hope: The promise of a future worth the trouble it takes to get out of bed in the morning.**” Intimately related to FAITH and LOVE (see 1 Corinthians 13), and quite unlike fear, dread, and sarcasm, hope is one of those things that we human beings cannot generate from within. Hope starts to grow inside of us when a promise is spoken to us from the outside. Theologically, this means hope is our response to the GOSPEL, and in means hope has the same invigorating and optimism-producing properties as a great cup of coffee on a cold, dark morning. In contrast to strong java, however, the effects of gospel-induced hope are longer lasting (we are promised eternal life), free (we don’t have to pay for hope, not even for fair-trade, organically grown hope), and of some benefit to our NEIGHBOR (because we have hope, we also have love for the neighbor).” Here’s to hope!

Jacobson, Rolf A., Editor. *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffy Dictionary of Theological Terms*. Augsburg Books. Minneapolis. 2008.P88.

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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



Stewardship is organizing your life so you can give yourself away.

Anonymous

ST. ANDREW’S COVID UPDATE

St. Andrew’s remains closed until further notice, due to government regulations.

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Sunday Worship - Online

at standrewspres-tbay.ca



**WILL IT RAIN?
WILL IT SNOW?**

**I LIVE IN
CANADA**

**I DO
NOT KNOW!**