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To You at Easter :

A Message of Faith

May you be blessed at Easter

A faith that never wavers

Whether things for right or wrong.

And may you feel the perfect peace

Of Jesus' tender care

And feel the sweet serenity of knowing He's there.

May every day be better,

As you find a true reward

In the strength and hope and promise

Of a life filled with the Lord!



A.C.W. Prayer:

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who sent your blessed Son into the world to be the Savior of mankind; grant us a deep sense of gratitude for your grace and mercy towards us. Enable us by Your spirit to reveal Your love in prayer, and work and stewardship, so that Your salvation may become known to all people, and Your Name glorified throughout the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

President's Message:

Sister in Christ:

Wishing you all the best in 2018! I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were all excited about the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the pageants and stories of our Savior's birth. Now we are in the Lentinal season and the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. It seems that we are all in a turmoil in which way to go. Our congregations are getting smaller, and the churches are talking about closing their doors, which way to go? Close the doors or try to get other churches to join them? Some feel we could join together but who wants to close their doors? No one wants to let go. I feel we need to do more praying and help one another more than what we are doing. Some people feel if our services were more upbeat, we may just interest more young people to come to church. Our Sunday Schools seem to be doing all right, doing exciting things to keep the children interested in coming and the teachers are so awesome with the children.

We are going to Wasquesui later this month to attend a Prayer retreat and I am looking forward to that.

Soon it will be time for yard sales, picnics and fellowship together. I am looking forward to being together – hope to see you at the upcoming meetings and/or Ladies Days' Out at Camp Okema!

Opal Harris

P.A. Deanery & Saskatchewan Diocesan A.C.W. President

Our prayers may be awkward.
Our attempts may be feeble.
But since the power of prayer
Is in the One who hears it,
Our prayers do make a difference.

Max Lucado

LOVE is the reason Easter is here...
PRAISE is the music that sounds in the ear...
PEACE is the gift that heart can receive...
CHRIST is the reason faith can believe.

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Diocesan A.C.W. Vice President Report:

Anglican Women everywhere. Spring 2018 has sprung!

As we approach the season of Holy Week, may the Holy Spirit renew, restore and replenish you with the water of life and His will to continue on.

We look to the Cross for strength and grace and through lent preparation, may we all look up to Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Mediator. He has come to save us and guide us as we journey in our faith.

This faith is a walk of faith. May we know His voice through scripture and show His love each day as we prepare for His kingdom to come.

As Paul says, I give you, in the powerful name of Jesus, healing.

In all our circumstances, may the Lord's will be done as the Spirit gives us wisdom, and the grace to carry it through.

God bless you!

Jesus Christ save you!

The Holy Spirit guide you in THE WAY...

May the Lord bless you as we celebrate Jesus; love this Easter!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Stewart.



Chaplain's Letter:

A.C.W. 2018 Spring Newsletter

To the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Saskatchewan:

Just as winter makes spring possible, so also, does spring give rise to summer and summer must be over for autumn to bring winter's rest to the earth. The Church has wisely designed that the life of faith be molded by our submission to the seasons. The Daily, Weekly, Seasonal, and Yearly work of the Church's Cycle of Prayer in conjunction with the Services and Liturgies, Observances, and Rites are designed to bring us into God's presence through the cycles of our worship.

Today the news reported that the last male white rhinoceros has died. This news although not unexpected, still filled my heart with sorrow. Yet even as I wept I know that I was not alone in my grief. This did not minimize my sadness but rather helped me to express it.

I realize that I identify with the plight of the extinct and nearly extinct because I feel I am almost extinct. This became my meditation as I remembered how 30 years ago I dreamt about why our civilization was becoming more and more chaotic. The dream answered by showing me that all systems must work according to the law. Take the

center our of a wheel and it cannot work. I recognized that center of the wheel that is western civilization is the church on earth and that all of the institutions and governments were not able to function because the enter of the wheel that holds our systems together was no longer able to function. This epiphany began a process in my soul that brought me into the Church. Now so many years and tears later I look back and hope I did my part.

Now it seems that the dream is coming true. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 says, "... to everything there is a season under heaven."

I did my best and now it is time to turn things over to a new generation. I pray for the grace to become extinct. The illumination #15 by Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) painted an illustration of tis same wheel and she called it, All Beings Celebrate Creation. Now I am reminded that everything is unfolding as it should and that I am not alone.

I hope that these words will help each of you on your journey home. I am so glad that we are not alone as we move through the troubles and woes of these present days. I pray that the story of Life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, God made man, will reassure us and bring us to everlasting life.

May the scarcity of the Season of Lent, through the pain of the Season of Passiontide, lead us into the joy of the season of Eastertide, bless you this year and for ever.

The Rev. Joanne Beacon
Chaplain Saskatchewan A.C.W.



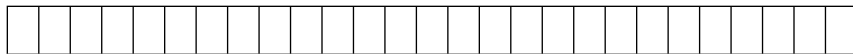
If you are doing some cleaning in the next few months and come across any old or unused (but in fairly good repair) old purses, please bring them along to the Spring Deanery meeting OR to the Annual meeting. President Opal is collecting purses or smaller bags, feminine products, combs, shampoo, soap, lotion, socks, gloves, nail care items, etc. to distribute as we have enough to the homeless women. Thanks for considering a donation to this cause.

Pussy Willows

According to an old Polish legend, a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning.

The willows at the river's edge longed to help her, so they swept their long graceful branches into the waters to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen into the river while chasing butterflies.

The kittens gripped on tightly to their branches and were safely brought to shore. Each springtime since, goes the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung!



If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your home to spend a day or two
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored guest
And all the food you'd serve Him would be the very best
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there
That serving Him in your home is a joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard
And wish you hadn't uttered that last loud, hasty word?

Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Would you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
I wonder if the Savior spent a day or two with you

Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does form day to day?

Would your family's conversation keep its usual pace,
And would you find it hard each meal to say table grace?
Would you sing songs you always sing, and read the books you read
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on
Or would you sigh with great relief when he at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

(taken form the Diocese of Nova Scotia Newsletter)

1. Diocese of Saskatchewan Annual Meeting – Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Diocese of Saskatchewan Building, 1308 – 5th Avenue East, Prince Albert. **NOTE change of location**. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost \$3.00 and a potluck item for lunch
2. Prince Albert Spring Deanery Meeting, Saturday, June 2, 2018, in Birch Hills. Registration begins at 9:30a.m. Lunch to be provided.
3. Ladies' Days Out, June 12-13-14, 2018, to be held at Camp Okema, Emma Lake. Registration is \$60 per person. See brochures. Bring a pot luck item to share over the three days.
4. Sunday, April 22, 2018, Lady Paul A.C.W, along with Vestry is hosting its 13th Annual Spaghetti Supper at St. George's Anglican Church, 1104 – 4th Street East, Prince Albert. Cost \$15 per adult. Time is from 5 – 7 p.m.
5. Sunday, May 5, Lady Paul A.C.W. along with Vestry is hosting a ham and scalloped potato supper from 5 – 7 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in Prince Albert
6. Yard sale to be held May 25 & 26 at St. George's Anglican Church .

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A gentle reminder that each A.C.W. group is to, according to a MOTION made several years ago, send \$100 yearly to the President's Fund, to assist in sending her to the National Meeting held once a year.

Deadline for submissions for the Christmas Notes & News is 2018 so is due by November 15, 2018. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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