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WHAT IS SAUCE?

SAUCE is an acronym for **St. Andrew's United Church, Enderby**. 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 feel of love, the scent of history, flavored with joy and lots of laughter.



Christmas Message

As we ponder the miracles of Christmas, and sing songs of joy things are not the same as before. Even with all the special deals and the joyful music that permeates Christmas season we are conscious that not everyone is celebrating. Some are even bemoaning that "Christmas was cancelled." As if that is even remotely possible.

"Nevertheless, How could anyone have known? Who could have guessed it? Yes! I am here to write this note, and you can see it or hear of it. It's Christmas time again. Not the way we knew it but maybe, just maybe for the first time many of us are doing what Christmas asked of us – pause, reflect and ponder the miracle of Christmas. God in Her wisdom and mercy quietly come into our world in the frailty of a baby boy! As we ponder this miracle of Christmas, a meta-narrative is playing in our minds. We can see, hear and feel the added stress from the persistent pandemic as it makes day-to-day life more difficult. If you are one of these people, you are not alone. It's an unusual time, and many others, including myself, may not feel exactly the way you do but we can feel and empathize with your pain and the pain of the world.

All I ask of you is this: let us try our best to discover and celebrate Christ in the joys and chaos of this season. Reach out somehow to people near and dear to us, or far away and distant. Reach out to even the stranger who may have no relatives or compassionate human contact. Let's not forget that Christmas is a time for the joyful celebration of the birth of the Messiah, Jesus. We spend the time in introspection as we seek to fulfil God's plan for the restoration of all creation, justice for all people and await the return of Christ. We get a bonus with the season; times with family, friends and gifts exchange. However, let us not forget one of the greatest gifts of the season is "Hope in human form."

In the smallness of our circles or an individual in our space, we can welcome and worship Jesus in the quiet moments of candlelight and prayer. The gifts of Advent and Christmas are hope, peace, joy and love — these are the blessing of our Christ. Reach out and take them.

Go and unwrap yourself a joyful Christmas, gift yourself peaceful days, let hopefulness be your signpost, vanguard, and strong tower, and let love be the string that binds it all.

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