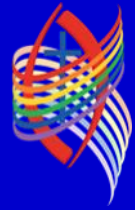




TOGETHER

a weekly newsletter for members and friends of the St. Andrews faith community



Sunday, May 4, 2025

Morning Worship at 10:30 am - Minister: Caitlin Smithers

THIS SUNDAY — May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**DECISIVE MOMENTS
IN LIFE AND FAITH**



In our sacred stories this week we hear about Jesus appearing to the disciples, and the conversations he has with them when he does. One of those conversations was

with Simon Peter, in what could have been a pretty decisive moment in his life and faith. Where Simon Peter professes his love for Jesus, for God, and promises to tend, feed, and care for God's sheep.

I wonder if any of us have had those moments, when we have maybe pushed past our fear or uncertainty to act with strength and courage.

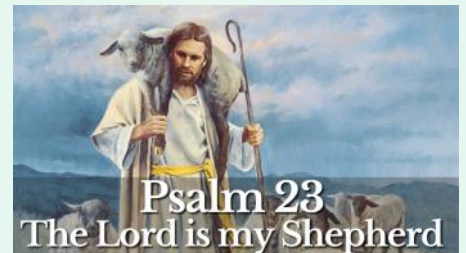
NEXT SUNDAY — MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

In our sacred stories, we hear people of faith asking questions, wrestling, and trying to understand who Jesus is, and whether to follow him. And we hear about God searching for us, hoping to build relationships with us through Jesus.

The illustration of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, in our sacred stories, reminds us that God's love is for all of us, all the time, and reassures us that God continues to seek us, always.



St. Andrew's Prayer Corner

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)

For this week we ask that you keep the following people in your prayers:

The family of Ramona Waye Bob Wood and family Carol Sawyer

Micheline Fleming Dunn Rob Fleming Marg Fleming

Ken Dech Katie Davis Marie Lacombe and family

Gary Jones Don Vaillancourt Don Yackobeck

Sister United Churches: Matheson: St. Andrew's, Onaping Falls

St. Andrew's United Church WELCOMES YOU !



We are an Affirming Ministry of The United Church of Canada and are committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community. The congregation has also done the training to be a "Blue Umbrella" organization so it is a dementia-friendly place.



There is an elevator, a wheelchair ramp at the Algonquin entrance, and a handicapped-friendly washroom in the Narthex. Assistance is also available for the hearing-impaired. If you would like information, please give us a call during office hours and someone will be pleased to chat with you. 705 472-7680.



St. Andrew's Building Use Schedule May 3 — May 11, 2025

May 3rd - 4 - 6 pm CHOIR Practice - Sanctuary & 6-11 pm— NA Dance in GYM	& 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
May 4th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6 & 1 - 4 pm— The RCCG - Clubroom	& 10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary
May 5th - **2-4 pm Bible Study - [Sanctuary] & 7– 9pm Support Group - Room # 6	& 5:30 pm Choral Society - GYM
May 6th - 4-8pm - Special Olympics x 2 - GYM	
May 7th - 1:30 pm—Trustees meeting in Chapel & 5:30 - 9:30 pm Baytones - Gym	(New) 11:30am - 2pm Support Grp - Rm #6 & 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
May 8th - 8:30-10:30am - FOOD BANK in Gym & 7-9 pm Support Group - #6	& Loaves & Fishes Connections - Rm # 6
May 9th - 11 am - 2 pm - (Lunch 12 - 1) City BBQ in GYM - (**Tentative if Inclement Weather**)	
May 10th - 9 am - 6pm— 90th Birthday for G. Goodhew (9-12 setup, 12-5 Event, 5-6 cleanup) & 4 - 6 pm CHOIR Practice - Sanctuary	& 7-9 pm Support Group - Rm #6
May 11th - 9:30 - 10:30 am - Support Grp - Rm #6 & 1 - 4 pm— The RCCG - Clubroom	& 10:30 am - Sunday Worship in Sanctuary



Minister's Office Hours


Minister: Caitlin Smithers
Caitlin's weekly office hours are **9 am to 3 pm**
Wednesday and Thursday.

