



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



MIDDLE EAST APPEAL

Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly. Presbyterian World Service & Development is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict. Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. PWS&D continues to respond throughout the region, including Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon.

Donations in support of this effort can be made directly to St. Andrew's - please mark donations with "Middle East Appeal." For more information, please visit presbyterian.ca/pwsd/middle-east-appeal

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Tues April 28 - TOPS @ 11am
- Wed April 29 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
- Wed April 29 - Lunch with a Difference @ 12:15pm
- Sat May 2 - Flea Market @ 9:30am

THUNDER PRIDE DONATIONS

The Thunder Pride Association is a local non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of the issues facing the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and to supporting and celebrating diversity within Thunder Bay and the surrounding region. St. Andrew's was a proud sponsor of Thunder Pride last year, and we would like to offer our support again. The funds collected by Thunder Pride will go towards supporting the Pride March and Festival (to be held on **June 6th**), as well as many other events and initiatives throughout the year. This year, their reliance on smaller organizations like our church is particularly great.



Our level of sponsorship will depend entirely on donations made by those in our congregation, so please consider marking a donation to St. Andrew's as "for Thunder Pride." Donations must be made by May 10th, 2026.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



The next Lunch with a Difference will be held next **Wednesday, April 29th**, at **12:15pm**. A donation of \$10 is welcome. New guests can sign up on the list in the front office. Please note that the following lunch, on **May 27th**, will be the final lunch for the season.



Thank you to Rev. Pam Hogewoning for leading us in worship during this morning's service!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice."

- Meister Eckhart (philosopher, theologian)



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

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standrewspres-tbay.ca

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

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market this **Saturday, May 2nd**, from **9:30am-12:30pm**. Clothing, toys, books, puzzles, kitchen items, and a wide variety of other household items will be for sale. Come check it out, and see what treasures you can find! Refreshments, including hot dogs, coffee, tea, and pop, will also be available!



From Joyce



For over a decade now I have lived away from family. It has meant that Ken and I have missed out on many special occasions and family gatherings. I decided last year that, if at all possible, I was going to try and be present for some important milestones and celebrations. In 2025 our oldest son and our son-in-law both celebrated their 40th birthdays and Ken and I were able to take the time to be there for both of their special days. I don't know if they needed us there, but I needed to be there, especially when it came to my son. I figured I was there when the whole thing started, I would like to be there forty years later as well. I think this desire to be present has come up because we have said goodbye to more friends and relatives in the last five years than I care to think about. This past week my eldest sister celebrated a milestone birthday. I think the last time I was present for her birthday was twenty years ago. So, again, I decided that I wanted to be there for this one, which has taken us back to Alberta for the past week. I give thanks to Rev. Pam Hogewoning for being with you at St. Andrew's so I could take the week off.

Ministry at St. Andrew's is so special and important to me. I could not have anticipated such a loving and compassionate congregation. Throughout the last twelve years, even as the congregation has said goodbye to members and welcomed new people through our doors, the love in this place does not wane. It is because of the care from this congregation that I am able to give myself permission to take time each week for a day of rest and to also be able to set aside my concerns and ministry when times of vacation come around. This week it was to take a break with Ken and enjoy time with family, all while knowing that this capable and considerate church family is just fine. Thank you for being you. I appreciate and love you.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass will be the focus of a one-off book discussion, facilitated by Rev. Joyce. Anyone wishing to participate may attend one of two scheduled discussions, on **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00pm**, or **Thursday, May 14th at 1:30pm**. The book can be purchased through various retailers. If you are interested or plan on attending, please speak with Rev. Joyce.

OTHER CHURCH EVENTS

Trinity United Church (Park Ave.) is having their Flea Market this **Saturday, May 2nd** (the same day as St. Andrew's) from **9:30am-1:30pm**.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church (278 Camelot St.), will host a Mother's Day Spring Tea on **Saturday, May 9th** from **1:00pm-3:00pm**. Tea, coffee, fancy sandwiches, and dainties will be served. A variety of jewellery, purses, and shoes will be available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Wheelchair access at the parking lot entrance. For more information, please call Lakeview's office at 807-345-8823.

First-Wesley United Church is hosting their annual Bridge, Whist, & Luncheon Fashion Show, featuring looks by The Lewk, Vanderwees, and Irma's Boutique, on **Wednesday, May 13th** at **12:00pm**. Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling Kathleen at 807-577-1297.

I WAS THIRSTY



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A special night is taking shape for **Saturday, May 9th, 2026**. Join us for the launch of the 2026 I WAS THIRSTY mission, combined with a volunteer and donor appreciation evening. The event will feature the premiere screening of a powerful new documentary by *IMAGINE FILMS*. Produced by Alan Auld, the film offers a raw and compelling look at water insecurity in Thunder Bay - and the role I WAS THIRSTY is playing in addressing this urgent issue. Everyone is welcome.

HMCS Griffon - 125 North Algoma - Upper Deck
Mess **7:00 - 9:00pm**. Enjoy a cash bar, light refreshments, a penny action, and opportunities to sign up as a volunteer or do-nor for the 2026 mission, running from June through September.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

The Presbytery of Superior is thrilled to once again be hosting **Pres-B-Camp**, open to children who will be entering grades 3-8 in 2026, at Camp Duncan on Loon Lake from **July 20th - 25th**. No church affiliation is required - all are welcome!



Registration is now open through our website (standrewspres-tbay.ca). For more information, please contact Linda McCutcheon at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com