



# *St. John's Lutheran Church*

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**Pastor: Norine Gullons**

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*Pastor's office hours are Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00-Noon*

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Chairperson:	Randy Zimmerling	623-9733
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	Beryl Richardson	623-4351
	Lois Rosien	623-3010
	Ryan Zimmerling	622-5939
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	Melissa Watt	432-9305

## *February Calendar*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Epiphany 4 Sunday</b>
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Villa 10:30am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Service of the Word 10:00am</b> <b>Epiphany 5 Sunday</b>
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ottawa Valley Lutheran Pastors area meeting 9:30am Bonnehchere
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Transfiguration Sunday - Launch of CLWR Project</b>
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting at 7:30pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Grove 11:00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm</b>
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Planning meeting at St. John's 2:00pm for World Day of Prayer Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Lent 1 Sunday</b>



There is coffee, treats and social time every Sunday after service.  
Hope to see you there!

# January Church Council Report

## Annual Financial Report

Church Council moved up its meeting to the second week in January to allow for preparation and review time for the financial portion of annual meeting held on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Since most of that meeting was focused on the annual budget and subsequently presented and adopted at the annual meeting, I will summarize the highlights of that presentation:

Current offerings in 2014 grew by 29% when adjusted for a one-time estate gift of \$13,000 that we received in December 2013. This growth based on an apples-to-apples comparison reflected the corresponding increase in average attendance (growing from 25 in 2013 to 40 in 2015). For 2015 budgeting purposes, we have budgeted a conservative 4% increase in offerings.

The major changes in our spending budget for 2015 vs. 2014 include:

- 1) an investment in improving our sound system (\$2,000)
- 2) planned repairs to the large window above the main entrance (\$1,600)
- 3) a full year's salary at the synod approved rates for 2015 for our pastor vs. Part-time salary (interim) for 6 months of 2014 and full time pastoral costs for 6 months in 2014.

The corresponding projected deficit on this basis for 2015 would be \$50,840 vs. 2014 deficit of \$20,825.

If nothing were to change, we would deplete the proceeds from the parsonage sale in approximately 3 years.

Clearly that is not what we want as we move forward. Our hope, prayer and our efforts will be focused on continuing to broaden our appeal to new and prospective members and maintaining and growing our presence and our service, to the community in which we live.

### Thanks for serving:

Lorne Rueckwald after almost 2 decades of serving on council is taking a much needed break. We know that we can count on his expertise and help whenever we need it. Thank you Lorne for making a huge difference!

Also, Cathy Zimmerling has finished her term as our treasurer. Cathy has been instrumental in getting our books automated on Quickbooks and keeping church council on track with timely and accurate financial information. We know she will continue to serve in other areas of the church as well. Thank you for helping us through the last couple of years, Cathy!

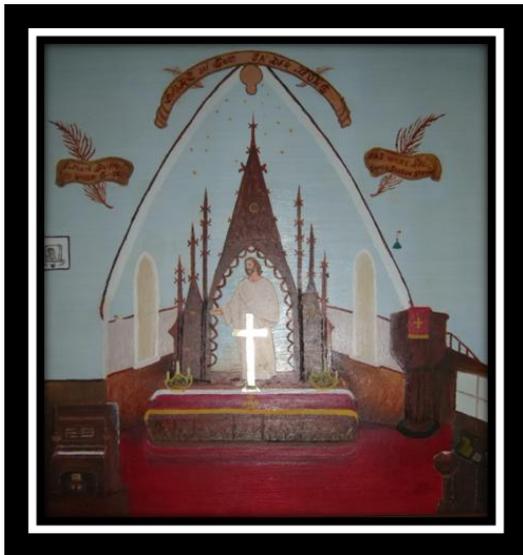
We hope to have both of these positions filled shortly.

### Volunteers:

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up for some of the roles that support our Sunday service and the administration. Ushers, counters, readers, communion helpers, altar guild members are all needed. Training will be provided as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Zimmerling



**IN HONOUR OF  
125 YEARS!**

**Bishop Pryse to Visit St. John's - March 15<sup>th</sup>**

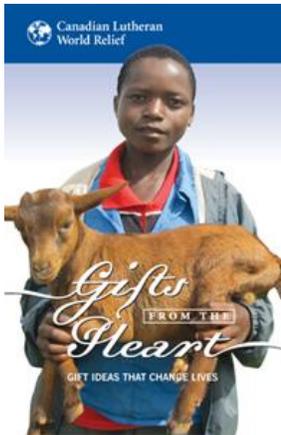
Last year we decided to defer the celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation, electing instead to focus on getting a full time minister and begin the rebuilding/restoration process for congregational membership. Shortly after Pastor Norine's arrival, she spear headed an effort to get our Eastern Canada Synod Bishop, the Rev. Michael Pryse to visit St. John's Arnprior.

Bishop Pryse has agreed to join us in worship on March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a potluck lunch immediately following service intended as both a celebration of our 125 years and a welcome and thank you to Bishop Pryse for his support during our interim ministry and throughout the call process for Pastor Norine.

Bishop Pryse, in addition to being an excellent administrator is a gifted preacher so we will want to use this opportunity to invite family and friends to attend this service. **Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for this special celebration.**



*Reflect...Renew...Rejoice*



Inspired by God's love for humanity, **Canadian Lutheran World Relief** challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter and at the Annual General Meeting, our focus in February will be our Mission in the Wider World.

On February 15<sup>th</sup> we will kick-off our Canadian Lutheran World Relief Project. Please review the **Gifts From the Heart** catalogue you received in December and come prepared on the 15<sup>th</sup> to share your suggestions for our congregational gift(s).



## Arnprior and District Food Bank Inc.

All donations are extremely appreciated by the Food Bank. Some items that have a high demand and tend to run out quickly are:

- Ketchup, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned ham, chicken and salmon, Cheez Whiz, Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Sugar, Instant Coffee, Campbell's Chunky Soups, Side Kicks, Cereal

The Food Bank also accepts gently used winter outer wear such as coats, snowsuits, boots, mittens, hats, etc. for all ages.



This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

John 3: 16-18

### Postings in the Narthex

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter (or access online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)  
To print your own copy of the Synod Newsletter go to the website above and follow these steps:  
Select **Spreading the Word** → **Publications** → **TESL** → Select the month you want

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn or Lois Rosien	Enid Blackwell	Lynn and Lois Rosien
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn or Lois Rosien	Melissa Watt	Lynn and Lois Rosien
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> ----- Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn/Lois Rosien ----- Julie/Ryan Z.	Beryl and Keith Richardson (15 <sup>th</sup> ) -----	Lynn and Lois Rosien
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn or Lois Rosien	Barb Formuziewich	Lynn and Lois Rosien

Thank you volunteers! If you would like to help out, please sign-up in the Narthex!

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