If you wish to call or email to set up a meeting with Caitlin, please call her work phone **705-498-5943**,
email : csmithers_standrews@cogeco.net,
or call the Church Office (**705 472-7680**).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (Mondays CLOSED)

Regular Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday, 10:30am-2:30pm,
Thursdays 12:30-4:30pm,
Friday 10:30am-1:30pm

Pastoral Care
For pastoral care emergencies, please call 705-472-7680 and leave a detailed message, or email: standrewschurch@cogeco.net and your message will be forwarded to the Minister.



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting** held immediately before morning worship on

Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10 am

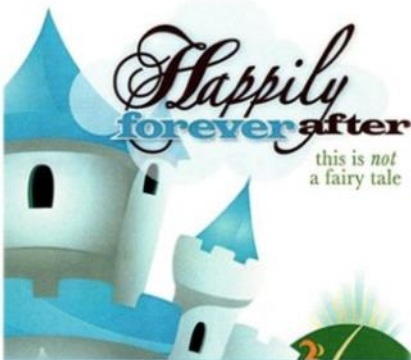
The purpose of this important meeting is to approve the terms and conditions of the Call of Caitlin Smithers to be our Minister upon her ordination in the United Church of Canada. The Search Committee will present a report at this meeting.

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Passcode: 432645

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88564375656?pwd=VsMGz632AINKyJHXWa29yVCcY2yqb.1>

The ZOOM Link should be set up by 9:55 am and ready to go by then



Friday, June 6, 2025, 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 7, 2025, 2:00 pm

Mustard Seed Productions
Trinity United Church

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

A Musical for Kids about the Kingdom of God with Knights, Princesses and maybe even a Dragon! Join us on an amazing quest in a faraway land that is sure to end Happily Forever After!

Tickets: \$10 Adults

\$5 Children (12 and under)

Available through the Centennial Box Office or at the door.

For more information contact Lisa Blais at blais.trinity@gmail.com

Mustard Seed Productions

Mustard Seed was created in 2007 to provide opportunities for children and youth to build community around a common love of theatre. Including youth as part of the Centennial celebrations is an intentional celebration of our future.

Centennial Box Office

email: northbayucc100@gmail.com

Trinity United Church

111 McIntyre Street East, North Bay

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 am - noon, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
705-474-3310 • Cash Only



Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Emmanuel United Church

395 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay

For centuries stained glass windows have told the stories of the Christian faith. Before there was a printed Bible, or literacy was common, windows were the storytellers that captured the beauty of the faith. We are delighted to offer this opportunity hosted by David Morgan, the designer and fabricator of many stained glass windows in Northern Ontario, including those on this tour! The tour begins with the windows at Emmanuel, and go on to explore stained glass at Trinity, St. Andrew's and concluding at The ProCathedral.

Continental breakfast 8:00 am.

Freewill offering.

Parking available in the Emmanuel parking lot or across the street at the Mall.

Tour Transportation

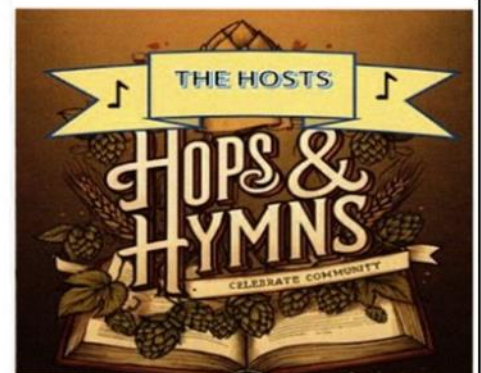
Take the Bus or Drive Yourself

A accessible city bus will be available. There is both seating and standing capacity. A tour outline will be available for those who prefer to drive themselves.

