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## WHAT IS SAUCE?

Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. Ecclesiastes 10:19 (ESV)

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Proverbs 16:24 (ESV)

SAUCE is an acronym for **S**t. **A**ndrew's **U**nited **C**hurch, **E**nderby. The name was coined to give our Newsletter a uniqueness that best describes who we are: A small congregation with a lot of flavor. These are the feelings of love, the scent of history, flavored with joy and lots of laughter.



## MEET & GREET

Seen anyone new in the worship services, gathering, or On-Line events? Don't forget to say "Hi." This spot is reserved for them.

*Don't leave me blank next time!*

## FOOD 4 THOUGHTS

You can submit your scripture for December Newsletter

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## CHURCH RE-OPENING CORRESPONDENCE

Dear St. Andrew's United Church Family,

At St. Andrew's United Church, we want to care for our congregation in all respects, including the physical well-being of our community. To that end, we are asking you, our members, adherents and visitors, to take precautions to keep yourself and others safe, especially in light of recent developments with the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please be mindful of the guidance from the Provincial Health Authority of British Columbia, including:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Practice good hygiene (frequent handwashing with soap and water soap and water for at least 20 seconds and use of hand sanitizers).
- Avoid touching one's face.
- Respiratory etiquette (cough or sneeze in your sleeve, hanky or tissue).
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Practice safe distancing at least 6 feet or 2 meters
- Self-Isolate for 14 days if you have travel outside the province or to high-risk areas

The uncertainty of this outbreak is creating anxiety in our places of worship, work, study, and day-to-day activities. Yet we remain confident of God's constant presence and careful attention to all that is happening. Please join us in praying for those who are affected by this illness, as well as for their caregivers and those who are working around the clock to minimize the impact of this virus.

If the Coronavirus is spreading in your area, we recommend letting us know your plan of action and what your expectations are of us. We want to update you on what's happening at St. Andrew's United Church in light of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Like you, we have been following this evolving story with great concern. We are in contact and communication with the Pacific Mountain Region and keeping up to date with the information given by Dr Bonnie Henry and the Regional Health Authority to ascertain how to best move forward. Please read through this entire message as it contains detailed plans for keeping our building/premises safe and how you can help.

In March 2020, it was recommended that all Church gatherings and public events be cancelled. St. Andrew's United Church office had remained open on Wednesdays. The Resource Centre remain open with adjusted measures in place, and we have moved to Online Worship Services. *This letter is also one of the fulfillments recommended in our Reopening Plan to notify members of our reopening via postal mail, emails, telephone calls and social media.*

With that said, we are pleased yet humbled to inform you that at our last council meeting held on July 8, 2020, St. Andrew's United Church Council passed a motion to reopen the Church for congregational gathering. As a result, we have drafted a COVID-19 Reopening Plan & Checklist. The information presented in this plan is subject to change as new guidance becomes available. In keeping with local, provincial Health Authority and the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada (PMR) guideline, St. Andrew's United Church will open its building on August 16, 2020, 9:30 AM for worship.

**During this time, here's how we are committed to keeping our building/premises clean:**

1. You must read the screening chart posted at our entrances.
2. Follow the instructions of the Ushers/Greeters at all times.
3. Follow instruction on the posted signs.
4. We will sanitize frequently touched surfaces before and after every use of buildings such as doors, handles, tables, check-in stations, and sinks.
5. Our staff and volunteer teams will wash their hands frequently and stay home if they are sick.
6. We will provide additional hand sanitizer stations at each entry and exits for everyone to use.
7. In the event we are allowed to serve coffee our servers will wear gloves when they serve coffee.
8. We are recommending you bring with you a mask (Mask will be available for those who don't have one).
9. Offering boxes will be relocated to the back and front of the sanctuary, so you don't need to pass them down the row. Remember, you can also give online.
10. Pews are marked for easy identification.
11. If used bulletins will be placed at seating spots.
12. *On Sundays, enter Sanctuary and CE Room from Belvedere Street.*
13. *On weekdays, entre offices, Dining Hall/Kitchen from Regent Avenue.*
14. *You must read the COVID-19 Questionnaire posted and as directed by greeters.*
15. When you meet substitute shaking hands with a wave or a friendly smile.
16. If you or someone you know tests positive for COVID-19, please let us know so we can find a way to help, pray for everyone involved, and take any necessary precautions here at St. Andrew's United Church.
17. There will be no corporate singing.
18. There will be no communion or community meal at this time.
19. A draft of our full Reopening Plan & Checklist is posted on our website @ [www.standrewsenderby.com](http://www.standrewsenderby.com) under the document tab. Please take a moment to review it.

## St. Andrew's United Online

Online Services will continue for those who opt not to attend a physical gathering. Also, if you or a family member is sick or need to stay home during this time, you are welcome to watch Sunday services online. You can find our service that is shared with Zion United Church on our Facebook Page 9:30 AM @ <https://www.facebook.com/standrewsenderby> or Zion United Facebook Page 11:00 AM @ <https://www.facebook.com/zionunitedarmstrong>.

## For Families with Children

Despite the recommendation that there be no children church, we will be taking extra care of our kids' spaces. Kids' toys and rooms will be sanitized nevertheless. When we can meet these areas will be sanitized before and after there is a service. There are Summer Kits available for families. Please contact Lorraine Powell, Allison Glanfield or Sharon Horsfield if you have children and would like a kit.

## Spiritual Questions

1. What are we doing to encourage our congregation not to live in fear?
2. What opportunities do we have to help our local communities?
3. What are we doing to encourage our volunteers to show up and serve?
4. What are we doing to help people who are staying home to stay engaged with our church (i.e., Online Services, Emails, phone calls and so on)

## Questions, Queries or Concerns

If you'd like to share your thoughts, concerns, questions, or ideas with us as we respond to this situation, we'd love to hear from you. Your input and feedback are truly important to us. Please email [ministerfranklyn@gmail.com](mailto:ministerfranklyn@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.

While we cannot control the virus, the spread, or the impact it has on our church, we're doing everything we can to make our building/premises as safe and clean as possible. As people of faith, our goodwill and the best effort is being called upon to enforce this plan. If by any reason we cannot fulfil these requirements, we will be forced to close our building again. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to help us in doing this.

Council of St. Andrew's United Church, Enderby  
August 8, 2020

## INSPIRATION CORNER

People visit a wise man complaining about the same problems over and over again. One day, he decided to tell them a joke and they all roared with laughter.

After a few minutes, he told them the same joke and only a few of them smiled.

Then he told the same joke for a third time, but no one laughed or smiled anymore.

The wise man smiled and said: 'You can't laugh at the same joke over and over. So why are you always crying about the same problem?' *January Nelson – Thought Catalogue*

*Submitted by Franklyn James*

## CLEANING CREW NEEDED

Speak with our maintenance team!

