

The Parish Light

The Parish of the Northern Lights Newsletter – May 2019

For You On Mother's Day

I pray that on this mother's day
You'll have some time for 'You'
To be able to do those special things
You've always wanted to
I pray you'll feel the closeness
Of the Lord God above
And know how much you're thought of
And how much that you're loved.

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Happy Mother's Day





The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocese of Athabasca

From the desk of The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton

April 17, 2019

To the members of Northern Lights Parish
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Dear Friends in Christ,

It was a pleasure to be with you last weekend and to share in bible study, conversation, worship, and the observation of Palm Sunday. Thank you for the time we shared together. I had a very short meeting with some members of the Parish Council, touching on two important items. The first was to seek some counsel on our readiness to seek an incumbent for the parish, and under what form. Secondly, I shared with the council that the Rev. Deacon Bill Creaser, with my full support and encouragement, has taken a leave of absence from his ministry and from his appointment as Deacon-in-Charge of the parish of Northern Lights. This leave was effective immediately as of last Sunday, and will continue until a mutually agreed time for him to resume his ministry (to be reviewed at the end of June). This leave has been taken for personal reasons, and not because of any discipline. I know you will join me in keeping Bill in your prayers during this season and that you will support him and Cathie to the best of your abilities. We will certainly all feel the absence of his leadership in this time period. I am confident that the parish council, and indeed all of you, will pull together to ensure the ongoing work and ministry of the parish. As the Parish Council is aware, the other members of the diocese are with you in this time to support you. I pray you are blessed in your celebration of our Lord's resurrection and the resulting power of redemption poured out into our lives. May you be filled with His joy and peace and know the power of His grace.

The Lord be with you,

+ Fraser Athabasca

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Interim Priest Update

Following Bishop Fraser Lawton's visit to our Parish the weekend of Palm Sunday, he called a Special Parish Council Meeting Thursday, April 25th and then a further conference call with Bishop Fraser on April 29th.

The Bishop has been in contact with a potential candidate for Interim Priest and this candidate has expressed interest. He and his wife are prayerfully considering serving in our Parish beginning near the end of August for 9 to 12 months.

There will be a priest to serve the Parish till the Interim Priest comes. Reverend John Tyrrell is a retired Dean from the Arctic who has also served in various places in the world. He and his wife Carol (a deacon) currently live in Jarvie. The schedule has been redone and he will be doing the services in Boyle and Wandering River this Sunday. Reverend John and Carol will be serving 3 Sundays a month (1 in Perryvale and Colinton and 2 in Boyle and Wandering River). They will be coming 2 Saturdays a month and will be doing visitation in the hospitals/lodges on those days. He also plans to attend our Parish Council meeting on May 27th. They will be staying in the Rectory on the weekends that they are serving the Parish.

Reverend Scott Brown will continue to be scheduled once a month in Perryvale and Colinton. Therefore, each congregation will receive Holy Communion twice a month.

Ephesians 4:11 to 13 "The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

May we all work together with God's help toward this goal!

Henrik Asfeldt

Parish Council Chairperson



9 Reasons to Go to Church

1. So You Can Enjoy Community

The number one reason why I love my church is for the community I receive. There is a reason why Scripture refers to members of churches and “brothers and sisters.” Church is not just a place to go to on Sundays, but rather a gathering of people who have committed to walking their spiritual journeys interdependently rather than independently. Some of the people I call my dearest friends are those I have met within the church and have had the pleasure of serving alongside.

2. So You Can Use Your Gifts

God has gifted each one of us not only with natural talents, like singing or playing an instrument, but also with spiritual gifts, that when used, build up the church body in unique ways. If you don’t know what your gifts are, I encourage you to take a spiritual gifts inventory or read biblical passages such as [1 Corinthians 12-14](#), [Romans 12](#), [Ephesians 4](#), and [1 Peter 4](#). If you still don’t know what they are, find someone who can affirm the gifts they see in you. Sometimes others can see what we have trouble seeing in ourselves. Once you have confirmed those gifts, talk to a pastor or ministry head and see where you might best be suited to use those gifts. Maybe it is an existing ministry, or maybe your church is missing an important ministry that you can create yourself! The possibilities are endless.

