

The Mustard Seed

June 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

From the Pastors Desk,

June 2016

June is one of my favorite months of the year – of course so is July and August. Perhaps because of days gone by and the time spent at the cottage with family and friends. It is a time to slow down and enjoy the sun. Some of our parishioners have already "left" for the summer and others will come and go as it is travel season.

Yet St. John's is still busy gathering its people together for outreach, learning and fun. OUTREACH – The Big Give – SATURDAY June 4 is our annual community barbeque again this year but with some extras added in. All the churches in Arnprior are doing outreach on the same day in different ways.

(But I gather St. John's was the first to offer a free barbeque to its neighbors.) *The Arnprior Anglicans are joining in to help us meet and greet the community.*

LEARNING: on June 12th we are having 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. James Renfrew with a finger foods potluck lunch to follow. Synod Treasurer Keith Myra will present a workshop on Benevolence. Everyone is welcome!

FUN: July 1st Ryan and Julie Zimmerling and children are hosting a Canada Day picnic for our church members. To continue the Canada Day celebrations July 3rd I have proclaimed to be a red and white Sunday at church. Wear something red and or white and then stay for coffee hour to have something delicious that is red and white!

So it may be summer but the good people of St. John's continue their ministry working away at being "a church in mission for others". Come and join us in the fun! P+Norine

Family Fun Day !

Canada Day Fireworks Celebration !

Hosted by Ryan Zimmerling and Family.

Everyone Welcome!!



**Family Fun Day / Canada Day
BBQ and Fireworks Celebration**

Please join members of our congregation and their families for an evening of fun and games, food, friendship and fireworks

When: Friday, July 1, 2016; 5:00 pm

Where: Ryan and Julie Zimmerling's

Hotdogs, venison sausage, and hamburgers, a fruit punch and a cake will be provided. If you wish to bring something different to cook on the bbq, please do.

Salads or a small donation for the fireworks would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your lawn chair and favorite beverages.

Please RSVP by June 28th. In the event of rain, this will be rescheduled for July 2nd.

June Event Calendar

Wednesday	1 st	Worship at The Villa at 10:30 a.m.
Friday	3 rd	Private family internment for Mac Scobie 4 p.m.
Saturday	4 th	BIG GIVE – Our Community BBQ 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	5th	Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	8 th	Pastor attends council meeting for St. James Renfrew 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9 th	Lutheran Pastors Cluster Meeting at Camp Lutherlyn 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	12th	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. ** Note: Service is at St. James Renfrew ** Finger Food Potluck immediately following service and Benevolence Workshop with Synod Treasurer Keith Myra
Tuesday	14 th	Private family internment for Bill & Vera Kliem St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Denbigh
Wednesday	15 th	Worship at The Grove 11:00 a.m. Pastor working at St. James Renfrew in the afternoon
Sunday	19th	Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Monday	20 th	Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Sunday	21 st – 26 th	Pastor Norine and Ryan Zimmerling attending Eastern Synod Assembly in Toronto
Sunday	26th	Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Saturday	July 1 st	Picnic at Ryan Zimmerling's



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.

Church Council Report

Pastor's report:

- ✠ Pastor Norine's report detailed the activities and support she provided to both St. James and St. John's. She also provided details on what other Arnprior Churches are doing in support of the Community "Big Give" to be held on June 4th
 - Our annual barbecue will be held on that day from 11:00 - 1:00 and we will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs ,and cold drinks.
 - Other churches are doing desserts at their locations so we will not be providing desserts.
- ✠ Coverage for Pastor's absence due to Synod Convention ,holidays and Continuing Education:
 - Synod Convention (June 26th) –Randy will lead Service of the Word
 - July 17th- Pastor Stan will lead the service and deliver the sermon
 - July 24th - Service of the Word (Randy will lead)
 - **July 31st - No Service at St. John's.**
*Congregation is encouraged to join Emmanuel Anglicans. **Worship begins at 9:00 a.m.***

Financial Report:

- Year to date profit and loss statement:
 - Our current giving is up over 20% vs. the previous year. This is an encouraging trend we hope continues throughout the balance of the year.
 - Our giving for specials and Benevolence remains strong and in line with our previous years contributions. Donations to our "BIG GIVE" BBQ is \$130.00 and Fort McMurray as of May 26th is \$390.00. .

Spending:

- We have reduced expenditures in several areas vs. last year including:
 - Reducing printing expenses related to Bulletins by doing most of the work ourselves(over \$200 savings),
 - Working with the Bank to reduce Bank Charges(over \$100 saving)
 - Cutting the grass ourselves (expect \$600 savings over the year)
 - Only advertising in the local paper for special services (over \$200 savings for the year)
 - Our deficit year to date is \$3,600 less than last year at this time.

Balance Sheet:

- Our balance sheet shows that we have \$93,915 in cash and savings.

New Business:

- A new microphone and stand has been ordered for the pulpit. We expect delivery in 2-3 weeks.
- Volunteers are still needed for some months. July specifically is open in most areas. Please help if you can.
- Special thanks to Keith and Beryl who have been doing a massive cleanup in many areas of the church.
- Emmanuel Anglican Church will be joining us for the Big Give Barbecue and providing some volunteers to assist, signage and a commitment for 50% of the associated barbecue costs.
- July 1st family celebration at Zimmerling farm on Watt's Line.

Thank you to all the congregation members for their continued financial support and their participation in volunteer efforts for all of the regular Sunday activities in support of worship and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,

Randy Zimmerling

This picture was taken April 28/16 at the M3 Eatery at the Kenwood Centre.



We had our last "Animate Faith" discussion that day. We carpoled to the Galilee Retreat Centre, where we walked the Labyrinth. Following that, we had an enjoyable lunch. For me this was an enjoyable experience. I felt we all had a connection. I certainly learned a lot and Pastor Norine stimulated us in conversation. It made us all think...

Thank you Pastor Norine!

Submitted by Rosemary Drizak

Topics of Interest?

Citizens for Public Justice: inspired by faith to act for justice

<http://www.cpj.ca/> : “As consumers in Canada we are part of the problem, and as people of faith we can be part of the solution!”

Journey to Justice: “Allowing Lutherans to live into reconciliation, Bishop Johnson expressed gratitude for (and even dependency on)

partnerships...” http://prairiemessenger.ca/16_04_20/Gu nn_16_04_20.html?utm_source=justicENEWS&utm_campaign=eed4feff5April_2016_Justice_News_from_CPJ4_26_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_00b7fceacb- eed4feff5-131975553



Eternity for Today

The April, May, June issue is now available in the Narthex!

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/>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
June 5 th	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Julie and Ryan Zimmerling	Lynn and Lois Rosien
June 12 th	Service and Finger Food Potluck at St. James Renfrew			Lynn and Lois Rosien
June 19 th	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Marion and Elmer Leeck	Lynn and Lois Rosien
June 26 th	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Lynn and Lois Rosien	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Lynn and Lois Rosien

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

Note: Volunteers are also needed for weekly Communion set-up and clean-up. Free training is available! 😊 If interested, talk to a council member.

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