

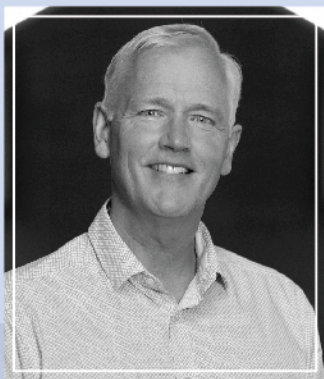
ANNUAL REPORT //2019

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

  GROWING. LIFE. TOGETHER. WITH GOD

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Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald Lead Minister

She was turning 105 and was being interviewed on CBC Radio. I've forgotten her name but I certainly haven't forgotten her message about the key to longevity. She said: "I get so tired of people bemoaning the fact that they're turning 80 or 85; you'd think it was the end of the world, for heaven's sakes. I don't think so! Just imagine what it feels like to turn 105."

Then the interviewer asked, "So what do you think is the key to longevity and a spirit of vitality?" This centenarian replied, "The real key is to always have a new adventure in sight—something new to look towards. This year at 105, I'll be flying over the Grand Canyon—something I've never done before. But I'm looking forward to it!"

I loved the energy and vision that I heard in her voice. It's also excellent advice to a congregation like ours which turns 114 this year: **Always have a new adventure in sight!** And St. Andrew's does indeed have a new adventure in sight: **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God.** A couple of Sundays ago in worship we got a vivid picture of what this new adventure looks like. One of our seniors, Thelma Wagner, worked with Rev. Jared and our young children to plant amaryllis bulbs. This inter-generational venture is already sprouting results—which you'll see in worship every week this month. By Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday (Feb. 23rd) there may even be some bright fresh blooms. There's no telling what beautiful new things are in store for St. Andrew's as we embark on this new adventure of **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God.**

The discernment of a new vision for ministry represented a significant amount of our focus during 2019. Early in the year the ReVision and Renewal Task Force was already discerning plans for our Fall ReVisioning Process. Over the summer, our ministers took Silent Retreats, and weekly Prayer Groups began meeting as we prepared to listen for God's voice and leading. In October, elders met weekly for study and prayer, while in worship we learned and experienced more of the church's ancient practice of prayerfully discerning God's will together. Through two Congregational Discernment Events and an Elder's Discernment Retreat we distinctly heard that **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God.** is our Vision for Ministry. It's our new God-given adventure!

As one observant congregation member responded, "But that's just who we are." Exactly. This is indeed our DNA as a congregation. Many of you could give testimony to how St. Andrew's has grown "the LIFE that's really LIFE" (1 Tim. 6:19) in you and in those you love. It is who we are and it's what God wants to do more of through us for the good of our city and world. At a time when economic fortunes seem stuck and when weekly we hear of new provincial or city budget cuts, God wants us to continue to focus on the hope of **Growing. LIFE. Together. With God.** here in Calgary. Like resilient farmers, when one season proves less productive, we don't stop planting, instead we step out in faith to experiment more shrewdly with new soil inputs, innovative irrigation, or fresh seed types, and with ongoing prayer.

In 2020 we'll begin to develop a new growth strategy for this new Vision for ministry at St. Andrew's. In April our beloved Rev. Jan Hazlett (who has been on extended health leave) will retire. During 2020, to grow our capacity for ministry in the areas of Pastoral Care, Discipleship / Spiritual Formation and our Engagement of New Folk, we will begin the search for a new full-time minister for this position. Please pray with us as we seek God's lead and step out in faith to grow new LIFE together for the good of our city and our world. A new adventure awaits!

... and there's no telling what beautiful new things are in store for St. Andrew's.

With gratitude for your partnership in ministry,

Dr. Tim



Rev. Jared Miller Family Minister

Growing. Life. Together. With God is a captivating vision for ministry for a new(ish) father; it's captivating because I see what it can look like every single day. I see what it is to grow; when Elyse gets strong enough to walk downstairs by herself, to pick up her own backpack and become more and more independent. I see what Life looks like when she announces complete sentences ("I did it", or "MINE" ... her new favourite) that I have no idea how she learned and becomes a more recognizable human person. I see Together when she falls and bumps her head and the only thing that makes it better is a hug from mama. And I get to see her discovering With God when we forget to pray before a meal, and she reaches out her hands waiting for us to take them and say grace with her.

Growing. Life. Together. With God isn't just a vision for ministry. It's a vision for St. Andrew's. It's a vision for a faith family discovering what it means to be children of God. It's a vision that invites us to thrive, to discover who God has knit us together to become and what God has uniquely equipped us to do.

Here is my core conviction; I think God has given us this vision because it is the vision that we deserve. For two decades St. Andrew's has been in numeric decline – looking for clearly marked pathways, and now God has given us a flashlight. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, the people walking in darkness have seen a great light. This vision tells me four things God thinks about St. Andrew's: it deserves to grow, it deserves to feel alive, it deserves to be whole, and it deserves to experience the weight of God's glory.

As I look back on the last year of ministry, I have seen this vision manifest in the life of St. Andrew's so many times, I can't count ... many of which you can read in this Annual Report. What I love most about it though, is that I have the privilege to lead into this vision with a particular focus on TheCreek. TheCreek extends our ministry to people who will never experience St. Andrew's in a conventional way, the way I've been blessed to experience it over the past five years. TheCreek is one of a number of ministries where our vision will come into full sight.

Be blessed in your growth, be blessed in your life, be blessed in your togetherness and be blessed with your God.

In Christ,

Rev. Jared Miller





Debby Dorcas Clerk of Session

From St. Andrew's Session:

Session spent much time in 2019 discerning a new vision to propose to St. Andrew's.

