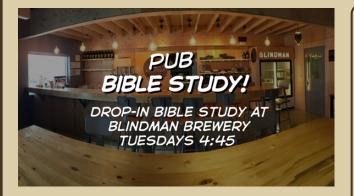


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Welcome Fall!

Fall is here, and St. Andrew's is full of excitement with so many things going on! This season promises to be fun and memorable!



Note From Brenna

"Thank you to all of the children and families that have been coming to Sunday School! My first few weeks with you all have been very fun! Big thanks also to anyone who has volunteered their time to help our Sunday School crew; you are so valuable! This month, keep an eye out for communication about our Christmas production! The more the merrier!"

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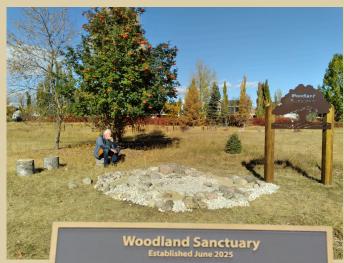
Green Team

The Green Team celebrates the addition of an "ephemeral pond" to the Woodland Sanctuary, installed by Living Lands Landscape with funds from Echo Lacombe. This puddling area acts as a rainwater collection basin and a place for pollinators to drink, as well as a centre for contemplation.

A 'story' sign is also ready to be installed by City Parks, obtained through Signmasters funded by the United Church Centennial Grant.







To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of The United Church of Canada and as a gesture of reconciliation, St. Andrew's United Church led the initiative, including fundraising, to re-wild this municipal reserve. This project is also a way to live with respect in creation and make a positive environmental impact. Indigenous Elders of Treaty 6 offered teachings and smudged this area. A biodiverse ecosystem was created with key partners: the City of Lacombe, Living Lands Landscape and Design, and over 175 volunteers.

Native species of 80 trees, 95 shrubs, and some 750 flowering perennials and grasses tolerate local growing conditions, clean the air, provide shade and habitat for the birds, insects, animals, and people who live and visit here.

This forest is a gift and legacy for the community to enjoy. May it be a place of peace, hope, healing, connection and quiet reflection.

Come in, wander the paths, rest awhile, breathe in the beauty of nature, and restore your soul.





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<u>Deep Spirituality - Bold Discipleship - Daring Justice</u>

On October 22, 2021, the General Council of the United Church of Canada adopted a Call and Vision for the whole church and commended it to regional councils, communities of faith, and United Church incorporated ministries for engagement and discernment for our ministry. On September 14, 2025, St.Andrew's Sunday worship focused on the six words of the Call: Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice.

Following General Council 45 in August in Calgary, the church issued a renewed commitment to justice, peace and the flourishing of all peoples: "Dreaming a Better World Into Being: For the Sake of God's Beloved World" The statement sets out some clear priorities. Read it here: https://generalcouncil.ca/document/dreaming-better-world-being-sake-gods-beloved-world



Remembrance Service

Our yearly Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, November 9 at 10:30 AM. Please come and light a candle to remember a loved one.







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Lacombe Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala

100 Years in Lacombe! Celebrating 100 years of faith, fellowship, and service in Lacombe, St. Andrew's United Church remains a vibrant spiritual home for the community. With deep roots and a loving spirit, they continue to welcome all and walk together in compassion and hope.



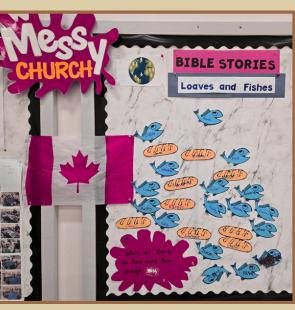


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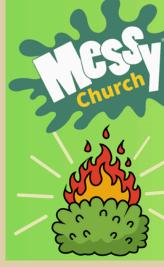
Messy Church

October's Messy Church welcomed special guest, Dianna MacLeod, who taught everyone about the Lacombe Food Bank. The kids built a food tower before walking down to have a tour of the Food Bank. Messy Church goers donated 147.6 pounds of food!!!!









FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 14,
5 PM
SEE YOU HERE!



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Central Alberta Foodgrains Growing Project

With the harvest of 2025 completed, the local growing project is looking for land in Lacombe County for 2026.

Next year marks YEAR 31 for the project, that was started by 6 local farmers in 1996.

In those years, land has been secured in all different parts of Lacombe County to grow a crop. Sometimes the land has been donated for use by the landowner, other times the group has paid cash rent.

