



John Black Memorial United Church

Easter Newsletter 2018

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February 13: Shrove Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. at Gordon-King

A pancake supper to mark the last day before Lent is being hosted by Gordon-King Memorial, 127 Cobourg.

February 14: Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m. at North Kildonan

This service marks the first day of Lent and will take place at North Kildonan United Church, 174 Pentland St.

March 29: Maundy Thursday Seder/Agape Meal, 6:30 p.m. at John Black

We remember Jesus' last supper with an Agape meal at John Black. More details to come.

March 30: Good Friday, 11 a.m. at John Black

We mark Jesus' death with a special service at John Black.

April 1: Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. at Immanuel United

An Easter sunrise service and breakfast celebrates Jesus' resurrection, at Immanuel United, 755 Golspie St.

April 1, Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. at John Black

We come together for an Easter service at John Black.



SHARING THE EASTER STORY

How do you tell the Easter story again in a new way?

Why tell it in a new way? He's alive! That's it. Now go home.

Oh, you want more?

Ok. Let's see... where do we start?

What part of this glorious mystery have you not heard before? How can it move you today to shout "Alleluia!"?

Mary and the **women** were last at the cross; now they are first at Jesus' tomb. When the Sabbath ends, the **women** who had remained at the cross go to the market to buy spices.

Though their hopes in Jesus seem to have ended, they still plan to prepare Jesus' body for burial, wrapping it in cloths with spices to mask the odour of death.

The **women** go to the tomb, worried about how they will roll away the



heavy stone sealing the opening of the cave-like tomb. Where are the men?

What part of this glorious mystery have you not heard before? How can it move you today to shout "Alleluia!"?

A young man robed in white tells them that Jesus is not there, but has been raised.

The original manuscripts of Mark end abruptly at 16:8. "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them;

and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Yet news of the Resurrection spreads.

The **women** are alarmed and amazed in the presence of this mystery. Perhaps they are filled with "terror and amazement" because they do understand that, from now on, life will be utterly changed.

In the additional verses of Mark, the young man says that Jesus is going before them—as a shepherd leads a flock—into

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PLANS FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY, AND OTHER INFO

An update from your Worship Interest Group:

Welcome Lori DesAutels to the Worship Interest Group and for saying “yes” when approached by the nominating committee.

Thank you also to Elena and the choir for the special Advent music, for musical leadership at the Christmas Eve services, and for preparing already for Lent and Easter.

Since both Cathy and Ken were at the January 28 service (followed by the AGM) they again accepted the challenge of presenting a meditation based on a scripture passage chosen by WIG and read just before the reflection time. Ask members of the congregation about the results of hearing Philippians 4:6 in the two reflections.

During the season of Lent, as we prepare for the passion of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, the Worship Interest Group is going to try something new during Sunday morning worship.

We will be hearing the play *Father & Son, Son & Father: A Passion Play* by Rev. Neville Boundy, and

then having a chance for discussion afterwards.

Our hope is that this will provide us with time for reflection and conversation and help us all to see the events of Christ’s passion in new and meaningful ways.

Some of the special days of Lent will be shared with our JIGGN (John Black, Immanuel, Gordon-King, Grey Street, North Kildonan) friends so please each week check the bulletin for time and place information.

A February 13, 5-7 p.m. Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is being hosted by Gordon King Memorial (127 Cobourg Avenue); an Ash Wednesday service February 14 at 7 p.m. will be at North Kildonan United (174 Pentland Street); a Maundy Thursday Seder/Agape meal will be at John Black March 29 at 6:30 p.m. (more details to follow).

Part of our Lenten journey beginning Tuesday, February 20, is a five-week book study, “*So What? That was Then, This is Now,*” being

led by Ken. How do the events of over 2,000 years ago mean anything to me today? We will read the scriptures and ask why we believe any of this today in our lives. Bring a lunch and your curiosity.

The next meeting of the JIGGN group is April 24 where summer services

will be discussed. If you attended, or did not attend, last summer’s joint services and have comments or suggestions we would be happy to hear them for discussion in the group. (Contact Mary Bradshaw, Donna Fabbri, Cathy Sokolowski, Jim or Edith Treller.)

FIND YOURSELF IN THE ON-GOING STORY

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Galilee, the place where his ministry began; where he first called people to follow him into living in God’s reign, to form a new community.

It may be that Christ’s return to Galilee completes the full circle of Jesus’ ministry. Perhaps it is an indication that Jesus’ ministry is not finished but will begin again, in the life and ministry of the disciples.

Go back to the start and remember and share the story, the learning, and the love.

The conclusion of Mark’s story invites readers to find themselves in the ongoing story.

The Easter story continues to be told in the words and deeds of the faithful. Mary started the procession. She broke the silence Mark imposed in his story. We are invited to continue it.

So, how are you doing as a disciple? Are you like the women who risked and spoke out telling the impossible story? Or are you like the others, personally faithful and a believer who stays in the comfortable room where all is safe?

Can you shout out the ancient Easter greeting that defines our story of faith?

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

Ken DeLisle

Mark your calendar for our annual market day: June 2

EARTH DAY PANEL DISCUSSIONS ON LAKE WINNIPEG PLANNED

The John Black Green Interest Group is busy planning a panel discussion on environmentally threatened Lake Winnipeg.

The free event will take place at John Black United on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The group has so far secured The Honourable Terry Duguid, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South (and former John Black member) to act as moderator and panelist to discuss how the federal government's \$25.7-million grant is being used to help in the toxic algae cleanup.

Also speaking will be Dr. Scott Higgins, a research scientist with the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the Experimental Lakes Area. Dr. Higgins will discuss the problem of zebra mussels in Lake Winnipeg and the Red River and what the public can do to help.

Dr. Alexis Kanu, who was a panelist



"We are water. What we do to water we do to ourselves."

Quote from *Water Is*, by Nina Muneanu

for the group's event on Lake Winnipeg four years, ago, will discuss the changes in the lake since then and what has been happening.

A First Nations spokesperson will address the drinking water issues on

reserves bordering on Lake Winnipeg.

After a coffee break, there will be a question and answer period.

Posters and more information will be out soon. Please plan to attend.

"Man in Black" coming to John Black

The John Black Foundation is hosting a fundraising concert on April 27 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Johnny Cash impersonator Aaron Prociuk.

Aaron, who grew up in East St. Paul, launched his A.R. Cash show in 2013 as a tribute to Johnny Cash's music from the 1950s and 60s. His performance always

attracts ardent fans of the man in black—folks who appreciate his efforts to keep the history and legacy of Johnny Cash's music going strong.

Tickets for the show are \$20 and will be available in the weeks leading up to the concert. Mark your calendars now for this special evening of musical entertainment.



Aaron Prociuk as Johnny Cash

2017 tax receipts are now ready. Please pick yours up and save us the cost of postage.

ODDS AND ENDS...

World Day of Prayer: On Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. John Black will host the World Day of Prayer service, written by women of Suriname. Please come to participate in the service and to enjoy conversation and refreshments with our church neighbours from St. Alphonsus Catholic, St. Stephens Anglican, Grace Lutheran, and Cornerstone Baptist.

Pancake breakfast: Another Trustees' pancake breakfast extravaganza is coming on Saturday, April 14 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Robertson Hall. Bring your family and friends to enjoy some pancakes, sausages, orange slices, coffee, tea and orange juice. There will also be a silent auction. Tickets are \$10 for folks 10 years and up, children under 10 years of age are free if they attend with adults. The family price (maximum four people) is \$25. Tickets will be on sale starting in late March after worship services, and at the door.



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The Leadership Team meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. from September to June.