- We had prayer partners to help us focus on asking God to lead us.
- We had weekly discussion groups in the fall to challenge and affirm each other; and to pray together.
- In November, we spent a day in retreat and discussed the input from the Congregational Discernment Events, thinking about the commonalities of what people at St. Andrew's felt was important to them. What words would give us a direction to follow for the next 10 years?
- In December, we shared the following with the congregation as our vision:

**ST. ANDREW'S
GROWING. LIFE. TOGETHER.
WITH GOD**



Ministers:

Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald
Rev. Jan Hazlett
(on leave of absence)
Rev. Jared Miller

Members of Session

(as of December 31, 2019:)

Alex Grant
Annette Shaw
Audrey Cole
Bill Judd
Cathy Millar
Christine Pepper
Craig Murray
David Platt
Debby Dorcas
Dolly Forcade
Donald Koch
Ed Braun
Elaine Cantlon
Hugh McFadzean
Inge Murray
Janet Ridsdale
Jean Spotowski
Joan Rowe
Judie Coleman
Kevin MacFarlane
Linda Haines
Loran McVittie
Lynn Judd
Mark Rowe
Merrill Blenman (on leave of absence)
Rhonda Wishart
Sheila Kirkland
Steve MacDonnell
Val Hall

(Retired during the year 2019:)

Caroline Bain
Jean Sadler
John Hazlett



Evan Mounce Director of Music Ministries

Music Ministries:

The Music Ministry at St. Andrew's continues to **grow life together**. Growing musically we have stretched ourselves and enriched and enlivened many services with our heartfelt,

honest, and expressive music making. Stand-out Sundays when everything came **together** include our Thanksgiving Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Festival of Lessons and Carols, and our Christmas Eve Services to name a few!

The Music Ministry has **grown** in numbers this year with both new and returning members in the Choir, Praise Team, and Kaleidoscope Ringers. We also **grew** outwardly; reaching out through our musical collaborations and guests which have included the Sudanese Congregation, the Master's Singers, and various musicians from the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the University of Calgary, Calgary Opera and from our own congregation. Even you, members of our congregation, have **grown** musically - learning new hymns and praise songs and hearing new music each week.

We look forward to continuing to **grow** as a Music Ministry and bonding through our shared pursuit of building community **together** through music. In the coming year we will grow inwardly (developing our personal and collective musical abilities) and outwardly into the community (through collaboration, engagement and invitation) with the hope of **growing** new life **together** here at St. Andrew's.

We continue to seek new **growth** in 2020 and are always on the lookout for musically minded individuals to join all groups. Please write Evan at emounce@standrewscalgary.ca for more info.

With sincere thanks for our shared life **together**,

Evan

Worship:

The mandate of the Worship Team is to support the worship leaders in discerning and planning meaningful worship experiences that encourage spiritual growth. This year the team assisted with the planning and facilitation of services for Good Friday, Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve services, as well as the Faith and Film evenings. As a group we have begun to study, In God's Presence – Encountering, Experiencing and Embracing the Holy in Worship.

We are grateful to our new AV Coordinator, Britten Banerjee who is committed to improving our AV experience on Sunday mornings. If you have ideas that you would like to have explored for Worship please feel free to contact one of us.

Thank you to our dedicated and committed team members in 2019:

Debby Dorcas
Shelby Cole
Derek Wilkinson
Clem McLachlan
Sheri Coutts
Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald
Evan Mounce, our new
Director of Music Ministries.

Lynn Judd
Convenor

Sylvia Shaw Personnel Team

The Personnel Team met their goal of staff stability in 2019. Britten Banarjee continued on an interim basis in the role of Communications Coordinator until the arrival of Micheal MacEachen in June.

We are indebted to the Search Team for their efforts in securing our new Director of Music Ministries last year. Evan Mounce joined the staff at the beginning of July.

The team membership changed during the year. Hugh McFadzean and Bob Shaw stepped down and we are grateful for their service. We welcomed Linda Haines and James Jerrard as new members in the fall. We give thanks for the ongoing leadership provided by Dr. Tim.

Sylvia Shaw
Convenor



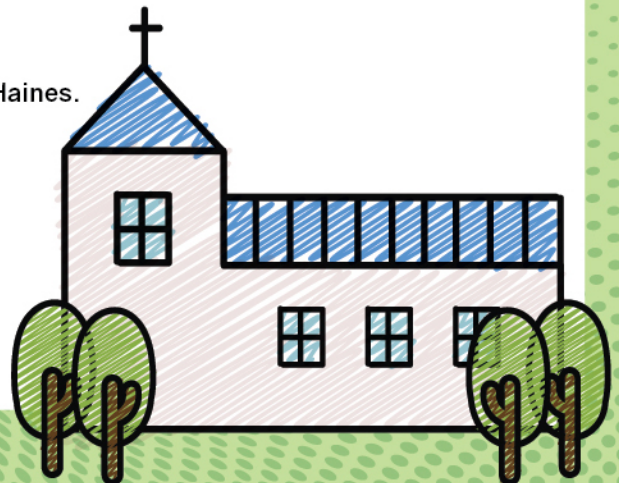
Linda Haines Ministry Resource & Accountability

This team is a resource to our ministers and assists them in the ongoing assessment of goals and objectives of their ministry. This includes oversight as assigned in the position descriptions and in the Session-approved Ministry Plan. We also provide constructive feedback from Session members and the congregation as necessary. Vacations and study leave requests are approved by this team.

During the past year we have met and worked with the ministers as necessary. In order to be responsive to the needs of the ministers, we need your help. If you become aware of something that you feel needs attention and are having trouble approaching a minister, please feel free to approach one of us. We will work to resolve a problem, answer a question (or find the answer for you), and that way, we are saving our ministers valuable time and effort.

