



ST. ANDREW'S NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

Together We Achieve More



**Central Alberta
Foodgrains Growing Project**

We harvested our yellow peas on August 26 and 27.

We harvested 10,105 bushels, over 70 bushels per acre and raised almost \$83,000 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Thank you to the local farmers that provided combines and trucks on the two days on short notice. The peas were ready, it was hot and they needed to be harvested.

Thank you St. Andrew's for your support again this year.



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World Food Day Service 2026

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
18!**

Doug Maas will provide an update
on the local Foodgrains project



WORLD FOOD DAY ♦ OCTOBER 16 ♦ WORLD FOOD DAY ♦ OCTOBER 16

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

**START YOUR
DAY WITH US!**

KICK OFF YOUR
MORNING WITH OUR
DELICIOUS BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19
9 AM**





August 23rd Service

Aug 23, a service of the 40th Anniversary of the 1986 United Church Apology to the Indigenous People was held at St. Andrew's Lacombe. Rev. Bob Settle and Rev. Cecile Fausak shared memories and reflections of being there. Metis Don Fraser drummed to the hymn "Many and Great are your works, O God".



August 30th Service

Worship in the Wild!

Aug 30, St. Andrew's held an outdoor service and Potluck lunch at Casey's Cabin. The service was held in the amphitheater, on the Burman University Grounds.

Michele Walker, co-founder of the Wild Church BC Okanagan led the service!



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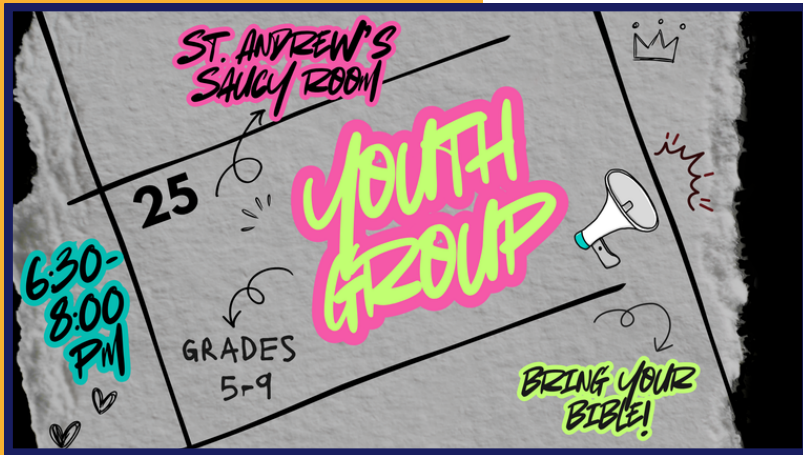
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HEALING



PATHWAY

Healing Pathway sessions will resume at the beginning of October. To book an appointment, please contact Marlene: 825-706-4327



Youth Group will start up Friday, September 25, 6:30-8:00 PM. Bring your Bible!



Financial update as of July 2026

	Jan-July Actual	Jan-July Budget
Income	\$155,834	\$153,100
Expenses	\$186,968	\$181,778
Surplus/Deficit	\$-31,134	\$-28,678



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A Prayer With Every Fold To Make Paper Cranes



Remember the story Rev. Smillie told during his sermon on creativity about the woman who knit all the way through the worship service? When the minister asked her why she did this, she responded "Knitting is my prayer. Every stitch is a reminder that God is still creating right here through these needles and my hands. I believe God takes my small offering and turns it into something more."

Likewise, we believe that God will take our offering of making paper cranes into something more.

It began on August 2 when we heard the story of Sadako (a copy is available from the church and public libraries). She was 2 years old when her home city of Hiroshima in Japan was destroyed by a nuclear bomb on August 6, 1945. When she was 11, she developed a sickness from the radiation. Her friend visited her in hospital and told her this legend: that if you fold 1000 paper cranes your wish to be healthy again would be fulfilled. So she and her friends and family started to fold paper cranes. Sadly Sadako died on Oct.25, 1955 and was buried with 1000 origami cranes. Continued...



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Today, there is a statue of Sadako and a crane in the Hiroshima Peace Park. People around the world have made millions of paper cranes praying for peace and health. Many churches and galleries have hung beautiful mobiles of cranes. We decided to pray this way for peace and healing too for ourselves, community, and world.

You are invited to lift up a prayer with every fold you make. That's a lot of prayers. Many people young and old have made over 700 and counting so far. There's always a table during coffee time with paper and folding coaches. You are also invited to reflect on how making peace is like folding a crane – it might be hard to get past step 4!

We are researching the best way to make a mobile with 1000 cranes to hang in the church, and perhaps another with any extra. If anyone is interested in helping to string the cranes and engineer the mobile, please notify Dianna McLeod through the office.

We hope to hang the mobile for October 25 when the formal sabbatical time is completed.



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CREATING FOREST REFLECTIONS

Fall Equinox Gathering

Walk • Notice • Create

Join us in the Woodland Sanctuary
for a gentle evening of wandering,
quiet creativity, and reflection.

Photography • Sketching • Painting
Or simply sitting and listening

Woodland Sanctuary, Lacombe

(on Woodland Drive just west of 58 St)

Sunday, September 20 | 6:30 pm

Bring a journal, camera, art supplies—or just yourself.
A chair, snack, and drink are welcome • Rain or shine.