Funds raised each year are sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB) in Winnipeg to help hungry people internationally. Last year 1,176,111 were helped in 37 different countries.

There are over 30 of these growing projects in Alberta, with the Central Alberta project being one of the oldest.

Committee members will be volunteering their time at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank booth at Red Deer Agri-Trade from November 5 to 7. Cash donations are still welcome for 2025 and are eligible for an official tax receipt as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a registered Canadian charity.

If you wish to donate, or have land available in 2026 for the local growing project to use, please contact Doug Maas at 403-318-5733.







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Mission & Service

Air travel significantly contributes to your carbon footprint. A new Mission and Service initiative helps to offset travel, by helping with food security and combating climate change in Kenya.

Mission and Service and its partners, including the Canadian Foodgrains Bank are developing nature based solutions to assist individuals with sustainable beekeeping, planting trees and reshaping existing trees to increase shade to conserve water. This will help over 11,000 people in communities in Kenya.

Suggestion is to provide funds to assist these projects by donating funds when you take to the air. Based on Flight Duration:

Short Haul Roundtrip Flight (1 to 3 hours) - \$15.00 Medium Haul Roundtrip Flight (3 to 6 hours) - \$25.00 Long Haul Roundtrip Flight (6 to 9 hours) - \$50.00

Donations may be made online through this link https://united-church.ca/donate/climateimpact Or, call this number to donate 1-800-465-3771 Or, mail a cheque payable to The United Church of Canada, in memo section print Carbon Offset Program.

Mail to The United Church of Canada, Mission and Service, PO BOX 8476, Stn. A, Toronto, Ontario, M5W 3C2

Thank you for caring.



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Involvement Fair!

St. Andrew's held an "involvement fair" following worship on October 26 during coffee time. Teams were invited to display and circulate information to let people know where they might become involved with St. Andrew's. Signup sheets are along the bulletin board if you see an area you might be interested in!













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United Church Calendars!

If you'd like to order a United Church calendar, please contact the office.

Calendars are \$8.49 + tax.







<u>Lift Someone Into The Light!</u>

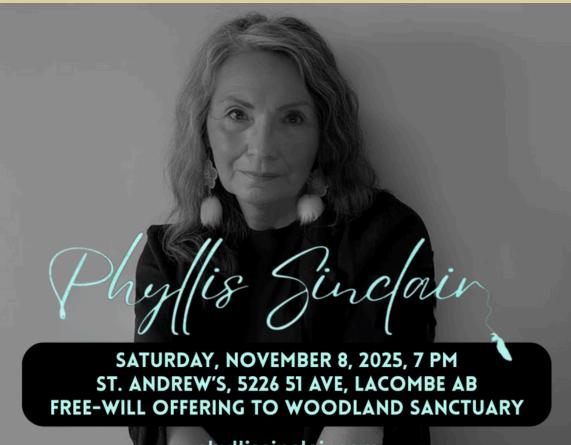
Our 5th annual 'Lift Someone into the Light' is coming and will be held on Thursday, November 27 from 5:30 - 7:30.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you think you might be interested feel free to contact one of the Members of the committee or the Church Office. Members include Anneke Kassies, Dianna MacLeod and Susan Hrycan. It's our volunteers who make this night a success every year.

Look forward to more information as the time draws near.



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Transgender

Awareness Week

NOVEMBER 13-19

Celebrate Trans Lives





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BENEFIT CONCERT



WILDROSE YOUEL CLUB & OUR FRIENDS FIRST NOVEMBER 29, 2025 - 7PM

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH - 5226 51 AVE, Lacombe AB \$20/TICKET - 12 & UNDER FREE

For more information please call 403-318-5733 or 403-318-1885



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Please send the office your email address to receive our monthly newsletter!

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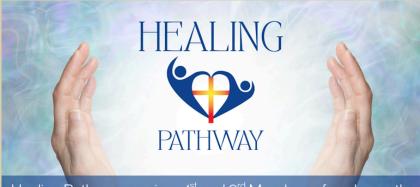




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*Donations/Payments via E-TRANSFER to finance@lacombeunitedchurch.ca please include...

- Name
- Email
- Phone #
- Where you want the funds to go



Healing Pathway sessions 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Please contact Marlene: 403-782-4327 or Pat: 403-598-9310

Kasota East Camp Benefit Brunch
Please contact Winnie or the office for tickets!



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Saturday, December 6, 11 AM