Our team consists of Christine Pepper, Craig Murray and Linda Haines. Talk to us on a Sunday, leave a message in the office for us or contact Linda directly @ 403-271-2707 or lrh220@telus.net.

Linda Haines
Convenor



Cathy Millar **Stewards by Design**

Formerly known as the **Stewardship Team**, part of the overall Stewardship, Planning and Finance Committee, the team's name was changed in 2019 to **Stewards by Design** following St. Andrew's participation in the national Stewards by Design Conference hosted by the PCC in Ontario in early May.

The five individuals who represented our congregation at the conference were **Dr. Tim, Elaine Cantlon, Cathy Millar, David Platt and Stephanie Werle**. The conference presenter was Dr. Kennon Callahan and his book *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church* formed the basis of his presentations.

The Stewards by Design program helps congregations discover how to nurture faith and generosity to grow ministry. We understand that Stewardship is not just about financial matters; it is very much a spiritual matter concerned with all aspects of life. It was an exciting time and an excellent opportunity to share stories and ideas with other Presbyterian churches from coast to coast. While there was a lot to process, with Dr. Tim's guidance we did manage to come up with a list of goals and we are now developing a stewardship plan to meet the needs of St. Andrew's.

On Sunday, September 29, Stewards by Design hosted a Planned Giving presentation with Jim MacDonald, Development Manager, Stewardship and Planned Giving for the PCC. Lunch was provided for about 15 people. Jim had very helpful advice and provided us with a variety of informative brochures on planned giving. Additional brochures are available at the Giving Centre in the foyer for anyone who might be interested.

In 2019 we decided to put a greater focus on GIVING through the creation of The Giving Centre, where information about the various giving options can be found. This has also helped to highlight the option of electronic giving via credit card, which more people are now using.

During November and early December the team highlighted all that this congregation and its Ministry means to so many people, those inside and those outside the walls of St. Andrew's. The goal was to encourage members to use the various tools available to them to give so that we could all come together and end the year on a financial high note! With God's help we succeeded!!! **THANKS BE TO GOD** for your most generous response to all that God has provided.

Our team is very excited to be working with you over this next year to find new ways for **Growing. LIFE. Together.** with God, remembering always that Community, Compassion and Hope are essential for growth to happen. Please know how much your generosity and your care for one another means to our community of faith. **THANK YOU!**

Stewards by Design Team: **Stephanie Werle, David Platt, Kevin MacFarlane, Elaine Cantlon, and Dr. Tim**, our guide and mentor. **Cathy Millar, Convenor**

2019 Results

God is good, God is generous, God loves St. Andrews!

We had a miraculous (and probably unprecedented) level of donations in December 2019 which allowed us to finish 2019 on a very positive note. A few highlights include:

- In December, the congregation very generously donated \$120,000 to St. Andrew's. \$73,177.33 went toward the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. The remainder went to support our various charitable initiatives, facilities and other items which are not part of our operating expenses.
- Our teams were very busy in 2019, providing a number of successful opportunities for the congregation and wider community. The Aboriginal Awareness Day, ReVision task force, youth activities, Claire House and Alpha are just a few of the ways Christ used us to impact the lives of our congregation and share His love.
- Many people used their gifts to keep our building running smoothly, going the extra step to ensure that all who came here felt welcomed and comfortable and wanted.

2020 Plan

Our 2020 Plan was approved by Session on January 25th and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 23rd, 2020 for the congregation's approval.

Goals and Objectives for 2020

1. In conjunction with the Renewal process, ensure that updated policies, procedures and financial authorities are in place.
2. Review and update our current software to ensure that best practices continue in financial reporting, treasury, cash management and congregational engagement. (Designated funding is already in place.)
3. In conjunction with the Treasurer, perform a full review of our 2019 spending and make any improvements and corrections as are necessary for 2020.
4. Inform the congregation on a quarterly basis as to the financial health of St. Andrew's and answer any questions.

2020 VISION

ST. ANDREW'S
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David Platt
Convenor



FAMILIES	2019	2018
Number of families associated	341	361

THE MEMBERSHIP	2019	2018
Communicant Membership January 01	445	462
Added to the Roll		
by Professions of Faith	8	0
by Certificate of Transfer	4	2
by Resolution of Session	0	3
	12	5
Removed from the Roll		
by Death	9	12
by Certificate of Transfer	1	0
by Resolution of Session	2	5
by Own Interest	12	5
	24	22
Communicant Membership December 31	433	445

BAPTISM	2019	2018
Children	4	1
Adult	3	0
	7	1

MARRIAGES	2019	2018
Members	0	0
Adherents	1	0
Other	0	1
	1	1

FUNERALS	2019	2018
Members	3	6
Adherents	2	1
Other	0	1
	5	8

Steve MacDonnell & Ed Braun Legacy Trust Fund

The 4th Quarter results for 2019 are not yet available - these will be presented to Session and the Congregation when received. In the meantime the fund values for the following periods are presented:

12 months ended Sept. 30, 2016	\$678,311
12 months ended Sept. 30, 2017	\$613,023
12 months ended Sept. 30, 2018	\$647,055
12 months ended Sept. 30, 2019	\$641,727

It is expected that year-end determination of fund growth for 2019 will be available by mid March 2020.

Approved disbursements from an available sum of \$14,300 in 2019 included:

Mission:	\$852.00	Stephen Ministry
Worship and Ministry:		
	\$744.00	Held over for small project(s)
Facility:		
	\$12,700.00	Replacement of flat roof portion of facility room

The Committee Members and their remaining terms as at December 31, 2019 are:

Margaret Bates	Dec. 31, 2019
Ed Braun	Dec. 31, 2019
Merle Crawford	Dec. 31, 2019
John Cuthbertson	Dec. 31, 2019
Mary-Anne Quesnel	Dec. 31, 2019
Steve MacDonnell	Dec. 31, 2020
Derek Wilkinson	Dec. 31, 2020

The committee extends a special note of thanks to Dolly Forcade for her excellent staff support to the Trust over the last year.

