



# St. Andrew's News

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December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

from PCC Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, December 18 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)** We pray that the love we know in Christ

will nourish and nurture our love until we conform to the pattern of Christ's life.

**Monday, December 19** We pray for church planting initiatives in the church.

**Tuesday, December 20** We pray for refugees who have been displaced by war and famine.

**Wednesday, December 21** We pray that LGBTQI2+ people whose families have rejected them will feel God's comforting presence as they find love and support in their chosen families.

**Thursday, December 22** We pray for those who are prayerfully discerning a call to join God's mission around the world, to walk with, serve and learn from international partners.

**Friday, December 23** Christ who was born for us, help us to know you, worship you, serve you and be transformed by you.

**Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)** Christ was born as one of us and, in him, God shows us how much the world is loved. We pray that God's love blesses and fills the world.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 26 - Jan. 2

**January 8, 2023**

Worship with Communion

Sunday School Returns

Coffee Hour following Worship

hosted by the Seekers



## ~ Advent & Christmas Schedule ~ Worship Series: Light of Light

**Saturday December 24 – Christmas Eve**

(Light of Light)

7:30 P.M. - Candlelight Service

**Sunday December 25 - Christmas Day**

11:00am Worship Service

**Sunday January 1 - New Years Day**

11:00am Worship Service



## PCC MISSION MOMENTS

**Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Cyclical PCC supports many important outreach ministries in Canada.** One such

ministry is the Presbytery of Montreal's

Communauté Rivière des Prairies, a new worshipping community in the city's east end.

Rivière des Prairies embraces multilingualism in their church services and children's programming, providing an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada.

Over five different languages and dialects are used by the ministry to connect with newcomers, both in the church family and in the wider community.



**THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER  
UNTIL JANUARY 8, 2023**

*stay safe*

## PRESENTS FOR PEACE

The tree in Rowand Hall will happily welcome your gifts for the Women's Shelter until Dec. 18.

Personal items, socks, gloves, scarves, books, games, crafts and colouring items for kids and items we would all miss if we were not at home. If you want to donate but can't get out to shop, Jan will be happy to do it for you. Remember, we all have something to share.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Time cannot be packaged and ribboned and left under trees for Christmas morning. Time can't be given.

But it can be shared.

*Cecelia Ahern – novelist*



Offerings can be sent via etransfer to  
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## From Joyce

A couple of weeks ago I told you about the new back door at the end of the main hallway and how we had the money to do this work. What I didn't say at that time was that the government sent us an application for 2022-23 for the same program. As a refresher, this is an Ontario Grant to Support Anti-Hate Security Measures for Faith-Based and Cultural Organizations. The grant is an attestation-based grant, meaning we have to show proof the work is done.

So again, the Facilities and Finance team got to work. We identified the need for a better system for awareness of who is at the front door when volunteers and staff are working throughout the week. To that end we received quotes for an audio/visual intercom system by which staff in particular can see and hear who is at the door. The application for the grant was submitted well before the August 31, 2022 deadline. And once again we were approved for another \$7,500.00! The scope of work will increase as the system will not take the full total, so we are also looking at outside lighting and other aspects that will increase the safety of those both in and outside the building.

It must be noted that all of the things that have happened, the back door, the refrigerator, and the photocopier, and what is yet to be done as described above, could not and would not have come to fruition based on our offerings/donations alone. This is above and beyond the scope of the church budget which is well behind where we hoped to be at the end of the year. The generosity of donors who have given to the Memorial Fund and Kitchen fund, as well as the work of the Facilities and Finance team to be aware and take advantage of government grants is a blessing to us all. Merry Christmas!

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY LOAN CUPBOARD

Wheelchairs, walkers, canes etc. are available for borrowing at no charge from the Loan Cupboard. These items can be signed out at the church office.

### PROSPECTOR BUNS - LIFEWATER CANADA FUNDRAISER

The Prospector Steak House has once again generously offered to donate their fabulous buns in support of Lifewater Canada.

Buns including garlic butter are \$5.00/doz.

You can also purchase buns to donate to the Dew Drop Inn; they'll be delivered your behalf.

Just think of the impact \$5.00 can make.

Pick up will be 12:00PM – 1:00PM on Saturday December 24, 2022. You will receive an emailed confirmation within 24 hours of placing your order. The confirmation will include payment and pick up details.

Please email your order to

[shirleyvandyken.lifewatercanada@gmail.com](mailto:shirleyvandyken.lifewatercanada@gmail.com)

with the following information:

- full name
- cell number
- address
- number of buns

Deadline to order is NOON on  
**Thursday December 22, 2022**



"Nice iron. Your wife will love it. While I wrap it, you might want to go over to sporting goods and pick out a helmet."

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