



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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!

FUN AND FITNESS

Fun & Fitness meets every **Wednesday** starting at **10:00 am**. Come out and have some exercise, fellowship and fun.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Hand-crafted shawls are available for gifting to anyone you know that may be experiencing difficult times in their lives.



The soft, warm wrap is a comforting reminder that others care about them. We encourage you to contact Terry (577-5567) or Rev. Joyce (632-8348) to arrange to pick up a shawl. There is no charge for the shawls.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday April 28
Adult & Teen Challenge Presentation during Worship

Sunday May 5
Bluegrass Sunday with Guest Band Gibson, Martin & I
Seekers Coffee Hour following Worship

Sunday May 19
Guest Worship Leader
Rev. Pam Hogewoning

Sunday May 26
115th Anniversary Sunday
Children's Sunday
Guest Harpist Naomi Cohen
St. Aidan's Coffee Hour following Worship

Sunday June 9
Seeker's Potluck Lunch following Worship
Games in Rowand Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sun April 14 - Presbytery Visit at St. Andrew's
Sun April 14 - Seekers Lunch following Worship
Tues April 16 - Worship Meeting @ 4:30pm
Wed April 17 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am
Wed April 17 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm
Wed April 17 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm
Wed April 17 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm
Thurs April 18 - The Music Class @ 11:00am

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Gratefulness leads to great fullness.
Dr. Kent Millard – President of United Theological Seminary



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

ST. ANDREW'S SPRING FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY MAY 4 from 9:30am to 1:30pm
The purpose of the Market is to raise funds to support the Sunday School's Sponsored Child at Dr. Graham's Homes in India, about \$850.00 dollars is needed. Any extra funding goes into the operating fund of the church to help with our work and mission. Though the sale is one day only on May 4th, this is a weeklong effort as it takes time to set up for the day, with items being sorted as they come in. Feel free to drop in between 9:00 and 1:00 anytime the week of April 29 – May 3 to help with organizing. If you have an hour to give or can be there more, all help is welcome and appreciated.

Items for donation can be brought to the church starting Monday April 29.

Baking is also needed for the bake table and can be brought to the church Friday May 3 from 9:00 – 1:00 or early Saturday May 4th in time to be priced. If you can help the day of the sale, please contact the office by email or phone and leave your name, contact information, along with the start and end time you can be available to help.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (ST. ANDREW'S)

Ellen Hole - Thursday April 25 at 1:00pm



From Joyce

This morning, we welcome Rev. Markus Arseneault, Minister at Lakeview Presbyterian, and Will Newton an Elder and the Clerk of Session at Lakeview, as they visit our congregation on behalf of the Presbytery of Superior. It is work of relationship building that is part of being a church in this presbytery. For those who are wondering what a Presbytery is...it is a geographic area of churches, in our case Presbyterian churches in Thunder Bay and the Shared Ministry of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and St. James Anglican in Geraldton. Also in this presbytery, the people who participate in the meetings and work are ordained ministers, actively engaged in congregational ministry, an institutional chaplain, and ordained elders, one from each congregation, called representative elders. There are also alternate elders and lay ministers, along with retired and inactive ministers who participate in the life and work of our particular presbytery.

The purpose of Presbytery's visit to St. Andrew's is stated in what is called the Book of Forms. It is a book that helps the denomination in its ministry and oversight. In the Book of Forms is the following statement... "The presbytery has power to send forth visitors to see how all things are administered within its bounds. The presbytery should visit the congregations under its care; call the session and the office-bearers before it; inquire into the state of the congregation and its affairs generally and deal with all parties as may be deemed for its edification".

Maybe even more so, and as stated in the letter the Session of St. Andrew's received from the Presbytery, the visitation is "intended to strengthen the bonds between the congregation and presbytery. It gives the chance to put names to faces and improve lines of communication. This visit is intended to be a friendly, pastoral care visit, though there will be questions that the committee comes with so that a good understanding of the congregation and its ministries can be shared with other members of the Presbytery."

The visit consists of Markus and Will joining the congregation for worship, then speaking with members of the congregation, Elders, Session and myself. May they, and all gathered, experience welcome in our worship, fellowship, and in meeting.

MISSION MOMENT

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church (TRC) in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring creative new ways of being the church. Two values that support their purpose of "inviting all to come alive in Christ" are "face-to-face church" and "every voice matters." These commitments have literally shaped the way the congregation worships God. TRC's Living Room and Liturgical practices invite people into circles and semi-circles to be seen and heard. Opportunity for conversation, asking and answering questions, offering testimony, and sharing in discernment of the Spirit's voice creates space for the whole body of Christ at TRC to participate in worship and mission.

WORSHIP TEAM

Are you looking to be a more active member in our ministry and want to contribute your gifts and creativity to the St. Andrew's Worship team?

One will need to be open to learning about the "why" behind the choices that are made in terms of Worship and be willing to work as a team.

This can be a long-term commitment, or you can come and just check it out

The next Worship meeting will be
Tuesday April 16 at 4:30pm.
Please contact Rev. Joyce to RSVP

SERMON SERIES - 1 JOHN

- April 14 - 1 John 3:1-7
- April 21 - 1 John 3:16-24
- April 28 - 1 John 4:7-21
- May 5 - 1 John 5:1-6



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