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## E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 206th Edition - March 28th, 2024

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### From the Rector

We usually think of lightning as coming down from the clouds, and in a way it does. What we perceive as lightning is the result of two electric charges—one coming from the cloud and the other coming from the ground—which, when they meet, makes lightning.

So like lightning leaps up to the sky, Easter's about how Jesus leaped up back to God holding the keys of death and hell in his hands. He leaped up like lightning—divine lightning. In his gospel, Matthew tells us that an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and his appearance was "like lightning." In other words, the angel shared the divine life, and was there to tell the women at the tomb that Christ had been raised in order that they, too, might share the divine life. But *how*?

In the midst of everyday living, that's how. The angel told the women who came to the empty tomb that they were to tell Jesus' disciples that he had risen and had gone before them into Galilee. That is to say, the risen Christ had returned to the place of their earlier fellowship; he had gone to meet his disciples in the midst of the ordinary lives. In the light of the resurrection of this familiar stranger, they came to understand our own stories and part in Jesus' death. John records that Peter was asked three times, "Do you love me?" because he had to recognize himself as the one who played his part in betraying Jesus by denying him three times. But that recognition also brought forgiveness. Being forgiven unleashed in Peter the energy and power to preach the truth of Jesus' resurrection in the very place and to the very people who were accomplices in killing him.

All of which is to say, if we can accept Jesus' command to go back to Galilee, to our own roots in the everyday, to recognize our sinful old selves but also to receive the forgiveness won by his resurrection, then we shall know the newness of life, the resurrection life in our deepest God-created selves. We shall, in other words, live, actually personify, the deep truth of last week and today's liturgical observances for we will be as those who have marched from the deadness of our former lives to the new life which finds its pattern and power in Christ's resurrection. And that will be as breathtakingly beautiful and stirring as any Easter service.

So after our Easter celebration on Sunday, I pray we may see that the world is not only—or

even— a place of unremitting pain. Because it's also a place electrified and illuminated with the glorious energy of resurrection. May we know that it is a world in which we can even now, even in the midst of our ordinary lives, encounter the Risen One. May we feel his resurrection stirring within ourselves. May we leap up in the power of life he now lives.

Grace and peace,  
Leighton

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**As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some companionship. Even a chat over the fence!**

**Called to Life-Compelled to Love**

**Andrea Douglas  
Gene Anne Smith**

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## **GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Friday, March 29 – Good Friday**

**12 noon** The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Day**

**8:30 am** Holy Eucharist

**10:30 am** Sung Eucharist *Dr Timothy Pyper, guest organist*

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**TUESDAY APRIL 16TH at 2 p.m. in ADDISON HALL**

*The Third Presentation in a Series of Speakers at St Marks Church*

**How Canadian Aerospace Scientists  
helped save  
Apollo 13 Astronauts from certain death.**

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Doctor Rod Tennyson Professor Emeritus was part of a team from the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies that helped the Apollo 13 spacecraft astronauts land safely back on Earth on April 17, 1970.

Rod will walk us through the gripping survival story of three courageous astronauts who were attempting a third lunar landing. Unfortunately, the Apollo mission had to be aborted due to a severe malfunction of both the electrical and life-support systems of the spacecraft. Instead of landing on the Moon, the astronauts looped around it and Rod and his fellow team members were able to help these courageous men return safely to Earth -their faith in God also inspired them to survive.

Despite unfortunate setbacks, the Apollo 13 expedition has since been regarded "as a successful failure" because valuable technical experience was gained in rescuing the crew.

If you are interested in brave human beings and how faith plays into the wish to survive, please join us on Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, and enjoy fellowship, cookies, and coffee:  
Please contact Dorothy Walker @905 262 6605 or email [walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com](mailto:walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com)

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## **The St. Mark's Cherry Festival**

**Saturday July 6th, 2024**

### **The Haute Emporium requests your help and support.**

We are happy to receive gently used clothing such as men's jackets, coats, sweaters, ties and trousers.

