



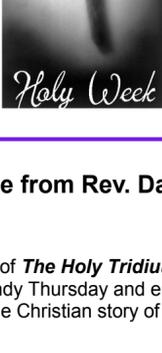
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## First United eNews

The place where you'll find up-to-date information about what's happening, what's new and what to expect in the church community.

March 28, 2013



### eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

Today marks the beginning of **The Holy Triduum**. These are three days that begin tonight with Maundy Thursday and end Easter Sunday evening. These days are central to the Christian story of Jesus' passion, death, burial and resurrection.

When we journey with Jesus along these steps through sorrow toward new life, we open ourselves to a soul journey along a similar path. These days are a yearly practice of our baptismal promise to live, die and rise into new life with Christ.

This year join us for:

**Maundy Thursday Worship - 7pm.** We will walk the stories of service in love, the Passover meal and end in the Garden of Gethsemane.

**Good Friday Worship - 10am.** Witness to a story of love and sorrow that transforms our lives.

**Holy Saturday Vigil - 7-9pm.** Come for a few minutes or linger for a while in the silence of a candle lit Sanctuary.

During this 'in-between' time, we will hold a vigil of prayer for God's world and ourselves. For Jesus is in the tomb.

**Easter Morning Fellowship - 6:30 am** All are welcome to help decorate the church and share in breakfast.

**Easter Sunday Worship - 10am.** Rejoice, Christ is Risen.

along the journey with you,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

PS: Forward this email to another person and invite them to worship during Holy Week.

### Faith Formation Desk

I look forward to our **Easter** celebration this Sunday. I will be speaking with the children about **new life** and we will be preparing something special that will transform our cross in the sanctuary.



The next **Godly Play** story we are preparing for **April 7 and 14** is based on **The Lord's Prayer**. The children will have an opportunity to work with this prayer and to consider other ways we pray.

The next Sunday morning **"Life in the Basement"** (youth discussion group) is **April 14**.

Easter blessings of transformation and new life!

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator

### Youth Group Sharing

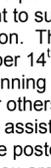
Last Friday the Youth Group got truly connected - with ropes, harnesses and lots of fun!

This was a wonderful time of intergenerational group work, which is another gift of being a church family!

Youth Group is open to all youth grades 7-12. If you would like more information about the Youth Group, call Eleanor Heesing at 780-992-0944.

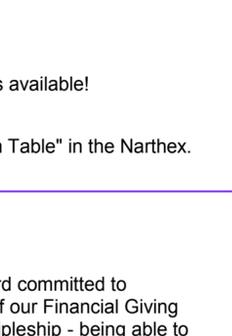


### Holy Week

		<b>First United Church</b>	
<b>March 24</b>	Palm Sunday Worship With Holy Communion	10 a.m.	
<b>March 28</b>	Maundy Thursday Worship	7 p.m.	
<b>March 29</b>	Good Friday Worship	10 a.m.	
<b>March 29</b>	Walk of the Cross Meet at the Fire Hall	12 p.m.	
<b>March 30</b>	Easter Vigil	7-9 p.m.	
<b>March 31</b>	Easter Sunday Worship	10 a.m.	
<i>Please join us as we celebrate. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!</i>		 10409-100 Ave Fort Saskatchewan 780-998-4060 <a href="mailto:fspc@shaw.ca">fspc@shaw.ca</a> <a href="http://www.fsunited.org">www.fsunited.org</a>	

### Run for Jesus

Megan Blumhagen and Moira Buck are planning a community 10/5km run and walk event to support the church and a non-profit organization. The event is prospected to be on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There are many logistics to planning the event and both women are looking for others in the church that would be interested in assisting with the planning. A sign up list will be posted in the future for required volunteers. If you are interested in the planning please contact Megan at [msblumhagen@hotmail.com](mailto:msblumhagen@hotmail.com) or 780-996-0609 for our next meeting.



### Sabbatical: Questions & Answers

Current information about our Minister's Sabbatical is available!

[~Click here~](#)

Printed copies will be available on the "Mission in Action Table" in the Narthex.

### From the Board

At the Congregational Meeting in February your Board committed to partnering with the congregation to raise the profile of our Financial Giving and Stewardship. This is a wonderful part of our discipleship - being able to financially support the work of God's church.

For our next growing opportunity, the Board has invited **Kathryn Hofley** of the **United Church of Canada** to visit with us and offer a workshop: **"Church Finance - Where do We Go From Here"** Saturday April 20th, from 9:30 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided!

Kathryn has been to our church twice prior, but focused on the areas of bequeaths and wills. This time we are focusing on understanding our congregation's approach to money (budgeting, giving, deficit) and how we can faithfully keep moving forward.

This is ALL our work, and the Board invites your participation. This is your opportunity to learn, and contribute to this important aspect of our life together.

Please RSVP to the church office. [fspc@shaw.ca](mailto:fspc@shaw.ca) / 998.4060.

Thank you  
Jackie St. Goddard  
Board Chair

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