Tickets: \$10

Available through the Centennial Box Office

Advance Tickets only



Saturday, June 7, 2025
Doors Open: 6:00 pm

Music Starts: 6:30 pm

Music by The Hosts

Moose's Cookhouse

134 Main Street, North Bay

Do you love ... Music? Food? Singing Hymns? Dancing? Laughing with friends?

Then mark your calendar with this event.

The Hosts, a group of talented, local musicians will entertain with all styles of music and invite us into singing along to favourite hymns. You can order from the menu, and enjoy food and music all evening long.

As there is limited seating, this is a ticketed event.

Tickets: \$10

Available through the Centennial Box Office



It is better to think of church in the ale house than to think of the ale house in church.

- Martin Luther

TWELVE YEARS OF WELCOME AND SAFETY

St. Andrew's became an Affirming Congregation on May 5, 2013


This Sunday, May 4, we mark ten years of St Andrew's being an Affirming congregation, the first one in Northern Ontario.

In 2013, our congregation voted overwhelmingly to become Affirming, and made a public declaration of their commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and nurturing community where all people are welcome....


We learned to welcome people living with dementia, and people living with autism. On PIE Days (public, intentional, explicit) we serve up pie and conversation. We walk in Pride parades.



Our statement of affirmation reflects the spirit and determination to fulfil our congregational promise of welcome and safety.



ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
 NORTH BAY, ONTARIO

STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION & INCLUSION



We, the congregation of St. Andrew's United Church, declare publicly our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive and nurturing community where all people are welcome, not only to enter these doors but also to take part in every aspect of our church life including membership, leadership, celebrating life's passages and marriage.

We delight in God's goodness as expressed through variations in age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family configuration, differing abilities, ethnic background or economic circumstance - even as such rich diversity may challenge us. We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we work for reconciliation and justice for all persons.



May 5, 2013



John Van Niekerk prepares to cut a birthday cake that was shared last Sunday on the occasion of his 70th Birthday. John is a Sunday morning "regular" at St. Andrew's and he has expressed appreciation of the friendly welcome that he receives each Sunday. *(photo: K. Delarosbel)*

THE BUCKET LIST CABARET

Trinity United Church


7:00 PM SHOWTIME


minimum 15.00 donation


Saturday May 3, 2025


all proceeds donated to One Kids Place autism camps in memory of Jack Lyons









Red Dress Day
May 5, 2025

10:00 AM Group march from NBIFC to Bandshell at the Waterfront

10:30 AM Opening

12:00 PM Lunch at waterfront

1:00 PM Memorial Stone painting activity

Red Dress Art Contest
Lunch Provided
Drummers, Singers & Dancers
Speakers & Stories

More Activities to be announced!

Q1: What is Red Dress Day?

A1: Red Dress Day 2025, held every May 5th, is a National Day of remembrance and activism honouring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+). It began with the REDress Project, created by Métis artist Jaime Black in 2010. They write: "The REDress Project is AN AESTHETIC RESPONSE TO THE MORE THAN 1000 MISSING AND MURDERED ABORIGINAL WOMEN IN CANADA."

Q2: Why is the colour red used to bring attention to this cause?

A2: On this day, red dresses will be draped in trees, hanging from windows, pinned to jackets, worn as earrings. Red hands will be painted across faces and people will be partaking in rallies and ceremonies to honour their loved ones, participating as allies, and fighting for justice. One Indigenous teaching says that "the spirits that have passed see bright colours the best, red in particular. So hanging the red dresses helps lost spirits find their way home to their loved ones."

Q3: What is the MMIWG2S+ Report?

A3: The National Inquiry into MMIWG was launched in 2016 to examine and report on systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people. It was further directed to make recommendations on concrete actions to remove systemic causes of violence and improve the safety of Indigenous women and girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people, as well as propose ways to honour those who have died or gone missing.