3. So You Can Discover Your Purpose

[Jeremiah 29:11](#) says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” God has a plan for all of us. He knows the hairs on our heads and has ordered every one of our steps. But finding out what that purpose and plan is easier said than done. As members of your church get to know you, they can speak words of encouragement and affirmation into your life. They can help navigate through the muddy waters we call life. Seeking wise counsel is one of the many benefits of being a part of a church, and something that is difficult to find outside family members and close friends.

4. So You Can Find Connection

I have met many people not only during my time in ministry but also my time being a Christian. Some people are exactly like me while others are the complete opposite. I get the chance to meet and connect with people I wouldn’t have met otherwise if it were not for being a regular church attendee. Being in relationship with people who are the opposite of me can be frustrating at times but it helps me work on making me a better person because of those relationships. In either scenario, I connect with people in a unique way and discover things about myself I would have never had the opportunity to do otherwise.

5. So You Can Worship

Worship can happen any time of the day and any day of the week. I can worship in the car, in my room or when I’m feeling down. But there is nothing like getting together in a room full of other worshippers and singing my heart out to God with others who share that same desire. My life is enriched when I worship with others and I can’t do that sitting at home by myself.

6. So You Can Learn the Word

I admit, I don't read my Bible as often as I should, and I don't take the time to study the Word through concordances and other Bible study tools on a regular basis. But when I go to church on Sunday, I get the opportunity to hear the Word preached in ways that help me understand it better and in unique ways I may not have seen myself if I was studying it on my own.

7. Because Iron Sharpens Iron

That is what Proverbs 27:17 tells. Meeting regularly with other believers is a source of encouragement and strength. But know this: when iron rubs against iron, not only does it become sharper, it also causes sparks! It's just part of the process.

If you've stopped attending church because people hurt you, don't measure up to your expectations, or are hypocritical, know that the enemy has you right where he wants you. Satan's tactic is to divide and conquer. If he can pull you from the flock, you are vulnerable to his deceptions and attacks. Satan will use your lack of love for God's people to quench your love for God.

8. So You Can Practice Generosity

When I give of my money, I often think of how far reaching my money goes. I imagine getting to heaven and meeting people I never met on earth whose life was touched because I gave to a missions fund or general fund. What if a person walked into our newly renovated church building heard about Jesus and dedicated his life to Him who couldn't attend previously because the sanctuary was too small. Where else can I allow my dollars to create such an impact on others' lives?

9. So You Can Forge Lifelong Friendships

Scripture references church members as the body of Christ. Once you make friends at church, you are forever bonded to them through your desire to follow Jesus. Even if you don't attend that church anymore, there is a special connection you share because of the Savior. Who can't use another friend or two in their lives?

10. So You Can Enjoy Food

Last of all, the food! Potlucks bring a sense of coziness and family like nothing else. Coming to church with a dish you learned from your grandmother and having the opportunity to share it with the people I love not only lets me practice hospitality but also share the intimacy that comes from sitting around a table eating and getting to know those around me. And, well, who doesn't love a free meal?

Get in the habit of going to church regularly. The positives outweigh the negatives and you never know what opportunity God may present you with because of your attendance.



NEXT YOUTH GROUP: MAY 10 2019

We will start at 6:30pm with supper provided and go from there, ending at about 8:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us and bring a friend. If you need a ride let us know.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Joanna (joannamuzyka@hotmail.com) or 780-689-8053

All youth grade 7 and up (Age 12+) are welcome so grab a friend and join us!

Parish of the Northern Lights Consolidation Questionnaire is Ready!

The Parish of the Northern Lights Consolidation Working Committee has put together a questionnaire to be completed by each member of the parish. Everyone's input and feedback is essential to the consolidation process. Questionnaires will be handed out on Sunday May 5 2019 and if you are not at church on that Sunday they will be mailed to you. The Committee – Deana Lemke, Mike Griffin, Wendy Lawrence, Joyce Wilson and Joanna Muzyka requests that all questionnaires be returned to your church by May 26 2019 so then can be forwarded to the Committee for the next steps.

