

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

SUMMER 2018

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Tim & Joyce,

Noah, David, and Laura Archibald

Dr. Archibald's induction service will be held on
Wednesday, August 1 @ 7:00 pm
in the Sanctuary here at St. Andrew's
followed by fellowship and light refreshments in
the lounge
We welcome everyone to worship with us.



We may not get 'all of the Archibalds all of the time', but, as school and university permit, we hope to be able to welcome and get to know Noah and David when they are here in Calgary. We are excited to now welcome Joyce and Laura, and hope they feel at home here with us. And... Rev. Dr. Tim... we are SO EXCITED and SO BLESSED to have you join us as Lead Minister. Thanks be to God!!

Starting **Sunday, July 1st**, to and including **September 2nd**, 2018
there will be one service at 10 am.
Two services will resume Sunday September 9th, 2018



Roger Cole, Tom McIntyre & Don Koch building the garbage enclosure



Heritage Seniors Strawberry Tea





FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Rev. Jared Miller

A long chapter is coming to a close. For two years, St. Andrew's has sought vision and direction, and by the time the next edition of this newsletter comes out, the person we believe will lead us into the future will be here.

The future is full of contradictions.

It's scary, but comforting.

It's ours, but others' as well.

It's close, but never arriving.

It's big, but found in the details.

The future is full of contradictions because being a people of the future is synonymous with being a people of faith.

Faith doesn't only mean believing something that happened a long time ago. Faith means believing that God is doing something in our midst that we can't see. Faith is believing that God has more in store for us than we know. Faith is believing that the church has a future.

For me, this is the thing I think about the most: I want to know if there will be a church for my daughter Elyse to grow old in? My heart of faith beats yes. But my heart of realism is filled with doubt.

I believe in the church's future. But the church's present seems so daunting and scary.

I believe that growth can happen. But turning around decline is hard.

I believe that life can renew. But resurrection doesn't come without death.

I believe that miracles can happen. But they seem rarer now than in the past.

Faith for the future comes bundled with doubt because the future, by definition, is unknown. And it needs to be. The unknown is how we discern the work that God is doing. Leading into the unknown is an act of faith.

It's faith, because certainty of the future breeds arrogance and apathy.

It's faith, because certainty of the future makes no room for God.

It's faith, because certainty of the future puts the full weight of responsibility on us.

I think God wants us to walk into this new future as a people of faith. Doubt the narrative that you've been told; that this is the way things have to be, that this is the way they always will be. Doubt the idea that we have all the answers. Doubt that the best days are behind us. Doubt, because we are a people of faith.

I believe that God is still speaking.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is still with us.

I believe that Christ is still the same; yesterday, today and forever.

I believe in the future of the church.

Amen, and Amen.

- Jared



SOUTH OF FISH CREEK REPORT

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood... John 1:14 MSG

From AD 249 to 262, an outbreak known as the plague of Cyprian ravaged the populations of North Africa. As the wealthy and enfranchised fled the pandemic, the church moved in, cared for the sick, and strangely – as a result – flourished. Today, the church finds itself in a similar position. A plague is quietly spreading among the population of Calgary. Loneliness and isolation have become part of our experience of daily life. What would it look like for the church to run into this plague?

Following the amalgamation of Trinity in 2011, the desire was stirred for a continuing Presbyterian witness in the geographic region South of Fish Creek. It is estimated that the population of these communities is 250,000 people, roughly the size of Red Deer. The amalgamated congregation of Trinity, however, was and remains apprehensive of new church development's prospects in this region. The question underpinning this vision then, is what does it take to be a church without a church?

Fortunately, through conversations with denominational leaders, it was highlighted that the polity of the Presbyterian Church already has space for this kind of cognitive dissonance. The establishment of “preaching points” is a well-worn Presbyterian tradition that allows for a unique witness to take hold in a specific place without the need to establish a session or worry about the maintenance of committees or temporal affairs. It allows for the development of ministry that focuses on essential needs. The challenge is retranslating this idea for a twenty-first century, where post-modernity rejects the idea that one person can stand in front of a crowd and tell a story that will be equally true for everyone who hears it.

The vision, thus, is for the establishment of a missional point of St. Andrew's South of Fish Creek.

The question thus becomes, what does mission look like South of Fish Creek? There are, according to the research, four ways to proceed as one church in more than one location:

Cluster – more than one activity sharing organizational resources across multiple locations

Campus – more than one distinct worshipping community sharing organizational resources

Nurselog – a distinct process of slowly, gradually transferring organizational resources from one location to another

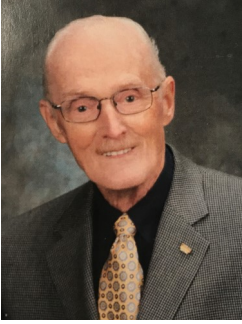
Social Enterprise – leveraging the church's ability to be non-profit to meet societal needs

We don't know what this ministry will look like yet, but at its last meeting the Presbytery gave us the go-ahead to proceed in creating a team to begin discerning the next steps of ministry. Keep praying for this ministry and start asking yourself whether God might have something for you to do South of Fish Creek.