Q4) Did you know?

"Disproportionate Victimization: Indigenous women and girls make up less than 5% of the Canadian population but represent approximately 24% of all homicide victims. They are 12x more likely to be murdered. Over 60% of Indigenous women experience physical or sexual violence in their lifetime."

"Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirited people face a human rights crisis in Canada, the violence that they face amounts to genocide called by the MMIWG Report." But healing and change are possible.

Here are just a few examples of the 231 Calls for Justice from the MMIWG2S+ final report:

"We call upon (...) education authorities to educate and provide awareness to the public about missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people, and about the issues and root causes of violence they experience."

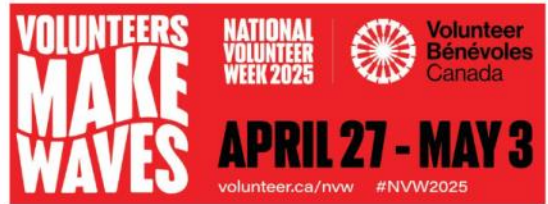
"Ensure that screening of police service recruits includes testing for racial, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation bias."

"We call upon all resource-extraction and development industries to consider the safety and security of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people, as well as their equitable benefit from development, at all stages of project planning, assessment, implementation, management, and monitoring."

"We call upon all Canadians to develop knowledge and read the Final Report. Listen to the truths shared, and acknowledge the burden of these human and Indigenous rights violations, and how they impact Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people today. Using what you have learned and some of the resources suggested, become a strong ally. Being a strong ally involves more than just tolerance; it means actively working to break down barriers and to support others in every relationship and encounter in which you participate."



**Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank**



Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who make waves and nourish hope in our community.

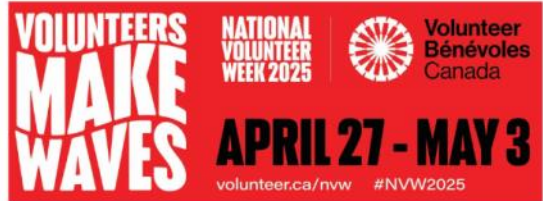
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**For more information about the Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank or The Café.
E: loavesandfishes@standrews-northbay.ca or T: 705.472.7680 to leave a message for Lorie Fairburn, Food Bank Manager**



**Loaves & Fishes
Community
Food Bank**



Kind words of Thank You to the Volunteers from Doug McCausland, St. Andrew's Chair of Council on your behalf.

You matter. You make a difference. Your great generosity has had a profound and lasting impact on the folks that use St. Andrew's Loaves and Fishes. Your willingness to share both your time and your talent by volunteering with Loaves and Fishes says a lot about each of you as human beings. Your willingness to give selflessly to help others speaks to both your strength and the quality of your character.

When you volunteer, you are making a commitment to share that most precious of resources – your time – to make life better for those who are in need. The fruits of your labors make a tangible impact, of course, but perhaps it is the fact that you are willing to share your time and talent to lend a helping hand and to show kindness and caring that makes the greatest difference in the lives of the individuals who are touched by your generosity.

While I know that you choose to volunteer selflessly and without expectation of being recognized or rewarded, today I wish to do just that. I want to let you know just how much your dedication is appreciated and to make sure that everyone at St. Andrew's is forever grateful to each of you. Whether you are a long-time volunteer or if you got involved fairly recently, and regardless of how many hours you choose to give, it's important for you to know that what you do makes a difference.

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude that I, and the church council of St. Andrew's wish to convey. Please know that your volunteerism is recognized, appreciated, valued and cherished. We thank you and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Doug McCausland



Special Guest Mayor Peter Chirico



2025 Festival of Faith



“God Never Sleeps”

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John L. Bell, hymn-writer, Church of Scotland minister, and a beloved contributor to Voices United and More Voices



Special Guest:

The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne,
44 Moderator of The United Church of Canada

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