MEMORIAL FUND: Alex Grant, Coordinator

Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following people:

George Amos, Sheila Benneweis, John Flack, Ruth Grant, Grant Huber, Shirley Howe, Randy Kearnes, Bill McAuley, Malcolm Roberts, May & Jimmy Shaw, Jason Tritter, Ruth Young, Muriel Young.

IN MEMORIAM:

The following members and adherents of our congregation died during the year:

George Amos

Rev. Ken Borden*

Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch

Glad Bury

Clive Cracknell

Shirley Howe

Hugh MacDougall

Emily MacKenzie

Frances MacMahon

Bill McAuley

Joan Packer

Isabel Taylor*

John Huthersall

Claire Wasko

Randy Kearnes

Frank Wright

*died in 2018



In 2019 the Facilities team worked hard maintaining our facility. In addition to many general repairs to the building and equipment, highlights during the year included:

- Restoration of the flat roof above the Upper Room, Offices\ and Foyer
- Purchase of new chairs for the choir
- Agreements with new, more competitive companies to perform annual inspections of fire panel and safety equipment
- Construction of new understair storage room in CE wing
- Refinishing of front doors facing Heritage Drive

Thank you to Brad Chalmers, Alfred MacRae, Tom McIntyre, Flemming Nielsen, Sean Pepper, Mark Rowe and Bob Shaw for their hard work on this team.

Don Koch
Convenor



CONNXIONS

This newsletter is St. Andrew's way of offering information about the congregation and the ministry that we do. It also announces activities that are about to take place, so you know what is happening in the life of our church.

During the past year, we welcomed Micheal McEachen as our Communications Coordinator. Micheal has been assisted by Lorie Nielsen, Judie Coleman, Jean Sadler, Barbara English and Linda Haines in gathering and compiling the information for the newsletter. ConnXions is the stylized name of the newsletter. The X is symbolic of St. Andrew's cross. Connecting us to Worship, Mission and Each Other is our mission in creating the newsletter together.

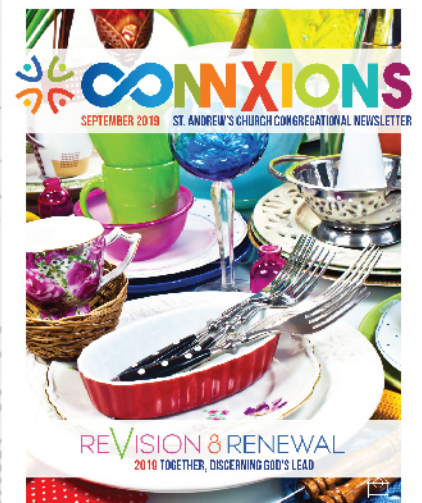
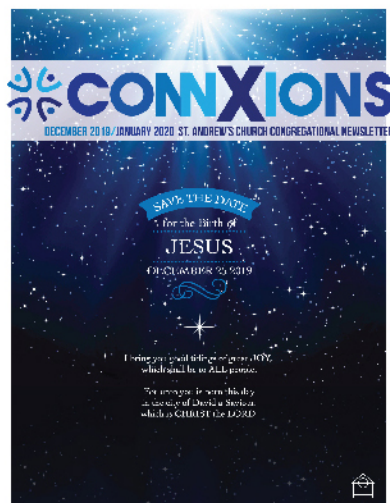
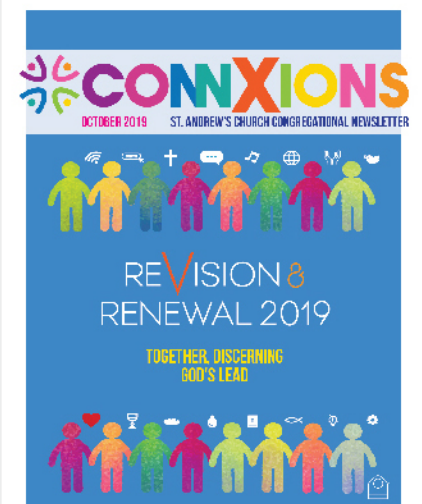
Perhaps you have a suggestion of a story, an announcement or invitation for an upcoming event, a notice of a passage of life, be it a baptism, wedding or death or any other interesting news to share with the congregation. Please contact the Communications Coordinator at communications@standrewscalgary.ca or 403.255.0001.

Linda Haines

Editor



ALSO, BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER?



Pastoral Care
(Author unknown)

Perceptiveness of people
and the issues that they bear
Attention to the trappings and
the wrappings present there,
Sincerity in listening and
reflecting what we hear
Tenderness of presence to
those hurting and in fear.

Openness in hearing what is
different from our view
Reverence for the treasure of
a life which seems askew,
Affection for the beauty
beneath the surface of the skin
Love to dare and time to share
for the soul alive within.

Compassion in the presence
of a badly mangled life
Acceptance of the anger,
the depression born of strife,
Respect for all humanity and
the baggage it must bear
**Enable us to share the journey
as we offer Pastoral Care.**



As a community of faith, we encounter God together and together we work, support, and encourage one another as we muddle through and struggle along in this life. We pray as a community for the church, the world and all in need. We offer meals to those going through difficult times. We gather with others to offer love, support, fellowship, and together work to spread the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ. We do what we can to make our world a better place. **And everyone receives a blessing.**

The circumstances that require pastoral care support are many and varied. Times of change, stress, loss and illness are occasions when a listening ear and the presence of another can be helpful. Pastoral Care is a Ministry of Presence and is provided by many teams. Each team has a specific task and often overlap. As you read the individual reports under 'Pastoral Care', **please be open to ways that you might offer care to others.**

Judie Coleman
Coordinator





Cathie Huber **Home Bound Team**

This ministry provides a special need to make visits to people on our homebound list. Many of these members/adherents once gave their time in service to St. Andrew's, but are no longer able to attend church. We do not want to forget them! Presently, we have dedicated visitors who quietly reach out, bringing friendship and support to the home bound. Our visitors are encouraged to visit at least four times a year or more, and often deep friendships develop.

