

# The Mustard Seed

June 2017

*The Monthly Newsletter of*  
**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Norine Gullons**

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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



### Pastor's June Note:

Yesterday I attended the Celebration of Life for Grethe (Cookie) Edna Crouse in Brockville. Cookie was married to Rev. Keith Crouse for 41years. They served the Grace Eganville Parish at one point in their ministry. You may remember them from that time. You may know their son Rev. Joel Crouse who served as Pastor at Zion Lutheran in Pembroke for many years, and is now at St. John's Lutheran in Ottawa. He is also the Eastern Synod Ministry Director for Outdoor ministry (our church camps) and YAYA Youth.

Many people attended the wake, service and reception. It was good to hear the chatter and laughter as we collectively heard and told stories about Cookie, and got caught up with each other's lives. It was important for each of us to be there to support Keith and their family at this time. It had been a long two year struggle with cancer for Cookie.

Cookie is known to have described Keith as "her strength and constant love". It was a verbal reminder that we all need people in our lives who encourage and support us. Without it any one of us can lose confidence in moving forward. That is where our faith communities come into sight. Yes, we gather to worship our God; but later we take the time to chat and listen to each other during coffee hour. We tell the person sitting next to us that they are not alone in the world. We are concerned about what is happening in their lives.

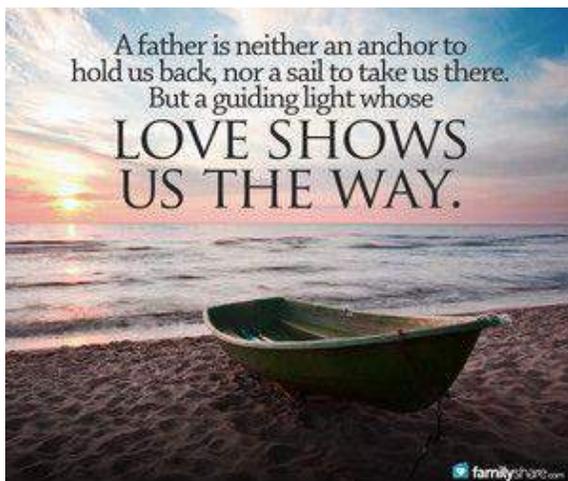
We also pass on our faith, love and support to our children, grandchildren, the rest of our families, friends and neighbors. We pray for them. We ask that the Holy Spirit – the power of God among us – heal, forgive, inspire and bless those around us.

This is an important ministry that you all do. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world around us.

*"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding."* Colossians 2:2

May we all experience the unity of faith and support that the Holy Spirit gives to us.

May God bless your June days. Pastor Norine



*Happy Father's  
Day!*

*June 18<sup>th</sup>*

## June Event Calendar

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Big Give Arnprior!
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday</b>
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Ottawa Valley Lutheran Pastors meeting Camp Lutherlyn and Conference Centre 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Monthly Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Trinity Sunday</b>
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Happy Father's Day!</b> Installation service for Rev. Albert Romkema at St. John's Lutheran Church in Petawawa at 2:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.</b>



*Bread and wine is sponsored on June 4<sup>th</sup> in memory of Ken and Julia Potter's Birthdays and Anniversary.*

*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.*

*Don't forget...*



The next men's breakfast will be Saturday  
June 10<sup>th</sup> at Jim's Restaurant - 8:30 a.m.

Please consider joining us for good food  
and good conversation!

## Church Council Report for May

### Pastor's Activity Report

- Hospice Renfrew Hike was well received. Many members of the congregation attended the Hike to show their support.
- Pastor continues to follow up with members who need care and visits. Appointments will continue to be made for future visits.
- There was a good turnout for the Men's breakfast.

### Financials

- Total income is down a marginal amount relative for the same time period last year; this may be due to higher frequency of bad weather, illness and other unforeseen factors this year.
- However, total expenses are somewhat lower than the previous year (approximately. \$1,200).
- Council will continue to look for ways to reduce costs further (e.g., insurance, banking etc).

### The Big Give – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

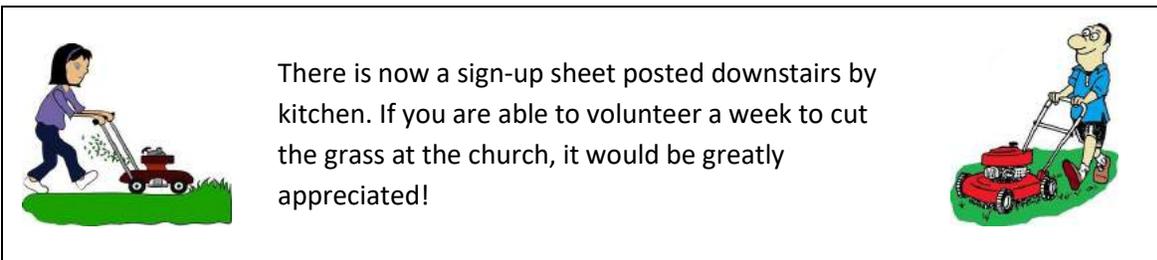
- The Anglican Church will help with set up/take down, greeters and signage and barbequing.
- The Bretzlaff's have generously offered to provide the ice cream again this year.
- Our church T-shirts should be worn for the Big Give.

### Property Update

- Carpets have recently been steam-cleaned – a big thank you to Gerald, Barb and Allison for taking on that task.
- The broken windows in the basement have been replaced.
- Grass cutting – a sign-up sheet will be put up in the Church and members will be asked to volunteer to cut the grass for a week. It was noted that there is presently no place to store a lawnmower on site.
- Front steps need to be repaired with mortar.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,

Ryan Zimmerling





*"Thank you" Gerald and Barbara F. and Allison B. for your efforts cleaning the carpet in the church.*



 A cartoon illustration of seven diverse children holding hands in a circle. They are smiling and wearing various colorful clothing.
 

**We Love Vacation Bible School!**

**Join Us  
this Summer**

**If you are interested in helping out  
with our one week  
Vacation Bible Camp this year,  
please contact Ryan Zimmerling**



Joanne Jehu is now also a debt coach with More than Enough.

"More than Enough is Canada's most trusted source of financial counsel & products."

Check out their website at <http://morethanenough.ca/>

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**Correction Notice of Lenten Offerings**

Lenten offerings were \$1139.00, not in excess of \$1200.00 as stated in the May Newsletter.

The money was still divided equally between the two global initiatives – the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and CLWR.



**The Town of Arnprior has compiled 150 events held throughout Arnprior in 2017.**

Arnprior 150 Events Passports can be picked up at all events and these locations:

Town Hall – 105 Elgin St. West

Arnprior Public Library – 21 Madawaska Street

Nick Smith Centre – 77 James Street

Tourist Information Centre – 70 Madawaska Blvd.

More information can also be found online at:

<http://arnprior.ca/live/calendar/150events/>

**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/>



**\*\* Communion Helpers are needed!  
please sign up in the Narthex \*\***

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2017**

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lois and Lynn Rosien	Lynn Rosien	Deb and Jeff Kargus	Lois and Lynn Rosien
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lois and Lynn Rosien	Lynn Rosien	Enid Blackwell	Lois and Lynn Rosien
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lois and Lynn Rosien	Lynn Rosien	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Lois and Lynn Rosien
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lois and Lynn Rosien	Lynn Rosien	Alison and Dave Burkett	Lois and Lynn Rosien

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

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

Website: <http://stjohnsarnprior.com>



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