- Jared

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE WESTON FAMILY



Carl Weston passed away peacefully on May 30, 2018 with his family by his side. Carl and his wife Charlotte, who passed away in 2009, became members of St. Andrew's in 1993. He was an integral part of the St. Andrew's community and very active with the Heritage Seniors. The "News from the Pews" editorial team is collecting stories and information about Carl that would be a more fitting tribute for our September edition.

REMEMBERING A LOVED ONE: LIGHTING A CANDLE

The Worship Team, in conjunction with the Bereavement Team, will be offering a candle-lighting opportunity for those who wish to remember a loved one. This will take place after each Sunday service on July 29, September 30 and December 30, 2018. We will continue these reflective times of remembrance in 2019. Information on dates will be forthcoming.



STEPHEN MINISTRY IN ACTION



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We at St. Andrew's are blessed to announce that we commissioned seven Stephen Ministers on May 27: Judie Coleman, Barb Everett, Linda Haines, Barbara Kearnes, Carole Morris, Usha Mohan, and Terry Zimmer.

These seven Stephen Ministers are part of a supportive caring ministry at St. Andrew's which does not replace the care of our ministers, but helps extend it. They are not counselors or therapists; rather, they are caring Christian friends who can offer a listening ear to help others through the tough times in life. Stephen Ministers have extensive training and continue to learn and be supervised in this caring ministry. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, email our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Judie Coleman, at pastoralcare@standrewscalgary.ca Please do not report a friend's need without first asking their permission to do so.

A brochure can be found on the Pastoral Care rack in the Karl English lounge.



Our first group of Stephen Ministers
commissioned on May 27, 2018



FRAN KOENDERS

Congratulations to Fran Koenders' son, Steve, on receiving the "Astronaut's Silver Snoopy award" after 31 years of service with Aerojet Rocketdyne (designs and builds space rocket engines for NASA). On being alerted to the event by Steve's wife, Fran promptly boarded a plane for Los Angeles and was present for the event as an extra surprise for her son. What a memorable early Mother's Day gift! 'Way to go, Fran!!'

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

St. Andrew's Scholarships

The CE team is delighted to announce that St. Andrew's youth scholarships of \$1000 have been awarded to Jacob MacRae and Heather MacDonnell. Jacob will be attending SAIT in September, where he will be studying Professional Cooking in the school of Hospitality and Tourism. Heather will be attending St. Mary's University in Calgary, where she'll be studying for a Liberal Arts degree (B.A.) followed by a degree in Early Childhood Education (B. Ed.). Congratulations to both Jacob and Heather for their successful admission into the programs of their choice.

Grades 6 and 12 Presentations

The annual grades 6 and 12 presentations by the CE Team were held on Christian Family Sunday, May 13, 2018. Graduating grade 6 students received an annotated Bible. This year grade 6 students include: Marcos Aburto Reimer, Riley Gayford, Garreth Decottignies, Kierra Huthersall and Henry Kalinowski.

The gift for the grade 12 students was *The Purpose Driven Life: Selected Thoughts and Scriptures for the Graduate* by Rick Warren. The grade 12 students include: Thomas Bradbury-Crain, who will be studying Science at Mount Royal University; Rita Zoura, who will be studying Natural Sciences at the University of Calgary; Heather MacDonnell, who will be studying Liberal Arts at St. Mary's University, and Noah Decottignies, who will be playing junior hockey. Best of luck to our St. Andrew's grads.

FILL THE FREEZER - AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE:

Family Ministry and the CareShare Team are starting a new initiative: Fill the Freezer! We have a dedicated freezer in the Inner Hall where you may leave a frozen meal for someone who could benefit from the gift of a meal.

Here's how it works:

- You bring a meal or baked goods, labelled with your **name and contact number, what it is, cooking instructions, date made and all ingredients** to the Inner Hall at the church and place it in the freezer marked 'Family Ministry/CareShare - Fill the Freezer'.
- A member of the Ministerial, CareShare or Family Ministry Team will deliver your meal to a family in need. What a great way to show Christ's love to others. We hope to Fill the Freezer and help as many members of our greater church family as possible. Please help us accomplish this.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Werle (swerle@telus.net)



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 2018

- Elders completed a survey for the Presbytery visitation, and Rev. Hugh Jack and Mary Rozsa De Coquet attended our May Session meeting to discuss the results.
- The Legacy Team and Session approved two expenditures from the Legacy Fund; one for Side-By-Side, and one for Stephen Ministry.

Concerns:

- Our 2018 budget continues to be a concern. As we head into summer months, please remember your financial commitment to St. Andrew's.

Celebrations:

- We received \$5,000 for the Legacy Fund from Pam Hawco in memory of her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Harms. We thank Pam for this generous gift.
- Nine people from St. Andrew's are going to Canada Youth 2018. They are grateful to the congregation for their financial support in their fundraising efforts!

