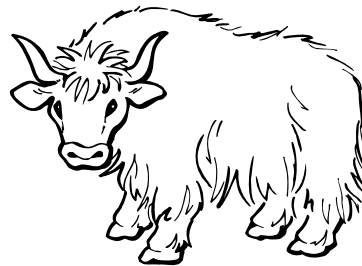


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Top Ten Signs of the Apocalypse



10. Foreboding dark clouds rolling in from the west.

9. Joel refuses to put "service" together for Youth Rally.

8. Kevin, Keith and Todd become cabaret girls again.



7. Zachariases take over YAYAC/the world.

6. Four children in the USA have officially been named "ESPN" (pronounced "ESPIN").

5. Erin jams to "Polyphonic Spree."

4. Stomp the Yard was #1 at the box office.

3. Paris Hilton.

2. George Bush is still in power.

1. Chuck Norris loses a fight to Jack Bauer (from "24").



MOVIE REVIEW: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR (1973—but still contemporary)

This movie musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber is perfect to watch for Holy Week and Easter. If you've never seen it before it's high time you did—although be warned—some people have to watch it more than once before they really start loving it—until you can sing along with some of the music, you might find it a little overwhelming.

I love the way that the relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene is portrayed in this version of Jesus' life and Mary's solo (recently featured on *Grease: You're the One That I Want*) "I Don't Know How to Love Him" which I always find really touching—maybe because that is the same problem we all face—trying to figure out how to love Jesus.

Also interesting is the way evil and Satan are portrayed using army tanks and symbols of war.

I thought the character of King Herod was really accurate historically speaking and he is so over-the-top that it adds a lot of humour to the movie.

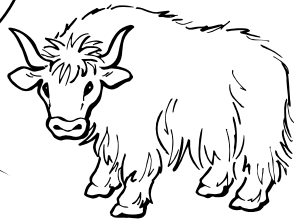
Basically, there is so much to see in this movie that doesn't hit you over the head with any capital "T" truth so that it's easy to watch it over and over and over again until you can sing along with every song and bring obscure references into daily conversation.

HAPPY EASTER!



ASK THE YAK

(The Yak came from the initials of YAYAC)



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Submit your questions to:
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Hello,

I was wondering what is required in hosting a Youth Gathering like the one that is happening in Rosetown in March of 2007.



Sincerely

Rev. Doug Craig, St. Andrew's, Yorkton

Dear Rev. Doug,

Sorry I've taken so long to get back to you--yaks aren't known for their promptness...

As to your question, if you would like to host the Conference Youth Rally--and we do love to be invited somewhere--pretty much all you need to do is issue the invitation and make your church building available to us from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. We are a very neat bunch and always clean up after ourselves and are very self-reliant. There are a few things we look for in a church that wants to open itself up to thirty or forty youth:

1. Carpeted floors in two large rooms (these rooms will be converted into dormitories and carpet makes sleeping more comfortable--and warmer)



2. A dishwasher (we make all our own meals during the youth rally and although we can wash dishes by hand a dishwasher is a nice perk)

3. Labelled cupboards (this makes finding the items we need for cooking and eating just that much easier--although we do have the capabilities to root through cupboards in search of the ever elusive spaghetti pot.)



4. Two or more washrooms that can fit two or more people at a time (Any less and we have to set the wake up hour unreasonably early just so everyone gets their five minutes in the bathroom each morning!).

5. An indoor pool nearby or several people willing to let a few youth come over and use their shower once during the week-end (without at least one shower the smell of the church during Sunday morning worship might turn away your regular worshippers!)



6. Willingness to have a youth led worship service on Sunday morning (during our youth rally it is our custom to plan a Sunday morning worship based on our theme and then lead that worship in our host church on Sunday morning--so the minister/s have to be willing to give up the pulpit!)

Well, that's all I can think of right now--if you have any more questions please feel free to e-mail me (I'll try to be a little faster in responding).



Sincerely,
The Yak

Youth Rally Review

By CJ Freer

There is only one word that could describe Youth Rally 2007: **Awesome!!**



The Leaders met at Rosetown United Church Thursday night. Friday morning, we met with the theme time leaders Chris and Jessie to have leadership training, a new mandatory program for Youth Rally Leaders. Chris and Jessie took us through different stages of groups at events like Youth Rally and Camp and how to deal with the effects of each stage. This leader training was very helpful and throughout the weekend we were able to recognize different stages discussed during the program.

After supper on Friday, the participants began arriving. Throughout the weekend we had several theme times dealing with the weekend theme, "**Who is my Neighbour?**" Chris and Jessie led us through these times as well as provided music for

us. I found the theme times very interesting and inspiring to break down barriers between myself and my neighbours. Friday night we played Mission Impossible. It was a lot of fun - thanks to Todd and Ian for planning it!!

Saturday night we went out to the Lighthouse Rec Centre. Despite some bruises we all had a lot of fun roller skating, skate boarding, climbing, sliding and chillaxing.



Sunday morning we hosted the local church service. We danced in the aisle and sang non-traditional songs and provided meaningful and youthful interpretations based on our theme. After the service, the Rosetown congregation provided us with an awesome chilli lunch.

