

ST. DAVID'S TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

PEW REVIEW



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Sunday Morning Worship Time: 10:30 a.m.

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Minister's Message

Luke 23:3 "You say so."

Jesus is talking to Pilate, under duress, having been brought there accused of transgressions against Caesar. The charges appear patently false: earlier in this gospel, Jesus said, "give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's". Somehow, that offended the Jewish leaders to the point where they asked Pilate to put Jesus to death. As outsiders looking back at these events in the ancient past, we are bewildered as to how a disagreement between Jews about what constitutes heresy could be seen as a threat to the Roman Empire. Jesus had no army or weapons of mass destruction. How could this have possibly been laid at Pilate's feet?

As the story moves on I can't help but think that Pilate is also confused about how he's become involved in this. Pilate has all the power; Jesus has none. Pilate could have simply ordered detention or punishment and moved on with his day. Instead, Pilate engages in a conversation with Jesus. I think he's truly trying to understand who Jesus is and what he stands for. His question: "Are you the King of the Jews?" is met with Jesus' response: "You say so." This is typical of Jesus' verbal sparring with those in authority but his response might also have come because he was too tired to argue with Pilate. It's hard to think straight when you've been arrested, thrown into jail and suddenly find yourself in front of someone who could order you killed.

Pilate's response to the charges brought against Jesus by the Jewish leaders was to dismiss them. He found nothing to condemn Jesus. Why didn't Pilate stick to his initial reaction and insist on releasing Jesus? Why did he condemn an innocent man?

Maybe those are not the questions we should be asking.

What if we read the text for what it can say to us? Maybe Jesus is saying to us, "Do YOU say so?" or "DO you say so?"

Would you dare to stand up to the Caesar or the Pilate in your life, and say Jesus is the one you honour above all else? Would you find the courage to really honour him like that?

Prayer:

God, we admire so many fearless movie heroes; we crave adventure and idolize the brave and strong. And yet, in our own lives, we don't always have the courage or desire to follow Jesus, to talk about Jesus, to swim against the stream with Jesus. Strengthen us for the challenges we face. May our faith grow until we are passionate to serve Christ. Amen.

(Based on material from "Why would Jesus say that?" from the United Church Publishing House.)

Rev. Bill Unger



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 10 Presbytery Executive
- 15 Easter 3
- 19 Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- 21 River Bend Presbytery meets here
- 27 Whist Night at 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Women's Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
- 29 We worship at St. Thomas Wesley at 10:30 a.m.

MAY

- 05 Pancake Breakfast/ Community Garage sales
- 06 Communion/St. Thomas Wesley worships here
- 15 Ministry and Personnel Meeting
- 16 St. Andrew's College Fundraiser - Tom Jackson
- 17 Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- 24-27 Sask. Conference Meeting in North Battleford
- 25 Whist Night at 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Women's Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

JUNE

- 21 Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- 29 Whist Night at 7:30 p.m.

JULY

Worship services at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall
Coffee will be served beforehand from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

AUGUST

Worship services at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall
Coffee will be served beforehand from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

SYMPATHIES

John Crawford on the death of his brother-in-law

The Family of Marjorie Smith

The Family of Donald Kirychuk



Contact for the St. David's Trinity Refugee Committee:

Lynn Earle - phone 306-382-9303

- If you are interested in joining the committee and/or have ideas for fundraising please call Lynn.



WHIST NIGHT AT ST. DAVID'S TRINITY

Friday, April 27, May 25 and June 29 7:00pm. Cost is \$2.00 per person All are welcome.
There will be no Whist nights in July and August



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

April 28, May 26, 9:00 a.m. A time of fellowship, food, learning and laughter.
All women of the congregation (and friends) are welcome!!



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

St. David's Trinity ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancakes and Sausages and Beverage (7:30 -11:30 am) **Adults: \$7.50**
12 & under: \$4.00 Family: \$20.00

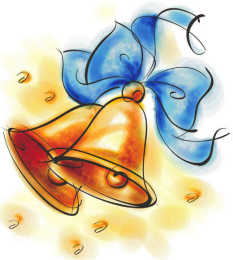


GARAGE SALE, May 5. GARAGE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

DROPPING OFF ITEMS: May 01 and May 02- please phone the church (306-978-0707) to make sure someone is there to receive items
May 03 and May 04: Office open 7am-at least 2:00 p.m.
Garage Sale Organizer: Doug McConnell at 306 229-3030



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND THE GARAGE SALE. IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME FOR EITHER, PLEASE CONTACT THE ORGANIZERS OF EACH. PANCAKE BREAKFAST: FINLAY MACKENZIE 306-382-2006 GARAGE SALE: DOUG MCCONNELL 306-229-3030



*St. David's Trinity United Church
Royal Wedding 'Come and Go'
Tea and Art Show*

May 12 Time: 1:30 -4:00 p.m.

Craft Table, Bake Table, Art Show and Sale

Cost: Advance tickets : \$5.

At the door: \$7

includes Beverages/Scones/Dainties

For tickets: Contact: Judy Balon 306-931-7865

or Wendy Rosen 306-683-0983

(leave a message if need be)



SUMMER CHURCH SERVICES IN LOWER HALL

July 1 to and including September 02

Coffee time 9:30 am-10:30 a.m. Church service 10:30 a.m.



YEAR-TO-DATE MARCH

Actual Revenues	\$35,747.70
Actual Expenses	<u>\$37,492.37</u>
Net Shortfall	\$ -1,744.67



Join us on Saturday, May 5 from 9 am to 12 noon for *The Big Shred!* This is your chance to quickly shred old bank and utility statements, tax files (2011 and earlier), bills, files, and outdated documents which may contain personal information. Help prevent personal identity theft. The team includes our partner, Shred-It, who sponsor their trucks and drivers 100%. They will promptly shred your documents in the parking lot of McClure United Church at 4025 Taylor St. (at McKercher). You can watch as volunteers help place your old private, personal or confidential papers into the Shred-It company truck's shredder! **The service is a fundraiser (suggested \$10 per box, or \$5 per shopping bag).** Proceeds assist the McClure Place Foundation to support needed upgrades to the Amy McClure House facility. – a personal care home for up to 23 residents. Help yourself and your family by getting rid of that unwanted yet personal material!

CAMP CHRISTOPHER BROCHURES AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE CHURCH LITERATURE RACK AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

MAY 12, MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH (4025 Taylor St E ,corner of Taylor and McKercher) PANCAKE BREAKFAST: 7:30a.m-10:30a.m. HOT DOG LUNCH: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. ALL SALES 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. BOOKS, BAKED GOODS, JEWELRY, SCARVES, PURSES SMALL APPLIANCES, and MANY, MANY OTHER GARAGE SALE "TREASURES"

Our basement is available for bookings for community and family events. Events requiring liquor permits are allowed under certain conditions. Call the church office to book.

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