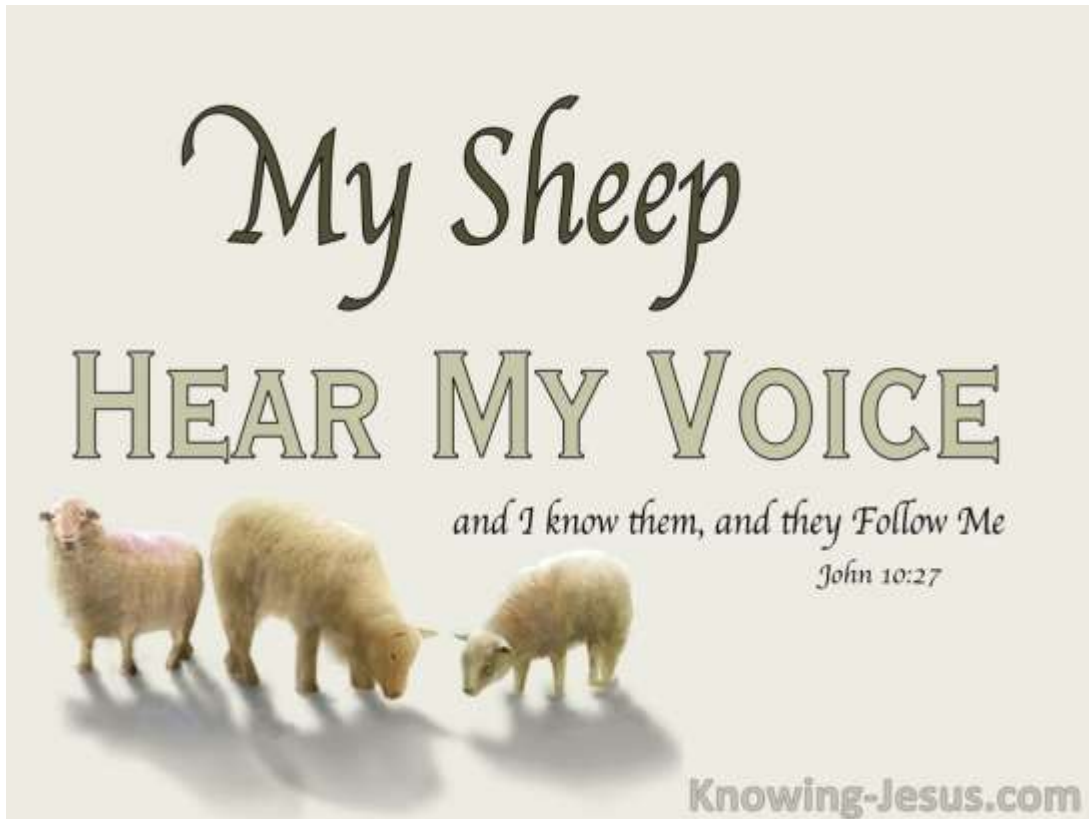


*Gathering Table
a Faith Community
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday

.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe
Lector: Marilyn and Al Chisholm
Eucharistic Assistants: David Reid and Linda Rintamaki
Greeters: John Kirchen and Elaine McKinnon
Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Vocations Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21st, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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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.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

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, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own
and my own know me. . *John 10.14*

Opening Music: **CP 621 Before the World Began**

Canticle – 24 A Song to the Lamb *BAS Page 93*
Revelation 4 11; 5.9-10, 13

Splendour and honour and kingly power *
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is, *
and by your will they were created and have their
being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *
a kingdom of priests to serve our God on earth.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, *
for ever and for evermore.

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*

Celebrant: 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.

Almighty God,

**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 Of The Day

Celebrant: O God of peace, who brought again from the
dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the
sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us
perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us
that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**

Children's Time: Rev. Ann Camber

The Proclamation of the Word

First Readings is from the Book of Acts

Acts 4: 5 - 12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,
with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and
Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.
When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst,
they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do
this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,
"Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned

today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of John
1 John 3: 16 – 24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in

him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Shepherd Me, O God**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 10: 11 - 18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have

power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.
I have received this command from my Father."

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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Celebrant: 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

Lay Reader

Based on Litany #6

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, praying especially for those places suffering from war and violence. For the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of

missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Amen

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.**

The Peace

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

Offertory: **Be Unto Your Name**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **All: Amen**

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you. he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; And when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your

sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread #8

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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

Communion Music:

**CP 68 We Hold The Death Of The Lord
When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Take Up Your Cross**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **All: Amen**

The Doxology

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Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, who the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us

firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action. Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in youand tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 457** (V 1-4)
 Alleluia! Glory To God

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia !

(the dismissal ends with a single Alleluia until the last day of Easter – The Day of Pentecost – when it is doubled again.)

