

# THE PARISH LIGHT

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter - July 2017



I AM A CANADIAN  
FREE TO SPEAK WITHOUT FEAR  
FREE TO WORSHIP IN MY OWN  
WAY  
FREE TO STAND FOR WHAT I  
THINK IS RIGHT  
FREE TO OPPOSE WHAT IS  
WRONG  
FREE TO CHOOSE THOSE WHO  
GOVERN MY COUNTRY  
THIS HERITAGE OF FREEDOM I  
PLEDGE TO UPHOLD FOR MYSELF  
AND ALL MANKIND



*John G. Diefenbaker*

## Letters to God

Dear God: We read Thos. Edison made light, but in Sunday school they said you did it. So I bet he stoled your idea. .... Sincerely, Donna

Dear God: If you let the dinasor be not exstinct, we would not have a country. You did the right thing ..... Jonathan

Dear God: Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. .... Peter

Dear God: Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy..... Joyce

Dear God: I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions. .... Ruth M.

## The 80/20 Principle

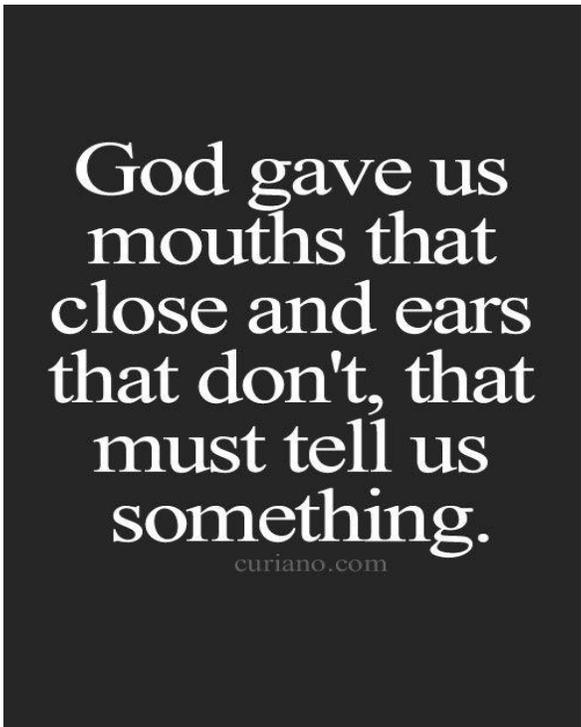
It happens in many congregations approximately 20% of the people do 80% of the work. When it is time to nominate council members, it is almost always one of the 20% who serves. Same with Sunday school, lawn mowing, altar guild, you name it.

Sometimes we can find it frustrating when the same 20% are called upon to do 80% of the work. Why can't someone else take a turn on council? Why can't someone else teach Sunday school this year?

Perhaps you've heard 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 read in worship before. It is often read when church council members or Sunday school teachers are installed. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit ..." (verse 4) However verse 3b is often left out of this reading. Verse 3b is a helpful reminder that belief in Jesus Christ is a gift from God. We are not able to confess that 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. In my experience, belief in Jesus leads into service in Jesus' name.

So, if you find yourself one of the 20% doing 80% of the work, be thankful for your call to serve: it means God is at work in you.

..... Rev. Allan Grundahl, retired



God gave us  
mouths that  
close and ears  
that don't, that  
must tell us  
something.

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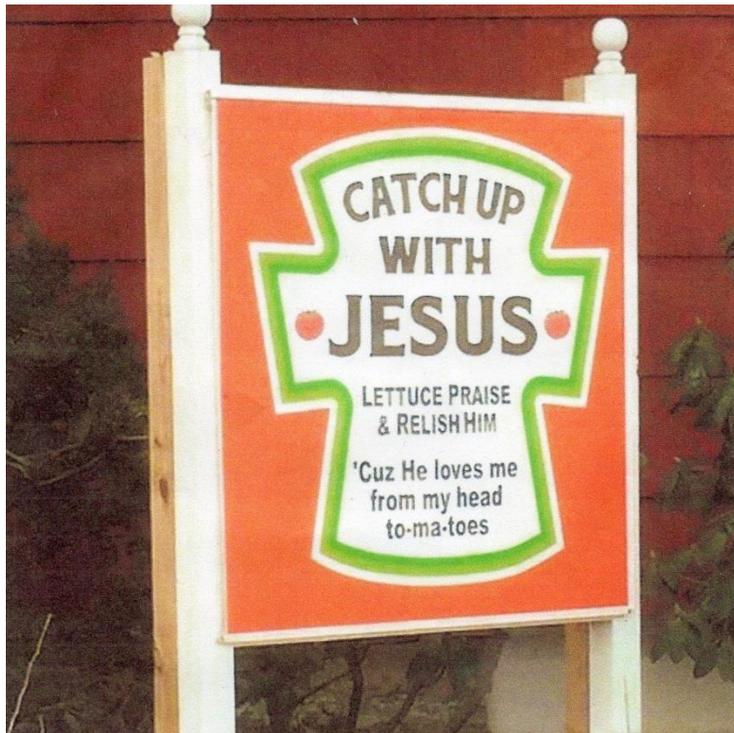
## **A New Resident is Waiting for your visit**

