



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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

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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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday March 29 - Good Friday
Monday April 1 - Easter Monday

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun Mar 24 - Children's Sunday
Tues Mar 26 - St. Aidan's Meeting @ 11:30am
Wed Mar 27 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed Mar 27 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed Mar 27 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs Mar 28 - The Music Class @ 11:00am
Thurs Mar 28 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm
Fri Mar 29 - Good Friday Service @ 11:00am

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 **Tomorrow Monday March 25.**

COOKIE SALES \$6 A BOX

Girl Guides will be selling cookies **TODAY** following worship.



LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Our next Lunch with a Difference will be **Wednesday April 17** at 12:15pm. Please join us for a time of community and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

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!



SUPERIOR OF PRESBYTERY VISIT TO ST. ANDREW'S

Rev. Markus Arseneault of Lakeview Presbyterian and Elder Will Newton also of Lakeview will be joining our congregation for worship on Sunday April 14th followed by lunch with the congregation. One of responsibilities of a presbytery is to occasionally visit each congregation within its bounds. Though these visits should normally occur every two years to strengthen the bonds between the presbytery and the congregations, St. Andrew's has not been visited in over ten years. This visit is an opportunity for the Presbytery of Superior to attend to the work it is called to do and for the congregation to be able to express their joys and concerns about the ministry here with the knowledge that it is the responsibility of the presbytery to support the congregation as they are able. Please mark this important date on your calendar and plan to share in the conversation so that our visitors are able to get a clear indication of the health and vitality of the congregation as well as provide insight on ways that we may be able to grow in our ministry and worship.

From Joyce



This next week is Holy Week and it provides one with multiple opportunities to worship beginning with today, Palm Sunday, moving into a Maundy Thursday evening service, Good Friday morning service, and back again for Easter Sunday worship. It is difficult to fully explore the complexity of meaning for this week, scripturally and spiritually without all the services. It is a week to be experienced, each service having a depth and focus that is different from the other. Each part bringing meaning to the story that changed history. One author and world leader in Biblical scholarship, N.T. Wright has a book entitled, *The Day the Revolution Began*. That is truly what happened on the cross and at Easter, a revolution like no other. These services help us come to see and feel the whole of the Easter story, not just the celebratory parts, but also the painful parts, both physical and emotional. As is often said, there is no Easter without a Good Friday. Not everyone who reads this newsletter is in Thunder Bay or a part of this congregation, but may I encourage all to find a way to experience this week more fully. If you can get to St. Andrew's for worship, that would be amazing! For those who cannot, try to find something somewhere, online, or another church where you can sit and participate in worship to reflect on the gift that is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Easter story is a moment in history that showed the full extent of God's love for us, a new exodus in which we are free to live as people of light and love; people who respond, restore, and rejoice in community and with community.

TRIVIA NIGHT

We want to thank everyone who came out and participated in our trivia night this past Friday.

Thank you to those who donated prizes, who came to help setup the event, and to all of the businesses that donated prizes as well.

And thank you to our Office Administrator, Shaundra Benincasa, for hosting and organizing the event. Fun was had by all!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS



Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Dr. Kennon Callahan – Pastor, educator, consultant, and writer.

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

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.



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