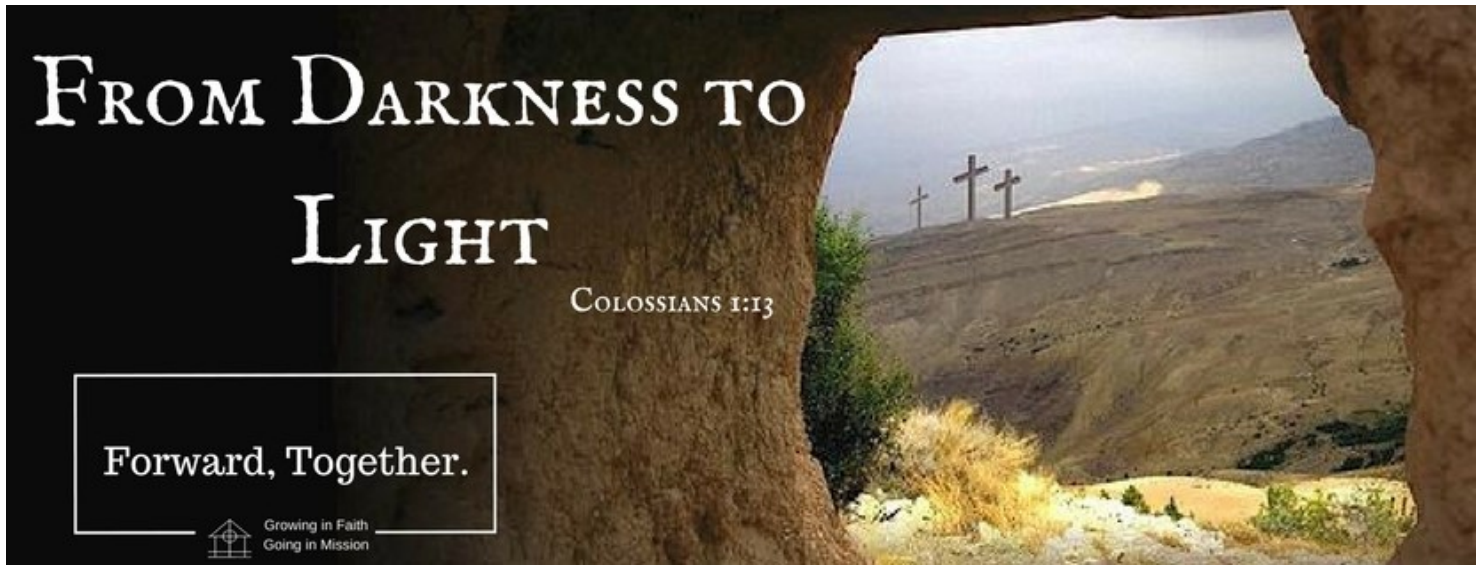


# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

APRIL 2017



## THE LORD IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED!

This is the traditional greeting during the Easter season and a statement of faith. It is with the resurrection that the birth of Jesus, his life and teaching, baptism and breaking of bread, and indeed his crucifixion make sense. In the resurrection we see Christ's life and death, not as isolated events or a new story, but a continuation of God's story of love and grace from the beginning, reaching out to each of us.

The last week before Easter we as a church remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth as preparation for meeting the living Christ in our lives. Although there are many events recorded in the Gospels from that week, we focus mainly on Jesus' entry to Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), the Last Supper (Maundy Thursday), crucifixion (Good Friday) and Resurrection (Easter Sunday). Each of these services is planned to help worshipers to know Christ and the depth of his love for us through the story and to encourage us to respond with all our living.

### **Palm Sunday:**

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as a suffering servant willing to die in order that we might live. We remember that we, too, declare Christ our Lord one moment and deny him the next. We usually celebrate with palm branches and a call to discipleship.

### **Maundy Thursday:**

On Maundy Thursday we celebrate our Lord instituting his Supper, or communion. The name "Maundy" comes from the Latin word for "command" --- *mandatum*, from the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another." Often we remember that Christ washed his disciples' feet by a washing of our hands. It is our tradition to celebrate this institution of the Lord's

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Supper by sharing communion and by remembering that, as Christ loves us, we are to love others. This year we will be celebrating a Seder supper, or Passover meal, before the communion service.