*If inclement weather, creative time will be
at St. Andrew's United Church.*

Supported by St. Andrew's United Church Green Team
& the Lacombe Art Guild



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Onion Lake
Cree Nation
TREATY NO. 6 TERRITORY



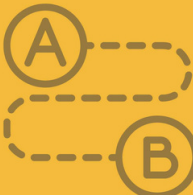
150TH COMMEMORATION TREATY WALK

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 8**

START TIME: 8:30 AM

**FROM: Sakaskohc
Highschool**

TO: Fort Pitt



ALLIES ARE WELCOME

For more information please contact:

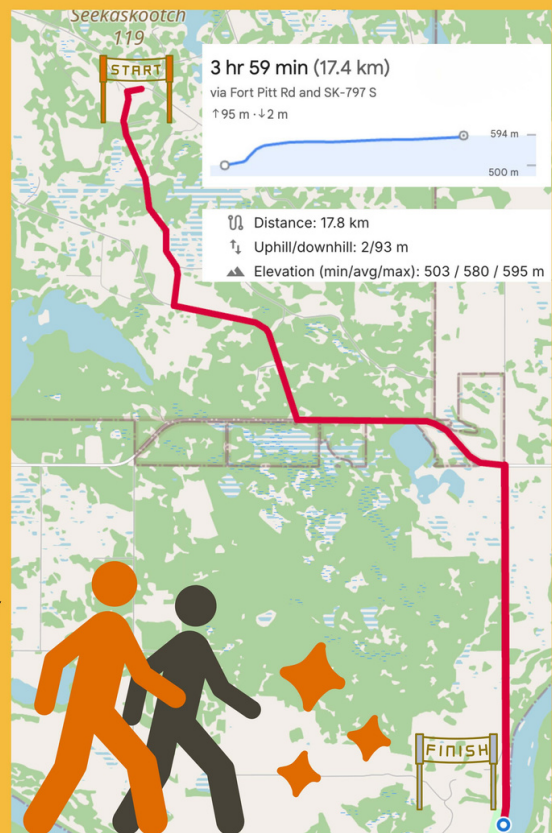
Janice Makokis: 780-915-0310

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SCAN FOR TREATY
GATHERING AGENDA



SCAN FOR TREATY
WALK DOCUMENTARY





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Truth and Reconciliation Lunch and Learn Webinars

**Tuesdays, beginning Sept.29, and ending November 3 –
noon to 1:30pm**

Kinsmen Room (upstairs), Lacombe Memorial Centre



The Lacombe & Area ReconciliAction Coalition invites you to join weekly Lunch and Learn webinars – an immersive experience to UN-learn the myths of colonial history in Canada. These webinars are produced by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Each week features a different topic, with excellent speakers. Most sessions will be 60 minutes in length and will include a Q&A between the moderator and guest(s). After viewing a recording of the session, a local facilitator (Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons) will guide a sharing circle or conversation. Come to one, or come to all.

The topics are:

Sept. 29 – Protecting Survivor Truths: Holding and Preserving Indigenous Lived Experience

Oct. 6 – Economic Reconciliation: Understanding Opportunities, Responsibilities, and Impact

Oct.13 – Growing and Strengthening Indigenous-Newcomer Solidarity

Oct. 20 – Continuing the Conversation on Residential School Denialism

Oct. 27 – Honouring Indigenous Leadership: Perspectives for a Shared Future

Nov. 3 – Indigenous Youth Perspectives on Health and Well-Being

For more detail, and to register to watch these webinars on your own during the week of Sept.21-25 see the website <https://trw-svr.nctr.ca/lunch-and-learns/>



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LACOMBE COMMUNITY

Music Jam & Dance!

3RD Sunday
OF THE MONTH

September - June
1:30-4:30 PM

POTLUCK LUNCH WITH COFFEE SERVED!

Freewill donations accepted
No fee for entertainers

St. Andrew's United Church Hall
5226 51 AVE, Lacombe, AB

Info: Don Fraser 403-896-6761



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Messy Church

CELEBRATES 100!

FUN
FAITH
CRAFTS
FOOD

Join Us Friday, Sept. 11 at 5 PM
For Our 100TH
Messy Church!
Everyone Welcome!

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Coming Up!

September 11th, 2026 – Our 100th Messy Church Service! Be Friendly and Bring a Friend! Join us as we celebrate 100 Messy Church services at St. Andrew's from 5pm – 7pm.

September 13th, 2026 – Kid's Sunday. This week, the Service will be a chance for us to share what we learned at Summer Camp, and to kick-off children's programming for the year. We will be singing our songs from Summer Camp and sharing the parables we heard with the whole congregation! All youth, grades 5–9 will be presented with bibles during the service to use throughout the year at Youth Group!

September 18th, 2026 – First Youth Group! All kids in Grades 5–9 are welcome! Join us in the Saucy room from 6:30 – 8:00pm to help plan out our year! Bring your bibles!

September 20th, 2026 – Return to regular Sunday School Programming.

September 25th, 2026 – Parent and Tot Coffee Hour! 10:30am

September 25th, 2026 – Youth Group 6:30–8:00pm

September 27th, 2026 – Truth and Reconciliation Service. Orange Shirt Day.

I have begun seeking volunteer support for the weekly Sunday School Program. I deeply appreciate all of those who give their time to ensure that we can operate each Sunday. All volunteers must have a current Police Intervention Check on file with the church office.

Brenna

Seeking interest and suggestions for a St. Andrew's Young Adult Social Club. Ages 18–25. Would you join? What would you want to do? Let Brenna know!



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