

South Buxton and Talbot Street Pastoral Charges

St. Andrew's 163rd Anniversary Service – June 13th, 2021

Prelude: “The Family of God” – Christie Coatsworth

Upcoming June Services:

June 20th – Father's Day & Shank's Cemetery Service. Send me your Father's Day pictures and/or videos – same idea as Mother's Day. I will need them by this Wednesday June 16th.

June 27th – Canada Day Service with South Raleigh Firefighters

Welcome & Announcements:

Good morning! Welcome to St. Andrew's today, as we celebrate our 163rd Anniversary Service.

St. Andrew's is hosting their Strawberry Social with Broasted Chicken this Friday June 18th. Tickets are \$25 and sales end today. Pick up has changed to the back door of St. Andrew's, so people can stage on the AD Shadd Road. Pick up is from 5 to 6 pm. Advance tickets only. We are SOLD OUT!

St. Luke's Fish Fry Take Out will be Friday June 25th from 5 to 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available from Marjorie at 519-676-5641. Again advance tickets only. Remember to call Marg, if you can help on the 25th.

Thank you for your support of all our services, which are posted on our websites - Southbuxton.ca and Talbotstreet.ca.

Thank you to Christie Coatsworth for our music this morning. Thank you to Tracey Major for putting together the Power Point slides.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:

Eric: We walk by faith, and not by sight.

People: Here at St. Andrew's the Faithful have been leading for over 163 years, looking for and enjoying your company.

Eric: We desire your presence with us today, as we celebrate.

People: As the Spirit moves, let us welcome the unexpected:

Eric: This past year has brought us the very unexpected, yet we have felt you move among us.

People: In 1918, following the return of the World War 1 veterans, this congregation dealt with the unexpected “Spanish Flu” lockdown.

Eric: We trust that they also felt you amongst them, and appreciated your unfathomable love for them.

People: O God, may we too feel you and your astounding grace.

Eric: As we worship this morning, may you surprise us again, as we raise our voices in praise.

Opening Hymn: VU 602 “Blest Be the Ties that Binds” – Video

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
- 4 This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.

Opening Prayer:

Spirit of God, settle in among us; look past our external features and peer inside our hearts. See us for who we really are: yours - Stubborn, doubting, self - centred and yet, still yours. Grant us insight to see as you see and the confidence to allow your unpredictable choices to lead us closer to you. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13 “A Surprise for Samuel” - by Gail Pratt

Quite some time had passed since Samuel helped the Israelites make Saul their king. Things had gone well at first; but before long, Saul turned from following in God’s way, and God was very disappointed. Samuel was disappointed in his friend as well. One day, Samuel felt God speak to him. “Cheer up, Samuel!” God said. “I have found a new king to rule the Israelites. Fill your horn with oil and go find a man named Jesse in Bethlehem. One of his sons is fit to be king. I’ll tell you which of the sons it is; then you can anoint his head with oil as a symbol that one day he will be the true king over Israel.”

“I can’t do that!” Samuel protested, “If Saul finds out, he will have me killed!” “Take a sacrifice with you,” God replied, “That way you can tell everyone you are there to make an offering to God. Invite Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice as well, and I will show you which son is to be king.”

The leaders of Bethlehem were nervous as they greeted Samuel. “What’s wrong?” they asked, “Why are you here?” Samuel smiled and reassured them, “I come in peace to make an offering to God. Please, join me, all of you.”

Now, having invited everyone, including Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice, Samuel waited for God to show him the future king. Jesse arrived and began to introduce his sons. “This is my oldest Son,” Jesse said, proudly patting the tallest of his boys on the shoulder. His oldest

son was strong and muscular. He smiled confidently at Samuel, and Samuel thought, "Surely, this is the one God means." But God spoke within Samuel's heart, saying, "Don't be so quick to judge someone by how they look, Samuel, for this is not the one. Remember, you may look on the outside, but I look on the inside. It's what is in a person's heart that matters to me."

Jesse called to his next son, to come and meet Samuel, but Samuel said, "No, this isn't the one God has chosen either." So Jesse brought him Shammah, but again Samuel shook his head. Jesse introduced all seven of his sons, but none of them was the one God had chosen. "You must have other sons, for none of these young men is the one God wants me to find," said Samuel.