I think it is safe to say that everyone that attended Youth Rally 2007 went home with some amazing memories. Thank you to everyone who helped plan the weekend and made it happen!! It was **AWESOME!!!**



LISTEN

PAUSE

PRAY

REPEAT



The GO Project - A United Church Youth Mission Experience

The GO Project was born out of deep prayer. It is a response to years of discernment from various young peoples' experiences of mission and outreach programs. While there are fantastic programs available, there are few that respond to the unique ministry of The United Church of Canada and their partners.

Youth Grade 9 to age 19 and their leaders will have an opportunity to serve the community of Islington, in the west end of Toronto in the summer of 2007, while practicing the gift of discernment and listening for the needs of their own community through service.

For 12 days, from July 8th- 20th OR July 22nd-August 3rd, youth will be immersed in this active and growing community. Islington, once a small village on the outskirts of Toronto is now a changing community. Newcomers and Refugees to Canada find housing in this area, from which local after school tutoring programs and a food bank have sprung. The congregation of Islington United Church continues to change and evolve as historic residents and newcomers for a new community.

If you are interested in being a part of this change:

- Participate in a community focused children's program
- Reach out to youth through community programming, shelters and street cafés
- Support seniors and newcomers through community clean up and home projects
- Practice pastoral skills through visiting

Serve the basic needs of community members through the food bank and clothing share programs.

Live your story with other youth and those who have enabled this project to go forward.



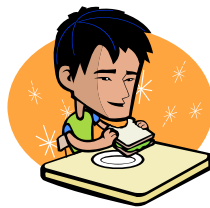
If you are interested in traveling from Saskatchewan to Toronto to participate in this amazing United Church Mission Experience contact:

Sandra Nourse at the Conference Office (306) 721 - 3311
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Successful Youth Rally Recipes... ...that you too can cook at home!

Lunch:

One Step Grilled Cheese



For the Grilled Cheese you need:

- 1 borrowed pancake griddle
- Real Cheddar Cheese (not the fake plastic stuff)
- White Bread (or Whole Wheat if you must)
- Bologna (optional/to taste)
- Real Butter (at room temperature)
- Ketchup and pickles on the side

Step One: Cut cheese into slices, butter all four sides of two slices of bread, place optional meat on bread, put on cheese and form a sandwich. Place sandwich on hot griddle, until each side is golden brown. If making lots of sandwiches, set oven to 200 F, and place cooked sandwiches inside until all are cooked. Enjoy with Soup.

Dinner (and by that I mean Supper): Chicken Fajita's

You need:

- Chicken or Fake (Vegetarian) Chicken
- Fajita Seasoning
- Green peppers and onions
- Grated cheese
- Tomatoes
- Lettuce
- Soft Taco Shells
- Salsa and Sour Cream

Prepare according to directions on Fajita Seasoning packet and serve.

Best followed by Ice Cream Cake for dessert.



YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

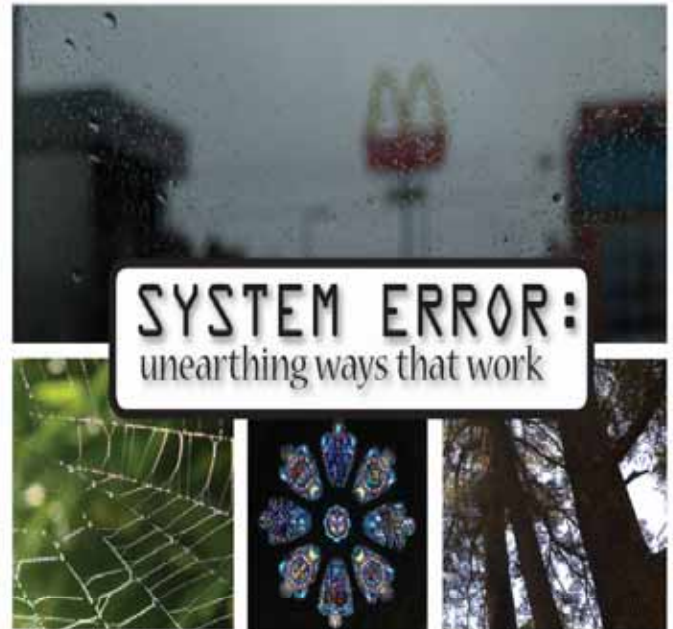


5 DAYS OF FUN!
5 DAYS OF LEARNING!
5 DAYS OF HANGING WITH RELATIVELY COOL
CHURCH PEOPLE IN SASKATCHEWAN!
5 DAYS OF MAKING IMPORTANT DECISIONS!
5 DAYS REPRESENTING THE VOICE OF YOUTH!
5 DAYS IN LUMSDEN, SK!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007
To
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2007

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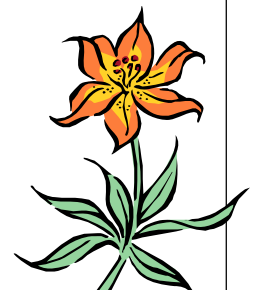
Best phrases ever:

- A) Oh snap! 
- B) Hey! Cool it man.
- C) The only reason you're still conscious is because Jack doesn't wanna carry you.
- D) Chuck Norris can slam a revolving door. 
- E) Fantastic!

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUE'S POLL

MOST HILARIOUS SASKATCHEWAN PLACE NAMES

- A) Regina 20%;
- B) Dilke 13%;
- C) Climax 98%;
- D) Elbow/Eyebrow 50%;
- E) Porcupine Plain 50%



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