



St. Andrew's News

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August 11th, 2024

Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, August 11 We pray for the National President of the Women's Missionary Society, Cathy Reid, as she visits Saskatoon at the invitation of the Catholic Women's League, from August 11-14.

Monday, August 12 We pray that God would speak to the hearts of those who have gifts and graces for ordained ministry and challenge them to consider service in the church as ordained ministers of the Word and Sacraments.

Tuesday, August 13 We pray for the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Ghana as they meet from August 14-18.

Wednesday, August 14 We pray for everyone participating in Camp Caterpillar week at Camp Christopher in Saskatchewan.

Thursday, August 15 We pray for the staff and faculty of St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver as they equip students for ministry.

Friday, August 16 We pray for the congregation at Place of Hope Presbyterian Church as it ministers to Indigenous People in the inner city of Winnipeg, Manitoba by providing spiritual and tangible care.

Saturday, August 17 We pray for the leadership in the Atlantic Mission Society as people discern new ways God is leading them to share Christ's love.

ST. ANDREW'S OFFICE

The church office will be closed for the summer. If you need access to the church during the week please call or email to make an appointment.

(807) 622-4273

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If it is an urgent matter please contact Rev. Joyce at (807) 632-8348 or

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

(Psalm 24:1)

Offerings can be sent via etransfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Worship will start at 10am on Sundays.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 8

Sunday worship moves back to 11:00am.

September 15

First Choir Practice for the Season beginning at 9:30 am.

September 25 & 26

The Music Class 10 week program begins

September 29

Family and Children's Sunday with Blessings of Backpacks

October 5

Holistic Wellness Workshop

October 6

World Communion Sunday

ROMANS FOR EVERYONE

Using N.T. Wright's Romans for Everyone, Part 1, Chapters 1- 8 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide we will be exploring the first chapters of Romans. N. T. Wright is the Chair in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is the former Bishop of Durham in the Church of England and is a prolific author and noted New Testament scholar. Writing in an approachable and anecdotal style, Tom Wright helps us see the great sweep of this letter. Romans has long been viewed as the book above all in which Paul puts forth the basic doctrines of the faith, and the picture of God's life for us. It is the classic setting-out of the Gospel.

This study will begin in October with day and time to be determined. You can order the book yourself or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy of the book. This is shaping up to be an interesting time of learning, discussions and connecting. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture and glean new insights this is an place for you.



From Joyce

I'm back! Last Sunday was my first Sunday in the pulpit after five weeks away and I didn't realize until I was into the worship service just how ready I was and how excited I am to get to work. The weeks of vacation allowed me to step away from my responsibilities and I really took the time to enjoy family and friends. Ken and I also managed to put on over ten thousand kilometers in the process, which is nuts when you think about it, but it allowed us to be with people we love and who have been a part of our lives while still being able to use our RV and have some quiet down time.

Now that we are back a few things are happening at the church. Plans are underway for a Holistic Wellness Workshop on Saturday October 5th and we have five speakers lined up to take participants through an awesome day focusing on wellness. Registration opens this week!

The popular and well attended Music Classes for preschool children will be starting the last week of September but registrations will be opening up in the next couple of weeks.

The next group gatherings for discussions on things of faith will begin in October. The book we will be looking at is *Romans for Everyone* by N.T. Wright.

You can also mark your calendars for a St. Andrew's Event on Friday November 15th. More to come on that, but it will include the pick-up day for Shortbread and displays of Nativity sets in the Sanctuary. That also means that if you can pick up butter on sale for the making of shortbread or are willing to help with making shortbread in October and November that would be so helpful and valuable. Annually we have fundraised about \$8,000 through shortbread sales, which is so important as we meet our goals for ministry and care of the church. As well, if you have a nativity set to offer as part of the Nativity display, we would be pleased to have you lend it to the church for that event.

The big project on the go this summer is the bathroom renovations. Demolition has begun and the plumbing and electrical will be happening next. When all is said and done St. Andrew's will have four gender neutral washrooms in the main hallway. One of those washrooms will also be fully accessible. This is a major project coming in at a cost of between \$55,000 – \$60,000. We have received grants of just over \$19,000. If you would like to help offset the costs of this project with a donation that would be amazing! You can donate online, by e-transfer or at the church. The reason for this project at this time is to help us move into our future story coming out of New Beginnings, a story of partnering in community and with community. To be able to do that well, becoming a fully accessible building was accessed to be a need which included changing our washroom spaces. With this project we also need to bring that part of the building up to Ontario building code standards. The gender-neutral washrooms will also help us create a safe space for anyone using the building.

This is an exciting time for St. Andrew's!

More on other things to come and what happening when I write next week.

A HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP

This workshop offers a full day of learning from a panel of amazing presenters. This workshop will be sure to help us all on our own individual journeys of self-care and wellness.

Lunch and Refreshments included

Buy your tickets NOW - \$45 each

CALL: 807-622-4273

OR

GO ON-LINE:

[A Holistic Wellness Workshop – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay, ON \(standrewspres-tbay.ca\)](http://standrewspres-tbay.ca)

St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Saturday October 5, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
207 South Brodie

Etransfer, cash or cheque accepted

BUTTER

With shortbread season approaching, please keep an eye out for butter sales. We need about 200lbs of butter. Please purchase and the church will reimburse you. Contact Susan Dynes through the church office.

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