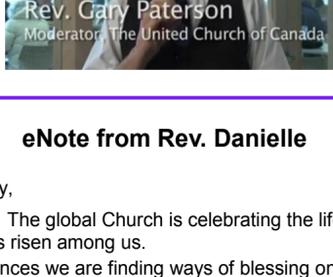




## First United eNews

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.

April 4, 2013



### eNote from Rev. Danielle

Dear First Family,

Blessed Easter! The global Church is celebrating the life-changing news that God is risen among us.

Across the provinces we are finding ways of blessing one another with the hope of the season.

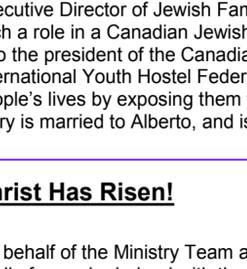
United Church of Canada Moderator, Gary Peterson asks people to put on "Resurrection glasses" to see the vents in our lives in new ways.

[Watch the video here.](#)

along the journey with you,

[Rev. Danielle](#)

### Sunday Worship



Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Sermon Title:  
**Demanding Proof!**

Preacher:  
**Larry Derkach (LLWL)**

### Christ Has Risen!

On behalf of the Ministry Team at First United, I want give my heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped with the AV and Music Ministry during the Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Each service during Holy Week and Easter had a different group of musicians. I especially appreciate your flexibility and willingness to work together as Emerging Ensembles to help make our worship music so meaningful. I want to acknowledge to the work the AV Ministry did to ensure that all musicians had mikes and that the sound blended to the Glory of God!

See you in Worship.

With thanks  
Camille

### Youth Group

**This Friday, April 5:** "Doin' Life" ....at Hannah's House!

Drop off: 7:00 p.m. at First United Church

Pick up: 9:30 p.m. at First United Church

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.

### Canada Day : Urgent

The City of Fort Saskatchewan has made a few changes to the Canada Day format, and they have asked if we will still be doing a hamburger booth on July 1st. We do have some options and this may be the year to change our focus a bit but still be part of the festivities and host a fundraiser at the same time. We require one or two people to organize this. I will need your reply no later than April 22, 2013. I will discuss the options available when you call. Jackie at 780-998-3851.

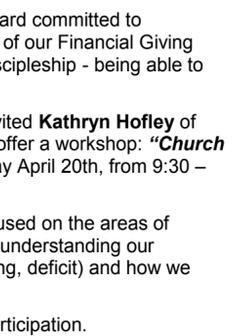
### ICPM: Bissell Centre Lunch



Every Sunday the Bissell Centre holds a Church service and offers a free lunch for about 300 inner city people. Various churches organize the volunteers and prepare and serve the lunch. On **Sunday, April 28, First United Church** and **Ottwell United Church** are hosting the Bissell Lunch. We need two sets of volunteers: some to prepare sandwiches, fruit, veggies, sweets, etc., and some to go to the Bissell Centre for to join them for their service and serve food afterwards. The sign up sheet will be in the foyer starting this Sunday.

### 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.



### Spring Concert: Alberta Bound

The Josephburg Choral Society will be joining in community with First United Church on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available in in the church foyer today. Children 12 and under are free. [Click here](#) to see the poster.

### Sabbatical: Questions & Answers

Current information about our Minister's Sabbatical is available!

[-Click here-](#)

Printed copies will 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 gathering 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

Please regularly check-out our website at [fsunited.org](http://fsunited.org) to keep yourselves updated about our coming events, and to listen to our recorded sermons.

We invite you to spread the news about what God is doing through First United by forwarding this email to someone.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at [fspc@shaw.ca](mailto:fspc@shaw.ca) or call 780-998-4060.

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