

June 2015 Newsletter



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Isn't it nice to have warmer weather! On a nice evening it is wonderful to sit outside and have a chat with a family member or a friend, or a neighbour.

One of the ministries that Pastors usually have is that of pastoral visiting. Pastors visit families or people in their parishes to get to know them. These times and talks together help to establish a relationship or some rapport between Pastor and people. It is an honor to get to know people, their personal histories and their faith stories. Our spiritual lives do impact the other parts of our lives. Our relationship to God provides meaning to everything else in our lives.

Personal relationships are important to our wellbeing. There is a great need in our society to recover the sense of community. People's lives these days are constantly changing. We are also able to support each other and encourage each other within our faith community through personal relationships. As our technological society becomes more and more sophisticated we still have that basic need to for a sense of "face to face community" that is slowly disappearing.

The spiritual dimension of our lives is part of the dimension of relationship. What is spiritual in a person is the need for relationship –with ones neighbor, with nature, with society and with God. Personal commitment takes place only when we talk about our personal lives.

So don't wonder when your Pastor phones or emails to set up a time to visit. She just wishes to visit and get to know you.

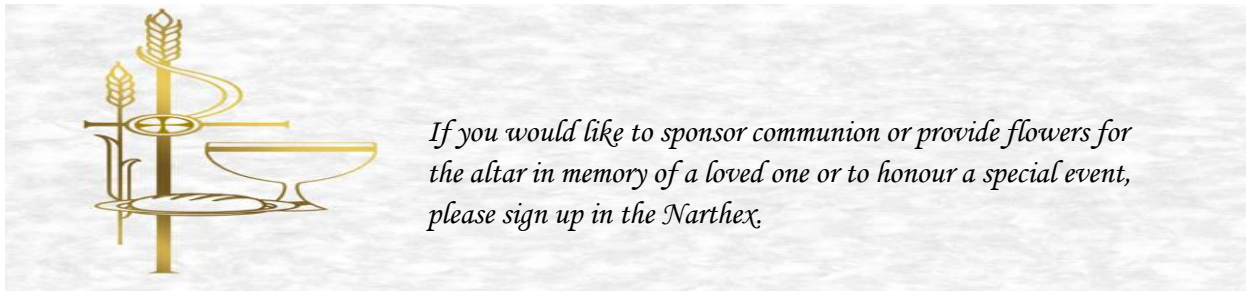
God bless your sunny days!

Pastor + Norine

Pastor's Message

June Event Calendar

Wednesday	3 rd	Worship at the Villa 10:30am
Sunday	7th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am Mac Scobie's 90 th Birthday celebration!
Thursday	11 th	Upper Ottawa Valley Lutheran Ministry Area Pastors meeting Maynooth 9:30 - noon
Sunday	14th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am Annual Community BBQ following service
Monday	15 th	Church Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday	17 th	Worship at the Grove 11:00am
Friday	19 th – 26 th	Pastor Norine on holidays
Sunday	21st	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am Happy Father's Day!
Sunday	28th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am



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

May 2015 Church Council Report



Pastor's report:

Pastor has visited most of the active membership families and several households who are not attending church on a regular basis. Our next steps on visitation will be determined after we update the church membership listing. Our intent is to have one list that all committees can access. Pastor continues to support the Ladysmith churches on infrequent basis.

Financial Report:

On a year to date basis total offerings have increased by \$515 vs. last year at this time. Decreases in current offering and donations to Memoriam have been offset by increased offerings in Benevolence and CLWR. Council is still hopeful that we will make up the shortfall in current offering vs. last year as the year goes on. Our balance sheet still shows approximately \$142,800 related to the parsonage sale. Our new treasurer is coming up to speed quickly and produced this month's reports and reconciliation.

Property Report:

Gerald F. has completed painting the choir loft. If you haven't already done so, please check it out. Our attention will be shifting to outside work including:

- repairs to the large window in the choir loft
- installing a security camera at the side entrance to capture the image of trespassers and discourage vandalism

We are continuing to explore improvements needed to our sound system. While Rhonda has been improving the sound volume in our speakers, we have been unsuccessful to-date in obtaining a permanent microphone for the pulpit and altar due to the incompatibility and age of our existing system.

Outreach:

Lois gave a report on the number of birthdays we have celebrated thus far. It was noted that there is increased church attendance on these Sundays where additional friends and family join us for the celebration.

Altar Guild:

Our new communion carafe has been sent to Toronto for repairs to the crucifix on the lid. We expect to have it back within the next week. Beryl also brought to council's attention that we may need to purchase altar linens to replace those that are badly worn.

Church Barbecue: Our community barbecue is set for June 14th following service on the church lawn. We are asking members to support us by donating salads.

Meeting with St. James Renfrew:

Bishop Pryse has informed us that St. James is without a pastor due to the relocation of the Renfrew Anglican priest to Arnprior. We are planning to have an initial meeting with Renfrew church council to discuss an opportunity for shared ministry. We will be reading the Bishop's letter at Sunday service and will keep the congregation informed of developments and included in any decisions regarding our future.

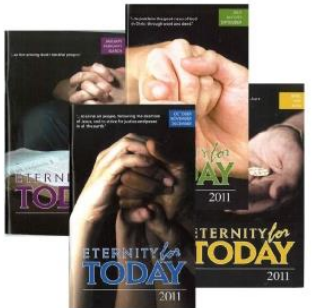
CLWR and Foodbank:

Jeff informed council that he and Pr. Norine presented the cheque to the Foodbank that was from a Synod grant we received in support of "snack packs". We are grateful to Jeff and Pastor Norine for their work and continued leadership in this area.

Please continue to pray for guidance and support for your church council.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Zimmerling



Eternity for Today
July, August and September issues are now available in the Narthex!

Mark your calendar...

Our Neighbourhood Barbeque



Sunday June 14th @ 12 noon

Everyone is welcome

Volunteers and salad donations are welcome in support of this event!



Camp Lutherlyn 50th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

When: August 22nd and 23rd Where: Golden Lake, ON

You must pre-order your Anniversary T-shirt by June 15th!

** Additional information and forms available in the Narthex or at the website below **

Give Life Lenten Appeal Update and Thanks from CLWR



The Eastern Synod recently sent in a donation for Canadian Lutheran World Relief's Give Life Lenten appeal. Thank you for your support!

This campaign was very successful and we're happy to announce that more than \$100,000 will go to help Ethiopian herders access irrigation that allows them to produce enough food year-round. The financial support is worth over \$400,000 when you include the 4-to-1 match by the Canadian government.

Check out our bulletin board downstairs to read about one farmer whose life has been changed by an irrigation project in her community. While once she struggled every year through food shortages, now she has more than enough to feed her family, and she's become a model farmer for others.

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/>
- Camp Lutherlyn 50th Anniversary Registration Forms - <http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/anniversary.html>
- Lutherlyn Corporation Membership Forms - <http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/downloads.html>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2015

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
June 7 th	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Lois Rosien Mac Scobie's 90 th Birthday!	Lynn/Lois Rosien
June 14 th	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Annual BBQ	Lynn/Lois Rosien
June 21 st	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Ryan/Julie Zimmerling	Lynn/Lois Rosien
June 28 th	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Lynn/Lois Rosien	Pastor/Deb Kargus	Lynn/Lois Rosien

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