As the home bound numbers are increasing, we are always in need of more visitors. If you feel this may be your calling, please say yes when asked. Your interest would be welcomed by someone who may feel lonely and forgotten. In addition, the families of the home bound are grateful that the church still cares about their loved ones.

Cathie Huber
Coordinator



Alice Williams **Bereavement Team**

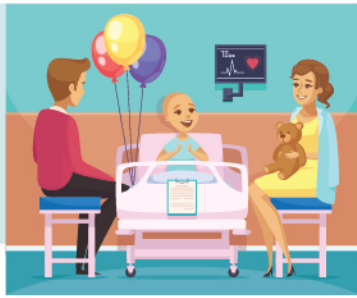
Our spring grief support event took place on May 7, 2019 when representatives from Rostad Travel presented the video Seeing the World with Friends: solo and senior travel options. Many travel destinations both in Europe and North America were showcased.

Our summer grief support event on August 20, 2019 featured a walk from South Glenmore Park to the Railway Cafe at Heritage Park for coffee. We continue to offer candle lighting in conjunction with the Worship team on the 5th Sunday of the month after both services.

Our annual Celebration of Life service was held on November 25, 2019 with Rev. Christian Persaud presiding, Don Koch as soloist and Ann Davidson providing musical accompaniment.

As of January 1, 2020, in order to reflect a more positive focus, the Bereavement Team name will change to "Life After Loss Team".

Alice Williams
Coordinator



Judie Coleman Hospital Visiting Ministry

The mandate of our Hospital Visitors' Ministry is to provide spiritual care for the people of St. Andrew's Church who are being treated in Calgary hospitals. Our visitors are part of the spiritual care organization of the Calgary hospitals and are required to complete the hospital training program. They are admitted into their volunteer care program and comply with those program regulations. The cost of training is covered by St. Andrew's. If you would like to be part of the Hospital Visiting Ministry, first let our Pastoral Care Coordinator know, and you will be guided through the steps.

Our volunteers try to visit anyone who has registered as Presbyterian, but especially to visit those from St. Andrew's. To make timely visits, we need to be aware of people being admitted to the hospital, so it is helpful if the office or the ministers are informed. During the year we had three lay hospital visitors. Arlene Young and Linda Burton-Chalmers visited at Rockyview, and Jayne Martin visited at the South Health Campus. Elizabeth Kangong joined our team in December and will visit at the Foothills and at Peter Lougheed. We are thankful for their dedication to this ministry.

Judie Coleman
Coordinator



Alice Williams Nursing Health Ministry

Our annual spring Health Fair was held on May 6, 2019 in conjunction with the Heritage Seniors group luncheon. The topic was "Emergency Preparedness" presented by members of the City of Calgary Emergency Management Agency. It included a personal assessment related to one's level of preparedness and an overview of information kits. The kits were related to safe keeping of personal documents, updated medication information and emergency community resources.

We continue with our monthly "Health Matters" via ConnXions, which highlights a broad scope of topics related to healthy lifestyle choices.

In 2020, we hope to continue providing relevant health information in various formats.

Alice Williams
Coordinator

Inge Murray Districts

Visitors at St. Andrew's are people who God has called to serve in this ministry to build relationships with members and adherents. Also to serve as a contact person to share information about St. Andrew's, and to support and celebrate with families throughout the year. We have continued to build relationships with St. Andrew's faith community through personal contact, during meaningful phone conversations and through email connection.

The district team values each visitor and the gifts they bring to build our faith community. Our hope is to continue to form strong bonds of connection with all generations.

Inge Murray
Coordinator



Lorie Nielsen Prayer Chain Ministry

Our prayer chain ministry is composed of over thirty volunteers who commit to regular prayer. All prayer requests are kept confidential and anyone can request prayer of any kind. Occasionally the person receiving prayer is not aware of it. As an example, we have prayed for a young woman holding a sign and begging by the side of the road. God always knows who we mean.

My husband, Flemming, and I arrived back in Calgary in July of 2018 after twenty years away. We came back to St. Andrew's and our first Sunday coincided with Dr. Tim's first Sunday. Not long after, I joined the prayer chain team. The following May, I was asked by Judie Coleman, Convenor of the Pastoral Care Team if I would be willing to take over the prayer chain responsibilities and I agreed. She has been endlessly helpful to me and having her experience for support has made this position easier. Thank you, Judie, for all your work at St. Andrew's.

Prayer requests can be made by emailing me at flnielsen64@gmail.com, calling 587-777-2444 or by using the Prayer Request Link on our website. The power of prayer is a wonderful thing and generates results. If you feel called to join us in this ministry please contact me; there is strength in numbers. This chain can never have too many links.

Several years ago, in my own prayer life, I made up a word to use when talking to God. That word is SEMPLY. This stands for Spiritually, Emotionally, Mentally, Physically and Lovingly. I ask the Lord to simply uplift whomever I have in mind.

Lorie Nielsen
Coordinator

PRAYER TIMES

Dr. Tim leads a prayer time on Sundays from 9:10 to 9:20 a.m. in his office. Maureen Lively is in the sanctuary for prayer on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join for either.

