ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli
Music Director: Naomi Piggott-Suchan
Organist: Paul Suchan
September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times'."
– Matthew 18: 22

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome and Announcements - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Preparation for Worship:
As the Christ Candle is lit, we invite you to observe a time of quiet reflection prior to our service.
Prelude: Prelude in C Major, BWV 553 – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Merciful God,
our lives do not always reflect your transforming power.
You are gracious, but we cling to judgment.
You are kind, but we can be cruel.
You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds.
Forgive us, O God.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
and make us new through Christ, your Son and our Saviour.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise: ***"Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you"*** ***#467***

Prayer of Confession: (**Unison**)

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Assurance of Pardon

(Children come forward)

Children's Time

Praise: ***"Amigos de Cristo/Friends of the Lord"*** ***#476***

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.

(Children leave for church school)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 14: 19-31 - Martha Fergusson

Psalm 114 Refrain 1

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35 - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Forgiveness" - The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem: In the Garden – Charles Austin Miles (1868-1946)

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: ***"Standing at the portal"*** ***#811***

Benediction

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

Postlude: Festival Postlude – Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

Greeters & Collectors: Terry & Anne Drover, Sharon Wiseman, Angie Smibert

Coffee Hosts: Charles & Laura Roy



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.
CONTACT US: Phone 306-242-0525, Email office@standrewsyxe.ca, Website: www.standrewsyxe.ca
NORMAL OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00 PM

Coffee hour resumes this week. A sign up roster can be found on the entrance way table. If you require any information, please contact Charles Roy at 306-361-1976 or cl.roy@shaw.ca

Start thinking newsletter! The deadline for submissions for the nest "***Saints Alive***" is next Sunday, September 20th. E-mail submissions to the office: office@standrewsyxe.ca





New Members Class 2026/27
Have you ever thought about becoming Baptized or becoming a member in the church? Rev. Roberto invites all teen and adult worshippers who are "positive", "pretty sure", and "just wondering" about Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism (full membership in the church) to get in touch. We will be forming a class of learners to begin in the Fall and to take vows on Easter Sunday. Please contact Rev. Roberto to learn more revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca

Acts Preaching and Bible Study: October 1 to November 19 (Thursdays at 5:45pm)



All are invited to take part in Rev. Roberto's eight-week Bible Study on the Book of Acts. If you've ever wondered such questions as "Why did Luke write a sequel to his Gospel?" "Who were Jesus' first Apostles?" and "Why is there so much stuff named after them these days?" then this is definitely the class for you! This class will coincide with Rev. Roberto's preaching series on the same texts (Oct 4-Nov 22), giving us a chance to read ahead and dig deeper into Luke's second book. Classes will take place at 5:45pm on Thursdays at the church and on Zoom. Please contact Rev. Roberto to sign up or for more information: Revroberto@standrewsyxe.ca



PWS&D Response to Flood in Nepal
On August 26, 2026, a devastating flash flood struck Nepal. Thousands of people have been affected by the loss of homes, livelihoods and essential services. Roads, bridges, electricity and communications infrastructure have suffered extensive damage, making access to some communities extremely difficult. Schools have also been badly affected, particularly in Rasuwa and Nuwakot. The flood was caused by a massive surge of water, claiming lives and leaving significant destruction in its path.
While the areas where PWS&D's long-term development projects are implemented have not been affected, PWS&D is able to respond through its networks and coalitions. Priorities include emergency shelter, food, clean water and sanitation, healthcare and education.
Please donate today. Mark your donation PWS&D-Nepal Flood

OPERATION SANDWICHES: St. Andrew's is responsible for providing sandwiches for Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry's lunch program on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Help out with a "sandwich making party" in the church kitchen **following worship today**, or make a donation to help with the cost of sandwich ingredients. Just mark your donation "Operation Sandwiches", and place it in the offering plate.



