

Gathering Table
A Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Holy Eucharist

Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber

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Music: Ted and Donna Hamill and Singers

Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

October 1st, 2023

10:00 a.m.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Welcome To Gathering Table

and Opening Remarks

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church.

We will be using of the following Directional prayers

A Four Direction Prayer

Note: please remain FACING the front, to view the screens as we pray together:

Let us turn our hearts to the West From there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain.

Creator God, heal us and our relatives.

Let us turn our hearts to the North Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest.

Creator God, restore our strength.

Let us turn our hearts to the East The morning Sun begins each day there.

Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life.

Let us turn our hearts to the South Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy.

Creator God soothe our aching souls.

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky From there our Creator sees

all around us.

Creator God help us to trust you to lead us.

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us.

Creator God hear us as we pray.

(Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina - Anglican Indigenous Ministries)

Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages, We pray:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, We pray

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure, We pray:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, We pray:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

(Note: There are several interpretations of the colours of the medicine wheel. A Cree adaptation is used here. We apologize if this conflicts with what is used in your Nation. Please adapt to your local area.)

Opening Music: **CP 259 For The Fruit Of All Creation**

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: The Lord is our light and our life

All: O come let us worship

Presider: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect for The National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation**

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth
takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your
covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the
truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and
wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying
together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to

help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

Collect for The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Time with: **Rev. Ann Camber**

The Proclamation of the Word

(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is found in The Book of
Exodus 17: 1 - 7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in

your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78: 1 – 4, 12 – 16

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Second Readings is from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 1: 1 – 13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **For The Beauty Of The Earth**

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And Also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Matthew 21: 23 - 32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in

the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

A time of silent reflection:

The Apostles Creed

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Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was
conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of The People

We Are Still Here

Indigenous: We are still here, on Turtle Island, placed by the Creator.

Non-Indigenous: Some of us came seeking home, displaced or persecuted.

***Indigenous:* And we were here, diverse nations, many peoples—at home.**

Non-Indigenous: Some of us came seeking adventure, riches or glory.

Indigenous: And we were here, living with deep connection to the land.

Non-Indigenous: Some of us came seeking a better life, security and possibility.

Indigenous: **We offered peace and friendship**

Non-Indigenous: **And some of us accepted, treaty people, living in relationship.**

Indigenous: **We shared the land, and our deep wisdom of this place.**

Non-Indigenous: **And some of us were open to hear.**

Indigenous: **At first you were few and we were many.**

Non-Indigenous: **And then we were many, with greater and greater hunger for land.**

Indigenous: **The land of our ancestors, our identity.**

Non-Indigenous: **The land we imagined could be ours.**

Indigenous: **At first we were friends and allies**

Non-Indigenous: **Then you became enemy, in the way of what we wanted.**

Indigenous: **We shared and still share a deep reverence for life gifted from the Creator**

Non-Indigenous: **We seemed unable to recognize your faith,**

seeking to impose our own.

Indigenous: **We believed we could live side by side, two boats in the same river.**

Non-Indigenous: **We could only imagine you becoming like us.**
We Are Still Here

Indigenous: **You spoke benefit but brought harm**

Non-Indigenous: **Trying to dissolve you into our image.**

Indigenous: **You brought unspeakable pain**

Non-Indigenous: **Abuses of power, holding tight to a sense of superiority.**

Indigenous: **You took our children from us**

Non-Indigenous: **Breaking sacred bonds of kinship.**

Indigenous: **Your gospel of love distorted by hate.**

Non-Indigenous: **How could we have been so wrong?**

Indigenous: **Your ways tried to break us.**

Non-Indigenous: **But still you rise.**

Indigenous: **Your vision tried to disappear us.**

Non-Indigenous: **But still you stand.**

Indigenous: **We are resilience and strength.**

Non-Indigenous: **We are beginning to understand.**

Indigenous: **We are coming home to our traditions.**

Non-Indigenous: **We still seek home, but now alongside and with you.**

Indigenous: **You are facing this truth.**

Non-Indigenous: **We are listening, unlearning, and learning anew.**

Indigenous: **Stand beside us in acts of justice.**

Non-Indigenous: **Receive our contrition, embodied in solidarity.**

Indigenous: **May the Creator's plan**

Non-Indigenous: **For right relation in this place**

All: Finally come to be. Amen

(Affirmed at Walpole Island First Nation, April 2018 Primate's Commission on the Doctrine of Discovery, Justice and Reconciliation. The following is a litany developed by the Primate's Commission on the Doctrine of Discovery, Justice and

Reconciliation for use in community settings, whether in Sunday worship, diocesan or deanery meetings, study groups, or another form of gathering. It may be used as a closing prayer to both the KAIROS Blanket Exercise and the PWRDF Mapping Exercise, or another learning experience.) The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Lord, have mercy.

