



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!

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. **Tickets are selling quickly, so don't miss out!**

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 (9am-1pm, Wednesday-Friday).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Wed Mar 19- Fun & Fitness @ 10am
- Wed Mar 19 - Lenten Service @12pm
- Wed Mar 19 - Lunch With a Difference @ 12:15pm
- Wed Mar 19 - The Music Class @ 4pm & 5:15pm
- Thurs Mar 20 - The Music Class @ 11am & 5:15pm
- Thurs Mar 20 - Bible Study @ 12pm

EASTER MEMORIAL BOOKLET

It's time to start thinking about Easter, and the annual Memorial Booklet. This is an opportunity to remember and honour the names of loved ones who have passed, whether recently, or in the past. The names are printed in the booklet, which is published and made available at the Easter Sunday service. Should you wish to memorialize anyone in this way, please advise the office by **Friday, April 11th** at the latest (please take care to note proper spelling.)



If possible, a donation to the flower fund is appreciated. This fund is used to beautify the church throughout the year. Donations can be presented as part of the offering on Sundays, or via e-transfer at offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net Be sure to mark the donation with "Easter Memorial."

FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

Keep St. Andrew's in mind as you begin your spring cleaning! The Seekers are looking for donations of gently used or new items for the annual Flea Market, to be held on **Saturday, May 3rd**. They will accept clothing, books, toys, or any other household items. You can bring donations to the church on Sunday, or within our office hours (Wednesday-Friday, 9am-1pm).

In addition, they are **looking for volunteers** to help out with the market in a number of different roles. Contact Jane McLeod at 807-620-8729 if you are interested, or for more information.

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LENT & EASTER SERVICES

The schedule for Lenten and Easter services is as follows:

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)



From Joyce



It is not news to anyone that St. Andrew's has seen change, and a lot of it over the years. Even during my tenure here, I have witnessed changes in the numbers and make up of Elders on the Session, leadership has changed with Lunch with a Difference, and this past week at the Mid-week Lenten service, the faces of those who for years attended and valued this time of reflection are no longer there. And though we all find change difficult, it is happening whether or not we like it. But change is not all bad. Most of what we don't like about change is that it means relationships change. In terms of the church it may mean that we have people who can no longer take on roles that they once had, their energy is waning, even if their minds and spirits desire to still contribute as they once did.

This has been on my mind as the St. Aidan's Guild voted to close the Guild in February of this year. At one time this congregation had the Iona Guild, The Evening Guild, St. Aidan's Guild, and The Seekers. There may have been other women's group that I have missed in this list, I am not really sure. Still, each of these groups have done much of the bedrock work of fundraising and providing a place for women to forge close and caring friendship circles. These groups have spent countless hours helping the church function in seen and unseen ways. The Seekers are the only group that remains and you will see that they continue the long history of providing opportunities for fellowship for not just their group but for the church. They are the ones spearheading the Flea Market this year and the proceeds from that will be given to a local mission. As the congregation continues its work of fundraising, with a new Fundraising Team, we know that we can count on the support of this group to help with many of these opportunities.

As for St. Aidan's, they are not disappearing completely and for that we are thankful. St. Aidan's has for the last few years been operating a catering group that has consistently served the luncheons when there were funeral services at the church. As well, those who are able in the group, are happy to be called on to support the endeavours of other groups and functions in the church. We will celebrate the legacy of St. Aidan's at our worship service on Sunday March 23rd when the group is hosting a coffee hour after worship.

Things are changing, but it doesn't mean that our work is done. We have other teams that are now taking on new challenges. These teams are either in a development stage, just gaining their momentum, or are now in a second cycle of preparations. If you are interested in being a part of the work and fun, please contact me and I will point you in the right direction based on how you want to participate in the life and work of the congregation. The Seekers and St. Aidan's Catering are also more than happy to welcome new people to their work and fellowship. There are also the three teams that are either organized or getting organized. These three groups are part of the redevelopment that comes out of our work of the last four years with the New Beginnings program.

These are exciting and changing times for St. Andrew's, and God is with us, in it, inspiring, creating, as we respond, restore, and rejoice!

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Thunder Bay Food Bank on Miles St. expressed deep gratitude for the contributions the church made before Christmas. Recognizing the continuing challenges of food security for many in our community, St. Andrew's is now accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank on an ongoing basis.



LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Lunch with a Difference is happening this **Wednesday, March 19th at 12:15pm**. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the front office. If possible, a \$10 donation per guest is appreciated.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."
- French proverb



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