## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## A Firefighter's Prayer

"When I am called to duty, God wherever flames may rage, give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property.

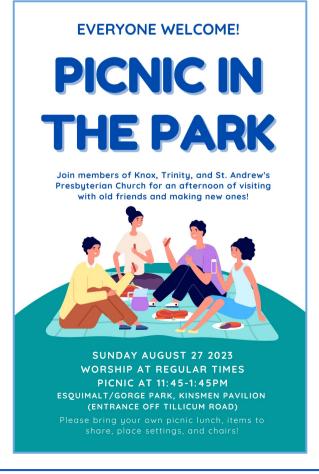
And if according to your will I have to lose my life, bless with your protecting hand my loving family from strife."

A firefighter in Northwest Territories has died from injuries sustained while battling a wildfire in the Fort Liard area. It's the second front-line death in the past few days after 19-year-old firefighter Devyn Gale was killed in Revelstoke, B.C., on Thursday.

The current fire danger rating in Victoria is EXTREME.

There is a complete fire ban in all public spaces and parks, including beaches. Please think of the sacrifice these two firefighters made and be mindful of your outdoor activities this summer.





## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 1:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

SUMMER SOCIAL THU. AT 2:00 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

RENOVATION MEETING	July 26 Wednesday 10:00 am	Held in the Sunday School room upstairs in the Kirk Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!
NEW ZEALAND STRING QUARTET CONCERT	<b>July 31</b> Monday 7:00 - 9:00 pm	The New Zealand String Quartet will be playing works by Haydn, Cresswell, Shostakovich, and Schubert at St. Andrew's as part of their North American tour. More details to follow.
PICNIC IN THE PARK	<b>August 27</b> Sunday 11:45 - 1:45 pm	Picnic in the Park with our friends from Knox and Trinity churches at Esquimalt Gorge Park. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!
RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP	September 7 Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 pm	Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend a free zoom workshop about reconciliation.  Register here.
DUO CORVI & FRIENDS	September 29 Friday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Early Music Society presents Duo Corvi & Friends at St. Andrew's; return of the international award-winning ensemble, Duo Corvi, with Occitan and Galician music from the 13th Century.
TEA FOR TUTU	October 17 - 19 T/W/TH 2:00 PM	Highlights of 'Ballet Rocks' and light refreshments in the Kirk Hall. Reserve your free tickets by calling 250-380-6063 or emailing tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca
HALLOWE'EN CONCERT	October 28 Saturday 1:00 PM	Join the Royal Canadian College of Organists for a night of spooky music. Details to be announced.
SUNDAY CLASSICS SERIES	October 29 Sunday 2:00 pm	Details to be announced. Admittance by donation. Everyone welcome!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the  $l \ni k^w \ni \eta \ni n$  People –  $W\_S \land N \in C$ , Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.