

St. Andrew's News

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Restoring!

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ANNUAL FLEA MARKET



The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market on **Saturday, May 3rd**, from **9:30am-1:30pm**. Come check

out a selection of books, clothes, Christmas items, and household items, plus refreshments, including hot dogs, coffee, tea, and pop!

Donations for this event are being accepted now! You can bring new or gently used items to the church within our office hours, or on Sunday. Additionally, volunteers are still needed for either the 9:30-11:30 shift, or the 11:30-1:30 shift. Please contact Jane McLeod at 807-620-8729 if you are interested, or for more information.

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. All pies are single serving size at \$8 each.

Just heat, serve and enjoy!

To claim one or more pies, simply call the office at 807-622-4273, or add your name to the signup sheet outside the front office.

Pies are available for pick-up on Sunday after church. Please bring your own bag if possible. Thanks for your support!

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue April 29 - TOPS @ 11am Wed April 30 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am Thur May 1 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm Sat May 3 - St. Andrew's Flea Market @ 9:30am Sun May 4 - Coffee Hour @ 12pm

SUMMER CAMP

The Presbytery of Superior is thrilled to once again be hosting **Pres-B-Camp**!

Camp is open to children who will be entering grades 3-8 in 2025, and will run at Camp Duncan on Loon Lake from **July 20th - 26th**. No church affiliation is required - all are welcome!

Registration is due **June 15th**. Forms are available in the front office, and on our website. For more information, or to return completed forms, please contact Lakeview Presbyterian Church at 807-345-8823, or Linda McCutcheon at linda.mccutcheon.lm@gmail.com

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

The Lunch With a Difference on

Wednesday, May 7th will be the last
lunch until the fall. Lunch is served 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. Hope to see you there!

MISSION MOMENT

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing and generous donations, a dedicated team brings the hope of Jesus to people in 24 prisons in Malawi. Overcrowding and underfunding means a lack of basic necessities. Stigma associated with imprisonment can result in abandonment by families and communities, leaving many feeling isolated and alone.

Through weekly visits that include Bible study, prayer, and counselling, as well as monthly distribution of necessities such as bed mats, soap, toiletries, clothing, medicines and meal supplements for the most vulnerable, the Friends of Prisons ministry brings friendship and hope to prisoners.

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.

From Joyce



Easter is like Christmas for the world; once it is over and the days off, if you got them, have passed, it is back to the regular routines, or for some, the irregular

routines of life. However, for Christians, we continue to celebrate Easter and the resurrection all year long. Jesus' resurrection happened at a certain point in time but the effects of the resurrection have continued to resonate since that time, right into our present, and will continue into the future. Resurrection is why we have the Christian faith at all. It is a promise, and it is what gives us hope. Jesus predicted it while he walked the earth, and as people remembered and wrote about Jesus' life and death, they remembered his words and, as hindsight can be so much clearer than the present moment, they remembered what he had said about being given over to the authorities, dying, but then rising after three days.

It took time for all of it to sink in; think about how death has affected you. The disbelief, the anger, the fear, the sadness. On top of all of that, for those first followers of Christ, they were still grappling with death when they had the shock that for Jesus the story didn't end there. They remembered that it was about living, of sending the Holy Spirit to be with us. It was about the promises of God being fulfilled in so many incredible ways through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In some ways the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are like memoires. The reflecting back with understanding on the life of Jesus and how that intersected with their own lives and that of an entire population.

The Easter story is now our story, one that is to be lived out everyday. It is lived out in how we worship, work, and play. It is lived out in every human interaction, every relationship. It is about bringing hope, love, grace, justice, peace, and so much more to the world knowing that we support one another in doing that through Christian community and with the power of the Holy Spirit working in, through, and with us as individuals and together. The Easter candy may be pretty much finished, but the promise of life from death is there for us everyday as we make choices that bring life to ourselves and to others. May you continue to be blessed by the signs of spring that are not only becoming evident every day in nature, but also of spring and new life, welling up for you and in you because of God's love in Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our being as a gift of God to be grateful for."

- Henry Nouwen

Donations can be sent via e-transfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR PROFESSION OF FAITH?

Classes are being offered for those who would like to learn more about baptism, or affirm their baptism. At one time the Affirmation of Baptism was called confirmation. This is an opportunity for participants to make a



public affirmation of faith. If one chooses to make this affirmation of faith after going through the classes, it leads to formally having one's name added to what we in the Presbyterian Church call "The Roll". The Roll being the list of names of people who have chosen to make official their ties to the Christian Church, and St. Andrew's in particular.

Classes are being offered on Wednesday evenings 7:00–8:30pm May 7, 21, 28, and June 11,18, 25. Please contact Rev. Joyce if you are interested. This study is open for all and will be offered both in person and online.

SÉAN MCCANN CONCERT

Séan McCann, a founding member of the Canadian band Great Big Sea, will be performing a concert at St. Andrew's on **Friday, May 23rd**, at 7:00pm, as part of his "Great Big Canadian Road Trip" tour. Tickets can be purchased in advance, online at seanmccannsings.com (\$25 plus fees), or at the door (\$40, cash only).

UPCOMING SERVICES

Next Sunday, May 4th, there will be a coffee hour following the service, hosted by the Seekers. On May 18th, Rev. Joyce will be away, and Rev. Bert Vancook will be leading the Sunday service. The following week, May 25th, we will celebrate both Anniversary Sunday as well as the final Children's Sunday of the season with a Communion service.