



St. Andrew's News

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February 11th, 2024

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



The church office will be closed
Monday February 19, 2024 for Family Day



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

Pope Francis

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to
offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday February 14 at 7:30pm
Ash Wednesday

Sunday February 18 at 11:00am
Worship with Communion

Midweek Lenten Series

Wed. Feb. 21 - March 20 Noon - 12:30pm
Songs for a Lifelong Journey: Service for Lent based on the Psalms of Ascent.
A time of fellowship will follow each service for those who may wish to bring a bag lunch or just join together to visit.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Lent is a time of reflection and personal assessment is the ideal time to begin the first Mission and Outreach food bank drive. Non-perishable food items will be accepted until Easter Sunday March 31. Please put us on your shopping list

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Please join us on Wednesday February 14 at 12:15pm for Lunch with a Difference. A minimum donation of \$10 is appreciated. RSVP to the Office Administrator at 807-622-4273

TRIVIA PRIZES

We are currently seeking prize donations for our upcoming trivia night. Gift cards, new or nearly new items, etc. If you have something that you would like to donate as a prize please contact our Office Administrator 807-622-4273

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Feb 11 - Annual Meeting @ 12:00pm
Tues Feb 13 - Session Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wed Feb 14 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Feb 14 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm
Wed Feb 14 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Feb 14 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Wed Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30pm
Thurs Feb 15 - The Music Class @ 11:00am

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Presents



FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024

Doors Open at 5pm ♦ Trivia starts at 6pm

Knights of Columbus Centre

301 May St S, Thunder Bay

A Buffet Dinner and Coffee & Tea will be Provided

Tickets are \$50 per person

Tables of 8 available

Only 30 tables for purchase, so book early!

Tickets can be purchased at

**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
207 Brodie St. S.
807-622-4273**



**Calico Coffeehouse
316 Bay St
807-766-9087**

! PRIZE FOR BEST GROUP COSTUME !

INVITATION FROM FIRST PRES

First Presbyterian invites you to join them for an activities in February!

February 19 is cards. We meet from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Please use blue door for entry!

February 9 & 23 is crafts and conversation. Bring your project and enjoy the fellowship with other crafters. This group meets 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Sandy 577-9372 or Ruth 475-3106 for more information.



From Joyce

This is an interesting start to Lent. Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are both February 14th this year. Which could lead to an interesting conundrum for some who observe Lent by abstaining from chocolate or for those who see Ash Wednesday as a day of fasting while Valentine's Day is often celebrated by couples with a lovely dinner and chocolate. Presbyterians per se do not observe strict rules around fasting or giving up something for Lent, though there are certainly people who choose to use the ancient tradition of giving up something as part of their Lenten practice.

The common denominator of those two days is the theme of love. Valentine's Day in the modern sense does not need explanation; it is a day for lovers. A day to celebrate romance. Interestingly, Valentine's Day actually started as a Christian celebration, a feast day for the martyred St. Valentine. There are legends and stories around what St. Valentine did in ministering to Christians in Rome and the reasons for his martyrdom, but I will not take the time to go through those here. Suffice it to say he cared for Christians at great risk to himself and sacrificed for them. And we understand Ash Wednesday as the first day in the season of Lent, a time of preparation toward Good Friday and Easter when depth God's love for all was demonstrated and displayed in the work of Jesus on the cross. Making a way for all to be in a more intimate relationship with God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit.

However, you choose to celebrate the day, whether with a feast, or choosing to come to the evening service here at the church, maybe both, this is a day about love for those closest to us and God's love for the world. So, blessings this week as we begin our Lenten journey and Happy Valentine's Day!

THE 40 DAY JOURNEY

This Lent, The Presbyterian Church in Canada invites you to reflect on the work of the 14th Century Christian mystic Julian of Norwich's ideas. Using Lisa E. Dunhill's **40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich**, readers will be guided through different sections such as "Biblical Wisdom," "Questions to Ponder," "Psalm Fragments," "Journal Reflections" exercises, and prayers to encounter Jesus "within a profoundly Trinitarian spirituality and a deep relational openness to all people, indeed, to all the cosmos." Dunhill describes Julian of Norwich's work as one that "will draw you deep into the mystery of God's unending love for you."

[Lent 2024: Presbyterians Read: A 40-Day Journey - The Presbyterian Church in Canada](#)

The Rev. Dr. Emily Bisset holds a ThD in homiletics (preaching), specializing in helping people of faith see their lives and the world. The link to the Facebook group where Emily will be posting is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

Purchase a copy of the book on Amazon or Indigo
[40 Day Journey Julian Of Norw: Dahill, Lisa: 9780806680477: Books - Amazon.ca](#)

[40-Day Journey with Julian of Norwich | Indigo](#)

In-person study group will meet on Thursdays from Feb. 22 - March 21 at noon - 1:15.
Feel free to bring a bag lunch

Connect with Susan Dynes 807-620-7605

First-Wesley United Church

presents the

CHUCK WAGON DINNER

★ Annual Roast Beef Dinner ★

Friday, February 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm
130 Brodie St. N.

★ Tickets: \$30.00 - Call church office to reserve ★
807-623-7001

Entertainment by: *Kenny Konnection*

Wheelchair Accessable



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