



# St. Andrew's United Church

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022!

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VBS took place from August 15-18 at St. Andrew's. Thirty-four children took part in the program. Reverend Dave and Reverend Barbara and twenty-three volunteers made the four days fun and exciting. One of the highlights was the visiting of seniors at Spruce Terrace where the children sang songs, listened to stories from the seniors, and had a snack with them. **A very special thank you to all our volunteers who made this week possible!**



VBS 2022 Volunteers

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# Message from Reverend Dave



As we (please, God) move out of the pandemic, we are finding that some things in the church are coming back more or less as before, other things appear to have ended (perhaps so other things can begin), and some things need to be reborn. Which is which?



Rev Dave blowing prayer bubbles



## Attention Families With Children!

One of the things that probably needs to be reborn is the thing in the church that we have called Sunday school. As important as it is – because children and families and faith formation are important – I'm not sure how well this has worked for the past many years.

Actually, I'm told that Sunday School began in the Industrial Revolution, not to teach faith to kids, but to give them actual schooling – because so many kids were working full time in the factories and had no other chance to learn reading and writing.

What we have been trying to do with Sunday school is different – we want kids to pick up a lively, healthy, growing faith, and to experience the support, the community, and the ministry of a vibrant church. For a variety of reasons, Sunday school hasn't been doing a good job of that, of late. So... rebirth is probably in order!

Here are some of our assets: we have a thriving Messy Church program, which we expect will be back up and running this fall. We have a GREAT group of talented, faithful, creative, and lively leaders (the reason Sunday school hasn't been working is emphatically NOT because of the leaders! We are blessed indeed, and my hat is off to our CD and Messy Church people).

We have quite a few families who are connected with, and interested in, the church. And we have the support of the wider church, through the First Third Ministries team in Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain regions.

Here's my offer for this fall. One of the things we have been using is the Faith at home packets sent out by the region. If you have younger kids at home (say, pre and elementary school age) I'd like to drop one of these packets off at your place. While I'm there, I'd like to talk briefly about what we might do as a church that can help you, as a family, to grow and thrive spiritually.

The packets may or may not be helpful, but I'm hoping that between you, and Barbara and I, and the CD committee, we'll be able to figure out some things to try. I'd love to hear your ideas!

So please – give me a call and let's find a time for me to drop over for a few minutes, and let's see what might be reborn here at St. Andrew's!







Doris Morter celebrated her 90th birthday,  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DORIS!

## Healing Pathway



The Healing Pathway Ministry team at St. Andrew's offers free healing sessions on the first and third Monday of each month, October through June, the first session being Monday, October 3. Healing sessions are by appointment at 7:15 pm and 8:00 pm. These sessions are open to anyone from the congregation or the community at large.

As St. Andrew's website states under Healing Pathway: "The aim of healing is to restore balance and harmony within the energy system and thus enable the self-healing of the individual."

When we use touch from the heart, God can use us to serve as a conduit pouring God's compassionate energies where they are most needed. Healing Pathway complements traditional approaches to health and healing, it is not a substitute for them."

For further information or to book a session for a nurturing and caring experience, please contact **Marlene Ayer** at 403-782-4327 or **Pat Crozier** at 403-782-7243.

## Meals On Wheels



Meals on Wheels is a "not for profit" community service organized by Lacombe and District Community and Support Services (FCSS). The program helps seniors and others maintain independence and allow them to age in their own homes. Volunteers & Volunteer Church Groups Make it all Possible!



The month of August was St. Andrew's opportunity to volunteer. We had twenty volunteers signed up to deliver Meals on Wheels for August.

**Grateful thanks to all of you for sharing your precious time!**



## Madeline Hendrickson

in  
loving  
memory



On July 8th, we at St. Andrew's lost Madeline Hendrickson, a faithful friend and part of our church family. In 2007 Madeline moved to Lacombe, with her sister Deb. Their brother Sam came to visit a few times from Calgary, where he still lives. Madeline became active here at St. Andrew's when she moved to Lacombe. Kasota East Camp was an important part of Madeline's life, and she was active in promoting and supporting the camp, within St. Andrew's and our region.

She was part of the Fruitcake Ladies, worked with the Messy Church program, loved telling the children's story during church, and taking part in the service.

She loved singing and was a part of the choir for a while. She took leadership in the Prayer Line that Susan Helm had started which now has only three members carrying on. She has been a coordinator for our church for Volunteer Link for many years and is well respected and loved by the many folk for whom she found drivers, and whom she drove to appointments, often doing extras as well.

A special celebration of Madeline's life was held as part of our Sunday morning service on July 24.

I wrote your name in the sky  
But the wind blew it away  
I wrote your name in the sand  
But the waves washed it away  
I wrote your name in my heart  
And forever it will stay



# Jim Helm

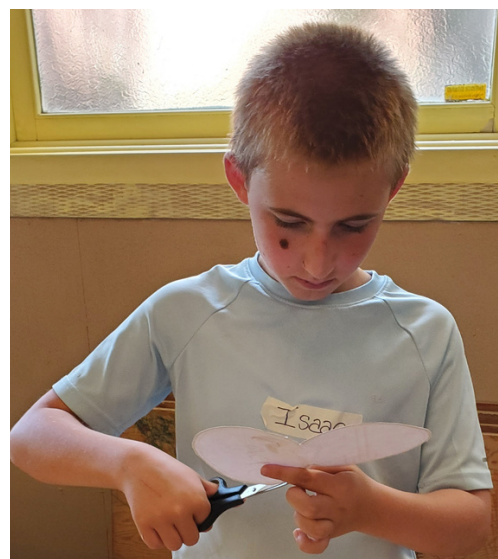
On Sunday, August 14th we (Winnie and Bob Settle) had the opportunity to visit Jim Helm at St. Michaels, in Lethbridge. His son Jon went with us and their family are visiting Jim three times a week. Jon brings his guitar and he and Jim have a sing-along. Jim has good days and not so good but we visited on a good day and Jim joined us singing Joyful, Joyful We Adore You along with the congregation on the internet.



## VBS 2022 RECAP!



Lukas



Isaac

# Messy Church

## Sept. 9th

Designed to bring children, youth and adults together in fun and interactive activities, Messy Church is a new way to explore the values and stories of Christian Faith in an atmosphere of creativity, hospitality and celebration.

- 5:00 PM - Activities: Crafts, Games, Stories
- 6:00 PM - Celebration in the sanctuary
- 6:15 PM - Supper

JOIN US AS WE

JOURNEY WITH

FRIENDS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9TH

5PM ACTIVITIES

6PM CELEBRATION IN THE SANCTUARY

6:15PM SUPPER - FREE FOOD TO ENJOY TOGETHER

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

## Financials

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Contributions and Other	\$21,372.69	\$136,469.89
Expenses	\$18,440.58	\$159,534.75
Net Income (Loss)	\$2972.11	(\$23,024.86)