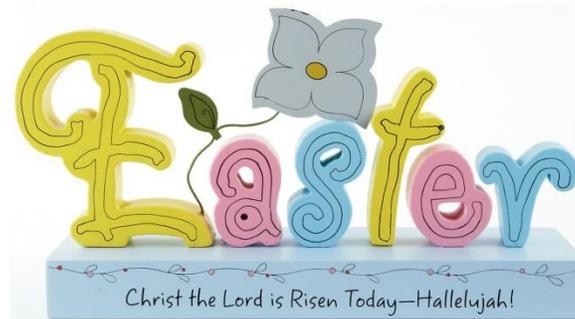


The Parish Light

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter – April 2019



Was it I?

The disciples at the table ate the bread, drank the wine;

The Master in their midst foretold his betrayal and the sign.

There was shock and horror and doubt, a tear in every eye,

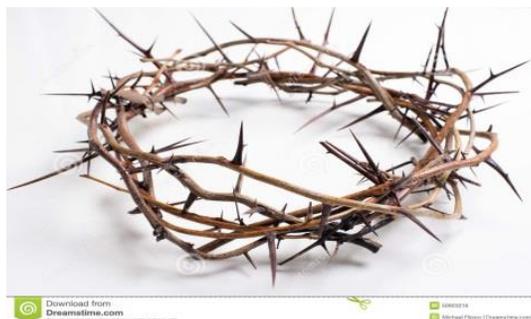
As those at the table murmured, questioned, "Lord, is it I?"

Yet men have always betrayed Him since Judas first dipped bread,

Disappointed, crucified Him, by the kind of lives they've led.

Today I sat as His table, and I thought I heard Him sigh

As I asked for His forgiveness, whispered, "Lord, was it I?"



A SIGN OF THE TIMES

They lie on the table, side by side The Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

One is well worn, but cherished with pride (Not the Bible, but the TV Guide)

One is used daily to help folks decide. (Not the Bible: it's the TV Guide.)

As the pages are turned, what shall they see Oh, what does it matter?...turn on the TV.

Then confusion reigns, they can't all agree on what they shall watch on the old TV.

So they open the book in which they confide (No, not the Bible.....it's the TV Guide.)

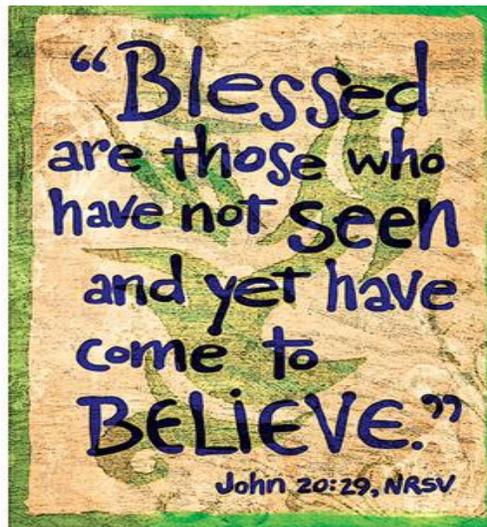
The Word of God is seldom read. Maybe a verse e'er they fall into bed.

Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be... not from reading the Bible-from watching TV.

So then back to the table, side by side, lay the Holy Bible and the TV Guide.

No time for prayer....no time for the Word. The plan of salvation is seldom heard.

But forgiveness of sin so full and free is found in the Bible.....NOT on TV!



A Little Space

A simple space can make all the difference. One little press of the space bar on your computer turns the phrase “God is nowhere” to “God is now here”.

I am writing this on March 27th, which is ‘hump day’ and we are halfway through Lent. Now is the perfect time to take a little space and change our perspective.

Hope is not the conviction that things will turn out well, but the certainty that God is with us regardless of how things turn out.