He has just moved into your community. He will need a church home. He and his family also need Christian fellowship.

He needs to know about our church programs as well. He may have children who could be enrolled in Sunday school.

He may be very lonesome with no friends in a strange neighborhood. His wife may need a friend to show her around. He has questions about enrolling the children in school. He needs a place to worship this Sunday.

He's waiting for your visit. Are you on your way?



## **The Plastic Years**

They pass so quickly, the days of youth, and the children change so fast,

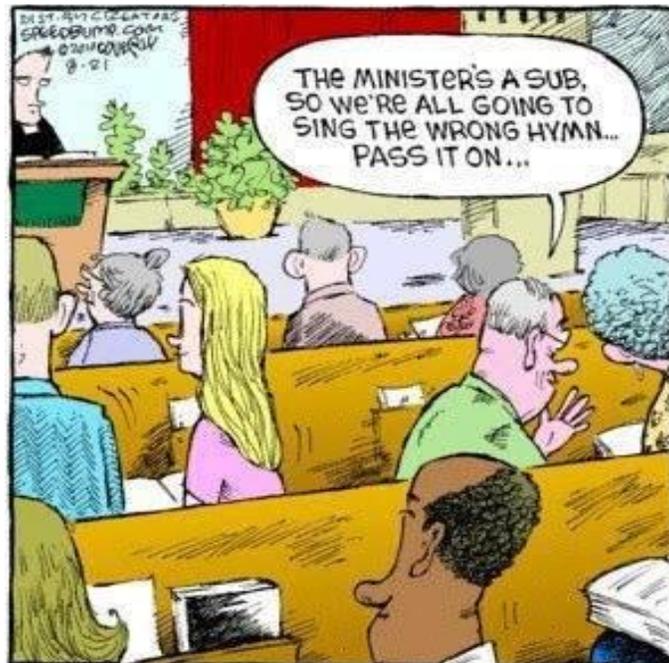
And soon they harden in the mold, and the plastic years are past.

Then shape their lives while they are young, this be our prayer, our aim,

That every child we meet shall bear the imprint of HIS name

## Things God won't ask on THAT day

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove.  
He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house.  
He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet.  
He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was.  
He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was.  
He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had.  
He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived.  
He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin.  
He'll ask about the content of your character.





# **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**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:joannamuzyka@hotmail.com) or Cathie - [cathiemmaestro@gmail.com](mailto:cathiemmaestro@gmail.com)

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## ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service***

***July 30<sup>th</sup> Christ Church, Wandering River***

*This will be a very special 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service as it celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ Church*

*and*

*we bid farewell to special people: Rev. David Greenwood and Rev. Chris and Ron Boyce.*

*Service is at 11:00 pm – potluck lunch at Senior's Centre*

## Farewell, My Friends, Adieu - Poem by Verona Valentine

I hate to say good-bye  
Yet we have to say farewell  
For we shall meet again  
That I can foretell

The future is unpredictable  
Tomorrow is uncertain  
Keep our laughs and memoirs  
But I wish you have no burden

We shall keep on learning  
Remain as students and become as mentors  
Face the unknown with confident yearning  
Pursue our life endeavors

Farewell, my friends, adieu  
I utter it with pain  
Farewell, my friends, adieu  
In sunshine or in rain

Farewell, my friends, adieu  
This day would come, we knew  
Our dreams we shall pursue  
For now, my friends, adieu

