



St. Andrew's News

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Responding! Restoring! Rejoicing!



MIDDLE EAST APPEAL



**Presbyterian
World Service
& Development**

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

Mon May 4 - Welcome & Fellowship Team @ 6:30pm
Tues May 5 - Seekers @ 11am
Tues May 5 - TOPS @ 11am
Wed May 6 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am
Thurs May 7 - Facilities & Finance @ 1:30pm

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude."



- John Calvin (theologian, pastor, reformer)

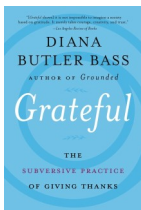
Donations to St. Andrew's can be sent via e-transfer to offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

FLEA MARKET THANK YOU

Thank you to the Seekers for all of the time, energy, and hard work that they put into organizing yesterday's Flea Market. Thanks as well to everyone who came out in support of this fundraiser, and those who donated items to be sold. St. Andrew's is grateful for your support!



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.

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

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**.



From Joyce



Today I am celebrating Ken. For those who may not know, Ken is my husband. We are nearing our forty-fourth wedding anniversary and today is his birthday. For those of you who do know Ken, you know that he is my anchor. He is also handy-man and renovation guy extraordinaire. Ken has had the privilege of working for many people in the church and in the community on their homes. He has also completely renovated our own home over the twelve years that we have been in Thunder Bay. Ken, at the direction of the Facilities and Finance team, was given the work of renovating the bathrooms at the church and took over the job of completing the bell tower repairs when the company that was supposed to do it didn't show up. He is the one that takes care of many of the smaller repair jobs and projects that take place at the church. He knows the church building better than anyone else that this point, save for our custodian Sheila. If there is a problem with the building, he is the first call. When the bell tower flooded just over a year ago on December 28th, it was Ken who came with me to the church as we responded with the firefighters to the fire alarm that had been set off not due to fire, but to the fact that a waterfall was streaming through the bell tower from a busted drain pipe. Dressed in his good clothes and good shoes it was Ken, clothes soaked through, that stopped the flooding. The firemen were there for a bit and then left him to it. Many times, when Ken gets called on, the work that gets done at the church is Ken's donated time, energy, and money. It is his way of serving God and others. When God called me to St. Andrew's, Ken came along for the journey and has stood with me through challenges and joy. I often joke that, down the road when it is time for me to retire, people will miss Ken more than me. He comes with many irreplaceable skills in a time when handymen are just not as plentiful as days gone by. So Happy Birthday Ken! Thank you for blessing the congregation with your service and gifts.

LUNCH WITH A DIFFERENCE



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

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.

OTHER CHURCH EVENTS


Lakeview Presbyterian Church (278 Camelot St.), will host a Mother's Day Spring Tea next **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.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

May 31st is Anniversary Sunday at St. Andrew's! The service will include Communion, and will also be the final Children & Youth Sunday until the fall.

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