



St. Andrew's News

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Responding!

Restoring!

Rejoicing!



PREMIERE STAGED READING



We are excited to announce that St. Andrew's is mounting a staged reading of a new original play by Michael Lehto! The play, "**Love & the Ghost of Wolf Pepper**" is a crowd-pleasing comedy with a spooky twist. We are fortunate to have as our director, Beverley Gravelle-MacLeod who has many years of experience in Thunder Bay's theatre community. Beverley has assembled a wonderful cast of experienced, talented actors who are sure to bring this play to life. You won't want to miss it! This will be a fundraiser for the church, with tickets selling for **\$20** (available online at standrewspres-tbay.ca, or by contacting the church office. You may also purchase them after worship in the front office).

The staged reading is one night only, on **Saturday, October 17th, 2026 at 7:30pm**. Spread the word, bring some friends, and come enjoy a night of exciting local theatre while supporting St. Andrew's!

FUN & FITNESS



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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tues Sept 22 - TOPS @ 11am

Wed Sept 23 - Fun & Fitness @ 10am

Wed Sept 23 - Music Class @ 4pm, 5:15pm

Thurs Sept 24 - Music Class @ 11am, 5:15pm

Sat Sept 26 - Holistic Wellness Workshop @ 9am

BIBLE STUDY: MATTHEW FOR EVERYONE

A five-part study using N.T. Wright's
Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-15
(20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide)

Wednesdays: September 30th - October 28th
(7:00-8:30pm)

or **Thursdays: October 1st - October 29th**
(12:15pm-1:45pm)

N. T. Wright's updated translation and insightful commentary breathe fresh life into the gospel of Matthew. Here, Jesus emerges as a multifaceted figure: the long-awaited Messiah, a teacher surpassing Moses, and the compassionate Son of Man sacrificing for all. Matthew invites readers to embrace Jesus' wisdom and the transformative way of life he imparts. You can order the book yourself through Indigo or other online retailers (be sure to get the 20th anniversary edition), or ask Rev. Joyce to help you secure a copy. And please let her know if you plan to attend, either through contacting her directly or connecting with Jordan in the office. If you have been looking for a way to engage with scripture, glean new insights, and connect with others, this is a place for you.



HOLISTIC WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Just a reminder that tickets are still available for our Holistic Wellness Workshop, which will be held at St. Andrew's **this Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00am-3:00pm**. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, and there will be draws for prizes! Tickets are \$65 each, and can be purchased online by visiting our website, standrewspres-tbay.ca, or through the office by contacting us at 807-622-4273, or office.standrewspres@tbaytel.net.



From Joyce



I am excited and looking forward to all that this fall is bringing to the church and this congregation! We are starting out with the Holistic Wellness Workshop on Saturday Sept 26, followed by the premiere staged reading of *Love and the Ghost of Wolf Pepper* on October 17th, and then, December 6th is the St. Andrew's Community Christmas Concert. The time and work our events planning team and volunteers are putting into these opportunities for engaging with one another and inviting community is over the top wonderful! And that there are talented, committed, and generous community members who are excited to be working with us is such a gift!

We also have worship experiences that are so important to us as a congregation. Today is our annual Blessing of Backpack as we share together the theme of *Creation* throughout the month of September. Next Sunday is National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday. You are invited and encouraged to wear an orange shirt to show our commitment to learning more about the experiences of Indigenous people who attended residential schools along with doing our best to honour a path to reconciliation.

October 4th is World Communion Sunday and so it is a communion service. Following the service The Seekers group in the church will be hosting a coffee hour, serving light refreshments after the service. At that time the Session (think leadership group) is going to provide an opportunity for people to be updated about the happenings around the church. If you have any questions, that will be a good opportunity to get them answered.

I could go on about more planning, projects, events, and worship, but suffice it to say, Come! Come and be welcomed! Come and enjoy with us fellowship, community, and a place to belong.

CLEANING CREW NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with a deep-clean of our sanctuary **tomorrow, Monday, September 21st**. Clean-up will begin at **9am**, and the more people we have to help, the faster it will go!

This will involve physical labour, so it's a great way to get your exercise in for the day if you are so able. If you are interested, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the front office, or speak to the caretaker, Sheila.

Thanks to all who are willing to help out!

CALL FOR SHORTBREAD BAKERS

St. Andrew's annual shortbread sale is one of our most important fundraisers. For decades, St. Andrew's has been a reliable source for high quality



shortbread during the holiday season, and many community members eagerly await our sale every year. But in order to carry this out, we need numerous volunteers who are willing to bake. Whether you have volunteered to bake in the past, or are interested in doing so for the first time, we welcome your support! Butter can be signed out of the church freezer. Printed copies of our traditional shortbread recipe are available for pickup in the front office or can be sent by email upon request. Shortbread can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sundays. Please be sure to label your containers if you wish to get them back.

BUTTER FOR SHORTBREAD

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Joyce and Ken have secured 200lbs of butter for our shortbread sale, and another 30lbs was donated by others on top of that. While Rev. Joyce and



Ken have chosen to donate \$400 worth of the butter, the remainder of the cost still needs to be covered. If you are someone who is interested in supporting this fundraiser but is unable to bake, this may be an opportunity for you to help! Financial donations of any size are welcome and appreciated. They can be made online, or on Sunday. Please mark donations as "for butter."

OCTOBER 4th SERVICE

October 4th is World Communion Sunday, and as such, our service that morning will include Communion. As



well, a coffee hour hosted by The Seekers will follow, as well as an opportunity for anyone in attendance to ask questions of the Session (leadership team) regarding the many ongoing projects throughout the church.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"Money is a great treasure that only increases as you give it away."

- Francis Bacon (philosopher and scientist)

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

offerings.standrewspres@tbaytel.net