If you have things in your life for which you want to thank God, or things that are challenging in your life for which you need support, share it with the Prayer team of 15 people who are willing to spend time in prayer with God to support you.
All information is confidential. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to do so.
Share your requests and updates with the Team through Margaret Wilson by email **ma.wilson@shaw.ca** or text 306-227-7100

AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- Copies of the fall issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- Contact Information Forms
- The latest edition of "*Saints Alive!*", the newsletter
- PAR Forms
- The Annual Report

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 standrewsyxe.ca
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

St. Mary's Food Hampers
Thank you to everyone who has donated food items towards filling St. Mary's hampers. We have taken 4 large boxes, and they are very appreciative. We mentioned before that they distribute their hampers on Wednesday and Friday of each week. In recent weeks they have noticed a major increase in the number of families coming in to collect the hampers, with many of those showing up for the hampers being grandparents and their grandchildren.
We realize that there are many people in Saskatoon having problems putting food on their tables. If you are in a situation where you cannot help, or if you are helping somewhere else, that is fine, but if this is something that you feel that you might help with, please bring your items to church and place it in the bin in the entryway. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry to help St. Mary's ensure that no one goes hungry in Saskatoon. We will continue to keep the bin in the entryway for your convenience.
Current needs for the hampers are:
· Spam or other canned ham
· Evaporated milk
· Pasta Sauce in cans (no glass please)
· Pasta (both small and big bundles)
· KD
· Pork and Beans Cans
· Canned Veggies
· Chicken Noodle Soup

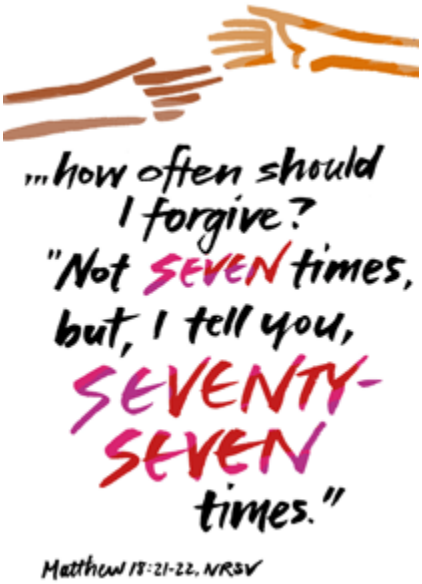
· Tomato Soup
· Bologna
· Beef Wieners
· Small trays or small rolls of ground beef (only small ones please as we do not handle/divide meat packs for safe food purposes)
· Granola Bars
· Juice Boxes (individual)
Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Opportunities at **Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries**

- "Circle, Church and Culture", Wednesdays at 1:30pm
- Clothing donations – drop off 9am-3pm weekdays

See posters for more information

Pipe Organ Recital
On Sunday, September 27, the Saskatoon Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will be hosting an international artist performing at Knox United Church. Tina Christiansen is an active concert organist in Denmark with an extensive international career as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. She has played numerous concerts throughout Denmark as well as more than 90 concerts across Europe and Russia. She has played solo concerts at some of Europe's largest organs including St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey in London. Tina is the organist and director of music at Ansgar's Church in Odense (DK), and she is the artistic director of the Odense International Organ Festival.
The concert will be at 7 PM. Admission is by donation (suggested $25/adult)



MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, September 13**



Although today's global food production is sufficient to feed everyone on the planet, hunger continues to rise in too many parts of the world. If current trends continue, around 512 million people may still be chronically undernourished in 2030. This September, join PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope—a fundraiser where PWS&D's supporters gear up and walk, run, ride or do another activity they love to raise money for vital food security work around the world. Your participation in and support for Journey for Hope enables PWS&D to actively respond to hunger through food security projects in places like Haiti, Guatemala and Malawi. Funds also help provide emergency food assistance in extremely vulnerable countries, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Thank you for participating and making a difference!

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 13 We pray for the children and leaders who are returning to regular Sunday school classes after the summer break.

Monday, September 14 We pray for awareness and access to records of the PCC, and that they will continue to be preserved, consulted, and shared. May they provide an understanding of the denomination's past and provide clarity to guide decisions of the future.

Tuesday, September 15 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay.

Wednesday, September 16 We lift up our remote congregations, asking for God's guidance as they seek faithful leadership to shepherd them.

Thursday, September 17 We pray for those attending the annual meeting of the Atlantic Mission Society in New Glasgow, NS, from September 18th–20th. May this be a time of learning, sharing and renewal.

Friday, September 18 We pray for all who have joined the Intercultural Church Cohort Pilot Program, that their imagination for intercultural ministry may expand and deepen. We pray that participants will bless and enrich one another in their learning communities.

Saturday, September 19 We give thanks for the guidance and advice of members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they work with different groups in the church seeking to support our commitments to truth, healing and reconciliation.