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Dear Friends,

One of the most challenging things for me during this Covid-19 season is not getting to see all of you. I miss being able to chat in the foyer and to hear about all the important things that are happening in your lives. I enjoy preparing worship each week, in hopes that it continues to inspire you in Growing. LIFE. Together. With God. I appreciate so much the technology that allows us to be together in worship each week. It is amazing how the Spirit can still draw us together as a community; and enable us to welcome so many more people than was possible in person. However, let me still say - I miss seeing you all!

For this edition I simply want to update you on some of the key things that are happening at St. Andrew's. Since its creation earlier this spring, the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) of Session has been meeting monthly, in addition to our regular monthly Session meetings. The ELT, which is comprised of five elders and myself, has been created to promote nimble leadership during this pandemic; because things can change so quickly, even in one hour. The ELT continues to meet this summer, monitoring our ongoing ministry, staff and financial resources.

In June, the ELT approved the creation of a Re-Opening Task Force headed by elder, Mark Rowe. During the summer, this team will be carefully researching and making plans for what re-opening might look like at St. Andrew's. At the end of June, new six-month contracts were signed with Britten Banerjee (Audio/visual and live streaming), Micheal McEachen (Communications) and Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins (Pastoral Care). This has been an exciting season for TheCreek ministry of St. Andrew's, which, under Rev. Jared's leadership, has received approval from Session for a new online digital ministry initiative. Visit their website and take a look! New job descriptions have now been approved for our three ministerial positions that integrate all aspects of our Vision for ministry into each job description. We are also excited about the recent renovation of Trinity Hall, largely through volunteer labour, under the supervision of Tom McIntyre. We are grateful!

Finally, I want to commend our Search Team for their early work on filling our third ministerial position - Minister of Growth and Care. Perhaps some of you might think that this is not the time to be proceeding with such a search. Yet like Amos, who bought a field in Anathoth during a time of great upheaval as an assertion of FAITH in the living God, so we begin the early work on this search, in FAITH, while still prudently planning financially. Speaking of finances, I want to thank those who have continued to be so very faithful to the Vision of St. Andrew's during this season. At the end of June 2020 your givings were only \$3,000 less than last year in June 2019. That is remarkable given our economic and social circumstances. Way to go St. Andrews! What a privilege to serve as your Lead Minister.

Peace to all of you,  
Dr. Tim



# A Summer OF Wisdom

**SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE  
FOR EVERYDAY LIVING**



Aug 2	Anger and Gentleness (Communion)	Proverbs 15:1-2,4; 19:11a	Dr. Geoffrey
Aug 9	Boasting and Humility	Proverbs 31:10-31	Rev. Fiona
Aug 16	All is Wearisome	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Rev. Jared
Aug 23	A Time For Everything	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Dr. Tim
Aug 30	Friendship's Value	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Dr. Tim
Sep 6	Disillusionment	Ecclesiastes 7:1-13	Dr. Tim



**Summertime Staycation Pool FUN-raiser  
by Kevin MacFarlane**

Family Ministry and Stewards by Design have “floated” a new initiative at St. Andrew’s to generate some fun and some funds. It’s called “The Summertime Staycation Pool FUN-raiser.”

With all proceeds going to St. Andrew’s general fund, for a \$50 donation to the “Pool FUN-raiser”, your family, or a St. Andrew’s family you wish to sponsor, will be entitled to book a two-hour time slot at the MacFarlane family indoor pool. If you would just like to “pay it forward”, the Family Ministry Team will find a deserving St. Andrew’s family to enjoy some summer pool time courtesy of your donation. Unfortunately, donations are not tax deductible as services are being provided in return.

We are so pleased to see the generosity of our St. Andrew’s family, with the first \$500 in donations having come in during June to support deserving families chosen by our Family Ministry Team. Everyone who has attended has thoroughly enjoyed their time, one family saying that “it truly felt like an escape from the world. I didn’t realize how nice that would be, leaving my cares behind for two hours.” The MacFarlane family, including their Stolee “grand-family,” are thrilled with the joyful responses they have received!