PRESBYTERIANS GATHERING



Thirty-nine people congregated for the Fifth Annual Presbyterians Gathering event, which was held on June 9 at St. Andrew's. After a delicious lunch buffet prepared by St. Andrew's Ladies Guild the group was treated to the wise words of the Rev. Dr. Nancy Cocks. Dr. Cocks spoke to us about witnessing for our faith in today's world and how we can respond to those critical or unsure of Christianity. She enthusiastically shared her own experiences and encouraged us to step out in faith.

For those who may have missed out on the above or would like to read further, Dr. Cocks highly recommended the following books: *Everything Happens For A Reason – And Other Lives I've Loved*, by Kate Bowler, and *Stars Beneath Us – Finding God In The Evolving Cosmos*, by Paul Wallace.

ST. ANDREW'S "HISTORY BITES" - BY KEVIN MACFARLANE

The first suggestion of a Presbyterian Congregation in the "working class" community of Inglewood was made at a prayer meeting in the winter of 1905 by Rev. J.A. Clark of Knox Presbyterian Church (now Knox United Church). By Easter of 1906, Rev. Clark conducted the first Presbyterian worship service east of the Elbow river in the New East Ward School, the second sandstone school built in Calgary. This school later became the Alexandra School, now the Alexandra Centre on 9th Avenue SE, just east of the Elbow River. (Please see alexandracentresociety.org/about/history for more history about this location)

CAMP KANNAWIN

If you are looking for information on summer camping opportunities for your children please find information on the bulletin board in the Karl English lounge or go to www.campkannawin.ca for more details.



STEWARDSHIP AND PLANNING TEAM “IMPORTANT” NOTES

SAVE THE DATE

⇒ Stewardship Dinner:
September 22, 2018 — 6:00 pm Trinity Hall

COMING SOON

⇒ Mobile and Online Giving — More information to come

St. Andrew's is **\$8257 behind** in givings compared to this time last year.
Please remember St. Andrew's during the summer months.

FROM THE LEGACY TRUST FUND TRUSTEES

The trustees of the Legacy Trust Fund are responsible for the control of the funds contained in the trust fund under the terms of reference for the fund. Your current trustees are: Margaret Bates, Ed Braun, Merle Crawford, John Cuthbertson, Mary-Anne Quesnel, Steve MacDonnell and Derek Wilkinson.

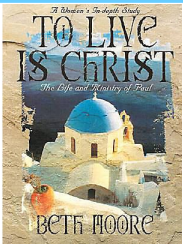
The team met in March to kick off the 2018 year and review operation of the trust. As part of our mandate the trustees will report four times per year to Session and provide information to the congregation via “News from the Pews” and in the monthly bulletin insert. If at any time you have questions concerning the trust, you may contact the office or speak to any of the trustees.

The team is currently awaiting the Q1 results and will provide that information as soon as it is available. As reported at our annual congregational meeting, the fund yielded 6.69% in 2017 and 7.7% since its inception in 2016. Interest accrued from the fund allows disbursements each year in the areas of Mission, Worship and Facilities. This year we will have just over \$31,000 available for projects and initiatives in the life of our church. All requests for funds are co-ordinated by the office and forwarded to the trustees who meet either in person or via electronic means to consider whether the requests meet the terms of the trust. If the request is found to be in order and funds are still available, then we forward our recommendation to Session for a final decision. This process is well underway with new requests coming through.

It is also our pleasure to report the trust fund recently received a generous donation of \$5000 from Pam Hawco in memory of her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Harms. We sincerely thank Pam for this wonderful gesture.

Yours in Christ,

The Trustees



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

To Live is Christ

by Beth Moore

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, June 13 - August 22

Warm or cold, rain or shine, rainbows or moonshine, we will be studying God's Word this summer! This is our sixth year of watching videos, studying at home, and strengthening our community through great discussions.

To Live is Christ is a weekly summer bible study on the life of Paul, from his birth in Tarsus to his death in Rome.

FAMILY CAMPING



Our church family is invited to join the Family Ministry Team for our third annual family camping weekend. This is always an amazing weekend, and we hope you will join us this summer. Spots are limited, so sign up today!

Date: August 24 - 26, 2018 **Where:** Red Lodge Provincial Park

RSVP: Craig Murray (murraycraigjohn@gmail.com)

PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!!!



Do you enjoy attending events in and around St. Andrew's? If you do and can hold a camera or cell phone, we want you!

We are on a hunt for photographers, amateur to professional and anyone in between. Is it possible that you have a hidden talent in photography? We need photographs of happenings and events around our church for the website, NFTP, or to have on file for future use. For submission of photos or how to forward them (it's easy), please contact Jeremy Hexham (jjhexham@standrewscalgary.ca) at the church office (403 255-0001).

HELP KEEP ST. ANDREW'S ALIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Have you considered supporting our church in your will or estate plan? Get information on how you can leave a legacy that will benefit St. Andrew's for many years to come. Brochures are available at the welcome desk, or check out the "Planned Giving" information under the "Resources" tab on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website: presbyterian.ca.

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Rev. Jared Miller and Dr. Jeremy Hexham

Articles may be submitted in the mailbox in the Karl English Lounge or emailed to:

communications@standrewscalgary.ca

NEXT DEADLINE: August 16 2018

*The editorial team may edit your submission due to space limitations.

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