Thank you for your participation.

May we together follow where God leads!

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

Service Schedule - Parish of the Northern Lights

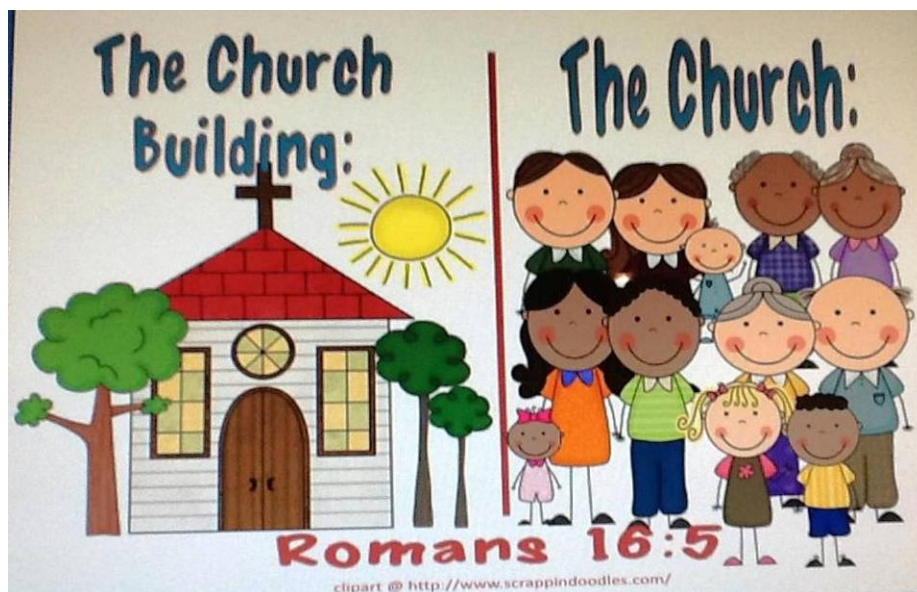
Date	Perryvale 9am (Anglican Services)	Colinton - 10:30am (1st & 2nd Sunday Anglican Services, 3rd & 4th Lutheran Services)	Boyle - 10:30am (1st Sunday Lutheran Service, 2nd 3rd 4th Anglican Services)	Wandering River 1:30pm (Anglican Services)
05-May-19	Joanna Muzyka	Joanna Muzyka	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell
12-May-19	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell	Mke Griffin	Mke Griffin
19-May-19	Deana Lemke	Deana Lemke	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell
26-May-19	Rev Scott Brown (Anglican communion - Pulpit Supply)	Rev Scott Brown (Lutheran communion - Pulpit Supply)	Bruno Wiskel	Bruno Wiskel
02-Jun-19	Mike Griffin	Mike Griffin	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell
09-Jun-19	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell	Bruno Wiskel	Bruno Wiskel
16-Jun-19	Deana Lemke	Deana Lemke	Rev. John Tyrrell	Rev. John Tyrrell
23-Jun-19	Rev Scott Brown (Tentative) (Lutheran communion - Pulpit Supply)	Rev Scott Brown (Tentative) (Lutheran communion - Pulpit Supply)	Joanna Muzyka	Joanna Muzyka
30-Jun-19	Joint Sunday Service - 11am Service - Christ Church, Wandering River - Rev John Tyrrell followed by Potluck Lunch			

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Coming Events to mark on your calendar

Anti-Sexual Harassment Training workshop

All Saints' Anglican Church, Athabasca

May 4th at 1:00 pm

Mother's Day Tea and Bake Sale

St Andrew's Zion Church Hall

Saturday May 11th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

GARDEN AND GREEN SALE & BBQ

St Andrew's Zion Church grounds

Saturday, June 1st - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

BBQ – fundraiser for our Youth Group

General Synod 2019 Consultation

Thursday May 9 at 7pm

All Saints, Athabasca

And you are always welcome....

Coffeetime at St Andrew's Zion –

1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month

Great conversations – great fellowship

10:30 am to 11:30 am
