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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.

April 18, 2013

# SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Dear First Family,

This Sunday we'll celebrate spiritual gifts! You will have an opportunity to consider the gifts you use in your life.

Come prepared to see balloons and ribbons in the sanctuary. It will be colourful exploration of the gifts of the Spirit in action.

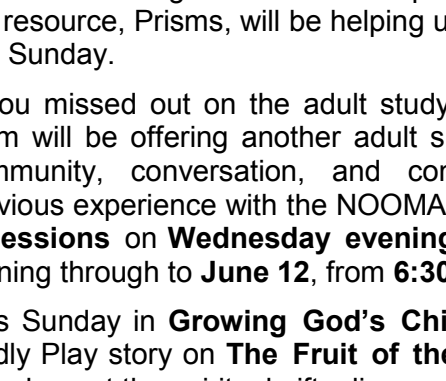
Come be a part of God's action in this community!

See you Sunday,  
[Rev. Danielle](#)

### Sunday Worship

*Spiritual Gifts.*

*Colours of One Prism*



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

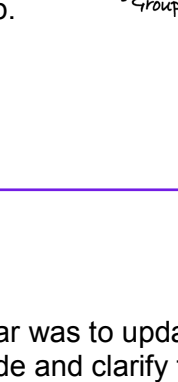
Sermon Title:  
**Spiritual Gifts: Colours of One Prism**

"Prisms" Small Group Ministry  
Nancy Chegus  
Rev. Danielle A. James

### Evening Worship in Light and Song

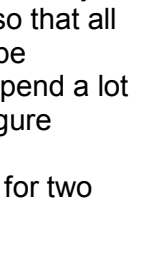
**This Sunday at 7:00 p.m.**

A candlelit service with music in the style of Taizé. Join with others in this gentle way that renews your spirit through prayer and song.

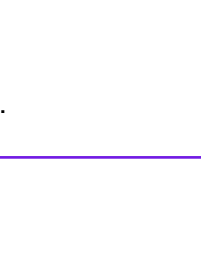


### Faith Formation Desk

We are still in the season of Easter and focusing on our response to the good news. Participants of our Lenten study on the resource, Prisms, will be helping us explore our spiritual gifts this Sunday.



If you missed out on the adult study during Lent, the ministry team will be offering another adult small group opportunity for community, conversation, and connection. Building on a previous experience with the NOOMA videos, we will be offering **4 sessions on Wednesday evenings** beginning **May 22** and running through to **June 12**, from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



This Sunday in **Growing God's Children** we are beginning a Godly Play story on **The Fruit of the Spirit**. We hope this will complement the spiritual gifts discovery happening in worship.

Faithfully yours,

[Nancy Chegus](#)

Faith Formation Coordinator

### Update From Your Board

One of the areas of work that the Board committed to this year was to update, revise and make new policies where warranted. Policies guide and clarify the work being done throughout our Church. Policies set parameters so that all know what to expect and the procedures are in place for things to be done. This effectively eliminates the need to micro manage or to spend a lot of time re-inventing the wheel so to speak by constantly trying to figure something out.

This will be ongoing however to date we have completed revisions for two policies:

- [Church Rental Policy](#)
- [Security/Key System Policy](#)

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these policies.

As more policies are updated or made, we will keep you informed.

### Upcoming Events

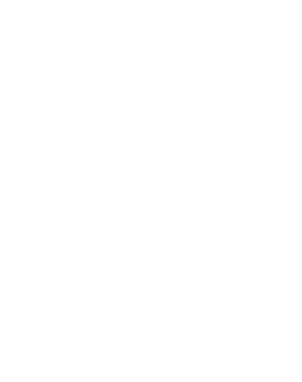
#### Church Finance Workshop

A final invitation for members of the congregation to join in the "Finances! Where Do We Go From Here" Workshop. **This Saturday April 20**, 9:30-1:00 pm. Special guest: Kathryn Hofley from the United Church General Council Office. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to [fspc@shaw.ca](mailto:fspc@shaw.ca) or 780-998-4060.

Click [here](#) for more information.

#### Run For Jesus

Megan Blumhagen and Moira Buck are planning a fundraiser community 10/5km run and walk event to support the church and a non-profit organization. The event is prospected to be on **September 14th**, 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. The next planning meeting is Sunday, **April 28** following worship. For more information, please contact Megan at [msblumhagen@hotmail.com](mailto:msblumhagen@hotmail.com) or 780-996-0609.



#### Spring Concerts

**Alberta Bound: Josephburg Choral Society**—Saturday, **April 27** at 7:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

**One Voice: Bach to Pop**—Friday, **May 3** at 7:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Community Learning

Are you interested in learning about food justice and strengthening our local food system? Do you want to connect with others and share ways of increasing accessibility to health food in Edmonton? Trinity United Church has partnered with the Edmonton Food Bank to sponsor a workshop event on **April 26 & 27th**. Check out the [details here!](#)



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