



STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

MARCH 24, 2024

As we enter into Holy Week may we take time to reflect on the things that Jesus would experience in those days. He washed the disciples' feet as an example of how we are to treat each other. It was an act of serving others.

We celebrate Communion because of the last meal Jesus had with His disciples—the bread symbolizing His broken body and the cup symbolizing His blood that was shed. As we ponder the crucifixion of Jesus, we are filled with sorrow at the cruel death that Jesus endured.

Three days later the tomb was empty! He is risen! He is risen indeed!! Our sins are forgiven and death has been conquered! Praise the Lord! May you experience the peace and love of our risen Lord this Easter!

- Pastor Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PALM SUNDAY

The story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival.
He went into the Temple
and looked around at everything.

As we gather here for worship today
may it be with a sense that Jesus
has walked in too, and is looking around.

May our eyes be open to see Him,
may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him,
may our worship be worthy of His presence,
and may we be transformed
so that we see the world through His eyes.
Amen.



WORSHIP – MY GOD

*How My God full of mercy heard our weeping
Came to bring us home again
My God takes the broken
And makes them whole*

*My God touched the leper raised the lame man
And He caused the blind to see
My God takes the broken
And makes them whole*

*My God stood for justice shamed the prideful
But He called the sinner friend
My God takes the broken
And makes them whole*

*My God felt the anguish of the soldier
Made his child to live again
My God takes the broken
And makes them whole*

*My God mocked and beaten crushed and
bleeding
Yet crying Father God forgive
My God became broken
To make me whole*

*My God knows my failures speaks forgiveness
Gives me strength to try again
My God takes the broken
And makes them whole*

PRAYER FOCUS – REJOICE YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU!

“Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble...” Zech. 9:9

“Praise God for the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!” Matthew 21:9

This week we will welcome around 30 kids and youth for our Spring Break Day Camp. Pray that, during this week leading up to Easter, they would encounter Jesus who came to us and made a way for us to God...all because of love!

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UPDATE FROM THE HR COMMITTEE

On March 9-10 Jon Klassen candidated at Mclvor Ave. Church for the 1.0 Teaching Pastor Position. Jon, and sometimes Lynnette, met with the HR and Search Committees, Council, Office Administrators and Kim. They toured the facility and Jon preached. They again visited informally for worship on March 17. Jon indicated they would like to be considered for the position.

On March 19 the Search/HR Committees and Council met to review the candidating process, communications and references and are making the following recommendation to the congregation:

Motion: that Jon Klassen be hired for the 1.0 Teaching Pastor position and Kim Stoesz for the 1.0 Lead Pastor position gradually transitioning to .7. (Moved by Henry Reimer, Second by Ed Redekopp)

The vote will be held on April 7, 2024 at a brief Congregational Meeting following the service.

Grace Tokle
HR Committee / Secretary

EASTER WEEK IS HERE!



Good Friday Service Keeping Vigil at the Cross – March 29, 10am

Join us for this imaginative retelling of the hours following Jesus' crucifixion, written by Ingrid Koss. Those who loved and followed Him believe He was sent by God to save them. Now they gather at the cross to honour the man who impacted them so profoundly, and to hope – in spite of the devastating evidence – that there is still new life to come. Be inspired by their stories of transformation and their hope for the future!



Easter Sunday

MARCH 31, 10AM

Celebrate the risen Jesus with us!

- Children's feature
- Flowering of the cross
- Paska and coffee in the gym

We invite you to bring flowers for the flowering of the cross and Paska to share.

Easter Sunday Service – March 31, 10am

We will celebrate the risen Jesus! Through the resurrection of Jesus, God conquered death and we live with the hope of eternity with Jesus. Our service will include a children's feature and the flowering of the cross. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

We will have some flowers on hand, we invite you to bring flowers for the flowering of the cross. Following the service, paska will be served in the gym. Please bring a paska to share that is iced, sliced and ready to serve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday-Thursday, 7:45am-5pm – Mclvor Spring Break Day Camp
- Tuesday, 6:30-8pm – Movers and Shakers Group
- Thursday, 9am, 5pm – Harvest Manitoba Food Bank
- Friday, 10am – Good Friday Service "Keeping Vigil at the Cross"
- March 31, 10am – Easter Sunday Service
- April 7 – Congregational Meeting and Vote following the Worship Service
- April 12, 7pm – Young Adults Worship Night
- April 16, 9:30am – 55+ Walk and Talk

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