

# LENT AND EASTER 2015

## RISING FROM THE ASHES

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday Feb. 18th. On this day we are reminded of where we have begun throughout the season of Lent we journey with Jesus towards the cross and to the

### Events During the Season

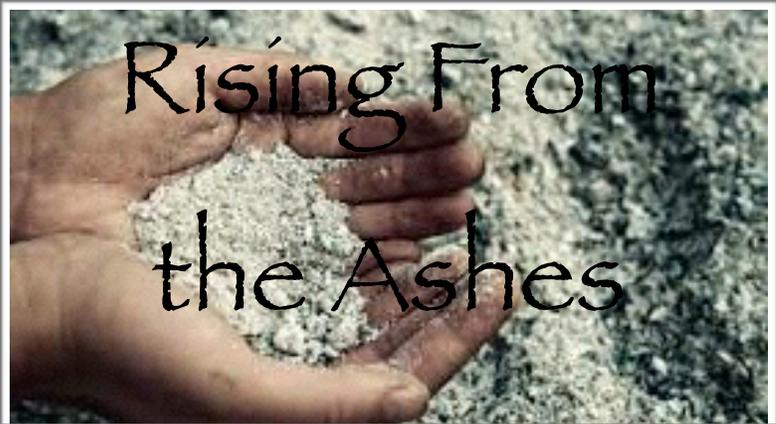
There is a lot happening in the weeks and months to come please make sure you mark your Calendars and join us as often as you can!

### AGM

Sunday February 15th we will hold our Annual General Meeting. Join us for dessert and celebration at 6:30. Our official meeting will commence at 7pm.

### Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday

We are all invited to join St. John's Anglican church (1930 Diamond Road) From Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner at 5:30pm on Feb. 17th (men you are invited to join in the cooking); and Ash Wednesday service at 7pm on Feb. 18th. Please see posters in the foyer for more details.



Give God your Ashes and God will give you beauty

Easter Resurrection. It's a time of letting go of that which holds us back and a time of rising up to that which brings abundant life. This year our theme "Rising From the Ashes" comes from the conference I attended in Phoenix a few weeks back. At this conference we heard 21 speakers talk about the things they believe God is calling the church to live into in this time of change and transition. As we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus we too are asked that question. As you prepare for this lenten season ask yourself. What needs to die so that I might live? What do I need to let go of so that I can be more abundant? What do I need to give up so that I can become more of who God created me to be? These are both personal and communal questions. I look forward to discovering what more God is calling us to in this season.





### Messy Church

Come join us on March 6th and April 3rd for Messy Church we have some really exciting events planned. Messy Church has become one of my favourite events every month for all generations. Join us as we worship, craft, eat and have great fun together!

### Centrepont

At our AGM you will receive more details about where things are at with our Centrepont building project. What I can tell you is things are moving forward, and I believe that it may surprise us when it is suddenly here. So many have been working for so long on this amazing venture. Thank you for all you all do to support this community of faith as we leap forward in this project of faith.

A few of us have been meeting with a group from St. John's Anglican church and many plans and details about our time together are being worked out for the months to come.

### Stewardship

We have already begun a stewardship focus in the last months. This will continue for a few weeks. "Stewardship is everything we think, say, do after we say I believe." Kenon Callahan writes "The congregations who do the best in church finances have a rich, full, abiding compassion for mission. They are motivated by a theology of service, not a theology of survival. Their compelling, driving spirit is one of striving, serving, loving mission. Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission. We are called to serve, not survive. Our giving makes a difference in our families, our work, our community, our world, and our church." We hope that all of us will engage with this vision and mission of Stewardship in this season as we work on what God is calling us to do and be as we transition in this time. We also know that as hard as it is to talk about finances it is necessary so we will also spend some time asking you in the next weeks if you can consider what more you can give both in service and finances. On Sunday March 1st you will be given an opportunity to act on this if you so choose.

