

THE PARISH LIGHT

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter - April 2016



Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth, to show us how to live,
How to put others first, how to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work, that God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself; He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself, calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin; He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday, but the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn that fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death, like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him in heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus, think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord - Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs



Easter Services

Maunday Thursday, March 24th –

7:00 pm St Andrew's Zion Church, Colinton

Good Friday, March 25th:

10:00 am – St Thomas Church, Perryvale

3:00 pm – Christ Church, Wandering River

7:00 pm – St Paul's Church, Boyle



Holy Week

Palm Sunday



This is the Sunday before Easter Day.

It is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road.

Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday before Easter Day

Last Supper: On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, which is now known as the Last Supper.

The word *maundy* comes from the command (mandate) given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that we should love one another.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the **execution of Jesus by crucifixion**.

Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. During special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection.

After Jesus was crucified on the Friday (now known as Good Friday), his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman Soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus' body had gone.

Jesus himself was seen that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the Resurrection.

The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week.



A Prayer for Easter Sunday

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house in Monkey's Eyebrow, Arizona. USA. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away.

'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father.

'I don't have to,' the five year old replied.

'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'



YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Youth Group Chili Supper and Loonie Auction. Also thank you to all those who made donations. It was a great success and fun was had by all. After expenses we raised approximately \$1000.00, the funds will be used to help cover the costs to attend YC – Youth Conference in May in Edmonton.

We are a bit short for our total budget costs to attend YC, by approximately \$400.00 so we are doing a “Bottle Drive” for the month of March. If you have any bottles or cans you are willing to donate to the Youth Group please bring them to your church and I will arrange that they get to the bottle depot. If you are bringing them to either Perryvale or Wandering River please contact me beforehand so I can make arrangements with whoever is doing the service to get the bottles – joannamuzyka@hotmail.com or 780-689-4326

A few of the youth and myself will be attending the YC Alberta Winter Tour in Athabasca on March 11.

The youth are continuing with a multi-session bible study about choices and on March 4th we have having guests join us for supper at 6:00 pm and then share some of their story with the youth on some of their choices. Youth Group normally runs 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm in Colinton unless noted.

Upcoming Youth Group Meeting Dates:

- March 4 (6:00 pm - 9:30 pm)
- March 18
- April 8
- April 29

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the youth group, can do so by making your donation to “*Parish of the Northern Lights – Youth Account*” and mail c/o Joanna Muzyka, Box 725, Boyle, AB T0A 0M0. Please provide your name and contact information so a tax receipt can be issued to you at the end of the year.

Any questions please feel free to contact Joanna - joannamuzyka@hotmail.com.

PARISH CHURCH CONTACT PERSONS 2016

St Paul's Church, Boyle:

Rector's Warden: Hazel Lund

People's Warden: Vernie Mosich

Treasurer: Shirley Raaflaub

St Andrew's Zion Church, Colinton:

Rector's Warden: Jodi Pisarewski

People's Warden: Wendy Lawrence

Treasurer: LeRoy Overacker

St Thomas Church, Perryvale:

Rector's Warden: Marion Baker

People's Warden: Pauline Morey

Treasurer: Joyce Wilson

Christ Church, Wandering River:

Rector's Warden: Joyce Pusiarski

People's Warden: Kathy Hogarth

Parish of the Northern Lights:

Secretary: Richard Loken

Treasurer: LeRoy Overacker