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 5th Sunday Easter

Acts 8: 26– 40

Psalm 22: 24 - 30

1 John 4: 7 – 21

John 15: 1 – 8

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Diocese of the Upper Midwest, Bishop Stewart Ruch and his wife, Katherine.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

ELCIC The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: St. Alban's, Stella The Rev. Canon Don Bailey

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Cindy Papassay, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Donna Phoenix, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn, Emerson, and Elliott Pyne, David and Erminie Reid, William and Lillian Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semple, Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High

School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

Please pray for all children and youth in Algoma as well as those who are involved in child or youth ministry.

“Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people. They carry in their hearts a great hope: make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity.”

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

“Jesus is the true shepherd who cares, watches, and protects”

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes have begun. See Rev. Ann if you are interested in ***Baptism or Confirmation***, please let Rev. Ann know. rector@gatheringtable.ca

Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

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 (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent out for you.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for *March, April, May*

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 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 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 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.

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

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

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| Apr. 21 st | Coffee Hour |
| Apr. 23 rd | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. zoom |
| Apr. 26 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Apr. 27 th | Funeral for Tanja Sulkko at 11 a.m. |
| Apr. 28 th | Chilli, Hot Dog Lunch Food Cupboard |
| May 1 st | Deadline for Meat Sales – see Marg Boone |
| May 4 th | Lay Readers, Eucharistic Assistants Pot Luck
Breakfast & Training 9:30 a.m. Topics –
Sacrament of Healing, Confirmation,
Reconciliation, Home Communion will be
discussed. Please Let Rev. Ann know what
you would like to bring. |

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| May 5 th | Coffee Hour |
| May 7 th – 10 th | <u>Rev. Ann away at Clergy Retreat</u> |
| May 10 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| May 11 th | Camp Gitchigomee – Log Painting |
| May 12 th | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour |
| May 15 th | Pick up Meat from Marg Boone |
| May 19 th | Coffee Hour |
| May 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee General Meeting 7 p.m |
| May 24 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| May 26 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| May 28 th – 30 th | <i>Roberta will be at ACW Annual</i> |
| May 28 th | PAC (Parish Advisory Council) 7 p.m. Zoom |
| June 2 nd | Coffee Hour |
| June 4 th | Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m. |
| June 7 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| June 9 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| June 15 th | Camp Gitchigomee Training 1 p.m. |

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2024

July 7 - 13, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)

July 14 - 20, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July 21 - 27, - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

Bursaries are available through each *Anglican Church*, and through a generous donation from *The Salvation Army* program called “*Send a Camper to Camp*”. If you would like to sponsor a camper, or get information on the bursaries please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

Camp Gitchigomee (*on going fundraiser*)
Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser
 Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps

and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twoonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2024

Meat supplied by European Meats, a Thunder Bay company. The meat is gluten free and it has no additives or preservatives and European Meats makes the sausage using a mixture of beef and pork. The hamburger patties are gluten-free. Orders forms available on bulletin board in Parish Hall and back of the church. A cheque is made payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. Or send an e-transfer request through your financial institution to mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net - write Meat Sale in the message. rep **Marg Boone** Due May 1st, 2024

HOMELESSNESS WEEK “PANEL DISCUSSION” – REGISTER NOW!!



Sun. Apr. 28th – Chili and Hot Dog Lunch – Everyone is invited to stay after church

The Diocesan Social Justice Committee is hosting a **“Panel Discussion Event”** on Thursday, May 2nd during Homelessness Week. Information on this event

and how to register is available ***See Rev. Ann Camber for more information.***



**Diocese of Algoma - Homelessness Week
April 28 – May 4
Gathering Table Activities**

April 28, 2024

- Homelessness Focused Sunday Service – Readings and Sermon and Songs
- Food Cupboard after church to include chili and hotdog lunch.
- Clothing Drive for Spring Clothes for distribution especially rainwear, boots, water resistance jackets etc.

April 28 – May 4, 2024

- Letters to be sent to civic, provincial and federal representatives to advocate for action on homelessness by parishioners, on behalf of the parish
- Letter to the editor to be sent to the local paper encouraging action at all levels on homelessness and

commending the work of agencies that assist those in need.

May 2, 2024

Parish Members are encouraged to join the diocese wide webinar from 7:00 – 9:00. Link available at dioceseofalgoma.com

Diocesan Homelessness Week at Gathering Table

We need your involvement!

1. Help with Chili lunch: make a pot of chili, help serve lunch, help with clean up on April 28, 2024
2. Donate new or gently used spring wear, boots for distribution to our neighbours in need
3. Email or mail in letters to civic, provincial or federal government representatives
4. Join the webinar to find out more about homelessness.

Please get involved in this Diocesan event!





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Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

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People's Warden: Brenda O'Neill

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8