"Well," said Jesse, looking down at the ground, "there is one other, my youngest son, David." At this, the brothers began to laugh quietly and shake their heads. Surely Samuel didn't think their little brother, who spent all day making up songs on his harp, was the one God had chosen to do something special. "He is just a boy," Jesse continued, "and we left him at home to watch the sheep." "Send for him," Samuel said, "I'll wait."

After a while, Jesse came back, leading a messy-haired, ruddy-faced boy by the shoulders. "And this," he sighed, "is David." Samuel looked into the bright, youthful eyes of David and deep down and all around heard God say, "Anoint him, this is the one!" As his brothers stared in amazement, Samuel poured the oil from his horn onto David's head, and David was filled with a purpose from God for the rest of his life.

Scripture Hymn: VU 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – Video

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -*

great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Message: “Leaders at St. Andrew’s”

Yes, no, maybe, not now, who – me? How do we answer the call to leadership? Do we believe the call to leadership comes from God? If we accept the call, can we trust that God will equip us and guide us with every step of the journey? It’s not an easy answer; to accept the call and to trust God – that God will be there to help us. But today we hear the call of David. There is no doubt that David is being called when Samuel anoints him with oil. It may not be that obvious when we are called – but then again it might just be that obvious.

Throughout the years at St. Andrew’s, the change in leadership was likely accompanied by anxiety and uncertainty. Leadership in earlier years of St. Andrew’s would connect as a leader both in public life and church life. Those called to leadership learnt as they lead; either from the existing wise leaders or from their mistakes. As leaders, we are not perfect. If we waited until our leaders were perfect – nothing would get done. Great leaders get out there and make decisions. When they realize they have made the wrong decision they make changes immediately to lessen the losses. Mistakes are considered to be a learning. The goal is to learn as fast as you can, and try not to make the same mistake twice.

Today we hear David’s call story. King Saul, who was Israel’s own choice for king, ultimately disobeyed God. Change in leadership was needed. Israel’s next king would be one of God’s choosing, and God’s choice would surprise everyone. A young man, hardly more than a boy. Samuel tells us that God looks deep into the heart, not to external qualities.

As the story goes, one by one, each of Jesse’s seven sons are rejected by God. They were strong good-looking men, even with some brain smarts – but God, we are told, does not look on the outside – God was not looking at skin colour, age, or gender. No, God does not use physical characteristics, birth order, or other standard criteria. What matters to God is the core of one’s character and intentions. Samuel finally anoints Jesse’s youngest son, the one overlooked and left in the field with the sheep. Jesse had to send someone to bring David home to meet Samuel. “He’s the one”, God says to Samuel, “Anoint him”!

Even though God has picked David to be the next King, and Samuel has anointed David, David will have to wait until the time is right and likely until David is older and has had opportunities to prove himself. As leaders are picked, usually they are not expected to jump right in and take over. They need some time to be

familiar with the job and they too need opportunities to show they can be trust and they can do the job.

God picked David to be the next king – the leader of the Nation of Israel. As we tell more of the story over the next few weeks, we will see that David builds a strong team of leaders to help him. Great leaders find those people who can help support their leadership. As with David, as us in the church today, we rely on God to help, lead and guide us in our leadership roles. Much of what we do in the church we do for God. It makes sense that God is involved and consulted in prayer.

Many United Churches have selected young adults to help with their leadership team. Not only can the young adults give input into decisions from their generation, it also helps to prepare them as leaders in our community and in the church. In the past year, these young adults have been instrumental in getting their churches online and relevant during the pandemic. Young adults have offered to host the technology for Sunday morning. They've offered to produce the videos into the finished product. They offer their own version of a Bible Study electronically for their fellow young adults. Technology and youth are like two peas in a pod. To those young leaders, they can lead in what they know very well and understand better than anyone over 40. The young people have become an unexpected gift to our church.

As the old saying goes: “God does not call those who are equipped to lead; God equips those who are called”. We in the church have seen this lived out when we encourage our leaders to become Bible study teachers, Sunday School teachers, worship leaders, capital project managers, and other roles in churches. If we as the church can offer the proper support, those folks do become good leaders. The story of David's anointing suggests that the qualities that constitute a good leader are sometimes apparent to God, but not always obvious to the rest of us. Today's scripture reminds us that God calls leaders to unexpected leadership. We must remember God is on our team! We are not alone. God is always with us. Thanks be to God.