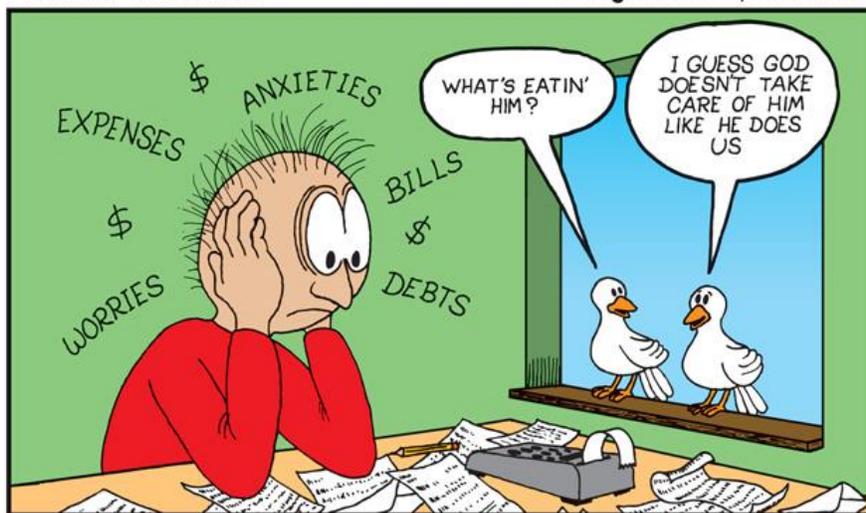
In our busy lives, it can be so easy to feel as if God is simply nowhere. Daily pressures and stresses seem to come at us from all directions. Those are the days we need to take some time for prayer.

One little space can change a day from feeling like God is nowhere to God is now here.

..... taken in part from Eternity for Today, Virginia Burke, Saron Lutheran, Clive, AB

DON'T WORRY

A Joyful'toon by Mike Waters



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
- MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

Something to think about while sitting in church

Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm here today, and so are you...

The choices you made, brought you here too - not sheer luck from out of the blue!

Marigolds are orange, and sweet peas pink, I'm so glad to be here not freezing in a rink!

Nor cleaning up at home, with my hands in the sink. - yes, this I can handle, with nary a blink.

Daisies are white, with centers of yellow - we eat, and we drink, does that make us mellow?

Or just make most of us wish for a pillow - instead of worshipping one fine Fellow?

Sunflowers are big, alyssum is small - the peace here is great, not at all like the mall

I'm glad that I listened, and heard God's call - He calls to everyone, both short and tall.

Snapdragons have mouths, pansies have faces, you don't need to dress up all in laces

God is impressed just to see you in spaces - where He can minister to your hurting places.

Poppies splash color, honeysuckle smells sweet - each of us is so different, to God, each a treat,

His love overflowing, our needs He can meet, then we too, can reach out to those on the street.

Daffodills stand tall, ivy reaches out - don't hide behind our yesterdays and pout

This day beckons to us, give the devil the rout...Stand up for the Lord, stand up and shout!

..... Norma Vomastic





Parish of the Northern Lights Consolidation

At the Annual General Meetings for each congregation in the Parish of the Northern Lights Rev. Bill Creaser, Deacon in Charge floated the idea of doing some consolidation in the Parish. At the Parish Annual General Meeting it was discussed and a committee was formed to: collect information, receive feedback and then prepare recommendations for the Parish to look at and make decisions. The committee volunteers are – Deana Lemke, Mike Griffin, Wendy Lawrence, Joyce Wilson and Joanna Muzyka.

At this point the committee has met twice. We are in the process of looking at options that may include consolidating:

- Parish Finances
- Council Structure, with representation from each congregation
- Fundraising

The committee will be preparing in the near future a questionnaire to be handed out to everyone on the parish roll to fill in and provide feedback. It is important that everyone feel they are able to give their feedback, everyone's feedback is valuable.

Please feel free to be in touch with any of the committee members and share with them your questions, thoughts and opinions regarding this matter.

May we together follow where God leads!



*******5th Sunday Service*******

Sunday March 31, 2019, at 11am

St. Thomas Anglican Church, Perryvale

Rev. Dane Neufeld - Leading Service

Potluck Lunch to Follow.



St Paul's Anglican Church, Boyle with Bishop Fraser Lawton

April 19th at 10:30 am

This is a Parish-wide Service.

April Service Schedule

Perryvale Colinton Boyle Wandering River

April 7/19 to be determined Deana Lemke Mike Griffin Mike Griffin

April 14/19

Palm Sunday Joanna Muzyka Joanna Muzyka Bruno Wiskel Bruno Wiskel

April 19/19

Good Friday Parish service at St Paul's, Boyle

April 21/19

Easter Sunday Rev. Scott Brown Rev Scott Brown Rev Christobel Lines Rev Christobel Lines

April 28/19 Mike Griffin Mike Griffin Rev. Bill Creaser Rev. Bill Creaser



Diocese of Athabasca
Anglican Church Women Annual Conference
April 26 - 28, 2019
Guest Speaker - Judith Packwood
Theme - Prayer
St. James Cathedral, Peace River
Registration - \$75.00
Registration Forms available at each church
Registration Deadline - April 12 2019
Car Pooling Available



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