### **Good Friday:**

On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. We remember that darkness and death are indeed part of life, and that God has power even over death. This year's service will celebrate God's love and redemption in symbol and music.

### **Easter Sunday:**

At Easter we celebrate the truth that Christ is Lord of death and life, of past and present, of heaven and earth. Our response should not be just enthusiastic worship, but intentionally living in ways that declare the mighty acts of God, who is creating and redeeming all creation --- even us. This year during the Easter service we will be experiencing the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

*by Rev. Jan Hazlett*

## **EASTER QUIZ**

1. According to the Gospels, what story happened first, the Last Supper, or, Peter denying Christ three times?
2. What do pretzels have to do with Easter?
3. Why is Easter so late this year?
4. Whom did Pilate release instead of Jesus?
5. In whose tomb is Jesus buried?
6. Name three symbols associated with Easter.
7. What is the duration of Lent?
8. Where did the name Easter come from?
9. The egg is a symbol of .....
10. Where did the idea of Easter baskets come from?



Courtesy of Glad Tidings    ~~    Answers on page 10

# AROUND AND ABOUT US

By Terry Zimmer



## PRIVATE WILLIAM FAULKNER

(Father to our Ken Faulkner)

### Who was at THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

APRIL 9, 1917



On April 9, 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge was fought and won by Canadians --- a battle that “would transform a colony to a nation.”<sup>1</sup>

Pvt. William Faulkner, father of St. Andrew’s Ken Faulkner, wanted to volunteer at the beginning of the Great War, but he was only 17 and needed his parents’ consent. So he joined the Banff Guards and trained with them for six months, guarding German prisoners in the Cave-and-Basin area. At one point in their training he and his comrades marched to the river, where they picked boulders, put them into their packs and lugged them back. In order not to waste them, some of the rocks were placed at Signal Hill in Calgary. When his six months of training were completed, William was sent overseas with the 137<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

When the Canadians were asked to take Vimy Ridge --- a territory where the French and British had already lost many lives, the Canadian military agreed, on one condition: They asked for “the formation of a Canadian Corps to keep their troops together, rather than parcelled out amongst British units. This policy, which built morale, would be largely followed to the end of the War. Canada’s four divisions, 100,000 strong, were brought together and given all Canadian officers. . . . Its members were stationed on the Western Front, that jagged chain of trenches dug into the mud and clay of France, stretching 966 kilometres from the Belgian coast to the border of Switzerland.”<sup>2</sup>

William Faulkner was soon part of the 31st Battalion, Second Division. Before the main battle for Vimy Ridge, his unit was making night raids behind the German lines, agitating the Germans. Ken relates: “One dark night my father and his unit were raiding behind German lines. Retreating through the muddy trenches in the dark, his foot landed on the chest of a dying man, a moment which he regretted for the rest of his life.” William’s unit was at Passchendaele and served as a relief unit at the battle of the Somme.

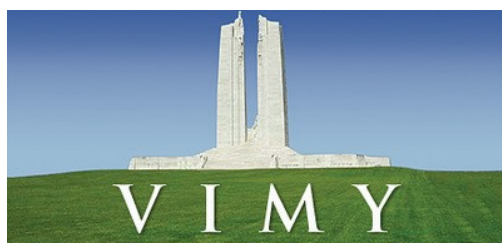
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At Vimy Ridge on April 9, in a snowstorm, the Second Division took every line. The battle had been carefully planned to the minute. "The maze of tunnels and caverns was one of the most remarkable engineering feats of the war. The extensive underground network would reduce casualties amongst the advancing infantry and returning wounded, and enable supplies to be brought up under less hazardous conditions."<sup>3</sup> "Canadian troops were among the best in Europe", Ken Faulkner asserts. Among them, he explains, were loggers, miners and farmers --- hardy men used to hard lives.

William spent three years, eight months in active service. He was wounded in the thigh at Vimy, and was later gassed at the battle of the Canal du Nord in the last days of the war. Not expected to live, he spent six months in hospital on his return home. He did survive, however, and later helped organize the First Canadian Legion in Calgary.