Ladies donations can include hats, purses, accessories, shoes, belts, and gently worn clothing items such as coats and jackets, sweaters, pants, blouses, skirts, pantsuits, evening gowns, sporting attire and casual wear.

We also hope to receive artwork, sculptures, silverware, China and crystal, treasures, garden statues, small pieces of furniture, lamps and collectibles, blankets, tablecloths, and books.

### **When you are cleaning out your closets and cupboards please remember us!**

Tax receipts will be issued for things valued over \$100.00. Donations will be professionally appraised.

We will happily arrange for pick up closer to the date.

If you require pick up please call one of the ladies below:

Trudi Watson 905 468 3314

Elizabeth Jamison 416 577 0750

Dana Lutton 705 349-0324

**Please let your friends and relatives know we are accepting donations! Be sure to share the date of St. Mark's Cherry Festival - July 6th - with your families, friends and neighbours.**

***We hope to make this year's Cherry Festival the best ever!***

Kindest regards,

Trudi, Elizabeth and Dana

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### **Parish Updates**

#### ***In-Person Sunday Services***

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

#### ***On Duty this Week***

**March 31, 2024 - Greeter(s)** - Chris Bjorgan and Marilyn Bardeau

**Reader** -Donna Belleville

**Intercessor** - Larry Bourk

**Server** - John Shaver, Sue Baxter and Virginia Mainprize

**Altar Guild** - Virginia Mainprize, Jennifer Smith and Dorothy Walker

#### ***Order of Service***

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

#### ***Church Bells***

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

#### ***Staying Up to Date!***

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [View our recent E-](#)

## Newsletters

Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep the cemetery tidy. This includes trimming around the church building and memorial garden, branch and twig clean up after high winds, watering newly planted trees and assistance with shoveling earth into holes around the cemetery. Periodically we do require help laying sod in certain areas of the cemetery as well as the removal of large tree limbs after heavy winds.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sally Mitchell [here](#).

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### LARD COUNTDOWN

**NEEDED: 200 1LB PACKAGES OF TENDERFLAKE LARD**

**RECEIVED: 170**

### **CHERRY FESTIVAL 2024** **SATURDAY JULY 6th**

**The St. Mark's "pie ladies" plan to make 700 cherry pies for this year's Cherry Festival!**

**Donations of Tenderflake Lard in 1 lb. packages would be greatly appreciated.**  
**Please drop off your donation to the office.**

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### CHERRY PIE MAKING

Pie makers are needed for four sessions from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on

**April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th and May 6th.**

If you are interested in joining a pie making team, please come to **Addison Hall** on the dates listed above. Please bring an apron and a rolling pin.

We also require **volunteers** to transport cherry pails and frozen pies to and from St. David's storage.

If you can help please [email Kathy Taylor here](#) or call 905-468-2536

### NEWCOMERS WELCOME



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**MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST**  
The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for  
**Wednesday April 3rd, 2024**  
please contact Greg Walker  
[gregoryfwalker@gmail.com](mailto:gregoryfwalker@gmail.com)  
for details

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**St. Mark's Kitchen offers**  
**Hunter's Chicken, Beef Cottage Pie, Lasagna, Pea Soup, and**  
**Stewed Tomatoes**

**and**  
**introducing**  
**Kathy Taylor's Chicken Lasagna**

*(selling out fast - get in to get yours before they are gone)*

**\*\*Pop into the office to get your meals\*\***

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**SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE**

**Roasted Tomato**

**Split Pea**

**Butternut Squash**

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In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Nancy Bongard, Anne Bookbinder, Larry and Joan Bourk and James Bourne and their families.

In the cycle of prayer for the Niagara Diocese we pray for St. Paul, Caledonia, The Reverend Janice Brooks, Rector; The Reverend Deacon Nancy McBride, Deacon, and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and the congregations of the Eastern area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

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Did you know ... will return next week.

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### **Bible Study via Zoom**

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. [rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com](mailto:rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com)

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