

# Christmas at St. Andrew's

## Longest Night Service:

December 21: Longest Night Service of Worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. For some, Christmas is not an exclusively happy and joyful time of year. Amid the lights and carols and happy sounds there are times of anxiety, times of sadness, and memories of loved ones no longer with us. The Longest Night service is a way to celebrate the season and find light that shines in the darkness of our anxieties, our sadness, and our losses. Please join us as we celebrate together. Everyone is welcome. Consider inviting a friend who has been having a hard time this year.

## Children's Candlelight Christmas Eve:

At 4:30 p.m. we will be having a child friendly candlelight Christmas Eve service. It will be a service of shortened carols, a children's story, and the children will have electric tea lights to hold for the candlelight portion of the service. The whole service will be ½ hour long at the most. All are welcome, especially very young children.



## Candlelight Christmas Eve.

7:30 p.m. we will be hosting our regular Christmas Eve Service featuring our senior choir, handbell choir, and carols by candlelight. If you recall last year was a little crowded, so this year we will have a video and audio link to the church hall downstairs for overflow. There will also be something special just for those people who do find themselves in the overflow downstairs.



## UPCOMING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Dec 22– Choir Practice

### Dec 18 – Congregational Christmas Pageant

Dec 18 – Lunch following Pageant – “Everyone Welcome”

Dec 21 – Longest night “Blue Christmas” service 7:00

Dec 24 – Children’s Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 4:30

Dec 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – 7:30

Dec 25 – Christmas Day Service with Communion

## December Food Bank Donations



This morning we welcome Debra Buffet-Riddell, vice-principal of Frederick Banting School to our worship service to receive the gift cards we bought with the money raised from our Memory Tree.

Thanks to all for reaching out beyond our walls.

Thank you to all who brought in Voortman cookies as our contribution to the Christmas baskets for the food bank.



A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Pageant and helped in the preparation of the dinner today. Everyone is invited to come downstairs to enjoy a scrumptious turkey dinner after the service.