

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan

Organist: Paul Suchan

March 19th, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

"Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement, so those that do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." – John 9: 39

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: Mercy, Mercy, Mercy – Cannonball Adderley

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: Lenten Insert

- Alicia Monson

Prayer of Adoration

Praise:

"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"

#374

Prayer of Confession: **(Unison)**

God of life and love,

these days we confess that events around us shake our trust in your love.

When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence.

When truth is twisted by misleading claims,

we wonder if love can prevail over lies.

When we face trouble, we wonder if you love us at all.

Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in your love.

Assurance of Pardon

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise: *"Jesus loves me, this I know"* **#373**
(Children leave for Church School)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

I Samuel 16: 1-13

- Alicia Monson

Psalms 23 (Refrain 3)

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

- The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Who sees?" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: Hear My Prayer – Moses Hogan

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: *"The glory of these forty days"* **#192**

Benediction

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

Postlude: Middle of Somewhere – Paul Suchan

Lock up:

Colin Robb



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. HEADSETS with earphones and radio receivers (101.1fm) are available to those who require hearing assistance.

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.

Thank you Pastoral Care and Christian Education

During our 2022/23 Program Season, we are intentionally giving thanks to all of the volunteers who make the work and ministry of St. Andrew's possible. This week we give thanks to our Pastoral Care and Christian Education Committees. Please take a moment to sign the thank you cards in the Narthex.



Mark your calendars! Join the reflection!

Lent Study Group by Zoom

Host Rev Roberto DeSandoli & The CE Committee

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. March 1- April 5, 2023

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82369280244>



Dear Congregation,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session and Board of Managers is providing **Notice of the Congregational AGM to be held on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 2pm via Zoom.** This is an important meeting to review the past year's activities and to review the 2023 year's budget as put forward by the Board of Managers.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85318997708>

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jan Rodda on Behalf of the Session and Board of Managers

Copies of the annual report are available on the entranceway table. Please note that the final statements from the accountant have not been received yet, and are not part of the report. We will distribute them as soon as they are available.

Zion- St. Andrew's Youth Event on March 19th: 5:30- 8:30 p.m.

Tacos in a Bag

RSVP Martha by text at 306 270 2378

An evening of activities and presentations from Lutheran, Anglican & Presbyterian Youth Camp



AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00
- * Copies of the winter issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * Contact Information Forms
- * The latest edition of "Saints Alive", the newsletter
- * 2023 Offering Envelopes
- * Annual Report

In Our Wider Community



Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 5,000 have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

Please pray for all of those affected.

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. They continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

To support the response, you can give through St. Andrew's by normal procedures, go to the PWS&D website, or call 1-800-619-7301. Indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake."

Pray for those Affected by Tropical Storm Freddy

For the second time in a month, Tropical Storm Freddy has ripped through Mozambique and Malawi. Heavy rains have triggered flooding in the southern district of Blantyre in Malawi. PWS&D has made an initial contribution to our partner in the area to assist in search and rescue efforts, as well as providing food items in evacuation camps. Additionally, funds will be used to enable assessment teams to determine the best possible response effort to the disaster.

Pray with us for those who have been affected by this storm.

OPERATION SANDWICHES

The Outreach Committee has decided to start up Operation Sandwiches once again in order to help SNCM feed those coming through their doors. We are planning to provide 10 loaves of substantial sandwiches on the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting on March 19th. For those who are comfortable with doing so, we will meet downstairs in the kitchen after the service. If you would like to help, but don't like the smell of egg salad, we are always looking for monetary donations in order to help us purchase the ingredients. If you decide to donate, please make sure that you note that it is for Operation Sandwiches. Please contact Al Ireland if you have any questions.

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 #18.

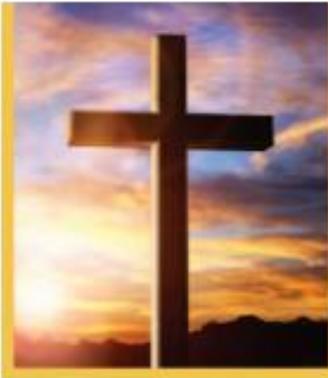
18. We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and to recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as identified in international law, constitutional law, and under the Treaties.

