

# March 2015 Newsletter



## *St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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## Pastor's Message



### A Perspective for Lent

During the end of February you might have seen ads for Shrove Tuesday suppers and Ash Wednesday Services and wondered why these traditions are still carried on. Lent is a season in the Christian calendar that many still take seriously as a time of preparation - 40 days to be exact – for Easter. As we count down this time it is also to welcome signs of spring and that maybe a more enticing thought for you after this cold winter.

Traditionally the days before Ash Wednesday took on a festive air as Lenten diets were to be devoid of fats and oils. It became necessary in western civilizations to use up the oil in the house before Lent began. Hence Pancake Tuesdays! In Germany it is called Fastnacht; in France Mardi Gras; in Latin countries Carnivale and in England Pancake Tuesday. After all the feasting then many people give things up – like chocolate or desserts or shopping or smoking for the 40 days.

Other people add something more to their week – doing a kind deed for someone else every day, or paying it forward in some way for others, or volunteering at a charity or writing a cheque to help out an agency.

Lent calls us to deepen our faith and our spirituality. It calls for prayer, fasting and giving of our time, talents and treasures. However you decide to spend the 40 days keep your God and your neighbour in mind.



## March Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Service of the Word 10:00am</b> <b>Lent 2 Sunday</b> (Pastor at St. John's Ladysmith for worship & AGM)
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Villa 10:30am
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Arnprior World Day of Prayer Service 1:30pm</b> St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fellowship following service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Lent 3 Sunday - "A Taste of the Third World" at coffee hour</b>
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ottawa Valley Lutheran Ministry Area Pastors meeting 9:30am Zion, Pembroke
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ottawa Valley Lutheran Ministry Area Pastors meet at 10:00am With Bishop Pryse at Zion, Pembroke
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Lent 4 Sunday - Guest Preacher - Rev. Dr. Bishop Michael Pryse</b>
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting at 7:30pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Grove 11:00am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Lent 5 Sunday</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>



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

### *March 15<sup>th</sup>*



### Don't Miss This Opportunity!

Rev. Dr. Bishop Michael Pryse will join us as our guest preacher on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please invite family and friends to join us in welcoming Bishop Pryse as we honour the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. John's (fall 2014) and celebrate the future. There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

# February Church Council Report

## **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Norine gave church council a detailed breakdown of where she has spent her time this month. In addition to preparing and conducting services at the Villa and Grove Nursing homes (as well as regular Sunday Services) she has visited several parish families and been in contact with both parishes in Ladysmith regarding her role as interim minister. Pastor Norine has also attended some preliminary planning meetings with other Lutheran clergy regarding a new leadership model synod is trying to implement that is intended to share resources and still keep synod overhead at a minimum. More meetings will be attended in March.

## **Financial Report:**

Total offerings for January were down approximately \$1,082 vs. Jan.2014. Lower Sunday attendance on two Sundays that were weather impacted (snow/freezing drizzle) appear to be the chief causes. It is expected that we will pick this up over the next couple of months.

Expenses are in line with what we budgeted. Our deficit for the month is \$4000 and represents a shortfall of \$1,000/wk. to break even.

Our balance sheet shows \$151,250 still in chequing/savings with no outstanding debt.

Council was informed that the following compliance reporting has been either completed or is in process:

- CCRA annual report –submitted
- HST rebate-submitted
- Synod parochial reports- in process

**Easter Services:** Council reviewed and approved the information that will be published in the local paper and other information sources (newsletter, web, etc.) for Easter Services. See separate page in newsletter for details.

**CLWR:** Jeff outlined the effort and focus we will be putting into CLWR. Council approved that we will support a special Lenten appeal based on congregational input. Jeff will be communicating further details.

**Easter Flowers:** Envelopes will be in the narthex for flower donations or members can mark on their envelopes Easter Flowers with amount donated.

**Donations for wine:** Following a suggestion from our annual meeting a chart has been prepared where individuals may donate towards the cost of communion wine and wafers(suggestion is \$20).Members may make this donation in memory of loved ones (and list the name) if they prefer.

## **Strategy for growing our membership:**

Council will be spending some time in the near future on developing and communicating a strategy to grow our membership.

## **Special reminder:**

Members and guests you would like to invite are reminded of our celebration service with Bishop Pryse on March 15<sup>th</sup> with a potluck lunch to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Zimmerling

## *Holy Week Liturgies*

*March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) - March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00am*

### *The Triduum of Easter*

*Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm*

*Good Friday – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00am*

*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) – April 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm*

*at Faith Lutheran Church, Ottawa*

*The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) – April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am*

*All are welcome to our celebrations*



### **Summer Jobs at Lutherlyn**

- **Program Coordinator** - 7 weeks
- **Assistant Coordinator** - 6 weeks
- **Counselors** - 4 to 5 weeks
- **Waterfront Director & Lifeguards** - 5 Weeks
- **Craft/Activity Director** - 4-5 weeks
- **Canoe out trip leaders** - 1-2 or 3 weeks

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Nurse: 1 Nurse per Week of Program
- Chaplain: 1 Chaplain per Week of Program

APPLICATIONS and INFORMATION available at  
[Info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:Info@lutherlyncamp.ca) or download applications from  
our website: [www.lutherlyncamp.ca](http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca)

We will begin reviewing applications Mar. 15, 2015

Earth Day  
April 22, 2015



Earth Day points us back to the Creator in our work and worship. The covenant we have with God to protect the earth, soil, and water is connected to our responsibility also to those around the world who don't have enough to eat.

## Our Lenten Focus



A gift that gives in many ways: milk for drinking, manure for gardens and meat for meals. Our gift will continue to grow when offspring are born and additional pairs of goats are given to neighbouring families.



How deep can I drink? Can I drink a full glass of water? These are questions a child no longer has to ask once a refugee camp has ample water for its people. Ensuring a supply of safe, clean water involves the construction of community wells, creation of water storage systems and basic education around safe water handling.



When reliable drinking water is not available, water purification tablets are a means of guarding against disease-causing agents commonly found in water drawn from untreated sources.

Availability of a reliable source of water greatly reduces the risk of crop failure from recurring drought. It also facilitates crop diversification that can enhance the local diet and supplement income through the sale of surplus produce.

This year our congregation has chosen to contribute our Lenten Offerings to Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Together we have chosen to focus on giving the gift of water and goats. Also, to deepen our awareness of the struggles of global hunger, we will be hosting “A Taste of the Third World” during social on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Contributing to our Lenten project is easy! Simply put your donation in your yellow Lenten offering envelope. How will we track our weekly donations towards our goal? Keep your eye on the goat poster and water jar in the Narthex!



Thank you for helping St. John's extend our reach to the global community!

If you have any additional questions please contact Jeff.

**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.

**Postings in the Narthex**

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter (or access online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- Upcoming events at Galilee Centre – “What Matters Series”, “Medicine Wheel” and “Lenten Guided Silent Retreat”. For more information check out their website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/>
- Women’s Ministry Event – Singspiration – Registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Andy Kalnins	Julie Zimmerling	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Vicki Weichenthal	Jeff/Deb Kargus <b>A Taste of the Third World</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Joy Statham	<b>POTLUCK!</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Jeff/Deb Kargus	Vicki Weichenthal	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Ryan/Julie Zimmerling	Barb Formuziewich	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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

Website: <http://stjohnsarnprior.com>



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