Requests come from Dr. Tim, Rev. Jared and the office staff.

SIDE BY SIDE:

At Side by Side we reach out to families facing a challenging time in their lives. God provides for this ministry, weaving together the gifts and abilities of all who contribute and enables a regular, reliable space for care partners to rest, while drawing us closer in community and blessing everyone. Each week through every season, we share in inclusive, creative, caring and supportive fellowship. Each member of the Side by Side family is reminded that we are all beloved children of God.

Alice Post
Coordinator



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

This ministry's message of caring is simple and enduring, and like all acts of generosity enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

Our Prayer Shawls are symbolic of an inclusive and unconditionally loving God. The use of Prayer Shawls as ministry at St. Andrew's began in 2008 and continues to be a blessing. We offer lap rugs for men.

Annette Shaw
Coordinator



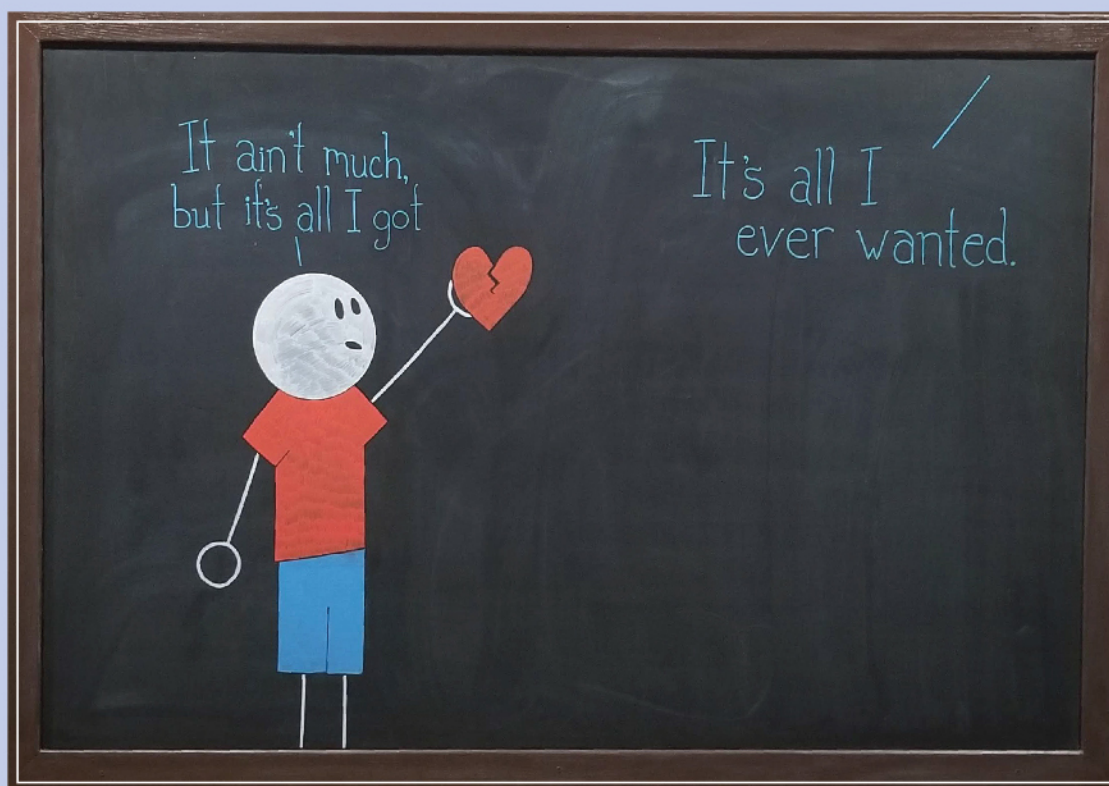
CARE SHARE / MEALTRAIN:

CareShare / Mealtrain is an extension of the warm hospitality provided by St. Andrew's. 2019 brought increased use of the Mealtrain on-line hub to engage our volunteers in preparing meals for those experiencing challenges.

We have received expressions of thanks for the gift of a meal. Even when a meal is declined, our call of concern is an encouragement. The 'CareShare' Information Brochure was completed for the Pastoral Care display rack. The Cookie Plate project at Christmas was a great success and we're thankful for the cookie bakers, plate decorators and willing cookie couriers!

In the coming year, we will review our volunteer base: providing resources for meal preparation, supporting Leading with Care standards and improving communication in identifying those who need our services.

Joan Rowe, Jean Spotowski,
and Stephanie Werle



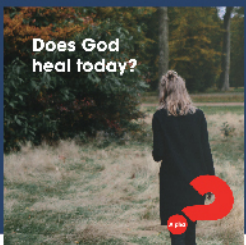
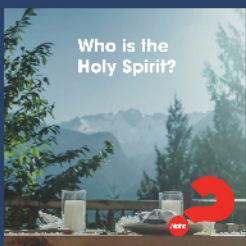
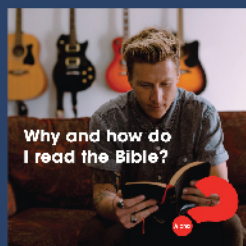
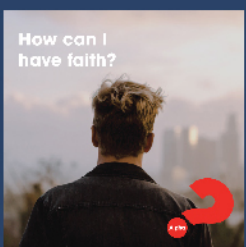
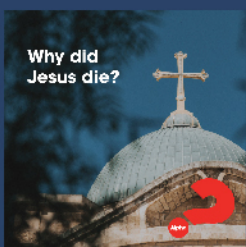
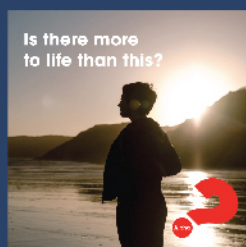
STEPHEN MINISTRY:

St. Andrew's is a Stephen Ministry congregation with seven Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers provide Christ-centred care to hurting members of our congregation. Jayne Martin became an accredited Stephen Leader after training in early 2019 and guides St. Andrew's next group of Stephen Ministers. St. Andrew's is actively recruiting potential Stephen Ministers for our next class slated to begin in September 2020. Twice a month, Jayne facilitates Stephen Minister Supervisory Training, offering continuing education, as well as support for our active Stephen Ministers.

