

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

June 23rd, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

"We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way..."

– II Corinthians 6: 3-4b

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.

Prelude: Choral Prelude on *To God alone be highest praise* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparation for Worship:

As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

We see God's wondrous works all around us,

we come to praise God's holy name.

Open wide your hearts in this time of worship!

We lift our hearts to God with thanks and praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: *"Praise, I will praise you"*

#420

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God, our hope and our help,

You call us to serve in the footsteps of Jesus,

but we confess we look to our own interests first.

You ask us to love our neighbours,

but we are good at finding fault in others.

You call us to do justice for the vulnerable,

but we hesitate to take a stand.

Forgive us.

Open our hearts to anyone in need,

and help us trust in your mercy – for them and for us.

Assurance of Pardon
(Children come forward)

Children's Time

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Praise: "We cannot own the sunlit sky" #717
(Children leave for Church School)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

I Chronicles 16: 7-13

- Ramona Nyekanyeka

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Luke 15: 1-2, 11- 32

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Brothers" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Stewardship Moment: Patti Polowick

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Fantasia on the VI Tone – Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise: "How firm a foundation" #685

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a - - - men

Postlude: Fanfare Sinfonia from *Ihr lieben Christen, freut euch nun* – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Greeters & Collectors: Christine Meier, Esther Efeme, Sammy & Prince Lyonga Ngombe

Opening & Closing Attendants: Nick Lamb & Kelly Christopher Lamb

Coffee Hosts: Christél & Dewald Schlebusch



YOU ARE INVITED to the lower hall following the worship service for refreshments and conversation

A SPECIAL WELCOME is extended to our visitors this morning. Please sign the guest book in the entranceway, or fill out a visitor's envelope found in the pews. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider St.

Andrew's.

CHILDCARE: There is a nursery available in the lower hall.

LARGE PRINT Bibles, bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

PARKING: There is courtesy parking in the Delta's underground parkade on Sunday mornings (for those who have St. Andrew's parking stickers).

CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrews-saskatoon.com, Website: www.standrews-saskatoon.com

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Announcements

Fire Safety Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the hard work of Elder Kwaku Kyei, St. Andrew's is nearly ready to hold a fire drill. Kwaku is looking for five volunteer Fire Marshalls to lend a hand to ensure our church family stays safe in the event of an emergency. If you are willing to help, please contact Dorothy de Bruijn in the office: office@standrews-saskatoon.com

Socks for SNCM

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." (Romans 10:15)

Thank you for your generous donations for our fourth annual sock drive. Dylon at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry will purchase durable long-lasting socks for people who come through their front door. The congregation donated \$505.00 this year.

We are also thankful for each carefully chosen pair of socks purchased for SNCM and displayed on the sock tree at the front of the church.

St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee



Snapshot of Average St. Andrews Parishioner Based on the Whole Person Health Care Survey 2024

Thank you for your response to the survey. We had a response rate of 21.7%, which is statistically good. There will be more extensive results in the next newsletter. I will post an actual copy of results on the Pastoral Bulletin Board. If you have any questions, contact Pastoral Care Nurse Laura at 306-229-7846

Our average parishioner lives in a household with 1-2 people (84.62%), is between the ages of 60-69 (26.09%) is married (53.57%) and is in good health (53.85%). The most significant health concern of those listed is mobility (Health 16%), health changes (Mental Health 24.24%) and spiritual concerns at the local level of the church (Spiritual 33.33%). They are most interested in church programming about Dementia including Alzheimer's Disease (12.50%) and they have a good personal support system (74.19%). When asked about transportation to church, the vast majority has no concerns (80%).



OPERATION SANDWICHES: The Outreach Committee cannot provide sandwiches to SNCM without your assistance, whether it is helping us make the sandwiches at our Sandwich Making Parties on the 4th Sunday of each month, or simply providing the funds needed to purchase ingredients (~\$150/session). Both are equally important.

In the past (pre-Covid), we were able to do this twice a month, which is something that we would like to be able to afford to do once again. If you would like to help via donation, you can do so through the church website, by e-transfer, or by your regular offering envelope. To make sure that the donation goes to the right place, please make sure that 'Operation Sandwiches' shows up somewhere in the text. Or, join on the 4th Sunday. That's today!

Lawn Sale

The Outreach Committee would like to start a rumour concerning its 3rd Annual Lawn Sale. It will be taking place on July 6th with proceeds being split between Operation Sandwiches and Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. If you would like to help out, please start setting aside small items for the sale. There will be more information about the sale in future bulletins.



Prayer Requests: Email Margaret Wilson at: ma.wilson@shaw.ca More information on Pastoral Care Bulletin Board

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made 94 Calls to Action; this week we are reminded of Call to Action #79.