Two plaques commemorating those from St. Andrew's who fought in WWI may be found at the back of the sanctuary --- one above the ushers' table, and one directly across the room on the window wall.

<sup>1</sup>Veterans Affairs Canada website, "The Battle of Vimy Ridge". <sup>2</sup>Op. cit. <sup>3</sup>Op cit.



## MAY I SIT WITH YOU AWHILE?

### The Basic Art of Pastoral Care

St. Andrew's is hosting the Christian Pastoral Caregivers Association's course

Friday, April 21 from 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm & Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

This course is designed to prepare visitors for the Ministry of Pastoral Care in the Church. It offers pastoral care visitors the opportunity to learn and practice the basics of pastoral visiting and focuses on the needs of the people receiving care.

Hospital volunteering does require training as well but the certificate from this class does show that you do have some training. **If you are interested in attending to become a HomeBound or Hospital Visitor, the cost will be covered through the Pastoral Care budget.**

Please register at:

<http://cpcassoc.ca/events/may-i-sit-with-you-awhile/>

## WELCOME TO THE 613 CHURCH!

### 613 CHURCH

So you've heard about the new 613 CHURCH! Well now, what is this 613 all about??

Did someone go messing with John 3:16? Nope!

Did someone decide 6:13 in the morning was a stupidly good idea for a church service? Nope!

The 613 CHURCH is an exciting adventure in worship and fellowship, where young families including children can meet in an informal setting. It provides a relaxed time of fellowship, worship with guitars, drums etc. and exploring God's word together. It is a great time to get questions answered and share how God is at work. A place where friendships can emerge and fellowship grow.

### 613 CHURCH

Started: January, 2017

Where: Karl English Lounge

When: Meet the last Saturday of each month at 6:13 pm (now you know why the name, 613 CHURCH!!)

### What to expect at a 613 CHURCH worship time

6:13 pm - meet for an informal time to greet each other and catch up with what's happening.

Occasionally food is served, ie. , dessert, pizza, or potluck (Presbyterians do love their food!) Time of worship: 6:13 pm

Guided discussion around a prechosen subject with lots of time for sharing and Q&A. Worship includes singing choruses and hymns with guitars, drums or whatever for jamming. If you've got an instrument, bring it.

Feedback: positive feedback from those who've attended is that they enjoy the guided discussion and sharing in a relaxed and informal setting.

The evening finishes up by 8:00 pm so those with families can get home in good time.

The 613 CHURCH is a ministry designed with portability in mind which can be in time, transferred and used for our St. Andrew's ministry South of Fish Creek.

For further information, please contact Rev. Jared (403) 255-0001.

### Join us for our next service

**April 29 at 6:13 pm in the Karl English Lounge**

**The Search Team** wants the congregation to know that it is working diligently to fill the Minister, Vision & Direction vacancy. Since the process started we have interviewed several candidates via Skype, as well as bringing some potential candidates to Calgary for more in-depth interviews. However, to date the Search Team's desire to extend an invitation to a candidate to preach for a call here at St. Andrew's has not come to fulfillment for a variety of reasons. And so the process continues, and the team would appreciate your prayers of support as we all continue this journey together.



## IT IS FIRE DRILL TIME AGAIN!



As spring arrives, so does our need for a fire drill. The day has been set: **May 21, 2017**.

On that day we will enjoy worship together as usual. At the end of the service the fire alarm will sound, and we as a congregation will exit the church. Everyone in the building must evacuate. The faster we evacuate, the less time we will have to spend outside. Once everyone is out and the building has been checked, we will invite everyone back in for Timbits and coffee.

### FAQs

Q: What if it is hard for me to evacuate because of mobility issues?

A: If you need assistance evacuating, you will be asked to wait for assistance after those with more mobility have left. There will be people to assist you to exit the building to the front lawn, where there will be chairs available so you can sit down and await the all-clear signal.

Q: Why do we have to do this?

A: As part of our church's Leading With Care policy, fire drills are mandated to take place at a minimum of every two years. We are required to report to Presbytery before the end of May that St. Andrew's has completed a Sunday morning emergency evacuation drill.

Q: How will I know what to do on that day?

A: Instructions will be given at the beginning of the service and repeated at the time of the drill. There will be designated people available to answer questions and give directions.

