

Announcements

Rev. Roberto will be away on vacation from August 21st to September 6th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the office (306-242-0525) or call him on his cell phone (306-880-2503).



WEDDING PHOTOS ARE HERE! This is the link for the pictures from Roberto and Heather's wedding on May 9th.

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/188808036@N04/s30wA7>

Synod coffee hour, immediately following the service: Topic: Virtual Much & Mingle
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87005649447?pwd=YWJXdDRpbFpLVUxKb2FLTDdoVINqZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 0564 9447; Passcode: 971194



ST. ANDREW'S IS IN THE NEWS!

Check out this article from CBC Saskatchewan, showcasing local faith communities' response to COVID-19, including our own St. Andrew's:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/pandemic-religion-saskatchewan-1.5675519>

Here is the link for an interview with our own Sheila Coulter, about worshipping remotely: <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1773053507521>



BIKE CLUB - Allan Ireland and Alicia Monson will lead a bike ride each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - meet at the church parking lot- find a parking space for your family and bring your bikes. If it reaches 30C or if there's inclement weather the ride will be cancelled. Sanitizing items like wipes, gel, and spray are available, and masks for riders. More info text Martha 306 270.2378

Our worship zoom link for the next 11 weeks is

Meeting ID 812 3365 0336 no password. Tech support Martha 306 270 2378 or Alicia on Facebook



Summer Worship Schedule:

We invite you to support our Synod Summer Students **Samuel Andri** and **Jacqueline Cleland**.

Samuel and **Jacqueline** will be working with Rev. Roberto and Gillian, and taking turns in the St. Andrew's virtual pulpit on **August 23rd**. Rev. Roberto and Gillian will be leading virtual worship as usual on all other Sundays.

Exciting progress! In response to our congregation, **we have updated our website to serve you.** In an effort to make online giving even easier, we have updated standrews-saskatoon.com with a shiny new "Donate" button. To find out more, please click the blue button in the top right corner of the website or visit standrews-saskatoon.com/donate



Thank you to everyone who has faithfully offered gifts of time and money to our church during the time of 'fasting' from public worship. Some of you drop off cheques at the church door, others have started using PAR, e-transfers, and the new Donate button on the website for the tithe.ly giving service. Know that what you do is hugely appreciated and incredibly important!

These gifts of money are especially valuable since the church has lost a significant amount of external income: parking lot rental fees, revenues from concerts and music exams, money from non-church groups who met in our building are all down on account of Covid.

Of course, with the suspension of some church operations, some planned expenditures were either suspended or cancelled.

Our key expenses have not declined since the world took a turn last March. The costs of supporting ministry and maintenance are essentially the same. We are thus truly and profoundly grateful for the ways members and adherents demonstrate their generosity and love. Every gift, no matter the amount, helps sustain the work of our church for its members and the wider community. Giving is key to worship, no matter where and when and how it happens. Thanks again!



PWS&D Response to COVID-10

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has many of us feeling uncertain about the future. What began as a global health crisis has only worsened the inequalities that exist for so many around the world.

What is PWS&D doing about it?

PWS&D is responding through the ACT Alliance where rapid response projects have started in 14 countries. Adjustments have been made to programs in every country where PWS&D works, repurposing funds for planned activities which are not currently possible. Projects are helping affected people access food, sanitation and hygiene,

protective equipment and psycho-social support. PWS&D will also provide support to longer-term ACT Alliance COVID-19 projects.

Two examples, see future bulletins for more-

Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, PWS&D's partner, Community World Service Asia, is hosting awareness sessions where community members learn preventive measures to keep their families safe from COVID-19.

Schools in Afghanistan are also closed. While some students are being educated via online classes, TV and radio, many students in rural areas lack access to these resources. Through our girls' education project, CWSA is hoping to introduce self-help study packages for students, as well as connecting teachers with students through phones or safe visits for assistance.

Ghana

In Ghana, which has some of the highest COVID-19 numbers in west Africa, PWS&D's partner is encouraging preventative actions, including social distancing wherever possible and good sanitation and hygiene practices, especially handwashing.

Please remember this essential work of PWS&D and its partners in your prayers and with your donations. A gift of \$20 or \$50 can provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for health workers or help families put food on their tables when livelihoods are threatened.

To support this COVID-19 response, donate through St. Andrew's, directly through the PWS&D website (<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate/>) or call 1-800-619-7301 or 416-441-1111 x291. **Please include "COVID Response" on your cheque in the designation field online.**



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES.

Hi everyone. Nothing new this week, but we would like to thank everyone that have helped with this ministry over the summer. As things open up, you would think that the need would diminish, but it doesn't seem to, so thank you. If you haven't had an opportunity to take part please take a look at the items needed below.

SNCM

- Gently used summer clothing. (pants, shirts, t-shirts, socks and footwear) There is a special request for decorative scarves.
- 6 x 6 ft sheet of linoleum to help with renovations to one of the washrooms at the mission.

Crisis Nursery

- Paper goods (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels etc.)
- Grocery items (fruit, cheese, yoghurt, veggies and unsweetened snacks that children will eat)
- Monetary or gift card donations

Friendship Inn

- Grocery items (canned goods, rice, carrots, onions, juice boxes soup stocks, granola bars, flour etc.)
- Toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner
- Formula and diapers

Interval House

- Gift cards or monetary donations for the moment.

Egadz

- Hotel sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and lotion.
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Fresh fruit and vegetables to help provide a supper meal for the youth during the week.
- Formula
- New socks or underwear.

YWCA Women's Shelter

- Full sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion.
- Sun screen
- Razors, deodorant, Toothbrushes/paste
- New or gently used towels and facecloths

Ecumenical Chaplaincy

- If you have a little time take a look at the promotional video put out by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy that shows some of the ministries that they are involved with. The link is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl_H3rr2IKY

As always, we are looking for new ways that we can reach out and share God's love with those in our community. If you have an idea of how we can do this, please contact one of the committee members and we will try it out. We are Al Ireland (244-7386), Sharon Nixon (978-9577), Linda Dietz (653-0953), and Heather Kolojay (281-3029).

In Our Wider Community

CAMP CHRISTOPHER is spending the summer improving the facilities. This is a combination of professionals and volunteers. They are using protocols and safe measures. Your help would be fantastic, to get this work done. If you can spare a day or two call Donna Wilkinson at 306-586-4026.