Commemoration

79. We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal organizations, and the arts community, to develop a reconciliation framework for Canadian heritage and commemoration. This would include, but not be limited to:

- i. Amending the Historic Sites and Monuments Act to include First Nations, Inuit, and Métis representation on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and its Secretariat.
- ii. Revising the policies, criteria, and practices of the National Program of Historical Commemoration to integrate Indigenous history, heritage values, and memory practices into Canada's national heritage and history.
- iii. Developing and implementing a national heritage plan and strategy for commemorating residential school sites, the history and legacy of residential schools, and the contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canada's history.

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- * Annual Report & Financial Statements

Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin

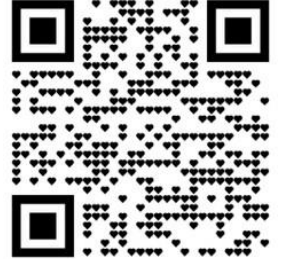
In Our Wider Community

Grace Church will be moving its service from 1:00 pm Sundays to **8:00 am beginning Sunday, July 14, 2024 – through Sunday, September 15, 2024**. The Grace service will conclude by 10:00 am and they will be cleared of the Sanctuary by **10:20 am**. This will allow plenty of time for the St. Andrew's folks to set up and begin by 11:00 am.

Compassion Camp Registration Form

Changing the World with Lovingkindness, is a full day summer camp for kids in kindergarten to grade six. It is sponsored by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. It will run from 9am-4pm daily, August 6-9, 2024 at Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon. The registration fee is \$75 per camper, payable by cheque, cash or e-transfer to the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism (admin@pcecumenism.ca) Our mail address is 2617 Clarence Ave S, S7J 1M5. For more information, please contact Martha Fergusson 306.270. 2378

To Register <https://form.jotform.com/241435184949263>



Worship by the River: Sunday, July 21 at 2pm at Queen's House

All are invited to join with our ecumenical brothers and sisters for an hour-long service of unity, worship, and Communion (coffee and ice cream to follow!). Holy Covenant Church and C3 Church will host this outdoor service focused on expressing our unity in Christ.

PWS&D

Food Security

Up to 783 million people go to bed each night not knowing where their next meal might come from. The deteriorating and increasingly unpredictable climate, limited access to farming inputs, and poor infrastructure in many communities mean the situation continues to get worse.

Communities are learning innovative and sustainable agriculture practices to increase crop yields, improve nutrition and build resilience to the climate crisis. In 2023, 41,710 people participated in food security projects in Bangladesh, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, India, Nepal and Malawi. In Haiti, PWS&D is supporting farmers and their families. As a farmer, Wilner Nezil has seen how his land has changed over the years due to an increasingly unpredictable climate. The married father of four decided to join this agricultural project in his community after he heard neighbours voicing the same concerns about the challenges they face in producing enough food. Prior to joining, Wilner would work hard, but harvest little, particularly when the wind and water washed the soil away. Through trainings, Wilner learned sustainable agriculture techniques that both conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields. Wilner's beautiful garden now boasts diverse crops, such as

I thank God for providing training that has helped me chase away hunger.”
Wilner Nezil

corn, pigeon peas, yam, squash and spinach, as well as fruit trees. It's used as a model to teach others about both conservation agriculture and diverse nutrition.

From the PWS&D annual impact report. For more information see a copy on the bulletin board in the entrance or go to <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/impact2023/>



MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, June 23

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been gathering and offering services and spiritual support to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in the Peterborough area since 2016.



Like the soft, protective wings of a dove, the programming of Newcomers Mission provides refuge and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. One wing of the ministry represents the spiritual side through worship services, prayer meetings and house visits. The other wing is the social and cultural side, helping newcomers to access support services, obtain employment and provide English language teaching and translation services. The two wings work together so that the newcomers can succeed and belong.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, June 23 We give thanks for ministries like Newcomers Mission in Peterborough, ON that provides care and refuge for new Canadians seeking friendship and community.

Monday, June 24 We give thanks for church fellowship programs that extend Christ's friendship to those suffering from loneliness and isolation.

Tuesday, June 25 We pray that God will grant graduates from our theological colleges to lead with enthusiasm, imagine with faith and discern with courage to follow where God leads.

Wednesday, June 26 We give thanks for church communities that are caring for creation and taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. We pray that we will reflect God's love of creation every day.

Thursday, June 27 We pray for courage to be a voice of change in our congregations and communities.

Friday, June 28 We praise God for the volunteers who have served in our congregations all year. Pray that they may rest and recharge over the summer, ready to return again in the fall, to find more ways they can use their gifts to serve God's mission.

Saturday, June 29 Thank God for the hope brought to adults and youth receiving education, skills training and small business opportunities through PWS&D livelihoods programs.