

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

Guest Musician: Orlanda Drebit, Vocals

July 30th, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

"He who did not withhold his own son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" – *Romans 8: 32*

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: Skylark – Hoagy Carmichael

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 God and call on God's holy name.

We will tell of God's wonderful works!

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

We will sing God's praises!

Give glory to God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

We will remember God's mercy in all our words and actions.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: "Open my eyes, that I may see"

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Merciful God,

We confess we are not always merciful people.

We turn away in anger rather than seek solutions.

We criticize those who differ from us in culture or conviction, rather than seek understanding.

We can hold grudges for a lifetime.

Forgive us our failures to live out the mercy

we claim from you week by week.

Open our hearts with your great love.

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: *"Come down, O Love divine"*

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(Children return to pews)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

I Kings 3: 5-12

- Fafali Ahiahonu

Psalms 119: 129-136 Refrain 2

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Parables"

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Because He Lives – Bill and Gloria Gaither

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: *"Be thou my vision"*

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Benediction

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

Postlude: Shout to the Lord – Darlene Zschech

Greeters & Ushers:

Al Ireland, Patti Polowick, Luella Moore, Trung Nguyen

CE Coordinator:

Martha Fergusson

Lock up:

Estelle Griffiths

Coffee Host:

Mary Ann Lyle



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



We are very happy to be meeting in person again! Face mask use is now **optional** within the church building. Sanitizer and masks are available at several locations in the church. Live streaming is available on the website, www.standrews-saskatoon.com for those who are worshipping from home.

It is summer now! We are visiting friends, camping, and travelling. Church expenses, however continue each week. As of June 30, the year is 50% elapsed, however our revenue has now fallen to 44% of what we budgeted. We are doing well in the Missional areas - about on track with what we budgeted, but in the Givings and Rental areas, revenue has fallen behind. It is, hopefully, not the start of a trend, that this has occurred at the beginning of the year. Expenses are running along at the correct rate of just under 50%



WOMEN'S CAMP

We hope you will join us at Women's Camp September 8-10, 2023. A time of learning, fellowship, food, fun and enjoying God's creation at Camp Christopher!

See flyer available in narthex or email Donna at donnaw@sasktel.net for more information!

COFFEE HOUR! Come down to the lower hall for some fellowship after church.

Bring your own cup or use a cup as supplied. See you after the church service.

From the turnout during the first few weeks it appears that the return of coffee hour following Sunday worship has been a success. Thanks to all that have helped and contributed to date.

We are unsure if we will continue during the summer months but if enough people are interested in hosting we would plan to carry on. By the Fall I would like to see a minimum of 12-15 individuals or groups within the church agree to host. If we can achieve this, then no one should have to do this more than once per quarter. Everything for coffee hour is provided along with set up instructions. To sign up please contact the church office or Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or email cl.roy@shaw.ca There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen. On Sundays where there are no hosts, there will not be a coffee time.



PLEASE PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO ST. ANDREW'S

The busy Saskatoon road construction season is underway! Your preferred route to St. Andrew's is likely to be affected or even closed-off at various times this summer. Please familiarize yourself with the city's projects and pre-plan your route to the church. Safe navigating!

THANK YOU to everyone who pitched in to help beautify the church yard! Summer is a very busy time for all of us, but if you have an eye for drooping plants, PLEASE grab the watering can (by the office door entrance, off the parking lot), and sprinkle away. Help keep our flowers looking good all summer long!

Chair-ity Fundraiser Begin to make a difference one chair at a time. \$55 is the cost of one chair, and they will be purchased in groups of 12, as donations are received. Please clearly mark "chairs" in your donation. *UPDATE* Thanks to your generosity, **100** new chairs have been ordered!

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Jul/Aug/Sep Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the summer issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * 2022 Annual Report
- * 2022 Accountant Statements

In Our Wider Community

Camp Compassion is our summer VBS- the week of August 8-11,2023. It is an all day program at a different location BUT Martha, Rev Roberto, Synod VST students and the gang are leading it with some of our neighbours. Friendly familiar faces, just a large space with our faith neighbours. Call Martha for more information, and subsidies if cost is a barrier.

We have two rental parking stalls available now. If you, or someone you know may be interested, contact the church office.

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 #33.

Justice

33. We call upon the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to recognize as a high priority the need to address and prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and to develop, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, FASD preventive programs that can be delivered in a culturally appropriate manner.

Gustin House presents David Jalbert, piano

Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

A warm and elegant performer, one of the elite among the new generation of classical musicians, David Jalbert concertizes internationally. He has won six Opus prizes, has had four Juno nominations, and has been named by CBC Music as one of Canada's 15 best pianists of all time! In celebration of 300 years since the birth of the piano, his recital at St. Andrew's features music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev.

Tickets: St. John's Music, Saskatoon Academy of Music, Gustin Committee, online, or cash at the door; child 12 or under, free if accompanied by an adult. More information and tickets at www.gustinhouse.ca

Music for the Gut - Thurs, Aug 24 at TCU Place!

We're thankful and proud to have contributed \$183,000 to Crohn's & Colitis Canada in our 12+ years!

Featuring a 75-Vocal Ensemble and Dancers! 13-piece orchestra - Gut Banda!

Artists: River City Irish Dancers. Gerard Weber (sax). Will Boan (violin). Graham Tilsley (singer-songwriter). Graham Pritchard (guitar).

Jordie Hughton, artistic director/conductor. Justin La, conductor. Matthew Praksas, pianist. Kenni Chomyn & Heather Hataley, choreo.

Tickets at: tcutickets.ca -- MusicfortheGut.com



Nadhifa, a single mother of seven in Somalia, had to relocate with her two oldest daughters and one-year-old son, Hamza, to a camp for internally displaced people after the drought caused her to lose her livelihood. She left her other four children behind with relatives, fearing for their survival. Nadhifa and her three children journeyed to the Dollow district to seek humanitarian assistance. During screening at the camp, Hamza was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition. With the support of PWS&D, Hamza received treatment and recovered after a few weeks. In addition, Nadhifa participated in the infant and young child feeding community information session, where she gained valuable nutrition knowledge. "I feel relieved that my son's health has improved, and I can now search for work to provide food for my children," she shared.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in Persons) We pray for the millions of people around the world who are victims of human trafficking.

Monday, July 31 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions as staff work to provide a healthy community for children, youth and families – many of whom have suffered inter-generational trauma and systemic injustices from Residential Schools.

Tuesday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) We pray for those who fight systemic racism.

Wednesday, August 2 We pray for the people who gather and serve at The Well Church (Mississauga) and we give thanks for their dynamic mission and ministry.

Thursday, August 3 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Assiniboia.

Friday, August 4 We pray for ministers and church workers who are taking much needed vacations. May they be refreshed and re-energized.

Saturday, August 5 We pray for the staff and volunteers of Anamiewiggumig Kenora Fellowship Centre, as they open the doors daily to those in need of a place of safety, warmth and nourishment.