If you feel you would benefit from having a Stephen Minister contact you, please email our Pastoral Care Coordinator at pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca. If you have any questions about becoming a Stephen Minister, please see or contact Jayne at 403-390-2656 or iamjaynemartin@gmail.com.

Jayne Martin
Coordinator





ALPHA:

Alpha 2019 ran from mid-September through to late November. The weekly Wednesday evening gatherings in Trinity Hall provided deeply meaningful opportunities for more than 40 participants to grow in Christian community, faith and understanding. They shared life together over food, fellowship, music, video based teaching and small group discussion. Many were able to spend additional time together in a very special weekend session at Priddis Golf and Country Club. All were blessed by these opportunities to grow in community, to share life perspectives and to learn together, from each other.

Participant surveys at the completion of the fall series were overwhelmingly positive. Comments emphasized the formation of new friendships in a welcoming setting, spiritual growth, the strengthening or renewal of personal faith and the cementing of relationships with and within the church.

Alpha 2019 was indeed a very special journey of faith. Let us continue to grow in our lives together with God as we prepare for Alpha 2020.

Your ALPHA Team

Alpha

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The CE Team is actively engaged in providing guidance and support to the life-long Christian Education of St. Andrew's. A highlight of 2019 was seeing our largest ever attendance of pre-schoolers and young children at our annual Spring Fun Day in April, with children and parents of the Coptic Orthodox Church joining us for the event. Everyone enjoyed the cuddling of baby animals in our outdoor petting zoo.

Another highlight was the successful mission project taken on by the church school. The children were engaged in the earning of funds by performing acts of kindness. Those funds raised were matched by a kind anonymous donor, and were used to purchase baby chicks for families in developing countries. A number of live and active chicks made an appearance in service on the final day of the fundraiser! The CE Team was also happy to provide support for a successful Alpha program offered in the fall.

We look forward, in particular, to incorporating our new vision at St. Andrew's into all aspects of our CE mandate in 2020. We will support church school teachers and other leaders in attending a leadership conference in Edmonton in January and to supporting youth attending CY2020 in St. Catharines, ON in July.

The CE Team is very appreciative of all who assist in the work of Christian Education at St. Andrew's by being teachers and leaders. Our ministry is supported by your willingness to serve, thank you.

Rhonda Wishart
Convenor



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY:

We had a full and active year studying the following courses:

1. **Eternity is Here Now** - a video and discussion series by John Ortberg
2. **The 12 Steps for Christians** - this book highlighted how the 12 steps of various recovery programs are rooted in Christian principles, drawn from the Oxford Group in the 1930s
3. **The 12 Keys to an Effective Church** by Dr. Kenlon Callahan. This was the book used in the Stewards by Design Conference held in May 2019 and outlines 12 key principles and activities involved in building and maintaining a healthy church.

Currently we are waiting for the rollout of the new vision statement at the Annual Meeting and will be discerning the best way to support and develop the vision in our Sunday morning group study, so stay tuned for further news!

David Platt
Coordinator



ADULT LIBRARY:

Many thanks to those who donated or suggested new material during the year. In an effort to keep our library current, only books which are less than five years old will be considered for inclusion. They can be left on the bottom library shelf in the Karl English lounge.

An up-to-date list of books will shortly be available on the St. Andrew's website. Newer books are generally displayed on the library shelves for identification and an initial three week loan period is suggested.

Sylvia Shaw
Librarian



CRADLE ROLL:

In the year 2019 we added four new members to our register, and sent out six birthday cards to our children three years of age and younger.

Elsbeth McFadzean
Secretary



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

We meet each Tuesday at 9:30 am, when we have coffee/ tea and chat, followed by a formal Bible study starting at 10:00 am, lasting for one hour.

We began the year with a study of Mark's Gospel under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch. Dr. Frank prepared background information, which we all found to be very helpful, giving us further insight to the passages we were studying.

We did not meet over the summer months. When we reconvened in September we began a study of the Psalms led by Dr. Frank, who furnished us with additional background knowledge providing setting and context.

We were all deeply saddened and shocked when we learned of Dr. Frank's sudden death on December 14, 2019. His leadership, knowledge, wisdom and sense of humour will be sorely missed.

David Platt has graciously stepped up to lead our studies temporarily, and we are most grateful for this. The future for this group is uncertain, as we are a small "flock without a shepherd."

Maureen Flack
Member





MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The men's breakfast continued to bring interesting speakers to the group **each 4th Saturday during the winter months.**

- This last year we had a **number of travelogues**, newcomers to Canada and their journey from their homeland, individual life stories, and how to correctly accomplish your tax forms and what to claim.
- Our event with **ward 11 councillor Jeremy Farkas** was a lively one!
- **The ladies of our congregation are invited to attend at least one breakfast (usually May).**
- The Men's Fellowship organises our **ASH WEDNESDAY pancake supper** prior to the Worship Service. This year it will be on **February 26, 2020.**

The committee is comprised of **Don Koch, Craig Murray, Lloyd Allen and Bob Shaw.** We have five groups of men who cook or set up once per year, so helping out is not too cumbersome. We would like to encourage men of all ages (this is not a seniors event!) to come and enjoy the pancake breakfasts and get to know new people!

