



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



THANK YOU FROM OUR KIDS COUNT



Our Kids Count has offered their gratitude for the donation St. Andrew's made during the Christmas season as follows: "your donation helps support our efforts in improving food security, and providing vital programs to families in our community." It is thanks to the generosity of our congregation that St. Andrew's is able to continue to support important initiatives such as this. We thank you for your support!

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 "Easter Memorial."

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Office Hours:

Wednesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue April 1 - Seekers @ 11am

Tue April 1 - Session @ 7pm

Wed April 2 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed April 2 - Lenten Service @ 1pm

Wed April 2 - The Music Class @ 4pm & 5:15pm

Thurs April 3 - Event Planners @ 10am

Thurs April 3 - The Music Class @ 11am & 5:15pm

Thurs April 3 - Bible Study @ 12pm

Thurs April 3 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm

TOPS CLUB MEETINGS

Are you ready to take control of your health and wellness, once and for all? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a group that has been helping people to lose weight and keep it off for over 75 years. TOPS takes a holistic approach to wellness, and is not a diet; it's a lifestyle, for a lifetime. A local chapter meets every **Tuesday at 11am** in Rowand Hall. They welcome new members at anytime. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Dawn at 807-251-4569.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Gift and Response. In this mode, gifts exist before benefactors. The universe is a gift. Life is a gift. Air, light, soil, and water are gifts. We live on a gifted planet. Everything we need is here, with us. We freely respond to these gifts by choosing a life of mutual care."



- Diana Butler Bass

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ST. ANDREW'S SHEPHERD'S PIE

The chefs and friends of the Mission & Outreach Committee have once again donned their aprons to prepare yummy St. Andrew's Shepherd's Pie for you.



Just heat, serve and enjoy! This year all pies are the popular single serving size at \$8 each.

To claim one or more of these mouth-watering dinners, simply call the office at 807-622-4273 or add your name to the signup sheet posted outside the office. You'll love them!

From Joyce



Something that I don't believe many people in our congregation are aware of is that we have become the temporary home for the Sacred Heart Syro Malabar Catholic Church Thunder Bay. This is a church comprised of families that have roots in India. However, one of their members has a connection to us that goes back to 2015 when thirteen young women, students at both the University and the College, happened to show up for worship at St. Andrew's and then following that, we as a congregation, provided what was needed to furnish two separate apartments for the women, from beds and linens, to kitchen items and living room furniture. Our connection to this group of women continued for some time. And then they graduated and moved on with their lives. As it turns out, one of those women has remained in Thunder Bay and is raising her family here. She is a member of Sacred Heart Syro Malabar Catholic Church. As the Sacred Heart congregation was looking and praying for a temporary place to worship while they look for a more permanent home, this particular woman was also praying for a place for them. She remembered how this congregation had come to her aid and that of her friends, nearly ten years ago. That very day I got a call from her in December asking if St. Andrew's might consider renting space to them for a time. After conversation with and approval from the Session, St. Andrew's has been pleased to provide this space. The congregation uses our sanctuary and Rowand Hall usually once a month however with Easter being an important time for all Christians, they will be at the church a few times in April. Though this is a temporary arrangement, what stuck with me is that the woman had said that because of our generosity and kindness so many years ago she was sure that she could ask and the possibility of help was something she could hope for again. It has felt like an answer to prayer not only for her but for the Sacred Heart Congregation. It also fits very well with St. Andrew's work with New Beginnings where we share our building for the good of community. At the bottom of all of this is that we built a relationship of trust though care and concern for others years ago. We were already living into our words of responding, restoring, and rejoicing long before we starting using them. And again, in this moment we have been able to respond to a need, restore a congregation to a home, even if temporary, and rejoice with them as each of us worships in the place to the glory of God and in relationship to and with each other.

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. **Donations are being accepted now!** You can bring them in on Sunday, or within our office hours during the week (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.



SISTER LEILA GRECO SERVICE

Rev. Joyce will be leading a service at Sister Leila Greco on Wednesday, April 2nd at 10am. 330 Lillie St. N.



Thank you to guest musician Mary Welby for sharing her gift of music, and to Susan Dynes for leading today's service!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

The next Children's Sunday will be **Palm Sunday, April 13th**.

This is always a special and engaging service, particularly for our youngest members. Additionally, a creative children's activity will be offered.



LENT & EASTER SERVICES

The schedule for Lenten and Easter services is as follows:

Mid-week Lenten service

Wednesday, April 2nd (1:00pm)

This will be the final mid-week Lenten service for the season. Please note the change in time.

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)

