

THE WONDER OF EASTER

'...Like a lamb to the slaughter...' Isaiah 53:7

Journalist-missionary Pierre van Paassen tells how prior to World War II, Nazi soldiers arrested an aging rabbi, stripped him naked, and demanded that he preach the sermon he'd prepared for the following Sabbath. With great dignity the old man asked if he could wear his yarmulke and his captors agreed, thinking it added greatly to the joke. Then, while they jeered and prodded him, the elderly rabbi talked about what it means to walk humbly before God. Phil Yancey writes: 'When I read of the torture and execution of Jesus, I think of that naked rabbi standing humiliated in a police station. And I can't fathom the indignity and shame endured by God's Son...the bullying game of Blind Man's Bluff in the high priest's courtyard...the professional thuggery of Pilate's and Herod's guards...the catcalls of spectators up the long road to Calvary, and finally the cross itself...I marvel at the self-restraint God showed throughout history, allowing the Genghis Khans, the Hitlers, and the Stalins to have their way. But nothing compares to the self-restraint shown that dark Friday in Jerusalem...Legions of angels awaited His command. One word and the ordeal would end.' Isaiah said, 'He was "led like a lamb to the slaughter, and...he did not open his mouth."' Jesus could have appealed to His Father, and He would have provided 'more than 80,000 angels' (Matthew 26:53 AMP). Instead He chose to endure the cross and its shame to save you. That's the wonder of Easter! Source: The Word for Today.

Sabbath, April 4th , 2015
10:45-12:15

Musical Interlude
10:45 - 11:00
Trudy Morgan-Cole

Welcome & Announcements
New Life

Worship through Praise
New Life

Worship through Giving
New Life
Local Church Budget

Worship through Prayer
New Life

Children's Story
New Life

Special Music
New Life

Worship through Meditation
New Life
Responsive Reading

Worship through the Word
New Life

Worship through Commitment
New Life

Benediction

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Lode Gordon

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Don Morgan

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Jerry Lazarov

Children's Story
Kirk Norine

Sab. School Super.
Paul Veber

Joshua Veber
Kevin Blake

Church Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs
10 am - 12:30 pm

Service Times:

Sabbath School: Saturday 9:25 am
Worship Service: Saturday 11:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesday 7:15 pm

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Sabbath School Program

Song Service: 9:25 - 9:40 a.m.

Adult Lesson Discussion - 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Children's Divisions: 9:25 - 10:40 a.m.

Superintendent: Sarah Milmine

Song Service: Trudy Morgan-Cole/Lori Lazarov Group

Adult Quarterly PROVERBS

"The Coming of Jesus"

Class#1

Back Sanctuary Ken Corkum

Class#2

Parents' Room Margaret Moore

Beginners: Carmen Rowse

Kindergarten: Angie Hodder

Primary: Nikki Norine

Earliteen/Teen: Phillip Mimine

Downstairs Right

Downstairs Right

Downstairs Right

Downstairs Left

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests today! If you are visiting for the first time, or if you are returning to worship, we pray that you will be blessed and find the love of Jesus here today.

TITHE & OFFERINGS: Today's offering is for Local Church Budget. Please give generously when waited upon by the deacons. ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE: Please visit the SDA website at www.stjohnssda.org

MASDAS: Please join the Adventist Youth and MASDAS today at 2:00 pm, as we minister in song to the residence of St. Patrick of Mercy retirement home, 146 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's. The seniors will appreciate your visit! For more information, please speak with any MASDAS member.

KINGSWAY COLLEGE PREVIEW WEEKEND 2015: "Are you in grade 8-11 and still deciding on what high school to go to in September? Join us on April 17-19, 2015 for a campus tour, a showcase of our touring groups, and the opportunity to mingle with our students, faculty and staff! Food and lodging is free and travel expense reimbursement is available, where conditions apply. You must have a parent/adult guardian with you for the weekend. To register, contact 905-433-1144 ext. 211 or admissions@kingswaycollege.on.ca

ADRA: Our church received a thank you letter for the \$2,506.80 we donated to ADRA in 2014. These funds helped to bring relief and emergency supplies to refugees in South Sudan, Ukraine, Syria, and Iraq and helped with healthy food contributions to families in Rwanda, Mongolia, and Cambodia.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our Church Board has given authorization to Angie Hodder to conduct a program in the fellowship hall for Kindergarten and primary children from 11:00 to 12:15 on April 18 and June 27. The curtain will be drawn to prevent distractions from those needing to use the facilities downstairs.

A BIG BILL: It comes each year, but we are always shocked to see our Church Expense budget take a major decline, after we pay our Property Insurance Bill totalling \$4642. A huge thank you to those who support our Church Budget and Church Expense and help us keep our bills paid. As you can imagine, our snowclearing and salting services have been very costly this winter as well, to say nothing of the cost of heating our church. Thank the Lord for faithful supporters.

WARM HEARTS IN MEMORIAM FUND: A big thank you to those of you who have made donations to our Warm Hearts In Memoriam Fund in memory of a loved one. We have received donations during March in memory of Gertie Ellis, and Violet Lucas. We currently have \$3,173.50 in the fund.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Happy birthday wishes to Shanna Nyathi who celebrates her birthday today, April 4th. Love, and best wishes from your husband Kelvin, Kian, Chelsea, Ryan, and your church family. God bless.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Cecila Locke and family on the passing of a dear husband and father, William Locke on March 29th. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: In all the details of life the strictest principles of honesty are to be maintained. As Christians we serve God irrespective of all selfish gain. - "My Life Today" p. 330.

SOUP KITCHEN: We are exploring the possibility of expanding our outreach to the community by serving a weekly hot meal to those in need in our neighbourhood. If you would be willing to be part of a team to help plan and lead this outreach, please speak to Trudy Morgan-Cole.

GOSPEL OUTREACH: Dear Church Family – it is so wonderful to see God working in our midst with Gospel Outreach. Thanks for your support and your prayers. Let's continue to do what we can to advance Jesus' return. Don't forget to mark your Tithe Envelopes (GO), Gospel Outreach. God bless.

ADRA: ADRA Canada is planning service trips this fall. An information sheet on the places and dates of these trips is in the mailboxes or you may visit their website at www.adra.ca/connections.

DEPRESSION RECOVERY TRAINING: We would like to complete our list of names for this training by May 15th. If you have any questions, please see Shanna Nyathi

SUNSET THIS WEEK: 7:34 PM

SUNSET NEXT WEEK: 7:44 PM

- April 4th (Sabbath) St. Patrick's Mercy Home 2 PM
- April 11th (Sabbath) Pearl House 2 PM
- April 13th (Monday) Board Meeting 7 PM
- April 15th (Wednesday) Woody Acres Application Deadline
- April 17th-19th (Weekend) Kingsway College Preview
- April 18th (Sabbath) Children's Church 11 PM
- May 8th-10th (Weekend) NL Family Ministries Initiative
- May 15th (Friday) Depression Recovery Names Deadline
- May 22nd-24th (Weekend) Prayer Retreat Corner Brook
- June 27th (Sabbath) Children's Church 11 PM
- August 3rd-7th (Monday-Friday) VBS

Cecila Locke and family, Florence Pennell, Louise Stansbury, Linda Best & family, Margaret Brown, Della Worden, Bridget Oakley, Terry & Bonnie Alexander, Dixie Parsley, Mary White, Lorraine Noftal, Ray Fagan, Margaret Tucker, Annie Tucker, Richard Tucker, Warren Gallimore.

Prayer Thought: *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:6.7 NKJV