

The Mustard Seed

January 2016

The Monthly Newsletter of

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church*

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"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

Pastor's Message

Dear Faith Family,

Happy New Year!

A good Samaritan (actually a Lutheran) helped me out after the first major snowfall of the year this last week. Actions speak louder than words! We are encouraged to live with hope as well as share with others the hope that is within us. Christmas isn't just a season - it is a way of life. Many people practice doing a kind deed every day or "pay it forward" in some way for others. For some people these actions are a part of their faith or spirituality.

National Bishop Susan Johnson encourages a call to spiritual renewal and deeper discipleship within our church, including: regular attendance at worship; daily prayer and scripture reading; yearly involvement in a program of study; regular service in the community (not just the congregation); regular and proportional giving similar to the understanding of the tithe found in scripture; and commitment to sharing the



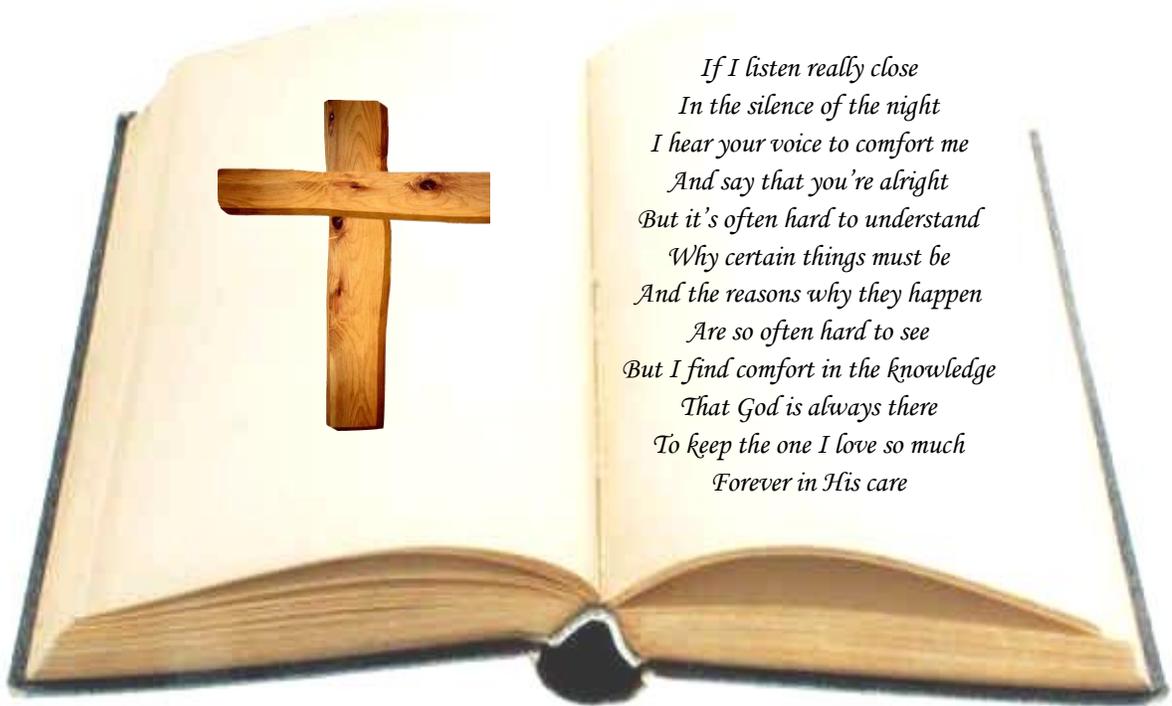
good news with those around us, beginning with our family and friends. A simplified list of this call includes: **Pray, Read, Worship, Study, Serve, Give and Tell.**

Our 2015 Annual Report (to be produced in January) will tell our story of the ministries we have been doing over the past year. Please come and participate in the events happening at St. John's in 2016. Perhaps you will join us to read, study and tell the good news to someone you know.