Bob Shaw
Coordinator

HERITAGE SENIORS

The highlight for our club was our 30th anniversary celebration as an organized group. To celebrate, we hosted a luncheon in October and invited all of our members for a complimentary meal. It was well received with over 90 members in attendance. John Young, who is a founding member hosted this event and reminisced about the beginning of the club and who was involved. Great memories. New members are always welcome!

Jan Kozbial
President

MISSION TEAM:

Your Mission team was able to provide opportunities for growth and God's witness. Activities such as mental health, aboriginal sharing, Claire Building, Coldest Night of the Year and Mitten Tree allowed the congregation to come together in a spirit of unity and God's purpose. It has been both an honour and God's blessing to be able to serve and we thank the congregation for your generous support.

Brian Hawko
Convenor

FAMILY MINISTRY TEAM:

Family Ministry continues to be blessed with the presence of God as our intergenerational gatherings brought new, deeper and renewed relationships with our families and others. We shared our experiences, compassion, hope, fun and faith together. Our children grew more confident in their ability to invite friends and engage in conversations and experiences with our wider church family. Their sense of belonging and sharing in Christ's love has been strengthened.

Our annual family camping trip to Bow Valley Campground brought out a great group of campers; both regulars and new families joining the fun. Ages ranged from the very young to the very young at heart. God was at work in the intergenerational gathering, where new bonds formed through games, an adventure walk, a cold dip in the river and music around the campfire. In the beauty of God's creation, we experienced communion and worship in a deep and meaningful way led by Rev. Jared.

Stephanie Werle
Coordinator



CHINOOK CARE CENTRE HYMN SING MINISTRY:

The hymn sing ministry at Chinook Care Centre is an ecumenical collaborative effort that is united by a common love for praising God through beautiful songs of the faith. Teams from different congregations contribute their time and talents three to four weeks each month to bring spiritual nourishment to residents at Chinook Care Centre.

Several of the residents join regularly, and have bonded together into a worshipping community that meets even in the weeks that do not have leadership. As we begin 2020, the Lutheran Church of the Cross has joined this ministry and will be leading the first Sunday of every month.

Alice Post
Convenor



ST. ANDREW'S LADIES GUILD:

In 2019 The Guild (Ladies Afternoon Guild and Ladies Evening Guild) developed strong bonds of friendship as we gathered together for celebrations enjoying dinners, movies and evenings of fun together.

The annual Christmas bazaar was a great success this year. We had a record number of guests in our Tea Room. The congregation contributed time and talents and created a wonderful intergenerational community event. Throughout the year The Guild donated \$16,000.00. These donations have supported St Andrew's, as well as many other organizations that had needs, close to home and abroad.

This year The Guild began a new weekly ministry in support of **Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids (BB4CK)**. A group of people gathered weekly to make lunches for two local schools. There were 710 lunches made for two students who would otherwise not have had a lunch at school. The Guild continues to serve families by catering for funerals. This service takes many willing hands to care for families in their time of grief. The Guild has enjoyed partnering with The Family Ministry Team during TAKE150 events by providing dinner for the children. We always have willing members to host lunches for special events such as The Caribou Ministry and for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Summer Bible Study, *The Patriarchs* by Beth Moore, provided a time to gather, watch the video, study, share and grow in faith with a group of trusted friends.

The Guild values each person and the gifts they bring to build our faith community. Our hope is to continue to form strong bonds of friendship with all generations who are interested in sharing in this vibrant ministry with us.

Inge Murray
Coordinator



TAKE 150: Stephanie Werle, Coordinator

Take 150 grew in leaps and bounds to our largest attendance of 24 children. God is using this ministry to provide time for parents and to reunite bonds with missed friends. He has brought children here, who have never set foot in a church and opened their eyes to what we do and why we come here.

Children from our church family continue to invite their friends with great excitement to participate, and consequently it has become a staple on the calendars of these families - highly anticipated and not to be missed.

Our spring Book Club read *The Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. A large group of women gathered in the home of Carolyn Jerrard, with discussion led by Beth Miller.

God's presence was felt at the gathering as it brought together women from various backgrounds and stages of life. We learned about each other, and from each other through open, interesting and meaningful discussion. Out of this experience, new bonds were formed.

Early in the year, we held a Ladies Coffee Night at Good Earth Cafe. This was a casual evening with women of all ages simply taking the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and getting to know one another better. God worked in the lives of those there, providing an opportunity for open conversations to build relationships over stories with compassion, laughter and fun.

Our Men's Axe Throwing Night was well attended and highly anticipated as the challenge went out to take the championship from Craig Murray this year. God was present here as the group of various ages and backgrounds gathered for the contest and in turn enjoyed the chance to talk and get to know one another more. We are pleased to announce that James Jerrard took the title this year.



In the fall, we gathered for our Annual Church Family Hike at the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area, led by Lucy Aburto. We had a sizeable gathering of people of all ages, some participating for the first time. As we enjoyed the breathtaking scenery and exercise, little pockets of participants spent time walking, talking and laughing together before taking the opportunity to chat with someone new. Overlooking the mountains, we paused to feel God's presence in the natural beauty, partaking in prayer and communion together, led by Rev. Jared.



St. Andrew's Church Staff

2019 CHURCH STAFF

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald
Congregational Care Minister	Rev. Jan Hazlett (on Leave)
Family Minister	Rev. Jared Miller
Interim Pastoral Care Leader	Rev. Christian Persaud (January - October)
	Rev. Dr. Jean Morris (began November)
Director of Music Ministries	Evan Mounce (began July)
Executive Assistant	Debby Dorcas
Office Administrator/Treasurer	Dolly Forcade
Nursery Caregiver	Emily Izett
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post
Communications Coordinator	Micheal McEachen (began June)



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