



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



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.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues April 7 - Seekers @ 11am

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Wed April 8 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed April 8 - Music Class @ 4pm; 5:15pm

Thurs April 9 - Music Class @ 5:15pm

Fri April 10 - Trivia Night (Slovak Legion) @ 6:30pm

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."

- Mother Theresa (nun, missionary)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net



TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

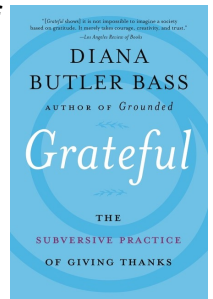


On **Friday, April 10th**, St. Andrew's will be hosting our Trivia Night fundraiser at the Slovak Legion Main Hall at **6:30pm** (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Food and drinks will be available for purchase, and there will be many excellent prizes throughout the night! Tickets are \$25 each (full tables of 8 are still available!) and can be purchased through the church office during office hours (9am-1pm, Wednesday-Friday).

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**. Registration is not required. The book can be purchased online through indigo.ca. If you have any questions, please speak with Rev. Joyce.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Last week, St. Andrew's donated 400 pounds of food to the Thunder Bay Food Bank! Thanks to all who have generously supported this important initiative. We will continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items on an ongoing basis.

DONATIONS FOR FLEA MARKET

The Seekers will be hosting St. Andrew's annual Flea Market on **Saturday, May 2nd** from 9:30am-12:30pm. **Donations of new or gently used items** may be

dropped off at the church on Sundays, or during our office hours (Wednesday - Friday, 9am-1pm).



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COFFEE HOUR

The Seekers will be hosting a Coffee Hour on **Sunday, April 19th** at 12pm, following the worship service. All are welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments in Rowand Hall.



From Joyce



As I prepared to sit and write this note for Easter Sunday, I was struck by how much the weight of what is going on in the world is dampening my joy. So many people, in so many countries are suffering, and so much of that suffering is because of power and money. This is played out in economies and in the environment. Greed, lack of compassion, lack of accountability all contribute to, what is for many of us, unimaginable suffering, not just for human beings but for wildlife, marine life, and plant life.

It is easy for us to think that we live in hard times, and we do. I do not want to discount that. However, suffering is nothing new in the world. It is just that with our connectivity things can and do feel so much more overwhelming. We may want to, but as Christians and as human beings, we should not hide ourselves from what is going on in the Ukraine, in Gaza, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Middle East, and numerous countries in Africa, along with challenges and struggles in the United States, and even here at home in Canada. People need us to pay attention.

On this Easter Sunday we are reminded that Jesus was born into conflict and died when Roman Empire power was at its height. But with Jesus we believe hope was born and that hope never died on the cross. The hope of heaven on earth remains. Jesus taught it, lived it, breathed it. He came to those who were hungry, tired, hopeless, in the midst of conflict and showed us what hope, love, peace, and joy can and do look like. In Jesus' resurrection we learn that those things of God never pass away. Jesus is the light and life of the world. Jesus is God's love in human form. God did not turn God's eye from the suffering of humanity but was born into it. Our task as Christians is to share the hope, joy, peace, and most of all love that we know, because of Jesus, with others so that they too may know they are loved.

My joy is still dampened by the unrest, but my heart hopes in the redeeming love and joy that is God's grace, Jesus' love, and the power of the Holy Spirit still moving in the world and in people today. And so I say to you, happy and blessed Easter! Jesus is risen and the power of death overcome! Go live as the beloved children of God, bring love, compassion, and grace into the world.

MIDDLE EAST APPEAL



Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly.

More than 2,000 people have been killed, more than 20,000 have been injured, and nearly 4 million people are displaced. In Lebanon alone, more than 810,000 people, including 290,000 children, have been forced to flee their homes. Hostilities have affected 14 countries so far, destroying or damaging schools, hospitals, health centres and energy infrastructure. Through their membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank,

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

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 opens April 7th. The form will be available on our website. For more information, please contact Linda McCutcheon at campdirectorpresbycamp@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR EASTER SUNDAY

God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to be new people and to live in the new life Christ gives, guided by your Spirit.



Give us, we pray, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live as Christ lived, to love as Christ loved and to serve as he served.