

**St. John's United Church**  
**Easter Newsletter**  
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Here it is almost Easter and time to hear from your church.

The winter months are almost gone but, with the winter, came heartache and happiness.

We offer our condolences to Ellen Whitley on the passing of her husband Lloyd and to Lynn Gowan and her siblings and their families on the passing of Joyce Millsap.

On Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed three new members to our congregation Bill Cross by Baptism & Confirmation, Babe Easton Cross by Baptism and Kayla Cross by Confirmation.

Although she is still away from Creemore, Shanna Lucas is working hard on developing our new web site. Watch for developing news on this project.

Our "Beef & Lamb Supper" on March 5<sup>th</sup> was a big success. There is always lots of fun to be had at these functions and we thank the stewards for their organization and everyone for their hard work.

We are very pleased to have Mary Board join our music team as pianist and organist. She and Ellen Whitley are an amazing duo.

This Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will also begin the readings for Holy Week and transition into the story of the Passion.

Friday, March 25, we will join with the New Lowell folks at New Lowell United Church to observe Good Friday.

Sunday, March 27, the Sunrise Service will be at the Eagle Chapel at Mt. Zion at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow at our own church. The 11:00 a.m. service will be a celebration of the Resurrection and will include the Sacrament of Communion.

The Stewards have re-organized the maintenance room; brooms and step ladder are hung up on hooks and hopefully everything is in its place. More space was gained by the removal of an old hydro meter.

The process to get a new minister is moving ahead. We are now completing forms to be sent on-line. This will be done after our April 13<sup>th</sup> Official Board Meeting.

Rev Leslie reminds us that she has a limited number of Sundays left with us; so come and enjoy her messages while she is still here.

We are looking for a summer supply minister, as we should be prepared in case our new minister is not available.

At our congregational meeting in February, Leslie challenged us to expand our horizons and think of the need to help those beyond our own. To that end, we pledged \$5000.00 to our Mission and Service Fund. This pledge is exclusive of the \$1100.00 donation given by the St. John's Gals yearly.

St John's Gals are supporting the Clearview Food Bank with a monthly supply of canned soup (tomato, vegetable, mushroom & chicken noodle) Lynn Bell will transport the goods.

At this point of writing, our very faithful friend Kay Newell is seriously ill. Our thoughts are with her family.

So long for now and have a Happy Easter.

Marilyn Steed  
Clerk of Session