InterChurch Health Ministries – Saskatchewan (ICHM-SK)

Members of St. Andrew's Congregation: We at St. Andrew's have an annual membership with ICHM-SK, an association that administers the Parish Nursing Education Curriculum. ICHM-SK will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 812 Preston Avenue, Saskatoon. This is an invitation to learn about parish nursing ministry in Saskatoon. If anyone would like to attend, in person or by Zoom, please call Luella Moore, Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee or Laura, Pastoral Care Nurse at 306-229-7846 for transport or the zoom link. Registration and Refreshments begin at 2:30 PM. The meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. with registration and refreshments. 2:45 p.m. is the start time of the annual meeting. Any number of people may attend from each partnership, but partners should name four (4) people to be their voting representatives at the AGM. We especially welcome partner congregation members, pastors, parish nurses and health cabinet members.

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA: Be aware of a scam using PWS&D's name and share with your congregation members. We are aware of at least one instance of a member of a Presbyterian congregation receiving a phone call pressuring them to donate to PWS&D and provide their banking information. PWS&D (and the Presbyterian Church in Canada) do not solicit funds over the phone, demanding that banking information be shared. The only instance someone from the PCC will call a donor is if card information used for monthly donations needs to be updated or information mailed to the church needs to be clarified. Be careful and do not fall prey to people using PWS&D's (or the PCC's) names in fraudulent attempts to solicit funds. If you are ever in doubt, hang up and call the national office at 1-800-619-7301. If this happens to you, please also report it to the national office.

A VIOLIN AND PIANO RECITAL OF FAVOURITE HYMNS with Michael Swan and Gillian Lyons. Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 pm at Emmanuel Anglican Church, 607 Dufferin Avenue. Free will offering.



Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L:** Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P:** the Spirit leads us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L:** Here we are taught to pay attention to those whom others ignore.
- P:** Jesus insists that God's grace is revealed in unlikely people.
- L:** God's realm is a place where all are welcome, regardless of their state or position. In a world of disparity, we recognize that some receive what is denied to others.
- P:** Let us break through barriers that keep many from receiving the grace that they need.



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Rabin Smiles Again

In Nepal, 22-year-old Rabin Budha kept finding dry red patches all over his body. He ignored the issue for weeks and when he could no longer do so, he mentioned it to a health outreach worker in his village who recommended Rabin go for a check-up. After an initial test, a dermatologist suspected that Rabin had leprosy and sent him to hospital for further testing.

Rabin began treatment at the Shining Hospital, where doctors admitted him after finding his blood pressure very low. Upon receiving medication and close supervision, his condition improved and treatment is ongoing.

Today, Rabin is grateful for the support, care and love he received at the Shining Hospital and is optimistic about a full recovery.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to provide care and hope to those who are suffering. Through PWS&D, we help people build healthy lives.

In Nepal, PWS&D supports the Shining Hospital, which provides health outreach in remote villages, and care and treatment for those experiencing illness, in particular leprosy and tuberculosis.

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Hawa Issifu lives in Ghana with her husband. Hawa became ill with a disease that caused damage to her spinal cord. Her husband explored every option available to them in search of a remedy but found none. One day, Hawa was registered for assistance at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre by the Centre's field staff



during a community survey. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, the CBR program provided Hawa with a tricycle and wheelchair, as well as business training and access to start-up capital for a small business.

This assistance helped Hawa get around independently, and her business is gradually expanding and creating new opportunities for her family.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 19 (Fourth Sunday in Lent) We pray for the members of the Special Committee on Petitions 1 and 2, 2021, as they prepare a statement of apology to people who have been harmed by racism and xenophobia in the church.

Monday, March 20 We pray for people living with disabilities in Ghana and give thanks for the many ways they are being empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives with support from the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation program.

Tuesday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) We pray for courage and wisdom to recognize racism and discrimination in society and in the church so that we may grow to become communities of justice for all.

Wednesday, March 22 (World Water Day) We give thanks for the clean water that families in Sudan, Yemen and other conflict-affected countries can access as a result of Presbyterian World Service & Development's water, sanitation and health projects that help repair wells.

Thursday, March 23 We pray for Muslims throughout the world observing the holy month of **Ramadan**.

Friday, March 24 We pray for Pun Narayan and the staff of the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Centre in Nepal as they welcome and care for people living with mental health issues.

Saturday, March 25 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their ministry.