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Good Friday Service: April 7, 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday Service: April 9, 10:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt: April 10, 10:00 AM



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BLANKET EXERCISE:

Leading the Way:

Saturday, March 25, saw 36 individuals from St. Andrew's in Lacombe take part in a Blanket Ceremony led by Reverend Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister for Chinook Winds Region, and Marlene Lightning, a leading Elder at the community of Maskwacis.

The day began with a potluck lunch which was enjoyed by all participants. Thank you to our UCW ladies for setting up and clearing for us. This enabled us to begin our session promptly. Reverend Tony Snow and Elder Marlene then led the group through prayer and took us through the blanket ceremony. The day of sharing was instructional and emotional as everyone who participated had an opportunity to share how they felt. Thanks goes out to Don Fraser who was instrumental in organizing the day.

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Some pictures from the Blanket exercise held on Sat 25, at St. Andrew's. Rev Tony Snow was the facilitator and our honored guest Elder Marlene Lightening. Many church members attended and were enriched by the words and interactions on the history of the Indigenous people of Canada.



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Children's paintings from Affirm's "Pie Day" Sunday service!



ST. ANDREW'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE:

FRIDAY/SATURDAY MAY 12/13

St. Andrew's annual garage sale will be held Friday/Saturday May 12/13. If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with Annerie anneriedunnewind@hotmail.com.

The prepping/working will take place from May 8-12. If you could please hold onto your garage sale donations until the week of May 8th, when we can put them directly into the auditorium. This saves our volunteers a TON of time and sweat not having to bring all your wonderful donations from the basement to the auditorium. We of course understand if you are not able to hang onto them that long and will start taking donations in our garage sale room in April.

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VOLUNTEER LINK:

The Lacombe and District Volunteer Link on March 14th, held its annual general meeting.

Martha Warner of Bethel Christian Reformed Church is the new chairperson. Tom Crozier is now our St. Andrew's representative.

Going forward, Volunteer Link will look to the whole community for volunteers. Previously, only church members were utilized. Criminal record checks and references will still be required as well as a minimum \$2,000,000 in personal liability insurance on vehicles.

The need for volunteers for driving continues to increase. If you know someone that would be interested in assisting, please contact Jean at the Volunteer Link office, at [403-786-0110](tel:403-786-0110).

Submitted by:
Doug Maas, Chair - Outreach Team



CENTRAL ALBERTA FOODGRAINS GROWING PROJECT:

Our growing project has secured land for the 2023 crop season.

Now in our 28th year, the field is located on the south edge of Bentley by the Bentley cemetery.

We will have details in a future newsletter as to the size of the field and what we are growing.

Our Sponsor-An-Acre program will be in effect in 2023. Cash donations \$20.00 and greater will receive a charitable tax receipt from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Cheques are to be made payable to the Central Alberta Foodgrains Project and dropped off at the church office.

Submitted by:
Doug Maas, Committee Member