For your people bowed before You, that we may be true and faithful servants of Christ, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

For those of us wrestling on our faith journey, that You would draw us ever near to your heart, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that You will grant them joy, satisfaction and meaning in all that they do, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are grieving, lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that You will comfort and sustain them, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that You will help us be wise stewards of the land, air and water. Help us also contribute to its true growth where compassion, mercy and reconciliation prevail. We pray:

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, we pray:

Lord, have mercy.

The Confession and Absolution – *BAS Page 191*

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand for the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of peace

Offertory: CP 445

God The Creator (Omit V 4)

The Holy Eucharist

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

Prayer Over The Gifts.

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of The Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

***Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord***

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest

Patrick Schlabs

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love

to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,

the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

***All:* So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for you the People of God

***All:* Thanks be to God**

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world

have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sins of the world
grant - us peace

Communion Hymns:

**The Cup Of Life Outpoured
Give Us Your Peace**

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Doxology –

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Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Keep in mind our giving and forgiving God, He created the good earth and blessed it. He gives us glad and generous hearts, that we may rejoice and give thanks for the abundance of His creation, the depths of His mercy, and His care for all and the blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Announcements:

Dismissal:

Let us go forth into the world, joyfully
continuing the work of Jesus!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Music: **Wayfaring Stranger**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 - 20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

17th Sunday after Trinity - Season of Creation 5

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and
 clergy and people of the Diocese of British
 Columbia

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
 Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia
 Synod

ELCIC/ACC Remember Missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people and their families and pray for an end to gender-based violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Alban the Martyr, Capreol, The Rev. Doug Prebble

Parish of Wawa/White River, St. Paul's, Wawa

Please pray for the lay leadership at St. Paul's as they provide crucial ministry and guidance in their communities.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for our own church members:

Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia KostECKI, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler Jean McAlpine-Marler

Please also Pray for our Young People: Especially for those in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally as well as with understanding their own identities. Remember also our children who are in our Sunday school, and those that will lead them each week.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com
Faith shines brightest in a childlike heart.



Please contact the Altar Guild if you or your family would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday.

PWRDF WILD RIDE FOR REFUGE

We will be doing a PWRDF Wild Ride walk for Refugee support on **Saturday afternoon October 21, 2023**. It is done in loving memory of long time deanery lay steward Dale Sparkes and **our team name is “Thunder Bay-North Shore Sparkes”**.

We gather at St Michael's in the parish hall at 1:15 to start at 1:30 pm. You will get to meet St Michael's new incumbent Elizabeth Sipos. She will send us off with a blessing prayer to walk down Red River Road to Gathering Table. The distance is just under 4K and is mainly downhill toward the lake. We will stop briefly in the green space across from Waverly library to regroup.

Some people may want to start their walk from there which is 1K to Gathering Table but we need to detour a bit to get to Pearl Street and around some construction so we should stick together from the Waverly green space. At Gathering Table there will be refreshments and a time for visiting. Gathering Table was Dale's parish and his widow Sharon will be there. She is very excited and shared some of the planning with folks at St John's Schreiber and some of them want to come down to Thunder Bay for the walk.

To get involved: Go to Wild Ride for Refugees on line
<https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nTnt39>

go directly to the page and scroll down to our team name "Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery Sparkes". This is how people can donate online using their credit card, mail in a cheque that is made out to PWRDF and clearly marked for donation to our Wild Ride team "Thunder Bay North Shore deanery Sparkes or place your cheque in the treasure chest at the back of the church. Our goal is \$5,000 because this is PWRDF's yearly main fundraiser for refugee work around the world. ***People who donate \$200.00*** get a t shirt they can wear on the actual walk. **There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers to help shuttle people back to St. Michael to get their cars after.**

Linda Rintamaki (rep) linjrin@tbaytel.net

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0253 and we will get it sent out for you.