Any church family of eight people or less is welcome. Bookings may be made until the end of September. Please email Kevin at [ksmacfarlane@shaw.ca](mailto:ksmacfarlane@shaw.ca) to book, and once your 1:00 pm time slot is booked, you will be given instructions on how to make your donation online or by mail. Payment is made by going to the [standrewscalgary.ca](http://standrewscalgary.ca) website, choosing “Offering/Donate”, contributing \$50 and choosing “Pool FUN-Raiser” in the “To:” box. All other information including your credit card number will be required.

All pool use will be at your own risk with waivers sent to you in advance to be signed by all adults (18 and over) and left in an envelope at the door before entry. The backyard entrance will make it easy for you to access the private pool area, eating area and bathroom. Please bring your own towels, drinks and snacks with plastic bowls, plates and cups. (No glass please.) No cooking facilities are available.

Chairs, tables and railings are sanitized between guest bookings. Washroom taps and doorknobs are also sanitized. Children who are not fully potty trained must wear a swim diaper. One third of the pool is of adult wading depth, dropping to a maximum of ten feet. No diving is permitted.



**-Hello-  
SUMMER**



**Health Matters:**  
**Facts from Your Nursing Team**  
**Finding Your Sunlight In Uncertain Times**  
by Alice Williams

"If you want sunlight to come into your life,  
you need to stand where that sunlight is shining."  
Author Unknown

Who would have thought that six months ago we would have been dealing with an unseen virus that has changed the way we live; how we interact with family and friends and, ultimately, forced us to rethink our whole way of living. When bombarded with doom and gloom it is hard to stay optimistic and positive, even as we see some restrictions being slowly lifted.

It is certainly a time to focus on the positive; to feel good about what our collective efforts have accomplished as we move forward with cautious optimism at the start of summer. So now, how can we find our own bit of summer sunlight in these challenging times?

Reacquaint yourself with the pleasures of being outside by visiting our beautiful Calgary parks and enjoying nature. Research has shown that spending regular time outside reduces anxiety, stress levels and blood pressure. Gardening and getting our hands dirty weeding and planting can increase serotonin levels in the brain and make us feel happier and less stressed while boosting our immune system.

Remember that book you never had time to read? There's no excuse now. Pour a glass of wine or whatever you like best, find a cozy cover and cuddle up on that patio lounger. Reading improves memory, stimulates the imagination and leads to new ideas; all proven health benefits.

Start a gratitude journal. When you take the time to focus on the good things in your life you naturally become more positive. Even in these challenging times, gifts abound. Thanks be to God!

Savour the small moments in life, like the smell of freshly ground coffee; opening a box of your favourite chocolates; a picnic lunch of peanut butter and jam sandwiches; watching the flowers in your garden grow; the smell of tomatoes growing on the vine and roasting marshmallows over an open fire. Grab a blanket and lie out on your patio, look up at the night sky and try to identify visible planets and stars.

Adopting a positive outlook can help us take charge of our mental health. We can turn the dark clouds inside out to find the silver lining and the sunlight that will help us all navigate this pandemic storm.

## *In Memoriam*

Sincere condolences go out to:

In memory of Malcolm Roberts  
a donation was made  
to the Memorial Fund.  
Always in my heart  
and missed every day.  
Judy

Sympathy is extended  
to Lorne Kelly and family  
on the death of wife Marion,  
who passed away on June 4, 2020.

Sympathy is extended  
to the family of Marian Hay,  
who passed away June 9, 2020.



## Spiritual Moments by Jayne Martin

Last Thanksgiving, I received the strangest email. It came from Rev. Dr. Michael Caveney at Kamloops United Church, inviting me to join them for Sunday worship. I laughed because I lived in Calgary, and did not know anyone there, but emails and newsletters kept coming.

Then COVID-19 hit, and I began receiving daily meditations and invitations to join in their live-streaming Sunday worship services. One day out of curiosity, I clicked on a daily meditation. I was so taken with the two stories Rev. Dr. Caveney told that I shared the meditation with Jackie Moody and my daughter Amelia. I sent an email to Rev. Dr. Caveney to let him know how much I enjoyed his daily meditation and to see if he knew how I ended up on their email distribution list. He didn't have a clue either!

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for this calling to be fulfilled.