Q: What if I want to leave before the fire drill?

A: We will be asking that no cars exit the parking lot during the drill before the all clear has sounded. The drill should take less than five minutes, but if you are concerned about time, please do not park in the parking lot.

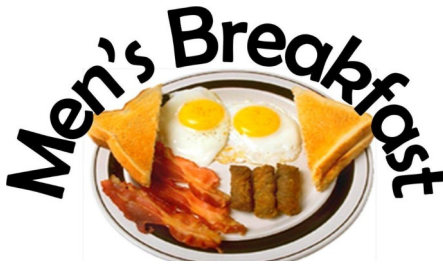
Q: What can I do to help?

A: Be here for worship on that day, to help us be ready in case of emergency. Contact Rev. Jan to offer to help that day. We will give you a task and provide detailed instructions as well as having support available to answer questions.

Thank you for your co-operation in advance.

Rev. Jan Hazlett





## Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Saturday, April 8, 2017

*McDougall United Church* 8:30 am breakfast

located at 8516 Athabasca St. SE

Guest Speaker—Brian Dowse (slide show) regarding his work in Ethiopia for two years

Cost—\$5.00 collected at tables

Come meet new people and enjoy an interesting presentation and a healthy, hearty breakfast. Please pre-register at the Sign-up Centre. Let's make a good showing, as they did in January at our breakfast!

### **PRESBYTERIANS GATHERING Saturday, April 8**

**Grace Presbyterian Church**, 1009 – 15 Avenue SW, Calgary will be hosting this event on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

The gathering will be held in the gym at Grace Church from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person payable at the door. Call 403 244 5861 to register. Featured speakers: the Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris, Moderator for the 140th General Assembly and the Rev. Dr. Jean Morris, Moderator for the 131st General Assembly

Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church initiated this annual event four years ago in an attempt to foster closer ties and relationships between the men and women of all the Presbyterian churches in the Calgary-Macleod Presbytery.

## SPRING FUN DAY

All children are invited to join us in Trinity Hall for a morning of fun (Butterfield Acres farm animals, crafts and games) on **Saturday, April 22**. Please sign up, or let the church office know you'll be attending (403-255-0001).

**Crafts (10 am -11 am) Butterfield Acres mini-farm (11 am - 12 pm)**

**Games (12 pm - 12:30 pm)**



**The Ujamaa Grandmas Unused Fabric and Yarn Sale will be held on Friday, April 21, 2:00 pm - 7:30 pm, and Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at Woodcliff United Church, 5010 Spruce Dr. SW.** Currently we are seeking donations of any unused yarns and fabrics (one meter in length unless it is specialty or quilting fabric). Sewing and knitting notions are also appreciated. If you would like to thin out your storage cupboard, please bring your donation to the St. Andrew's office by Easter Sunday, April 16. Please clearly mark your bags "Grandmas". Thank you for your contributions.

Jane Anne Spoering

## SEDER DINNER - APRIL 13, TRINITY HALL, 5:30 pm



The Seder dinner is a traditional ceremonial retelling of the story of Passover that Jews have celebrated for more than 2000 years. Matthew, Mark and Luke all point out that Jesus celebrated Passover and the Seder with his disciples on the night before he was betrayed.

This year, as we live into the Easter story, we want to provide you the chance to experience this night the way Jesus and his disciples might have.

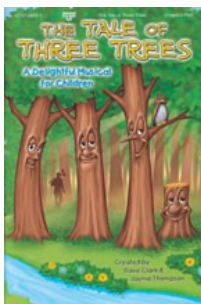
Join us with your family at 5:30 pm for a simple supper in Trinity Hall followed by Rabbi Shaul Osadchey leading us through the story of the Passover. All ages are invited to come and find out what makes this night different from every other night.

## GETTING ACQUAINTED PIZZA SOCIAL - SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 12:45 P.M.

Are you a newcomer to St. Andrew's who would like to know more about our congregation? Perhaps you are a long-time attendee who would like to know more about St. Andrew's structure? If either of these definitions apply



to you, please join us for a Getting Acquainted Pizza Social in the Upper Room on Sunday, April 23 at 12:45 pm. This is your opportunity to learn more about our congregation's history, organization, and layout. Best of all you will have an opportunity to meet and get to know many other members of our church family. We will be serving pizza and refreshments. There is no cost, but to assist in our planning we would like to know how many persons to expect. Please preregister at the sign-up centre in the church foyer. We hope that you will be able to join us on Sunday April 23.



