

February 22, 2022



Plea from the Pastor

Today there is no attempt to be witty, no parable, only a plea to participate in two opportunities for work and worship at St. Andrews.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5 at 10:00 AM. You may join us in person in the sanctuary, by way of a Zoom video call OR the phone number provided on the Zoom link that will allow you to listen to the call, ask questions and make comments.

Why is the meeting on Saturday rather than Sunday when AGM meetings have always been scheduled?

- The following day is Communion Sunday which requires setup and cleanup prior to and following worship. Many persons feel strongly that the AGM should not be held on communion Sunday.
- Because of COVID, the AGM must be held virtually and also allow for those who are not able to participate by way of the internet.
- March 5 is the earliest date possible for the AGM given when the financial records for 2021 were completed and when the Annual Report to the Congregation was completed, mailed, emailed, and hand delivered to meet the two-week advance notice deadline required by Presbyterian polity.
- The Annual Report to the Congregation is 42 pages and contains the work of 19 persons representing: the St. Andrew's Session (14 elders) who guide 7 committees and oversee no less than 17 programs, work groups and task forces.

What other reason is the AGM scheduled on Saturday as opposed to Sunday?

- In order to facilitate the technology required for participants present in sanctuary and joining the AGM by Zoom or by phone, the large screen TV monitor and livestream camera placement would need to be altered following the worship service in order to accommodate the AGM. This would require those attending worship to wait for this setup before beginning the AGM. Session approved the Saturday, March 5 date for the AGM given each of those factors.

I hope this clarifies the depth of commitment on behalf all who have worked to maintain a regular schedule of worship via in-person and live-stream, including communion on March 6. This gratitude is also extended to the 19 persons responsible for creation of the Annual Report to the Congregation and the synopsis of our work in 2021.

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Save the Date

The 2021 Annual meeting and Budget 2022 meeting will be held on Saturday 5 March at 10 am. You can join the meeting on Zoom or in-person in the sanctuary.

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2.

We welcome you to begin the Lenten season on Wednesday, March 2 at Noon either in the sanctuary or by livestream. Ash Wednesday is an important time of prayer, reflection, and an opportunity of taking the ashes to symbolize our repentance. Our elders will distribute packets with resources so those at home may participate in our livestream Lenten service. For those in sanctuary, ashes will be provided upon entry for each participant to self-administer during that time in the service.

I welcome your participation in each of the upcoming opportunities in the life of St. Andrews. I welcome your calls or questions as well.

Peace and Blessings Pastor Mitch

What's next in your faith formation?

Over the past two years we have missed sharing our faith journeys in person. We don't know what this year will hold but the Christian Education committee would like to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in creating opportunities to help strengthen their personal faith journey. What would help you? We are ready for any suggestion: anything from a traditional study, a book group, a movie group, or a walking group, just to name a few.

- What do you need for growth? We offer these questions to help you get started
- What does Christian Education mean to you?
- What do you think Christian Education should be?
- What would make Christian Education meaningful for you at St. Andrew's?

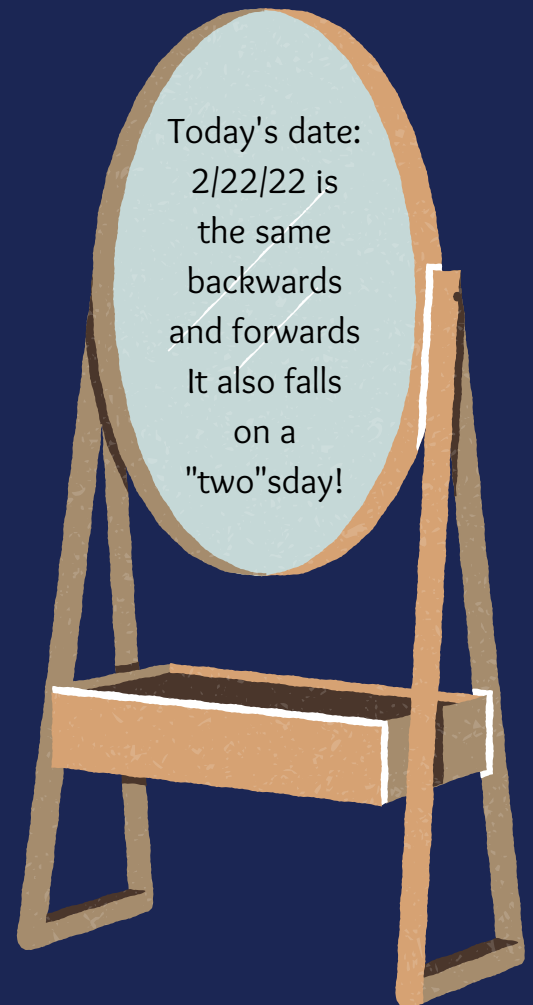
Share your thoughts with us at a Zoom session on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm or Sunday, February 27th at 3:00 pm. Or if you prefer email steetzel@telus.net

[Click here](#) for the zoom link or call +1 778 907 2071

Meeting ID: 834 1901 7582

We look forward to talking with you!

Mirror Date



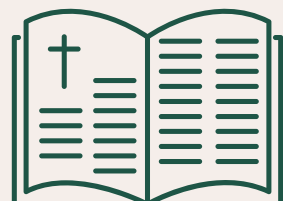
February 27 is the deadline for the March Link. Send submissions to thelink@shaw.ca

Reservations for Sunday

We are still asking for congregants to register for attendance at the Sunday service. We know that many have stopped pre-registering. However, as more people attend (and we get closer to reaching our capacity of 70 attendees) we need your help to let us know if you'll be there in-person on Sunday. Please help us to prepare for worship by [clicking here](#) for the form to register for Sunday.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- Exodus 34:29–35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2
- Luke 9:28–36, (37–43a)



2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET 2022 MEETING

Saturday 5 March 2022, at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Or to attend on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting by [clicking here](#)

Meeting ID: 845 1757 9740

You may also join by phone (free call):

Phone: +1 778 907 2071 then pen 84517579740#

AGENDA

1. Constitution
2. Memorial Minute
3. Nomination of secretary (motion)
4. Explanation of process (motion)
5. Review and approval of the minutes of '2020 Annual Meeting and 2021 Budget (motion)
6. Review and approval of committee reports as presented (motion)
7. Approval Trustees (motion)
8. Review and approval of Budget for 2022 (motion)
9. Closing Prayer

Note:

- This meeting is for discussion and information only. There will be no voting on 5 March
- A summary of the discussions at this meeting will be forwarded to everyone in preparation for the voting
- Where 'Motion' is indicated, voting will take place beginning March 8. Details of the voting process to will be forwarded together with the summary.

If you have questions call Colina 250 382 2387

or email session.clerk@standrewsvictoria.ca

