

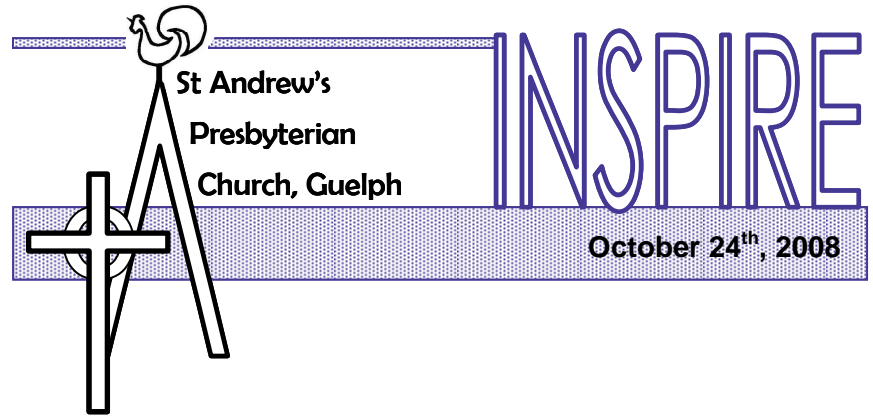
**HELP US BY SAVING YOUR:**

- Used Postage Stamps – for Leprosy Relief
- Campbell’s Soup Labels – for Education Programs
- Zehrs Cash Register Tapes – to convert to cash
- Aluminum Cans – to Habitat for Humanity

*All of the above can be placed in the appropriate slots in the container at the Welcome Centre and the Aluminum Cans placed in the appropriate holder in the Church Hall*



**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held at St. Andrew’s on the first Sunday of March, June, October and December.**



**Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow???**

When did snow become a bad word? I mentioned it a couple of times to folks this past week and received a harsh scolding. Well, it’s freezing out there these days... it snowed the other day and it will snow again. We live in Canada and snow is a natural phenomenon. We can do nothing to stop it. Snow just happens.

Things that happen naturally were the theme of John Peter Smit’s sermon time with us recently and the presentation he offered to a small group of our members as a part of a survey that they submitted. Natural Church Development or NCD is a phrase that you will be hearing about over the coming months. As outlined in the 180° article found later in this publication, NCD is a survey that approximately thirty active members including the minister fill out to determine the overall health of one’s congregation. The results will help us discern the areas of our congregation’s life and work that need to be engaged creatively and intentionally. Referencing the materials from NCD, John Peter said that when churches intentionally focus on the areas of their ministry that score lower than others, improved health and growth naturally result. This growth is focused on improving the quality of health of a church and not only on numerical goals. Having conducted this research and survey in over 50,000 churches worldwide, NCD has found that emphasis on church health has lead to ‘natural’ growth. Their work is grounded in the biblical principle of ‘we plant, we water, but God gives the increase.’

I look forward to seeing the results of our ‘check-up’ and sharing the insights that arise from exploring them more deeply with you over the coming months. John.

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**Sunday Services**  
10:30 a.m.