



# St. Andrew's News

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March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

*Responding!*

*Restoring!*

*Rejoicing!*



## 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.

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

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.\*

March 3 Lent 3  
*Fear of Death* - Mark 5:35-43

Guest Performer: Madonna Lee  
*Thank you for sharing your gift of music with us!*  
Souper Sunday following Worship

March 10 Lent 4  
*Fear of the Unexplainable* - Matthew 17:1-9

March 17 Lent 5  
*Fear of Hell* - Luke 12:1-7

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

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## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Each of you should use whatever gift you have  
received to serve others, as faithful stewards of  
God's grace in its various forms.

*1 Peter 4:10*

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mon Mar 4 - Event Meeting @ 10:30am  
Tues Mar 5 - Seekers Meeting @ 11:00am  
Wed Mar 6 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Mar 6 - Lenten Services @ 12:05pm  
Wed Mar 6 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm  
Wed Mar 6 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Mar 7 - The Music Class @ 11:00am  
Thurs Mar 7 - Lenten Study Group @ 12:00pm  
Thurs Mar 7 - Facilities & Finance Meeting @ 1pm

## 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.

## EVENT PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting on Monday March 4 at  
10:30 am in Rowand Hall for anyone interested in  
looking at how we may plan an event in November.  
If you had a hand in the bazaar last November or  
would be interested in being a part of this planning,  
if you have ideas that we can be curious about, this  
is a meeting for everyone!

This event is following the path of the New  
Beginnings work we are doing as a whole in the  
congregation. We will look at what has worked,  
how things have changed, and what may be a new  
approach for this year

## 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 signup sheet  
posted outside the office.

You'll love them!



## From Joyce

Time for a New Beginnings update for those of you who were not able to be at the Annual meeting back on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Part of what came out of the work of New Beginnings was the desire to connect with community to partner with groups, organizations, or the like in the community and to be able to welcome the community in to use the space that we have at St. Andrew's, as this building is our largest physical asset. In order to do that well, it had been determined by the Implementation Team, Session, and the Facilities and Finance Team that making our church fully accessible would be important. With much foresight those in leadership in past years along with the congregation raised the funds for the elevator and placed the ramp at the front entrance, the doors are also wide enough to accommodate various needs. Yet without proper washrooms and accessibility buttons at the ramp entrance we could not claim that our building was fully accessible.

That is changing. The Facilities and Finance Team has been successful in being approved for several grants. Most of the grants have come from available Ontario anti-hate security and prevention grants. We also received one accessibility grant that we managed to get in on before the program was discontinued. These grants have allowed us to increase safety around the church with a more secure back entry, an audio/visual security system, the accessibility buttons to open the doors at the ramp entrance so that people can access the building with ease, as well as allowing staff and volunteers to manage entry to the building through the security system. That work is all complete. What is being worked on now is the construction of four gender-neutral bathrooms where we now have the women's and men's washrooms in the hallway. Two of the four washrooms will be fully accessible. Architectural drawings are being reviewed and once complete then permits will be applied for. The hope is that all will be in place so construction can take place during the summer when the building has less activity. This is very exciting for us as a congregation as we seek to realize the hopes of the New Beginnings work.

### 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 !**

### 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.

### TRIVIA PRIZES

We are currently seeking prize donations for our upcoming trivia night. Gift cards, new or nearly new items, or if you have any connections to businesses in town please connect with the Office Administrator 807-622-4273

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