

THE PARISH LIGHT

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter - August 2017



Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"



Hands!

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million..... It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Johan Santana's hands is worth \$4.75 million..... It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Venus Williams' hands is championship winning..... It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea..... It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy. A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon..... It depends whose hands it's in.

**Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.
Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.
..... It depends whose hands it's in.**

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world..... It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because!!!! It depends whose hands it's in.

.....**Author Unknown**

Letters to God

Dear God: I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world.
There are only 4 in our family and I can never do it. Nan

Dear God: I am Canadian, what are you? Robert

Dear God: In bible times, did they really talk that funny? Jennifer

Dear God: I think about you sometimes, even when I'm not praying.... Elliott

Dear God: Please put another holiay between Christmas and Easter.
There is nothing good in there. Ginny

.....

Turn your face into the sun and let the shadows fall behind you ...

.....

Lord, sometimes you allow Breakages, so you can Rebuild
You allow Wounds, so You can Heal
You allow me to Walk in Darkness, so that I can see Your Light
You allow me to be Perplexed, so I seek your Truth
You allow me to be Empty, so You can Fill Me
You allow me to be Lonely, so I can see what a Friend You are
You allow me to Learn hard Lessons so you can be a gentle Teacher
You allow me to be void of Feelings so I can learn to walk by Faith
You take away my future Plans, to Teach me to Live one Day at a Time
You allow me to suffer Pain, so I may be sympathathetic to the Hurts of Others
You allow me to see the Futility of Life, to teach me to be humble

Help me to learn from these lessons so that each day, I may be strenghtened.
Amen



Parable of the Growing Income

A man knelt with his pastor and asked for God's blessings as he committed himself to tithe.

His income that first week was \$100.00 and his tithe was \$10.00.

As the years passed, he became more and more prosperous, until his tithe reached the level of \$500.00 per week.

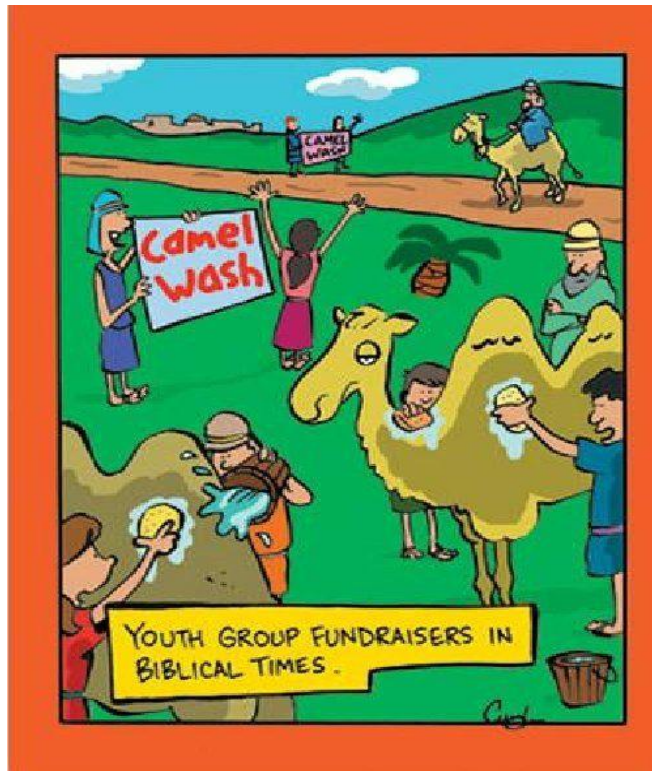
Alarmed at the rising amount, he sought out his pastor and asked what he could do about the problem.

"When I made the promise, I only had to give ten dollars," he explained, "but now it's \$500.00. I just can't afford to give away money like that."

"I can see that you really do have a problem," the pastor replied. "Maybe we can kneel right here and ask God to shrink your income so you can go back to giving ten dollars a week again."

Getting the work done:

It's amazing how much work is accomplished when
no one worries about who gets the credit.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Daze 2017 - "Know Your Heading" For all youth 12-20 (grade 7+).
September 1-3 2017 at Teen Time Ranch near Dapp. Registration forms will be available at each point. This is a great way to start out the coming school year. Registration is \$100 per participant, the youth group will pay 50% of the registration so registration will only cost \$50 per participant, and we'd like as many youth as wish to attend to be able to attend. If you would like more information or have any questions please contact Joanna joannamuzyka@hotmail.com If anyone wishes to sponsor a youth in our parish or diocese to attend please contact us.

Watch for coming announcements for Youth Group in the Fall.

Any questions please feel free to contact, Joanna - joannamuzyka@hotmail.com or Cathie - cathiemmaestro@gmail.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HOSTED BY

ST. ANDREW'S ZION CHURCH, Colinton

AUGUST 8 - 11, 2017

9AM – NOON

ALL AGED 12 AND UNDER WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL – Cathie Creaser 780-689-7087

EVERYTHING SALE & BBQ



**ST ANDREW'S / ZION CHURCH HALL,
COLINTON**

Saturday, August 19, 2017

10:00 am to 2:00 pm



Nothing priced !! Every Sale by Donation !!

Sponsored by: St Andrew's Zion Colinton & St Thomas Perryvale Churches

Service Schedule – Parish of the Northern Lights

Aug. 6th: **Perryvale** – Rev. Chris Boyce;

Boyle – Mike Griffin;

Colinton – Rev. Chris Boyce

Wandering River – Phil Sedgewick

Aug. 13th: **Perryvale** – Rev. Bill Creaser;

Boyle – Rev. Chris Boyce;

Colinton – Rev Bill Creaser

Wandering River – Rev. Christobel Lines

Aug. 20th: **Perryvale** - Joanna Muzyka

Boyle – Phil Sedgewick

Colinton – Joanna Muzyka

Wandering River – Phil Sedgewick

Aug. 27th: **Perryvale** – Rev. Christobel Lines

Boyle – Mike Griffin

Colinton – Rev. Christobel Lines

Wandering River – Mike Griffin

Contact Numbers:

Rev. Bill Creaser ~ 780-213-0094

Perryvale Rector's Warden, Pauline Morey ~ 780-698-2699

Boyle Rector's Warden, Judy Flax ~ 780-689-3064

Colinton Rector's Warden, Henrik Asfeldt ~ 780-675-5248

Wandering River Rector's Warden, Kathy Hogarth ~ 780-771-2351