

# 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/CE Sunday**

*"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."*

*– 1 Corinthians 2: 2*

*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: Prelude in D Major –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)

Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts;

**We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

Call upon God to increase our strength of soul.

**In the midst of troubling times, God reaches out to us.**

So we gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

**We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.**

Prayer of Adoration

**Praise:**

***"Lord, in this broken world"***

**#723**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**God of purpose and possibility,**

**you give us work to do**

**and the skills we need to do it.**

**Yet we prefer to follow our own ways.**

**We think we know better.**

**Forgive our stubborn natures.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit,**

**create in us a teachable spirit**

**so we can learn new ways to serve you.**

Assurance of Pardon

*(Children come forward)*

Children's Time – Pat Barber

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:** *"I'm gonna live so God can use me"* **#648**  
(Children leave for Church School)

### **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 1: 1-7

- Donna Bailey

Psalms 138 Refrain 1

1 Corinthians 2: 1-9

Mark 3: 13-19

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: "Knowledge and Wisdom" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Stewardship Moment

- Ezra Giroth

Invitation to the Offering

Christian Education Presentation

Anthem: Prière à Notre-Dame – Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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:** *"O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways"* **#730**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening & Closing Attendants: Nick Lamb & Kelly Christopher Lamb

Coffee Hosts: Christian Education

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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](mailto:office@standrews-saskatoon.com), Website: [www.standrews-saskatoon.com](http://www.standrews-saskatoon.com)

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

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## *Announcements*



### **Thank-you**

Christian Education is a requirement of every congregation through the Book of Forms and the promise we commit at each Baptism. This congregation excels at warm loving relationships of faith with our next generations. You make space, you invite and you support all the families of this church. Your hellos, your donations, your kindness and your financial commitment each year, is appreciated by all the small hearts of Sunday school. We are also grateful for the gifts of time, from weekly church school teachers, monthly youth group cooks & leaders, musically special guests and Bible Study leaders, each part matters to our CE programs.

### CE Committee

We are transitioning as we lose our valuable, organized Convenor Alicia Monson.

It is an ideal time to add and few new folks too. We meet only by zoom approximately every 6 weeks. You do not need to be a member of Session to serve on this committee. We have ministry description of the tasks and oversight we handle. We are looking for new folks to serve in different ways between meetings. Contact Martha Fergusson about considering joining this group that serves the church in a variety of ways.

### UpLift 2024

Youth Track

Rianne Nyekanyeka

Ramona Nyekanyeka

Prince Ngombe

Sammy Ngombe

Youth Leader Track/Adult Advisor

Alicia Monson

St. Andrew's Board of Managers has followed the recommendation of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for a **Point-of-Sale Credit / Debit Card device – Clover**. This can be used for offerings, donations, fund raising, and events. It will be available in the Narthex on Sundays. The cost is 2.40% of credit card transaction and only 10¢ for debit card transactions. For information on how to use the device, contact Kirk Ready (705 493-3513). We are definitely in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Socks for SNCM

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

We can bring good news in the form of funds for Dylon at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry to purchase durable long-lasting socks for some of the people who come through their front door. This **online appeal** will run to **June 16**. Let's donate whatever we can to help with this project.



All your donations of \$10. or \$20 for socks add up. So far \$295.00 has been raised.

**St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Committee & Outreach Committee**



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

## Lawn Sale

The Outreach Committee would like to start a rumour concerning its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lawn Sale. It will be taking place on July 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 #77.

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

77. We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal, and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system, and to provide these to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

## *In Our Wider Community*

### 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](mailto: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>

**PWS&D efforts on Health**

By ensuring mothers and children receive the medical care they need, caring for people affected by HIV and AIDS, and

providing access to water and sanitation programs, families and communities are growing healthier and stronger.

In 2023, health programs in Ghana, Haiti, Malawi and Nepal supported 34,363 people. The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to pose serious social, health and economic problems in Malawi. PWS&D's partner, the Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program (EHAP), supports people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. EHAP is working on HIV prevention, awareness, stigma reduction, and care and treatment for HIV infected individuals.

Lita Mvula tested positive for HIV and began antiretroviral therapy in 2019. At the time, Lita was worried about being discriminated against, should her HIV status be revealed. Due to these concerns, Lita sometimes missed opportunities to collect her medication, lest people discover her status. In 2020, she joined a support group of people living with HIV and AIDS, where she received counselling and support from staff and volunteers. The experience was so encouraging that Lita now does the same work with others in her community to prevent HIV transmission and reduce stigma. "I am now healthy and able to do my work at home, which I wasn't able to do before," she shares.

**PWS&D**

**Where Our Resources Went (\$)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Disaster, relief and rehabilitation	1,423,770	1,438,095
Development projects	1,173,155	938,087
Relief and development program support	529,988	493,075
Memberships, partnerships and coalitions	22,078	49,617
Resources and communications	356,213	358,704
Administration	372,242	365,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,877,446</b>	<b>3,643,049</b>

**PWS&D**

**For every dollar PWS&D spent in 2023\***

- 93% Development and relief programs
- 3% Education and fundraising
- 4% Administration

**Program funds were spent on:**

- Food security 7%
- Health 8%
- Human rights 5%
- Livelihoods 4%
- Relief 76%

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 9

Persistent airstrikes in Gaza have caused extensive destruction, resulting in numerous casualties and displacements. Through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D supports the Middle East Council of Churches Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees. Their staff in the south of



Gaza provide psychosocial interventions, psychological first-aid training, hygiene kits, and cash distributions to address trauma, limited water access and financial needs. The Rafah Clinic ensures access to essential health care services, while shelters in churches receive support with food and basic supplies. The overwhelming need for ongoing support remains critical as the conflict continues to inflict damage on lives, infrastructure, and homes, depriving communities of essential resources like water, medical supplies and food.

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## DAILY PRAYERS

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**Sunday, June 9** We pray for people facing persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. We give thanks for organizations around the world that advocate for the well-being of LGBTQI+ people and aid those seeking refuge.

**Monday, June 10** We pray for those who work to provide food that strengthens our bodies so that we can love and serve God and one another.

**Tuesday, June 11** We pray for the Kanesatake and Kahnawake First Nations, for their well-being and success in healing initiatives in their communities. Special blessings for the work of the Kahnawake Cultural Centre and their language reclaiming program.

**Wednesday, June 12** We pray for the work of The Sharing Ministry, a regional ministry initiative in the Presbytery of the Northwest, and for its minister, the Rev. Mark Chiang.

**Thursday, June 13** We pray for presbyteries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, that they have a spirit of cooperation and collegiality as they oversee the work of ministers and congregations.

**Friday, June 14** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery Peace River.

**Saturday, June 15** We give thanks for those who faithfully serve our theological schools, the administrators, building superintendents, librarians, faculty and staff who attend to the details of the success of each one of our students.