

St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoning! Rejoicing!



ROMANS FOR EVERYONE

Using N.T. Wrigh'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.

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 or alternatively you can submit your receipt and you can request that the amount will go toward your charitable donation. For more information contact Susan Dynes through the church office.

ST. ANDREW'S OFFICE

The church office will be closed for the summer. If it is an urgent matter please contact Rev. Joyce at (807) 632-8348 or minister.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

SEEKERS MEETING

Seekers will be meeting at St. Andrew's on Tuesday September 3 at 11:00am in the Eleanor Patterson Room.

FALL WORSHIP

Sunday Sept 8, worship moves back to 11:00am.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

When you let go of trying to get more of what you don't really need, it frees up oceans of energy to make a difference with what you have.

-Lynne Twist, author, founder of The Soul of Money Institute

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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)

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

From Joyce

Oh my goodness, August is gone?! I shouldn't be surprised. Years ago, my dad warned me that the older one gets, the faster time goes by. I had so many plans for August...dreams of a to-do list that had item after item checked off, hopes for numerous visits made to people in the congregation. Don't know what happened, but my to-do list grew even as I check off things, and though I managed a few visits, most of my time was swallowed up with various other demands.

Now you need to know I am not complaining, just a reality check. I am busy because there are things happening or going to happen this fall at St. Andrew's and that is amazing, wonderful, hopeful, and joyful. Some people are taking time away from their regular commitments to the ministry of St. Andrew's but there are also those who have continued to work on projects throughout the summer. In some cases, they are the same people both taking time away but still putting in some time in ways that are outside the normal rhythms of congregational life. It is all good as summer is a special time in our part of the world.

We have also had the opportunity to welcome guests to worship and make some new friends at the church. It has been a wonderful season of watching some of our young adults participate in worship in new ways. It has also been a season of celebration through communion and last week's service which honoured an Elder with the title Elder Emeritus. The fellowship after that service was a lovely opportunity to connect with each other.

Through it all, this August in particular, the bathroom renovations continue. The drywall has gone up and the final stages of mudding are near completion. Painting, flooring and wall tiles are next on the list in this project. This has been a huge undertaking, but the results are going to be so good as we create a fully accessible building that can welcome community in ways we had not previously been able to do. If you have the means to help support this work of bathroom renovations with a special donation to help offset those costs, that would be a major help and boost to the congregation. We can cover the costs, but it is coming out of savings that we hope to use for other important aspects of ministry at St. Andrew's. Online options for giving are always available (offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net) or using a credit card with the Canada Helps button on the St. Andrew's website (standrewspres-tbay.ca). Donations can also be given through your Sunday offering or left with the office staff.

These are very exciting times for St. Andrew's. Still, we have a lot of work ahead of us and I know that this congregation, working together, can make things happen. You are amazing, and I give thanks for each and everyone of you.

MEN MAKE IT HAPPEN

Because prostate cancer still kills!
A men's health event (women welcome too)
Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 10am
55 Plus Centre - 700 River St

Speakers

Dr Green
Colorectal Cancer
Leanne Mercer
Genetic testing

Dr Ahmed Zakaria

How is and will Al improve urology?

1 out of 9 of the men in your congregation will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. If they get checked early, 95% will not die of prostate cancer.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sense of loss that we acknowledge the passing of Shirley Rogowski, a beloved member of St. Andrew's. A Celebration of Life will take place at St. Andrew's on Thursday September 5 at 3:00pm.

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