



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



Trivia Night is back! On **Friday, April 10th**, St. Andrew's will be hosting this fundraiser (with an emphasis on fun) at the Slovak Legion Main Hall at **6:30pm**.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

In addition to general knowledge trivia in a variety of categories, there will be plenty of door prizes and mini-games throughout the evening!

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 are \$25 each, or \$200 for a full table of eight.

Tickets can be purchased through the church office during office hours (9am-1pm, Wednesday-Friday). Posters are available in the front office if you wish to share them.

DONATIONS FOR FLEA MARKET

The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd**. Details about the event are still to come, but **donations of new or gently used items are being accepted now!** You may bring donations to the church during our office hours, or on Sunday.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



The first Lunch of 2026 will be held on **Wednesday, February 25th**, at **12:15pm**. A donation of \$10 is welcome. North Country ham will be served. New guests can sign the list in the front office.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Feb 17 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed Feb 18 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Wed Feb 18 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm
Wed Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service @ 7pm
Wed Feb 18 - Bible Study @ 7:45pm
Thurs Feb 19 - Music Class @ 11am
Thurs Feb 19 - Bible Study @ 12:15pm
Thurs Feb 19 - Music Class @ 5:15pm
Sun Feb 22 - Lent 1 (Communion) @ 11am

GROUNDING AND GROWING

Journeying from Lent to Easter

A flourishing faith is one that is both deeply rooted and reaching outward – grounded in scripture and growing in understanding.



Ash Wednesday Service: Jesus in the Wilderness
Wednesday, February 18th (7:00pm)

Lent 1: Called into the Wilderness
Sunday, February 22nd (11:00am)
Children & Youth Sunday, with Communion

Lent 2: Losing Life to Find It
Sunday, March 1st (11:00am)
Coffee & Conversation before Worship;
Guest musicians
Thunder Bay Community Band

Lent 3: A House for God's Glory
Sunday, March 8th (11:00am)

Lent 4: From Death to New Life – Lifted for Healing
Sunday, March 15th (11:00am)

Lent 5: The Grain that Bears Fruit
Sunday, March 22nd (11:00)

Palm Sunday: Branches in the Road
Sunday, March 29th (11:00am)
Children & Youth Sunday

Maundy Thursday: The Table is Set
Thursday, April 2nd (7:00pm)
Service with Communion

Good Friday: The Shadows
Friday, April 3rd (11:00am)

Easter Sunday: Raised to New Life
Sunday, April 5th (11:00am)

*The outline for this worship series was prepared by Ron Rienstra as found on the Reformed Worship Website.

From Joyce



The news this past week of a school shooting in Tumbler Ridge has our country in mourning. It is the top headline across our country as it should be. The senseless act has brought a community together as they hold each other in stunned silence. The act so heart wrenching that even Prime Minister Carney has chosen to delay any trip or announcement in order to let the heaviness and significance of this moment linger and in respect for the families that are forever changed. The grief giving way to a moment of silence in our parliament. There are words of condolence coming from around the world.

This is not the first time we have seen horror in our country, but it has been so seldom that we are not desensitized by this news. It has hit people hard. And the families...there are no words for their shattered hearts. There is nothing that anyone can say to make this better. There is no act that can remove the pain of the pierced souls of those who have lost loved ones. And so, the community and the country stand together in moments of silent reflection. There are so many questions some of which will take time to answer and one that may never be answered, "Why?".

May God hold each family and friend of these little children and loved ones in deep compassion and grace. May God be with all who have been touched by this unspeakable trauma. And may we do what we can...be present for a community forever changed, and hold them in prayer today and in the days to come. Come Holy Spirit, come.

MICROWAVE RECEIVED



In last week's newsletter we noted that the microwave in our kitchen was no longer in working order. Within days, we received a new one. We are grateful for the generosity within our congregation, and in particular, to Ian and Vikki who donated this appliance! Thank you!

TRIVIA NIGHT DONATIONS



In preparation for our Trivia Night fundraiser, **we are seeking donations of unused gift cards or other brand new items** that could be suitable as prizes. If you have something you are willing to donate, or if you have a connection with a local business or artisan who may be able to donate, please contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

- John Holmes (poet, professor)



Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

ACCESSIBLE YOGA CLASSES

Every Saturday during the month of March, Meghan Aylward, a certified yoga therapist, will be hosting

Introduction to Accessible Yoga & Meditation classes at St. Andrew's from



10:30 to 11:30am. This is an inclusive yoga practice that welcomes all ages, all sizes, and all abilities. Accessible Yoga adapts yoga postures to work with your individual body. Wheelchair users or those with mobility issues are welcome, as the classes can be modified for those who prefer to sit in chairs. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it. We do have a few on site if you don't own one. Please bring some water for yourself and wear comfortable clothing.

These drop-in classes are by donation, or pay what you can.

UPCOMING SERVICES

The next Children & Youth Sunday will be **next Sunday, February 22nd**. This service offers a joyful opportunity for youth to participate in a creative activity, as well as worship.

As well, St. Andrew's continues to offer Coffee & Conversation, with the next one being held on **Sunday, March 1st at 10:30am**, prior to the morning worship service. Join us as we engage in fellowship, and enjoy a hot cup of coffee. All are welcome!

SUMMER CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Pres-B-Camp will return this summer, from **July 20th - 25th, 2026**. Volunteers are needed to fill several positions, including both junior and senior counsellors, kitchen staff, and activity leaders. For more information, scan the QR code on the poster by the front entrance, or contact the camp director at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com

Thank you to guest pianist Carol Wehrstedt for providing the music for this morning's worship service!