Reminder about Visitations:

Rev. Ann is continuing her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at:

rector@gatheringtable.ca



2023 Envelopes are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. office@gatheringtable.ca

Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

Oct. 1st Wear your Orange Shirt Day

Oct. 1st Open House at Mission to Seafarers 1:30 to

- 3 p.m. for details see bulletin notice
- Oct. 3rd Rector's Book Study via Zoom at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 4th Blessing of Your Pets at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 6th Food Cupboard Prep 10 a.m. Parish Hall
- Oct. 8th Food Cupboard
- Oct. 15th Sunday School resumes / Parish Pot Luck
- Oct. 15th Ministry Display – Come show us what your Group has to offer.
- Oct. 17th Rector's Book Study via Zoom at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20th Gitchi – Gathering evening beginning with Supper 6 p.m. followed by some family fun
See posters in the Parish Hall
- Oct. 21st PWRDF Wild Ride walk for Refugee support
See Bulletin for details and Sign Up Sheet
- Oct. 22nd Food Cupboard
- Oct. 24th PAC Meeting 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Oct. 31st Rector's Book Study via Zoom time pending
- Nov. 19th Last day for "Christmas Bags" for Seafarers

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca>
Please Note You may be visible on the online stream

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today of the Sept. Oct. Nov. Issue

2023 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office
Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon

or on Sun. before church.

PWRDF LAUNCHES

In-Canada Emergency Response Grant

In this year of unprecedented wildfires from coast to coast, including those currently forcing evacuations in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, PWRDF is establishing a fund specifically for in Canada emergency response. This new fund will allow them to respond quickly to disasters such as hurricanes, floods and wildfires when a diocese asks them for support, rather than wait to raise funds for individual disasters. Dioceses can access the new In-Canada Emergency Fund by requesting short – medium – and long term support.

How you can help: Donate directly to the ***In-Canada Emergency fund*** at any time online at pwrdf.org. You can also *mail a cheque* to PWRDF at 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate In-Canada Emergency in the memo field. You may also donate during business hours by calling 416-822-9083 (or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973) and they will return your call.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

The Mission to Seafarers - TODAY

Open House Sunday, October 1st 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

A light lunch will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the Centre and to find out about the work of the volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, people are needed to staff the Centre and to drive the van. The Centre is

located at Keefer Terminal 100 Main Street, just follow the Harbour Expressway east until get to the Keefer Terminal. Parking is available outside the Keefer Terminal gate.

Christmas Bags: Preparations are now underway for the Christmas Bags which are distributed to the Seafarers. A box for donations will be at the back of church. As before items such as razors, toothbrushes, tooth paste, candies , coca packets etc. are always welcome. We have already received some toques and some neck warmers but more is always appreciated and needed so please if you are a knitter use your talents to help fill the Christmas bags. The donations need to be at the Seafarer's Centre by Monday, November 20 so if you plan to bring items to the church please have them in the box by **Sunday, November 19.** Volunteers to help packing the bags are always welcome.

If you have questions about either item please ask Marg Boone (rep.) 807-345-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net

Church Calendars Available Soon

Please let the office know, if you would like a 2024 Church Calendar, 807-346-6898 or office@gatheringtable.ca

LIFEWATER CANADA

Prospector Buns for Thanksgiving

The Prospector Steak House has once again generously offered to donate their fabulous buns in support of Lifewater Canada. Buns, including garlic butter, are \$5.00/dozen. Donations, in addition to the bun purchase, will be gratefully accepted. Perhaps you'd like to purchase buns to

donate to the Dew Drop Inn. We'll happily deliver them on your behalf. **Pick up** will be 1:00PM - 2:00PM on Sat. Oct. 7th, You will receive an emailed confirmation within 24 hours of placing your order. The confirmation will include payment and pick-up details. Please email your order to shirleyvandyken@lifewater.ca and include: full name, cell number, address, number of dozen. Deadline to order is **NOON** on Thursday October 05, 2023

You Are Invited to: **Gitchi – Gathering**
Friday October 20 - 6pm-8:30pm

A Family fun night At Gathering Table 228 Pearl St. Thunder Bay. Gitchigomee Campers, Staff and families and friends, Church families and friends all welcome.

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Dress up in a Costume!
(no witches or devils please)

Spaghetti Dinner
(1 utensil meal)

**Crafts, Games,
Indoor Campfire
Time and Devotions**



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” Luke 4: 18 - 19