I decided to tune into their live-stream worship. I would watch St. Andrew's service at 10:00 am followed by Kamloops United Church's worship at 11:00

On Palm Sunday, Rev. Dr. Caveney requested volunteers to read scripture for their Good Friday service. Well, if you know me, you know I have a passion for Scripture reading. I immediately contacted him and volunteered to read. Much to my delight, I was selected, along with two others. We filmed the readings via Zoom and they were then inserted into the Good Friday service.

The next week, Kamloops United Church advised me that my 250 area code telephone number was not in service! Here was a clue. I Googled the number and found it had been registered to a Jayne Martin in Kamloops. Somehow the church ended up with my email address, thinking it was hers. Mystery solved, and I became known as the “fake” Jayne Martin.

Meanwhile, Jackie and I embarked on a 40-day bible study with Rick Warren's, “The Purpose Driven Life.” In one chapter, it mentioned surrendering your life to God. I told Jackie afterwards that if she had not been partnering with me in the Bible study, I would have quietly closed the book and put it back on the shelf. So, after praying about it, I did surrender my life to God. Three days later, I had this inkling that I should virtually join the Kamloops United Church. I kind of swatted the idea away like a bothersome mosquito, but next thing I knew, I was in tears as God was not finished with me yet. His calling was so strong that I soon realized that this was the path He meant for me to take.

My first step was to check with Rev. Dr. Caveney to see if it was even possible for this calling to be fulfilled. After careful consideration, he shared his joy and enthusiasm with me. Then, I knew it was a done deal.

Speaking with Inge Murray, my spiritual mentor, she shared a beautiful analogy with me. Life is a road. Sometimes you walk on the road together, then you may take another path and sometimes that path joins up with the road again. Even if you are on different paths, you still have the shared experiences that you enjoyed when you were both on the same road.

I will always remember with fondness, the kindness that the members of St. Andrew's have always shown me. Thank you, St. Andrew's, for sharing my faith journey.



### Surge Youth – From Real to Virtual by Carolyn Jerrard

Well, what a year this has been. I think it's safe to say that none of us in the Surge Youth Group expected to be doing our last three months of Thursday night study from our own homes over Zoom on our phones and laptops. While the message we often hear is that we should be extremely grateful for the amazing technology that allows us to continue "meeting", the truth is that going from face to face in real life to virtual was a real bummer. Don't get me wrong; I still looked forward to Thursday night and the chance to check in with all the youth, laugh with them and do a study online. However, each time I also felt a sharp pain seeing their wonderful faces, being reminded that I can't see them in person and ask how they are really doing. I missed our relaxed atmosphere in our youth lounge, the hilarious games we played in the Upper Room and, of course, sharing treats together! The online world removes not only the in-person experience; it also removes the safe feelings of familiarity and openness that was normally found on our Thursday nights. Maybe that was the biggest loss; the knowing that our youth group had become so comfortable with each other and the conversations were growing deeper and deeper; yet in a heartbeat we were removed from that comfort and it suddenly felt hard to find the ease of community God had fostered so beautifully. The youth lost something when Covid-19 came. We all did, big or small, we all missed out or lost something.

But there is hope. God is bigger than any of this. While the time we lost may not be recovered, God has the power to build us right back up to where we were, even greater than we were. Our problems in our little corner of the world might be small, but He cares about us and our fantastic community and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is ready to continue doing amazing things in and through our group. I am truly grateful to be able to be a part of our youth group and feel privileged to know each of them. I ask you to consider praying for us and our church as we anxiously wait to meet again in person. It will be a beautiful day!



### In Memoriam: Clayton Howe

Clayton Richard Howe passed away on Tuesday, June 30th at the age of 85 years. After retirement Clayton moved from Winnipeg to Calgary, and shortly thereafter he met Shirley, and they started life anew. Clayton and Shirley were both very active in the church and especially the choir. Shirley passed away last July and was greatly missed by Clayton, for whom being with family and friends meant a lot. Clayton was a faithful member of St. Andrew's, and his smiling presence will be greatly missed.



