



# St. Andrew's News

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*Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!*

## 2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service prepared by women of  
The Cook Islands

Theme: Women Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, March 7th, 11am - 1:30pm  
(Lunch provided)

This will be a time to share stories, music, worship, and fellowship. This event is free to attend, and open to all.

Hosted by The Salvation Army Thunder Bay Community Church, at 2621 Victoria Ave E.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Mar 4 - Seekers @ 10am

Wed Mar 5 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Mar 5 - The Music Class @ 4pm & 5:15pm

Wed Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm

Thurs Mar 6 - The Music Class @ 11am & 5:15pm

Thurs Mar 6 - Bible Study @ 12pm

## THANK YOU FROM FAYE PETERSON HOUSE

Faye Peterson House has expressed a "heartfelt thank-you" for the donations that St. Andrew's made at Christmas, in the form of gift cards, toys, and clothing. As they stated in their letter, "your contribution to the shelter not only helps to provide for the women and children we serve, it also reminds us that people in the community care." St. Andrew's is proud to carry on our tradition of donating to organizations such as this, and we appreciate the continued support of this important outreach initiative.



## SUMMER CAMP

Lakeview Presbyterian Church is in the early stages of planning summer camp for 2025!

They are looking to gauge interest from campers (grade 3 and up), as well as teenage/adult volunteers. If you think you might be interested, fill out the survey by scanning the QR code on the posters found on the bulletin boards around the church, or check out Lakeview's Facebook page.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"For all that has been—thanks.  
For all that shall be—yes."

- Dag Hammarskjold



Donations can be sent via e-transfer to  
[offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

## TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

On **Friday, April 25th**, St. Andrew's will be hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser at the Slovak Legion Solarium at **6pm**. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$200 per table of 8.



Food and drinks will be available for purchase. There will be prizes, games, and a silent auction! Please spread the word! Gather some friends, get your team together, and come out for a night of fun while supporting St. Andrew's!

Tickets can be purchased through the church office (office hours are 9am-1pm, Wednesday-Friday). 807-622-4273; [office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net](mailto:office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net)

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**Office Hours:**  
**Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm**



Thank you the Thunder Bay Community Band and conductor Jane Saunders for sharing their gift of music during today's service!

## From Joyce



This week the Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Though I think more people attend Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday dinners than likely show up at an Ash Wednesday service, it may be that this year you would consider the Wednesday night service. Ash Wednesday is a beautiful and sacred way to begin this season. This service starts our preparation as we consider the depth of meaning of God coming to earth in the body of Jesus. It is why Christmas and Easter are the big celebrations in the church. These are celebrations of God come to us as "God with us". First God coming in the baby and then God giving us hope and promise of new life right now through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

It seems easy to celebrate the birth of a child, and so Christmas gets a lot of attention, as it should. This was the inbreaking of God into our everyday lives, living among us, experiencing life as we do and yet doing it in a way that brought healing, teaching, grace, mercy, and compassion. Yet it was in Jesus' death and rising to life again that this healing, teaching, grace, mercy, and compassion continue to transform our lives each day.

Lent is an opportunity to go deep and consider more fully, and once again, how all of this can change us and breathe life into every day. Breathing life into every relationship, guiding how we walk in the world in every moment, helping us to live more intentionally while bringing love and goodness into the world, not through our own reason and determination, but as a response to the amazing and deep love of God for us.

So, eat pancakes on Tuesday and then come and start this journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday at the 7:00pm service. Or take time on your own to honour this first day of Lent. On Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a service of communion and each Sunday in Lent we will be looking at passages from the letter to the Romans. In preparation you may wish to read Romans starting at chapter 8 and going to the end. Make this Lenten season one to grow in depth and understanding of God and in relationship with God.



## TIME CHANGE

It's time to **spring forward!** Don't forget that clocks move ahead one hour at 2am on **Sunday, March 9th.**

## LENT & EASTER SERVICES

Despite the continued winter chill in the air, spring is coming, and that means we are moving into the season of Lent.



The schedule for Lenten services is as follows:

### Ash Wednesday service

Wednesday, March 5th (7:00pm)

**First Sunday of Lent**, with communion  
Sunday, March 9th (11:00am)

### Mid-week Lenten services

every Wednesday in the Chapel (12:00pm)  
Wednesday, March 12th - Wednesday, April 9th

### Palm Sunday; Children's Sunday

Sunday, April 13th (11:00am)

### Maundy Thursday service

Thursday, April 17th (7:00pm)

### Good Friday service

Friday, April 18th (11:00am)

### Easter Sunday service

Sunday, April 20th (11:00am)

## SEEKERS MEETING

The Seekers will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 4th at 10am** (Eleanor Patterson Room.)

The Seekers are a women's group that contributes to fellowship & fundraising. They are always open to those who wish to join or inquire.

## MISSION MOMENT

Josseling, an extroverted and enthusiastic 16-year-old, is committed and eager to get ahead. Beginning at 5 a.m., she and her mother have a stall selling fruits and vegetables at the Roberto Huembes Market in Nicaragua. Josseling attended entrepreneurship workshops run by Prebyterian World Service & Development's partner, which helped her establish her successful market stall. One of Josseling's key principles is that "no one can leave the stand without buying," so she carefully considers her customers' budgets, asks about their specific needs, and adjusts the ingredients accordingly. This way, they can afford their purchases and will likely return to her for their next market visit. In addition to her market job, Josseling attends school, where she is currently a senior and dreams of becoming a doctor.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry that we are doing together in Canada and around the world through Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.