



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Andrew's will be hosting a special community concert, "The Sounds of Christmas," on **Sunday, December 8th**, from **4 - 5:30 pm**.



It will feature performances from a variety of talented local musicians. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors (60+), and children under 10 are free. Tickets can be purchased online (e-transfer), through the church office, or at the door (cash only).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Nov 5 - Seekers @ 11:00am  
Wed Nov 6 - Fun & Fitness @ 10:00am  
Wed Nov 6 - The Music Class @ 4:00pm  
Wed Nov 6 - The Music Class @ 5:15pm  
Thurs Nov 7 - The Music Class @ 11:00am  
Thurs Nov 7 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:00pm

## ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS

St. Andrew's will be hosting a special Christmas event on **Friday, November 15th**, from **3:00pm - 7:00pm**.



The event will include a nativity display, bake sale and dainties, hot dog sale, as well as children's activities. All are welcome - please drop in!

## SHORTBREAD SALES

This is the **last week** to order shortbread! Cookies are \$8 per dozen, and orders must be received by **Friday, November 8th** at **1:00pm**.



The order form can be found on our website, or paper copies are available at the church.

Orders are to be picked up during our Christmas event on Friday, November 15th, between 3:00pm - 7:00pm.

## BAKING FOR ST. ANDREW'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

We invite all who are able to donate dainties or baking to be sold at our Christmas event! If you choose to do so, dainties can be dropped off at the church on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 6 pm, and Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 1 pm.



Baking can be dropped off on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - 6 pm, or Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> between 9 am and the start of the event at 3 pm. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Please note that next Sunday, November 10th, we will observe Remembrance Sunday during the service.

Next month, we will celebrate the start of Advent on Sunday, December 1st, as well as our next Children's Sunday on December 15th.

## SHORTBREAD BAKERS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of more shortbread as we are almost out of cookies. Please contact Susan Dynes if you are willing to contribute your time!

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**Please note our new office hours:  
Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

## UNDERCOVER PROGRAM

Since 2006, the Undercover Project by Community Clothing Assistance has been dedicated to ensuring that children in need, age 4-14, receive essential undergarments. Through this program, over 1000 children benefit annually, receiving 7 pairs of new socks and underwear.

St Andrew's is happy to be participating in this program. We would ask that you drop off children's underwear and socks at the church, into a bin marked "Undercover," until **December 22nd**.

## From Joyce

 Today is one of the most cherished services of our church year. It is All Saints Sunday. Today we honour specifically the names of those whose lives intersect with families of members of our congregation, and those I have been asked to walk alongside, who have called on me at a time of death and loss. Names are spoken and a candle lit on the communion table. There is also an opportunity during the service to take a moment to light a candle oneself with tealights positioned on surfaces throughout the sanctuary. A moment to reflect and remember someone whose life has impacted yours and has now passed on, not just this year, but at any time. Though many churches have practiced this tradition for centuries, for St. Andrew's the practice took root with Covid. It was a time when as a congregation we could no longer gather together for funerals. At one time, funerals were an opportunity for the church and community at large to grieve losses together and with families. To come together to support one another, tell stories, laugh, and to cry. And though the practice of funerals seems to be falling out of favour, and that was already trending prior to 2020, Covid accelerated the pace. Yet the reality is that people still long to have an opportunity to remember, to honour, to laugh, to cry together, and find a common hope. This service is a small but significant way to do just that. Even if you are not at the service, may I encourage you to take a moment, light a candle, whether that be with a match, a battery operated one, or even to sit back and imagine a candle, and light it, or many, to honour those you need to remember, whatever the reason. Then remember the love of God for you, and how God holds our loved ones with joy and love. Blessings on this All Saints Sunday and peace be with you.

## LAKEVIEW PRES. ORGAN CONCERT

Lakeview Presbyterian Church will be holding a concert on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our lovely Karl Wilhelm organ, which was installed in 1974. A varied program will be presented by eight organists, ThunderBrass quintet, and other musicians.

Please join us at 278 Camelot Street for this wonderful free concert & reception following.

## FOOD BANK

Fall is in the air and the Mission and Outreach Food Bank drive has begun. Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted until November.

Items in demand include peanut butter, soup, pasta and sauce, baked beans, cans of fruit and vegetables, tuna, ham, chicken, and salmon.

Other items include tetra packs of juice and "milk," Kraft Dinner and other "quick" noodle, rice, and pasta meals and cereal.

Other suggestions are "lunch box" snacks, crackers, instant coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

The need is great. Please, put the Food Bank on your grocery list. Remember that St. Andrew's often leads the way in baby food donations.



## CHURCH ACTION TEAMS

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has embarked on an amazing journey of New Beginnings and we invite you to join us in our revitalization!

We have three exciting ACTION TEAMS that could use your energy and ideas



**Welcome and Fellowship Team:** If helping to create meaningful relationships feels like a wonderful way to spend a bit of time, then this could be the right fit for you. Figuring out ways to keep current members engaged, and welcome future members, visitors and anyone else who may want to be part of St. Andrew's is an important piece of our journey together. Join us!

**Mission and Outreach Team:** What could feel better than helping to continue our work in organizing and directing the church's mission offerings and donations across our Thunder Bay community. There are community partnerships out there just waiting to be developed and we invite you to be a part of this critical work.

**Fundraising Team:** It takes faith and prayer to keep our St. Andrew's community vital, but it also takes money. This team welcomes your ideas, commitment and creativity to help identify reliable income opportunities that will continue to sustain us while we continue to do all the good work we do, for the community of Thunder Bay

Reach out to any elder in person, or through the office.

We welcome any level of involvement - whatever you feel is right for you!