Reflection Hymn: VU 686 “God of Grace, and God of Glory”

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
 fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 free our hearts to work and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 for the living of these days.
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness,
 bend our pride to your control;
 shame our wanton selfish gladness,
 rich in goods and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Set our feet on lofty places,
 gird our lives that they may be
 armoured with all Christlike graces,
 pledged to set all captives free.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 that we fail not them nor thee.

Invitation to Share Our Gifts:

Eric: David led when called – imperfectly, but obedient to God. Let us live into and share the gifts God has given us – our talents, our resources, and our very lives. Let us give in love!

Offertory: VU 541 “Praise God From Whom...”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer:

People: For the gift of those in leadership, may we offer our support, and in so doing, respect and honour you, Holy One, and your role in their choosing. For the gift of talents you provide to each of us, may we be thankful. Help us commit to exercising them to do your work. While our offering today may seem small compared to your generosity, may it be the seed you use to grow our community into a place where everyone finds rest and welcome. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer:

Eric: Like the psalmists, we ask many things of you, God – send help, give support, remember our offerings, grant our heart’s desire.

People: Be with us on this day as we remember those faithful gone before us.

Eric: There is not one prayer we lift that you refuse to hear.

People: Help us be honest with you.

Eric: Like Samuel, we grieve over endings. There is not one sorrow we bear that you do not bear with us.

People: Help us find comfort in your presence, as our fore parents found comfort in you.

Eric: Like Jesse, we overlook people whom you deem valuable. There is not one person you've created who is not worthy of your love and our respect.

People: Help us see others the way you see them.

Eric: Like David, help us be the people you've created us to be. There is not one moment when you doubt our abilities.

People: We have seen the abilities of those who built this church and have faithfully maintained its presence in the South Buxton community.

Eric: Help us live into our gifts, the ones that come naturally and those needing nurture.

People: Surprise us with your grace.

Eric: Help, support, grant, remember.

People: Hear the prayers we bring before you – spoken and unspoken: for your incredibly beautiful and fragile world; for our nation and all nations;

Eric: for leaders, both bold and weak; for your church – changing, evolving, seeking to do your work, even in the midst of pandemics;

People: for families of every size and kind, and for ourselves. Spirit of God, come mightily among us and receive our prayers.

Eric: We lift them to you with the prayer Jesus taught us...

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

Blessing:

Eric: As we go, may we expect the unexpected. May we go leading by serving. May we remember those leaders gone before us, as we continue their work. Go in peace, love and joy, now and forever more.

Postlude: "Faith of My Father" - Warren – Christie Coatsworth

Prayers: - Please include these people in your prayers this week.

We have offered prayer for these people each Sunday morning just before the Zoom Service. It was suggested to share these names with the total group – as "In the Spirit We Are One".

Cancer:	Karen	Len	Billy
	Jasmine	Brenda	Leone
	Tom	Special: Susan	Francine
	George	Zoe	Melissa
	Cindy & Connie	Becky	Paul
	Lynn	Earl	London's
	Jan	Barry/ Marsha	Muslim Community
	Allan	Glen	

St. Andrew's United Church
South Buxton



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Broasted Chicken

Strawberry

Sold Out

Pick up from 5 to 6:30 pm

Tickets only - \$ 25!

Call: Alice 689-4408

Gail 689-7767

Eric 689-7555



Take out Meals are all identical: 3 Pieces Broasted Chicken, potato, coleslaw, brown beans and bun. Dessert is Strawberries and cake. All meals are individually wrapped and delivered to your car. But you must order to be on the list!



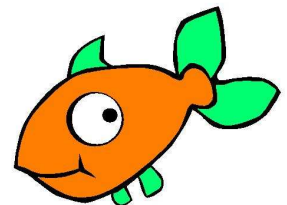
*St. Luke's
United Church
Bloomfield Road and
Fifteenth Line*

Fish Fry Dinner

Take Out Only

(of Lake Erie Yellow Perch)

*Friday,
June 25th, 2021
p/u from 5 to 6*



Tickets are \$20 each.

Call Marjorie 676-5641 or Susan 676-4042