## Session Update – March 2020

by Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session

Session met on June 23, 2020 before our summer break. These are the highlights from that meeting:

- We celebrated that Harry Eisenhauer, a long-time member and contributor to the life of St. Andrew's, turned 100 years of age on July 9 of this year.
- We remembered the life of Linda Haines; how we already miss her!
- This summer we will be focusing on a "Summer of Wisdom" sermon series. Stay tuned; we can all use a little more wisdom in our lives!
- Covid-19 permitting, we hope to have a congregational community "simple meal" event in the fall sponsored by the Mission Team. Watch for details!
- The Facilities team is working on updating the lighting in the chancel area, renovating Trinity Hall, fixing the skylight in the foyer, and replacing the roof on the Karl English Lounge.
- The Stewards by Design team is planning a fun virtual concert and fundraising event for the fall.
- To the end of May 2020 we have a deficit of \$34,000 between our givings and our ministry costs. Session's Executive Leadership, along with Stewardship and Planning, continue to carefully monitor our financial resources on an ongoing basis.
- New six-month contracts are being signed this month with Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Simmins (Pastoral care), Britten Banerjee (Audio/Visual) and Micheal McEachen (Communications).

## Flower Power

Although activity in and around the church has been curtailed by the Covid-19 epidemic, upkeep and beautification of the property has not been forgotten. On a Saturday morning in early June, Bob Shaw, who spearheads the Facilities' outdoor upkeep, along with beautification enthusiasts, led a team of six volunteers in the maintenance of the flower beds and the planting of a fresh crop of bedding-out plants. We thank them all for their work and dedication to the cause.



Thank you  
by Harry Eisenhauer

*Thank  
you!*

Harry Eisenhauer wishes to express his appreciation for the many birthday cards he received for his 100th birthday from church members, and Heritage Seniors, and his thanks for the many heartwarming messages they contained. He hopes that, in view of the large numbers, he will be forgiven for not replying to each of these individually.

Thanks,  
Harry

The Facilities team  
Furloughed but never idle . . .  
by Flemming Nielsen

In spite of Covid-19, the Facilities team has been busy with many improvements, maintenance and upkeep issues. Team members may be on temporary layoffs, working from home, or simply retired, but what for some could be temporary setbacks, has turned out to be of great benefit to St. Andrew's. While the building stands idle, there is room and opportunity to do work, which might otherwise be difficult to arrange, due to access or manpower availability.

The property surrounding the church has not been forgotten either. On a Saturday morning in early June, Bob Shaw, who spearheads the Facilities' outdoor upkeep, led a team of six volunteer beautification enthusiasts in the maintenance of the flower beds, and the planting of a fresh crop of bedding-out plants. We thank them all for their work and dedication to the cause.

The parking lot has not escaped attention, and here the yellow lines, delineating parking stalls, have been repainted, and where it was not possible to spray paint the lines, black fibre strips were inserted in the chain link fencing to indicate the eight to nine foot width of each parking stall. In past years manual painting of the lines was undertaken by team members, but this year the machine took over, and thanks to the steady hand of the professional operator, the task was accomplished in record time.

The roof over the Karl English Lounge has been in need of replacement for some time, and this was accomplished during a couple of dry, sunny days in early July. Access to the rear parking lot was limited to the contractor's vehicles and equipment, and with good weather, the job was successfully completed in two days.

# Adversity IS OPPORTUNITY IN *Disguise*



There has long been a desire to renovate and upgrade the appearance of Trinity Hall. This work commenced in June, and with approval from Session at its June meeting, additional renovations were begun in early July. Our building is aging, and as some safety or other concerns begin to show up, it is best to address them.

With the advent of live streaming of services, the need for improved lighting became evident, and a sub-group of the team, as well as users, has been researching the best solution to the problem. A report is expected to be brought in very shortly.



## **The Medium is the Message** by Rev. Jared Miller

Five hundred years ago, the printing press was the height of technology, and the concept that ideas could be mass produced and shared was very quickly adopted by the church. Fast forward to today and media like ConnXions is the natural evolution of that process. The church has been forced to rethink its approach to mission. It has discovered that not only is “online” a place, but it happens to be the place where we find a whole lot of the people we’re trying to reach. So, as mission shifts, the approach of the church needs to shift as well.

In Acts we’re told that Paul’s missionary journey took him to Athens, the seat of thought and culture in the ancient world, and Paul went straight for the Aeropagus, Mars Hill, where he announced that God had raised Jesus from the dead. However, he didn’t do it by quoting Isaiah or Zephaniah. He did it by quoting Greek poets, playwrights, and philosophers. He put the story of God into words that his audience could understand.