If you have any questions,  
please contact Debby Dorcas

### Sunday, May 14 we will be presenting an intergenerational musical **THE TALE OF THREE TREES** at both worship services.

**Teens, Young Adults, and Adults:** If you would like to sing with us, we'd love to have you participate! A 'musical packet' will be available April 2 (and following Sundays) at the sign-up desk that will contain a practice schedule and practice CDs.

**Church School Children:** We will be practicing a song during your Church School Classes in April and May that is part of the May 14 musical. You will not need to attend any extra practices during the week. CDs and an explanation letter will be passed out by your Church School teacher on April 2 to all parents/ caregivers.



## ANNUAL SPRING HEALTH FAIR, MONDAY MAY 1, 2017

The Nursing Health Ministry in conjunction with the Heritage Seniors group will present the following topics:

### Be an aging visionary

An overview on the latest treatments and ways to prevent common eye conditions in an aging population. Guest speaker will be Dr. Lowe, from Chinook Optometric Clinic.

### Are you at risk for diabetes?

Join a representative from Diabetes Canada (formerly the Canadian Diabetes Association) for an information session on the risk factors and signs and symptoms. Learn how to prevent and manage diabetes through healthy lifestyle behaviors.

Each session will run from 10:30 am -11:10 am and from 11:15 am -11:55 am.

**Be proactive about your own health!** Come and join us. Everyone welcome!



## IMPROVEMENTS AND REDEVELOPMENT

**A permanent screen and ceiling-mounted projector** will be installed in the coming month in the Karl English Lounge.

**A new photocopier** is being installed in the office. If you are part of a ministry that uses the copier, you will be assigned an access code.

**Session has recently approved the redevelopment of the chancel** area of the sanctuary to create a safer environment and provide more flexible and functional use of the space. The project will involve removal of all chancel pews, steps and the pulpit to create a large, flat, multi-purpose surface accessed by steps with a handrail. The majority of the project will be completed during July. We will be 'open for worship' during this time, but will not be able to use the sanctuary for much else. More information will be available closer to the start date but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to Lynn Judd or Tom McIntyre.

**On May 28th, Ascension Sunday**, we will be hosting the Rev. Dr. Charles Fensham, Professor, Knox College.

We look forward to sharing more information about his pending visit in the next News From the Pews.



## SPRING INTO SONG

Mark your calendars for **June 10 to "Spring into Song"** in support of the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**. This fundraiser concert will support the international work of bringing grain to parts of the world afflicted by drought or famine. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$1 for children. Child care will be provided. All donations will receive a tax receipt, and all funds are matched by the government of Canada 4:1.

## Answers to **EASTER QUIZ** (PAGE 2)

1. The Last Supper occurred before Peter denied knowing Jesus. Read Matthew 26:26-30 for an account of the Last Supper, and Matthew 26:69-75 for an account of the denial.
2. The shape of a pretzel resembles arms folded in prayer. They are often consumed during Lent, especially in Europe.
3. Easter is a movable feast. It can occur between March 22 and April 25. The process is actually fairly complex as it is based on lunisolar cycles. Basically, Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21.
4. Pilate released Barabbas (Matthew 27:26)
5. Jesus is buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. (Matthew 27:57-60)
6. A few symbols of Easter are the cross, bunnies, grapevine, lilies, chicks, baskets, eggs, hot cross buns and pretzels.
7. Lent is a 40-day period beginning on Ash Wednesday.
8. Although there is some disagreement, it seems most likely that the word Easter came from the name for the pagan goddess Eostre.
9. Rebirth
10. Catholics used to bring Easter dinner (in baskets) to mass to be blessed.



### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **Maundy Thursday—April 13**

Seder dinner at 5:30 pm followed by a  
7:30 pm service

#### **Good Friday—April 14 at 10:30 am**

#### **Easter Sunday—April 16 at 9:30 am & 11:15 am**

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