

The Parish Light

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter ~ April 2018



The Glorious Dawn

Gone is the fear that has held us in bondage
As we think of that first Easter Day,
The glorious dawn after earth's darkest night,
And the tomb with the stone rolled away

*Angels came down from heaven that day
To roll the great stone from the tomb,
To tell to man that Christ lived once again,
And to rob the grave of its fear and its gloom.*

The promise of life eternal is ours....
For this rejoice on this glad Easter Day,
For the Lord of all hath conquered the grave
And the stone has been rolled forever away.



From The Desk of GOD

Author Unknown

Effective Immediately:

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines as well...

1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND

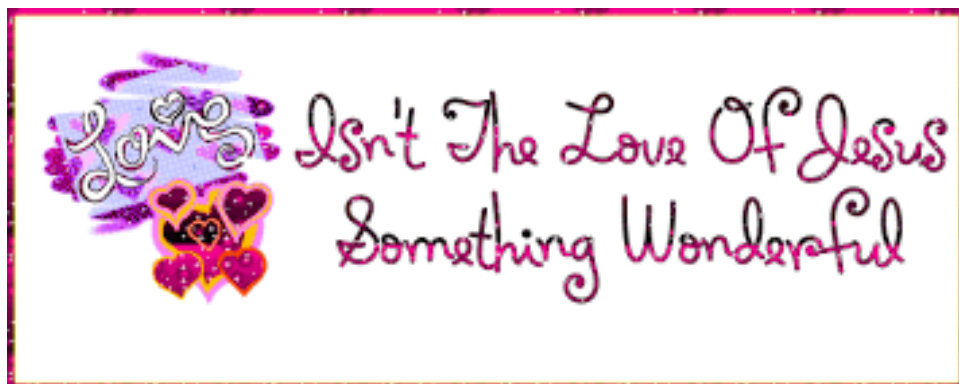
Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only - to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you,

GOD



A Quarter For Jesus?

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston , Texas . Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change.. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change ..'

The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?'

'Yes' he replied.

'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts ; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits..
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

Being a Christian is a whole lot like being on Candid Camera. When you least expect it, expect it!





On **SATURDAY, April 7th**, our Parish will host a **PARSH WELCOME REV. ANDREW HOYTE** event.

The event begins at 3:00 pm with a program followed by a potluck supper at 5:00 pm.

If you know of anyone who would like to contribute a song, dance, skit, poem, etc – please contact Joanna Muszka at joannamuzyka@hotmail.com .

We hope to see you there!



5TH SUNDAY falls in April this year and **St Thomas in Perryvale** is hosting the **fifth Sunday service** and fellowship on **Sunday, April 29th**. This is an opportunity to visit with members of our church family that we don't get to see often enough.

Support our 5th Sunday hosts – see you there!



COFFEETIME:

First and third Thursday of every month.

April 5th and April 19th

~ we have some interesting conversations with people we don't see see in our pews on Sundays. Join us, won't you?



**The Diocese of Athabasca
Anglican Church Women's Conference
April 27-29, 2018**

God is for Everyone



When: April 27-29 2018

Where: St. Luke's Beaverlodge, Hosted: the Ladies of St. Luke's Beaverlodge and Christ Church Grande Prairie.

Guest Speaker: Rev C. Tapera

Cost: \$80.00 (includes meals and snacks)

Registration Deadline: April 13, 2018

Registration Forms available at each congregation



Youth Group News

Spring is around the corner or so they say.

We are hoping to go see the movie "I Can Only Imagine", together as a youth group. Watch for details.

Below are the upcoming dates for youth group, mark your calendars, book off work and plan to join us. If you need a ride let us know. Let me know if you can provide snack.

Upcoming youth group dates(we start at about 12:30 pm):

April 8 2018

April 22 2018

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Cathie (cathie.mmaestro@gmail.com) or Joanna (joannamuzyka@hotmail.com)

All youth grade 7 and up (Age 12+) are welcome so grab a friend and join us!