NEWS FROM THE PEWS...

News and Inspiration from St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown, ON



Thursday August 10, 2023



While our search team continues to work to find a new minister for St. Andrew's, our worship ministry has worked hard in planning speakers. We are so blessed to have so many people willing to lead worship for us. Join us this summer to hear these guest preachers!

August 6 - Rev. Jean Leckie August 13 - Rev. Ross Leckie August 20 - Rev. Ross Leckie August 27 - Scott Martin, LLWL September 3 - Rev. Jean Leckie September 10 - Rev. Ross Leckie September 17 - Scott Martin, LLWL September 24 - Rev. Ross Leckie





Scripture Summary Matthew 14:22-33

The storm clouds have arisen onto the lives of Jesus and the disciples. John the Baptist has been killed in a vicious attack. Accusations against John were that "miraculous powers were at work in him." In the end, it became evident that miraculous powers were now at work through Jesus. He gave spiritual food to thousands, healed all the sick that were brought to Him, and held out his hand to save Peter.

Humour Corner

A little boy was kneeling beside his bed with his mother and grandmother and softly saying his prayers, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family and please give me a good night's sleep."

Suddenly he looked up and shouted, "And don't forget to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!" "There is no need to shout like that," said his mother. "God isn't deaf." "No," said the little boy, "but Grandma is."

Membership Announcements

Membership Notes:

If you have milestones you are celebrating, let us know and we will make sure it gets in the Enews (significant birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, weddings).

We are still looking for people to sign up to serve refreshments after worship in

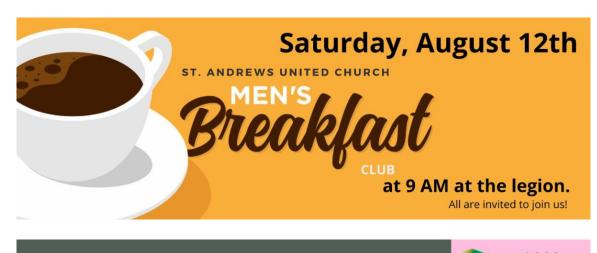
August. Please sign up with the sign up sheets by th sanctuary door.

SAFE FOOD HANDLING PROGRAM

Our certification needs to be updated this fall and if we have minimum of 10 people we can write the exam at St. Andrew's for a fee of \$10.00 per person. Anyone dealing with organizations that hold community dinners or the like that need to be certified may attend. We can accommodate 10-20 people. I need to know how many are interested before Sept. and I will send the link to the manual. This is pretty much common sense material and the multiple choice exam usually takes no longer than an hour. We are looking at a Wednesday in October perhaps over the lunch hour to accommodate any who are working.

Contact the St. Andrew's office if you wish to participate.

St. Andrew's Announcements



Collecting Used Batteries

In support of Georgetown Hospital Volunteer Assocation

Collecting Eyeglasses

In support of the Lions Club

Collecting Pop Can Tabs

In support of the Shriners

Collecting Used Pens & Markers

For proper recycling

> Drop off at the church, collection boxes are beside the photocopier

Our Daily Bread Booklets

The July/August/September issue is now available! Please find them on the table across from the office. A donation of \$1 would be greatly appreciated.

Community Announcements

Rotary Club of Georgetown Free Community Dinners

Everyone is welcome. Donations to cover the cost of those who are able to would be appreciated.

Friday, Aug 11th at 6:00pm

Doors open at 5:30pm Knox Presbyterian Church 116 Main St. S, Georgetown ON







PRIDE Parade

Sunday, August 20th 2:00-3:30pm

The First Annual PRIDE Parade will take place on Main Street East Milton between Brown and Charles Streets. PRISM the organization organizing the event would like to extend the invitation to all the Halton United Churches to attend and participate.

St. Paul's United will be hosting Sustainability Milton, and the Water Depot on our front lawn, and washroom facilities will be open for the community use during the parade. The Inspiring Spaces Concert Series and the Sanctuary Concert Hall present....

SPIRIN

NEW DATE

Monday, Sept. 25TH, 7:30PM Renowned Canadian theatre artist

and television personality

Lisa Horner Entertains with songs and stories from Broadway, along with help from her friends, Cailin Stadnyk, Jamie Lucinda Miu Lujan, Taurian Teelucksingh and the St. John's United Church choir

> The Sanctuary Concert Hall at St. John's United Church 11 Guelph Street, Georgetown, ON L7G 3ZI

> > Tickets available at Showpass.com

SANCTUARY

an intimate performance with outstanding acoustics This event is a co-fundraiser for St. John's and for the Townsend/Smith Foundation



Please click here to purchase tickets



Your Generosity Settles Families "They opened the gate for me; I have no words"

Credit: Provided by Almaz Fesshaye



When Almaz Fesshaye and her two young children arrived in Canada in 1991, they did not know what to expect. None of them knew the language or culture but hoped and prayed that Canada would be a safer place than Eritrea, a wartorn country in Eastern Africa.

Leaving Eritrea could have meant the difference between life and death. "Everyone had to be a soldier," Almaz describes, before sharing the sombre note that "people have died trying to escape." She was devastated to have to flee her home and frightened by not knowing what would come next.

When Almaz and her two children—then aged four and six—arrived in Alberta, they were greeted with warmth and love by members of Gaetz Memorial United Church. "They opened the gate for me; I have no words," she says with gratitude. "They changed my life, starting from getting furniture, renting a place to live, helping me with the language, and support for my kids."

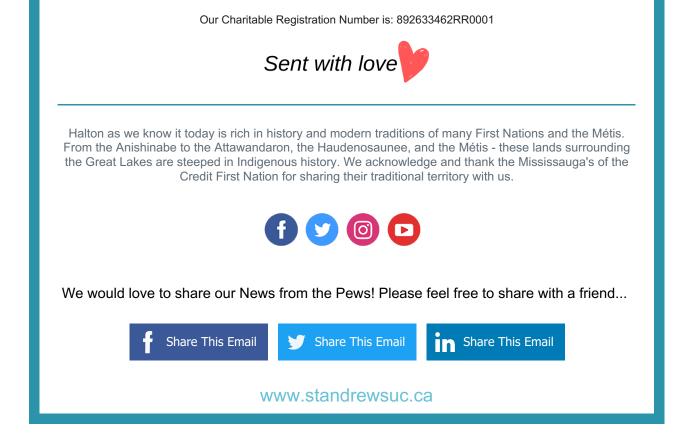
Almaz describes the congregation and community as "selfless and kind." The church was one block from the family's new home, and Almaz says, "My son was very forgetful, so I gave the church secretary an extra key."

Now settled in Red Deer, Alberta, Almaz is joyfully giving back to her community. She works in social services and offers her time as a volunteer with local programs that help people experiencing homelessness and poverty. She is also passionate about helping other refugees learn the local culture and language.

Your gifts to <u>Mission and Service</u> help support life-changing programming and staffing to support families seeking safety.

Almaz has some words for anyone considering supporting refugee programs through <u>Mission and Service</u>: "Don't think twice! It doesn't have to be millions— whatever you give means a lot. If it is financial, educational, time, knowledge, it means a lot. You are saving the lives of human beings and making the world better."





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