The story of the Aeropagus is a story about the importance of communication. The Gospel, which literally means Good News, needs to be communicated in a context that makes sense to the people we are trying to reach. It’s more than just the words we speak; it’s the medium we use to say them.

Until this year, most of us have thought of the internet as a tool. For others, it’s a collection of websites where we find information; or it’s a medium to connect diverse and distant peoples. What we have learned is that a huge and growing number of people see “Online” not as a thing, but as a place. It’s a place where people have been gathering for more than a decade, and have made not only lasting and real relationships, but have made a notable difference in our world.

Here at St. Andrew’s COVID-19 has shown us that online gatherings are not a substitute for in-person gatherings, but they are a way of building real and meaningful connections with people, literally around the world. When our world changes, our approach needs to change as well.

## **Financial Update from Stewardship, Planning and Finance** by David Platt, Convenor

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church is, overall, financially healthy with a strong balance sheet. While our doors may be temporarily closed, our congregation remains strong, our devotion to God is faith filled and we look forward to the day when we can reconvene and worship together. In the meantime, we continue to grow life together with God.

Like most organizations across the country and around the world our 2020 cash flow has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and at June 30, 2020 we are experiencing a cash deficit of approximately \$32,000 versus the congregation approved plan of an \$18,000 deficit for the year.

On behalf of the Stewardship, Planning and Finance team I would like to thank everyone for your continuing financial support and generosity in these uncertain times. Your giving is making a difference, as we have been able to continue with our programming and ministries despite the pandemic.

For our family it is important we continue to appreciate how God has continued to bless us in these strange days of lockdown and social distancing. I hope and pray that you and your family can also see God’s grace in action through the financial support of our church. We do not give to St. Andrew’s; we give through St. Andrew’s.

Thank you again and God bless.

## The Best Dinner You Never Had by Cathy Millar

It has become our custom in recent years that St. Andrew's holds a major fundraising event in the early fall. Just when people need to come together to experience warm hospitality and fellowship, we will not be able to do that this year. So, for all of you who would like to support "The Best Dinner You Never Had", please read on.

We invite you to reserve your place at the table with a \$100 charitable donation, which will help us raise funds for the ongoing ministry and mission of St. Andrew's. Now more than ever we need your help, as we try to make up for revenue lost due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize many in our communities have suffered financial hardship during this time, and the church too has had its financial challenges.

We are looking for 100 donations of \$100 each to help us raise \$10,000. Knowing the generosity of our faith community, we are confident we can raise this amount and much more. If you would like to support this effort but are unable to donate \$100, then we invite you to donate what you can. Think of all the savings we have managed to accumulate since March because we can no longer fly off to exotic destinations or travel too far by car, spending much on gas. We no longer eat out in fancy restaurants, and no longer spend money at the shopping mall or at Starbucks! Therefore, we invite you to use some of your extra savings to reserve your place at the table. While we won't be able to actually "see" you at the fundraiser, your participation guarantees you will be present in spirit. One thing is for sure, this might just be THE BEST DINNER YOU NEVER HAD!!!

You may send your cheque to the church office marked BEST DINNER or donate online by selecting the BEST DINNER donation category. We will provide an opportunity for you to track the reservation numbers as they grow.

As a special thank you to all who reserve a place at the table, we are planning a short program of entertainment called "St. Andrew's Alive!" to be available on YouTube Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Please stay tuned for more information. This evening program will be available to all who wish to tune in, and it will be an opportunity to celebrate the efforts of so many in our faith community who continue to provide care, comfort, hope and leadership during this unsettling time.

THANK YOU for reserving your place at the table! We guarantee it will be THE BEST DINNER YOU NEVER HAD!!!

Submitted by  
The Stewards by Design Team



## We all Need a Tree! (Author Unknown)

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

Opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

'Oh, that's my trouble tree,' he replied 'I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. . . so I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again.' 'Funny thing is,' he smiled, 'when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remembered hanging up the night before.

