



St. Andrew's News

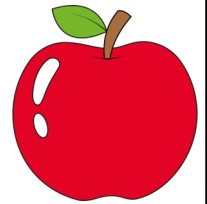
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September 7th, 2025

Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP



St. Andrew's is excited to announce the return of our Holistic Wellness Workshop! This will be a full day of learning from a panel of diverse presenters who will share with us their individual areas of expertise, knowledge, and experience. This workshop is designed to help us on our own personal journeys of self-care and wellness.

The event will be held at St. Andrew's on **Saturday, October 4th**, from **9:00am-4:15pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and there will be draws for prizes! Tickets are \$65 each, and are limited, so book yours today! **And please spread the word - share our post on Facebook, or request printed posters from the church office.** To register, please contact the office at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.

DAY OF PEACE CEREMONY

Lakehead Rotary Clubs will be hosting a ceremony honouring International Day of Peace on **Sunday, September 14th** at **10am** at the Tai Chi Garden at Marina Park. Parking is free.

LAKEVIEW YARD SALE

Lakeview Presbyterian Church is hosting a yard sale on **Saturday, September 20th** from **10am-2pm**. Hot dogs will be for sale as well. Rain or Shine! 278 Camelot St.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tue Sept 9 - TOPS @ 11am
Tue Sept 9 - Seekers @ 11am
Tue Sept 9 - Session @ 7pm
Wed Sept 10 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

UPCOMING SERVICES

Next Sunday, **September 14th**, celebrate with us as we welcome new members to St. Andrew's in a service of baptism and confirmation.

As well, St. Andrew's is pleased to announce that the following Sunday, **September 21st**, will be **Children's Sunday**. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage our church's youngest members through a special creative activity. As well, there will be a "**coffee & conversation**" gathering in the sanctuary at **10:30am**. Please join us for fellowship prior to the service.



September 21st will also be our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**, during which children and youth who have returned to school or daycare may bring their backpack to church to receive a special bag tag as a reminder that "God's got their back!"



The following Sunday, **September 28th**, is **Orange Shirt Sunday**, and we encourage all to wear orange as we honour those impacted by the residential school system.



SEEKERS MEETING

The Seekers are a women's group that has been part of the church for over 45 years, contributing to fellowship and fundraising. Their next meeting is this **Tuesday, September 9th** at **11am** (Eleanor Patterson Room.) They are always open to those who wish to join or inquire.

FUN & FITNESS

Fun & Fitness resumes **this Wednesday, September 10th** at **10am** in Rowand Hall. All are welcome to this 1 hour class, no registration needed. Bring a friend and come prepared with runners, water bottle, and stay for a time of fellowship after class. Exercises can be modified to meet the needs of participants.



From Joyce



I'm back! After a month off I feel rested and renewed. Our vacation was completely uneventful, just the way we needed it to be. We camped, hiked, visited, played games, most of which I lost and Ken won...he is much better at cribbage than I am, though I can give him a good run with Rummikub. We didn't set alarms or agendas. We spent time with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter in Toronto, even went to Kensington Market for the first time. We enjoyed four different Ontario Provincial parks, and a number of other camp spots that ranged from Albion Hills Conservations area, to a KOA, and a stay in the yard of a farm with a farm store. We also spent time with close friends, but for the most part it was just Ken and I relaxing. It is the first time in a number of years that I truly have felt rested.

Now I am full on into playing catch up as I didn't respond to any emails during August and of course fall planning is needed. I give thanks for the time for rest and for Pastor Kerry McLaughlin, as without his commitment to take on all of the pulpit supply in August, getting away would have been more challenging. And a thank you to the staff who kept things going. I look forward to what the coming months bring us.

MISSION MOMENT

In the Mediterranean, the olive tree is an ancient source of livelihood and nutrition. It grows in poor soil, yields precious fruit, and can live for more than a thousand years. Israeli military and settlers have destroyed hundreds of thousands of olive trees belonging to Palestinian farmers. In support and solidarity with Palestinian farmers, the Olive Tree Campaign provides olive tree saplings to farmers, allowing them to remain on their land and earn a living. Since 2018, the PCC has been supporting this campaign and farmers who receive sponsored trees. Funds from Presbyterians Sharing and donations help strengthen Palestinian resilience and help keep their hope alive for a better future.

Mission Moments are short highlights of the mission and ministry in Canada and around the world supported by Presbyterians Sharing, and Presbyterian World Service & Development.



I WAS THIRSTY UPDATE

This summer, for 60 days, volunteers with *I Was Thirsty* brought clean drinking water to people living in tents, on the streets, and in green spaces throughout Thunder Bay. Along with much-needed hydration, they offered dignity, compassion, and human connection.



The need is great. More than 550 people are homeless in Thunder Bay, and nearly 78% are Indigenous. This mission was a small but real act of reconciliation, showing God's love in a practical way. With the help of 14 dedicated volunteers, the mission delivered more than **600 cases of water**—almost **15,000 bottles**, weighing over **18,000 lbs**. Volunteers travelled over **2,500 km** to ensure that our most vulnerable neighbours did not have to wait in line for water.

Plans are already underway to continue this work in 2026, and to replicate this model with other communities across Canada that are in need. We give thanks for all who donated, offered their time and energy, shared the mission with friends and family, or lifted it in prayer. Your support made this possible. As Jesus said, *"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."* (Matthew 25:35). Your continued support is needed so that the mission can continue. For more information, to donate or volunteer please visit iwasthirsty.ca

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Giving is not a debt you owe;
it is a seed you sow."

- Unknown



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via e-transfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

THUNDER PRIDE EVENT



Thunder Pride has rescheduled their Pride event for Saturday, **October 4th** at the CLE Coliseum from **1pm - 9pm**, featuring vendors, food, entertainment, and more! Instead of a parade, there will be a march around the block at 1pm. For more information, visit thunderpride.ca