We hope to realize God's activity to come among us in grace, mercy and love that the light might continue shining on in even the darkest of places. May God bless our ministries in the New Year! The Peace of Christ be with you all! And may you have a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely, Pastor Norine

In loving memory of those God called Home



Sincere thanks to all who have so generously donated in any way in the past year. Donations are welcome at any time and are greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Altar Guild*



January Event Calendar

Sunday	3rd	Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	6 th	Worship at The Villa 10:30 a.m. Pastoral care in Renfrew 1-4 p.m.
Sunday	10th	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	13 th	Pastoral care in Renfrew 1-4 p.m.
Thursday	14 th	Lutheran Pastors gather in Eganville 1-4 p.m.
Saturday	16 th	Annual Reports due
Sunday	17th	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Monday	18 th	Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	20 th	Worship at The Grove 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	24th	Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	27 th	Pastoral care in Renfrew 1-4 p.m.
Sunday	31st	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Potluck lunch and Annual Meeting 11:30 a.m.



If you would like to sponsor communion or provide flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or to honour a special event, please sign up in the Narthex.



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

Church Council Report for December

Pastor's report:

Pastor walked us through some highlights over the last month (Nov/Dec):

- Visiting ill congregation members
- Lots of community involvement
- Prepping 50 Christmas Angels

Christmas Eve:

Christmas Eve service was well attended (over 100 people). Worth noting also was the large number of children who shared in the reading of the Christmas story led by Maureen R.

February Volunteers:

We continue to need volunteers for various church related duties including counting, ushering etc. If you are able, please take a turn.

Financial Report:

Randy covered some highlights associated with the church financials. Some highlights include:

- CLWR amounts are up
- Food bank donations are up
- Repairs and maintenance costs are up due to furnace repairs, but we have two nearly new gas furnaces as a result
- Shared ministry with Renfrew should help offset some of our deficit

Our annual meeting will take place January 31st. A potluck will follow service and then the business portion of the meeting will occur. Please plan to attend.

We hope to have estimates compiled for a ramp that will assist those who need it to gain access into our church.

Advertisement:

Metroland appears to be raising their costs by approximately \$20-30/month.

We need to revisit whether it makes economic sense for us to continue with "paper" advertising.

We will continue to explore options to make Sunday school possible for young families.

Thank you for your support during 2015.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,
Randy Zimmerling

Hope for our Community – Our “Angel Tree”



For the second year in a row we sponsored a local family through The Arnprior and District Food Bank. This year we sponsored a family of four. Our goal was to provide meals for Christmas Day including everything they needed to make a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. We also hoped to provide some gift items.

Thanks to the support and generosity of our congregation we were able to exceed our goals. Along with food donations, there were also cash donations totaling \$192.00. We used \$132.00 to buy the remaining food items and purchased a \$60.00 No Frills gift card for our sponsored family. In addition to the food, our sponsored family received every item on their Christmas wish list and more.



Thank you so much for your support.
Jeff and Debbie



Project Arnprior Welcome



Donate. Volunteer. Sponsor.

All Canadians can help welcome Syrian refugees. Get involved.

GET INVOLVED

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PLEASE DONATE

FINANCIAL DONATION: Joan Wahay 613-622-0018

ONLINE: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-parish-of-arnprior-emmanuel/>

DONATION of furnishings, clothing, bedding, kitchenware, etc.
Wayne Mossman 613-623-9282

GENERAL INFORMATION:
Elaine Lowe 613-620-3104
Emmanuel Church 613-623-2554
www.emmanuelanglican.ca

Project Arnprior Welcome is a community group from Arnprior & District working together to sponsor a refugee family.



Just a reminder that the Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 31st. Immediately following service there will be a potluck lunch followed by the meeting at 11:30.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the church for the potluck lunch. You can also call Debbie at 613-623-0192 or email at debbie.kargus@gozoom.ca

Postings in the Narthex

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter (or access online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- Upcoming events at Galilee Centre – website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/>
- Refugee Informational Brochure (Project Arnprior Welcome)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Jan. 3 rd	Keith and Beryl Richardson	Randy and Cathy Zimmerling	Randy and Cathy Zimmerling	Keith and Beryl Richardson
Jan. 10 th	Keith and Beryl Richardson	Debbie Kargus	Susan Gillan	Keith and Beryl Richardson
Jan. 17 th	Keith and Beryl Richardson	Maureen Rueckwald	Joanne Bretzlaff	Keith and Beryl Richardson
Jan. 24 th	Keith and Beryl Richardson	Vicki Weichenthal	Barb and Gerry Formuziewich	Keith and Beryl Richardson
Jan. 31 st	Keith and Beryl Richardson	Ryan and Zach Zimmerling	Potluck Lunch and Annual Meeting	Keith and Beryl Richardson

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

Website: <http://stjohnsarnprior.com>



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