

# THE PARISH LIGHT

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter February 2016



## CHILD'S REPORT ON THE BIBLE

Book report on the entire Bible

*I am glad that I did not need to grade this paper. The young man has real talent though. A little shaky on dates but good chronology. A Sixth Grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.*

Here is what he wrote:

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden ... Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the

Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues Included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the Battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a Slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 Porcupines. My Teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my Mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a Matter of fact, I was.")

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

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A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service. 'And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us.'

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## **Refugee Family Sponsorship**

We are awaiting family profiles from CLWR which we expect soon. In the meantime we are working on our preparations. If anyone has fundraising ideas that they would like to undertake, please contact a member of the Refugee Committee. If you have other ideas of how you may be able to contribute, please contact us as well.

Fundraising to January 14/16:

Donations received: \$7,400.00; Donations received plus pledges: \$11,000.00

Goal: \$35,000.00

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## **I Am A Christian**

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not shouting "I am saved";

I'm whispering "I was lost", that is why I chose this way.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I don't speak of this with pride;

I'm confessing that I stumble and need someone to be my guide.

When I say..."I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong;

I'm professing that I am weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not bragging of success;

I'm admitting I have faith Christ in the past and cannot every pay the debt.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I'm not proclaiming to be perfect;

My flaws are too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I still feel the sting of pain

I have my share of heartaches which is why I speak His name

When I say ... "I am a Christian", I do not wish to judge;

I have no authority - I only know, I'm LOVED!

....Author unknown



**February 3, 2016,** 7:00 pm – 9-30 pm at All Saints, Athabasca

## **The Diocese of Athabasca prepares for General Synod 2016**

The Diocese of Athabasca is hosting a conversation (one of many in the diocese) with special emphasis placed on the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon (Canon XXI). These conversations will enable parishioners and our delegates to General Synod to think theologically and in-depth about the issues which confront the General Synod meeting in Richmond Hill, Ontario, in July 2016. The conversations are part of our preparation strategy, which also includes parish-based conversations and training for our delegates. PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

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## **SHROVE TUESDAY ON MONDAY**



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**SPONSORED BY ST THOMAS CHURCH, PERRYVALE AND ST ANDREW'S ZION CHURCH,  
COLINTON**

**ADULTS ~ \$8.00 ... 6-12 YRS ~ \$6.00 ... UNDER 6 FREE**

# Chili Supper



Loonie Auction



Hosted by Parish of the Northern Lights Youth Group

Sat., Feb. 20/16, 6pm

St. Andrew's Zion, Colinton

\$7.00 (suggested donation)



Bring Your Friends..... Appetite..... And Loonies

## DOUG RAWLING

With Andrew and Dieta Carlson

the story and the songs



**Date:** Saturday,  
February 27th

**Time:** 7:00pm

Potluck at 6:00pm  
Bring a tasty dish and  
come for supper.

Concert at 7:00pm

**Place:** Colinton

At St. Andrew's Anglican  
Zion Lutheran Church  
in Colinton

**Admission:**  
Freewill offering

# PARISH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

## YOUTH NEWS



JANUARY 2016

WATCH OUT 2016 - HERE WE COME!

### Upcoming Youth Group Nights (7:30pm-9:30pm)

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| * February 5 | * February 19 |
| * March 4    | * March 18    |
| * April 8    | * April 29    |

*We are doing a multi-session bible study - "How to Make the Choices You Won't Regret"*

**YC - Youth Conference** - YC is a Youth Conference held annually in Edmonton at Rexall Place, the date for 2016 is May 27-29. The youth group is planning to attend and raise all funds needed for registration, food, accommodation and transportation for each youth to attend along with our leader Joanna and Cathie Creaser. Therefore we will need all the youth, family, friends and Parish help in meeting our goal by supporting us at our Annual Chili Supper and Loonie Auction - February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at St. Andrew's Zion in Colinton.

Please INVITE INVITE INVITE!!!!

Some funds have already been raised by doing "Devon Cash for Cans", thanks to all who helped sort in August.

Any questions about any of these items or anything else please contact me  
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Stay Warm!  
Blessings  
Joanna

