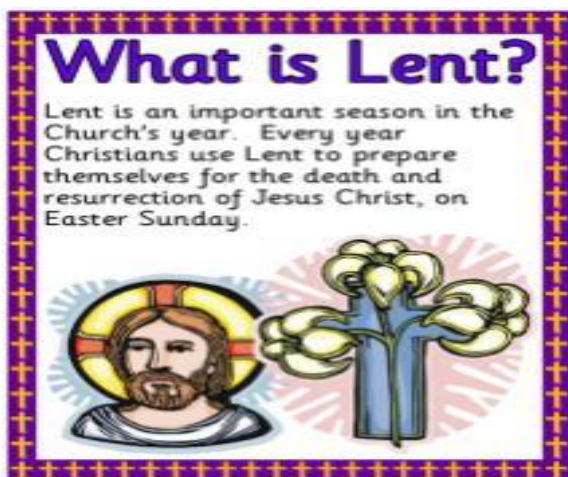


The Parish Light

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter – March 2019



What to give up for Lent

- Give up watching television one evening a week. Visit some lonely or sick person instead.
- Give up looking at other people's worst points. Concentrate on their strong points and positive attributes.
- Give up speaking unkindly. Let your speech be generous and understanding.
- Give up your worries. Trust God with your problems and frustrations.
- Give up hatred or dislike of anyone. Learn to love instead.
- Give up the fear which prevents Christian witness. Seek courage to speak about your faith to others.
- Give up spending so much time with newspapers and magazines. Use some of that time to study your Bible.
- Give up grumbling. Learn to give thanks in everything.
- Give up ten to fifteen minutes each day. Use that time in prayer.
- Give up buying anything but essential for yourself. Give that money to God's work or someone in need.
- Give up judging by appearance and by the standards of the world. Learn to give up yourself to God.



-- By Danny Dutton

Written by an 8 year old from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I just wonder if any of us could do as well?

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him



preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But... you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And this is what I know about God.



The Centre Of The Bible

Q: What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 117

Q: What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

A: Psalms 119

Q: Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

A: Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118

Add these numbers up and you get 1188.

Q: What is the center verse in the Bible?

A: Psalms 118:8

Q: Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives?

The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!

Psalms 118:8

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Now isn't that odd how this worked out (or was God in the center of it)?

When things get tough, always remember...

Faith doesn't get you around trouble, it gets you through it !!

-Author Unknown

SPRING

A brand new year has started already
What will Mother Nature bring?
One thing I know for sure is that
I am very patiently waiting for spring.

The rain comes down for days and days
The snow in the mountains fall
The snow is beautiful, however
So I don't resent the weather at all.

But, Sweet fragrances around the corner
From lovely flowers seem like a dream
A gentle warm rain will melt the snow
Oh yes, I am waiting for spring!

.....Marilyn Lott

Service Schedule – Parish of the Northern Lights

March

	<u>Perryvale</u>	<u>Colinton</u>	<u>Boyle</u>	<u>Wandering River</u>
March 3 :	Rev. Bill Creaser	Rev. Bill Creaser	Joanna Muzyka	Joanna Muzyka
March 6	Rev. Christobel Lines has invited us to attend the Ash Wednesday Service at All Saints, Athabasca at 7:00 pm			
March 10	Joint Sunday Service – 11:00 am – Colinton ~ Archdeacon Terry Leer, followed by a potluck lunch			
March 17	Mike Griffin	Mike Griffin	Rev. Christobel Lines	Rev Christobel Lines
March 24	Rev Scott Brown	Rev Scott Brown	Rev Bill Creaser	Rev Bill Creaser
March 31	5th Sunday Service, Perryvale – 11:00 am followed by Potluck lunch			

“Shrove Tuesday On Monday”

Pancake Supper



Monday, March 4th

St Andrew's Zion Church Hall

In Colinton



5:00 – 7:00 pm

Price: By donation

Sponsored by St Thomas Church, Perryvale & St Andrew's Zion Church, Colinton

EVERYDAY and PRACTICAL DISCIPLESHIP

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not mere theology. Being a disciple of Jesus is the only means of living out our salvation in the here and now. Being a disciple means living as a disciple every day in every way.

So we have to figure out not we are disciples, but **HOW** we be disciples. We have to figure out what discipleship like “on the ground”.



WHY
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On March 8 – 10 the Parish of the Northern Lights will explore

- ✓ who disciples actually serve;
- ✓ what the elements of discipleship are;
- ✓ how the gift of life makes us stewards of life;
- ✓ what genuine stewardship actually looks like.

If you’ve been wondering what God expects from your day-to-day life, then this workshop is for you.

Date: **March 8, 2019** **7:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

March 9, 2019 **9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Lunch Provided)**

March 10, 2019 **11:00 a.m. Eucharist (Followed by Potluck Lunch)**

Where: **St. Andrew’s – Zion Church, Colinton**