From: [TheParishWindow.co.uk](http://TheParishWindow.co.uk)



## Parking Lot Renewal

As you will have seen elsewhere in this issue, in spite of Covid-19, the facilities team has been busy with many improvements, as well as maintenance and upkeep issues. The parking lot has not escaped attention, and here the yellow lines, delineating parking stalls, have been repainted, and where it was not possible to spray paint the lines, yellow markers and black fibre strips have been inserted in the chain link fencing to indicate the 8 to 9 foot width of each parking stall.

In past years manual painting of the lines was undertaken, but this year the machine took over, and thanks to the steady hand of the professional operator, the task was accomplished in record time.

Our Sincere Thanks!  
by Elaine Cantlon

*Thank  
you!*

Ted, Lauren and I would like to express our gratitude for all the support, prayers, cards, emails, calls and cookies during our daughter Lauren's hospitalization earlier this year and my father Earl's hospitalization and his passing in May. The caring concern and kindness from our friends and ministry at St. Andrew's gave us comfort and lifted our hearts as well as peace for my mother Norma and my sisters that we were cared for at this time of difficulty and sadness; so far away from family. We feel richly blessed to be part of this loving and caring faith community.

## Hosting the Coptic Orthodox Church in South Calgary by John Hazlett

Throughout the week our Heritage Drive building is usually host to many church and community groups. Since the spring of 2018, on Saturdays it has been home to St. Mary & St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church, a congregation that was founded in 2013 to minister to the Coptic community in south Calgary. Perhaps you have wanted to know more about these fellow Christians that meet regularly in the church building!

The Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria is based in Egypt with 18 to 22 million members globally. The head of the church is the Patriarch of Alexandria in the Holy See of Saint Mark, who also carries the title of Coptic Pope. Today the Coptic Pope presides from Saint Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in the Abbassia District of Cairo. Pope Tawadros II, the 118th and current pope of Alexandria, was enthroned in November 2012.

The Christian church in Egypt was founded in the middle of the first century (AD 42) by St. Mark, one of the four Evangelists, who preached the Christian message to native Egyptians. St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria (AD 68) by followers of the Graeco-Egyptian deity Serapis, who resented his efforts. At the time of his death, there was a significant Christian following in Alexandria, and Christianity continued to spread throughout Egypt in the first century.

The Coptic language preserves Egypt's original language, which was gradually succeeded by Egyptian Arabic. Derived from ancient Egyptian using Greek letters, it is a universal language used in Coptic churches worldwide.

Outside of Egypt, Sudan and Libya, significant Coptic populations are found worldwide, including in the United States and Canada. It is estimated that roughly one million Coptic Orthodox Christians live outside their homeland.

From the time of the Muslim conquest of Egypt (AD 639), Coptic Christians have been subject to religious persecution. The situation improved in the early 19th century under the stability and tolerance of the Muhammad Ali dynasty, but after the 1952 revolution, led by Abdel Nasser, the Coptics endured growing marginalization, and since the "Arab Spring" in 2011, they have suffered increased religious discrimination and violence.

The priest of St. Mary & St. Paul, Father Anthony Soliman, departed to heaven in February 2020. The congregation is in a time of transition as it considers the recommendation of a new priest by His Grace Bishop Mina of the Diocese of Mississauga, Vancouver and Western Canada. On a typical Saturday, a worship service is followed by Sunday School and a shared meal. Three divine liturgies are celebrated in the church today; those of St. Basil, St. Gregory and St. Cyril, all based on what St. Mark used in the first century. St. Mary & St. Paul live streams their weekly worship services on YouTube, which has been crucial during this time of Covid-19.

St. Andrew's is only a temporary home for the St. Mary & St. Paul congregation while they actively fund raise for a permanent home. A dedicated church building will allow them to shift worship from Saturday to Sunday and offer additional church activities through the week. St. Andrew's has been truly blessed by the opportunity to assist this group of believers by sharing our Heritage Drive building.



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The church building is closed until such time as Alberta Health advises meeting together is once again appropriate.

Please watch for communications from St. Andrew's mailchimp congregational emails, and our website at [www.standrewscalgary.ca](http://www.standrewscalgary.ca) to stay in touch with our latest updates.

At this time we are not scheduling 'in-person' meetings. However, ministry teams and groups are meeting through online Zoom meetings.

If you do not have computer access and would like to have a copy of Sunday's sermon mailed to you, please contact the church office at 403-255-0001.