



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## WORSHIP SERIES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER: FREEDOM FROM FEAR

March 17 Lent 5

*Fear of Hell* - Luke 12:1-7

Guest Performer: Damian Rivers-Moore

*Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us!*

March 24 Palm Sunday

*Fear of Being Overtaken* - John 12:12-16

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Service with Communion 7:00pm

March 29 Good Friday

Service at 11:00am

March 31 Easter Sunday

*Fear of the Unknown* - Matthew 28:1-10

Service with Communion

Throughout the gospels Jesus tells his followers or those around him, "Do not be afraid." Yet today fear plays an enormous part in our lives. This Season of Lent we will look at the times where Jesus said, "Don't not be afraid" discovering what fears Jesus is releasing us from today.\*

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## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wed. Feb. 21 - March 20 12:05pm- 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.

## ST. ANDREW'S SHEPHERD'S PIES

The chefs and friends of the Mission & Outreach Committee have once again donned their aprons to prepare yummy St. Andrew's Shepherd's Pie for you. Just heat, serve and enjoy!

This year all pies are the popular single serving size at \$8 each.

To claim one or more of these mouth-watering dinners, just add your name to the sign-up sheet posted outside the office.

You'll love them!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tues Mar 19 - Worship Meeting @ 2:00pm

Wed Mar 20 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am

Wed Mar 20 - Lenten Services @ 12:05pm

Wed Mar 20 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm

Wed Mar 20 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm

Thurs Mar 21 - The Music Class @ 11:00am

Thurs Mar 21 - Lenten Study Group @ 12:00pm

Sun Mar 24 - Children's Sunday

## EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET



It's time to be thinking about Easter, and the annual Memorial Booklet. If you would like your loved ones remembered in the booklet, please consider donating to the flower fund. To ensure the names get in the booklet, please advise the office of name(s) and proper spelling by Monday March 25.

## COOKIE SALES \$6 A BOX

Girl Guides will be selling cookies Sunday March 24 following worship.



**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!**

We still have 20+ tables of 8 available for the Trivia Night. Please get your tickets soon! We've received amazing prizes for this event, along with a flat screen tv as the door prize. This will be a great event and lots of fun. Please contact the Office Administrator to get your tickets!

## From Joyce



I have been trying to figure out what welcome means to different people. I have seen the welcome that some have received from our congregation. It is warm and welcoming. Everything from the greeting at the door to being handed a bulletin during the service if for some reason a guest does not have one. I have watched as people have been invited to sit with another so that they can be guided through the worship service and not feel alone, which can be especially important in this large space that we call the sanctuary. And as I shared last week, I have appreciated when I go down for a lunch or coffee hour and find that guests have someone sitting with them and engaged in conversation.

Yet, I have also heard stories of people who have come into our sanctuary and not felt greeted or welcomed at all. I am not sure where the gap lies. I wonder if what is welcome to one does not feel like welcome to another, some people needing more conversation, and some wanting to be left alone, not wanting to engage, and it is difficult for us to figure that out. If we see someone already speaking to a guest, rather than offering our own welcome, even if it is a quick welcome, we think that it better not to overwhelm people by inundating them with another conversation.

I will say I don't have an answer, which is why I started out by asking, "What does welcome mean to different people.?" I also wonder about a broader question that is about welcome through social media and our online worship services as well as welcoming community throughout the week. This is one of the questions the Session is and will be grappling with. I would love to hear different perspectives and even hear from you should you wish to be a part of a team that works together to answer this question the best way we can figure out to do. May we live into the works, Responding, Restoring, and Rejoicing, as we look to how we welcome people in a way that sees them as they need to be seen and loved as God calls us to love.

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change. Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.  
*Gregory Coulter – professor of Philosophy*

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to [offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

### DIVERSITY THUNDER BAY

Diversity Thunder Bay presents the 2024 United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with Cadmus Delorme What We All Inherited & What Steps and Actions We All Must Take To Ensure We Get It Right This Time.

In 2015 Cadmus was named one of CBC Saskatchewan's Future 40, which celebrates the province's new generation of leaders, builders, and change-makers under the age of 40. During Mr. Delorme's time as Chief focused on political sovereignty, economic self-sustainability, and cultural rejuvenation.

HYBRID EVENT - March 21st at 12pm -  
Courthouse Hotel & Zoom  
REGISTER NOW AT:

[DTB Presents | Diversity Thunder Bay](#)

### MISSION & OUTREACH

Lent is a time of reflection and personal assessment. It 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. Food Bank items in high demand include soup, pasta and sauce, cereal, canned vegetables and fruit, meat and fish and peanut butter. Consider including some of your favourites.



### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24th, 2024 at 11:00 am, during the regular Sunday service.

A creative activity will be offered for children and youth during this special Palm Sunday service. Please join us!  
We would love to see you!



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