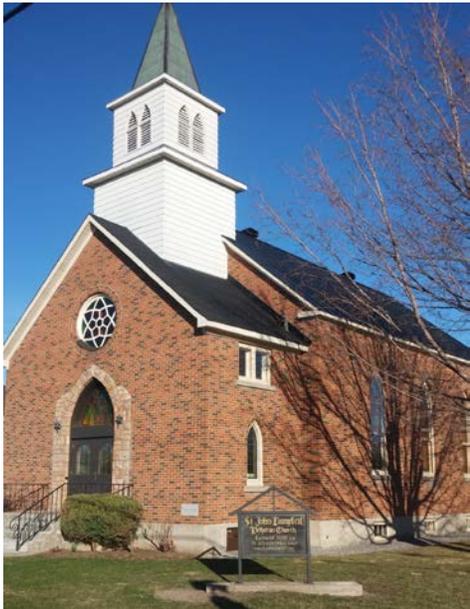


# May 2015 Newsletter



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

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Parish Family,

Spring-time draws our attention to many things. We have now added out-door items to our family or personal "to do lists." We set priorities and assign tasks to family members. The church family is no different.

As you know I was in attendance at the Eastern Synod Council meeting last week in Orillia. We met with the new area Deans, Ministry Directors, Bishop Michael, his assistants, and Bishop Susan was present also. It was a time to peer ahead into the future. The Synod Leadership was gathered to ask questions, set priorities, and evaluate where we are presently and the direction we would like to head towards.

This little statement came to mind; *Do not put a period, where God puts a comma.* We take these times of "commas"- pauses - for the whole church so that we can awaken to who we are now, and set guiding directions for the next year. We also do this in our individual faith communities, as we see what is shaping the world and the community around us and we ask how we can be God's hands and feet in the community here.

Martin Luther once observed that the grapevine branch does not need to be taught how to bear fruit, and neither does the branch count how many grapes it has produced –the key is to stay connected.

May we all stay connected to God and each other as we move into spring and the tasks and ministries that it brings. May God bless you today. Pastor Norine

## *May Event Calendar*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> Baptism of Sawyer Charles Elliot (Zimmerling)
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Villa 10:30am  Pastor Norine to speak at Women's Gathering Glasgow United Church 6:30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> Happy Mother's Day!
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Ottawa Valley Lutheran Ministry Area Pastors meeting St. John's, Arnprior 9:30 - noon
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Good-bye reception for Rev. Charles Nolting Camp Lutherlyn 1pm - 4pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b>
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at The Grove 11:00am
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Pentecost</b>
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Service for Lloyd Schwartz Ladysmith 2:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00am</b> <b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b>



*Communion on May 3<sup>rd</sup> is sponsored by Randy and Cathy Zimmerling to celebrate the Baptism of Sawyer Charles Elliot.*

*Communion on May 31<sup>st</sup> has been sponsored in honor of McGregor Scobie's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



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

# Church Council Report April 2015



## Pastor's Report:

Pastor Norine presented a detailed breakdown of where her time was spent over the past month and gave council an indication of some future events including:

- Synod council meeting in Orillia (we will have a Service of The Word led by Church Council members on April 26)
- Baptism on May 3
- Speaking engagement at Glasgow United Church - May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Lutheran pastors meeting at St. John's Arnprior - May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Service and Interment at Ladysmith - May 30<sup>th</sup>

## Financial Report:

Up to the end of March, current offerings lagged last year's total by \$651. Council remains convinced we will make up this shortfall over the next couple of months. Up to the end of March our total for CLWR was \$1,397 chiefly as a result of donations received through the Lenten appeal for goats and water purification in aid of Ethiopia famine relief. Our benevolence offerings are also showing an increase over last year. Up to the end of March we have contributed \$521 more than last year. Our three month deficit is \$10,900. Our balance sheet shows \$147,322 in cash and investments.

## Property Report:

Randy informed council that he had received a report of children throwing stones at our church sign from a neighbour who was concerned that further damage may include our stained glass windows. After investigating it was discovered that children have been displacing and throwing the stones from around the foundation. During the course of a week over fifteen two gallon pails full of stones were picked up from around the sign. There are more stones to be picked up from around the lamppost. Randy spoke to as many mothers, children and other caregivers as was possible during the week. Some children assisted in picking up the stones. Adults were informed that if this continues, children and adults will be asked to wait on the bus on the sidewalk and usage of our property to play will not be allowed.

Special thanks to Gerald F. for his continued efforts in painting the basement and now the hallways, including the one leading to the choir loft. Gerald has quietly gone about painting the bathrooms, baseboards, non carpeted areas of the front stairwell and given the areas a much needed facelift. Thanks also to Barb for her encouragement!

## Altar Guild volunteers needed:

We continue to pray for Beryl's recovery from surgery and are looking for volunteers to assist with the set up and clean up of the communion vessels after service. Instruction and guidance will be provided. Please contact either Pastor or Randy if you can help.

## Other news:

- Adam Rueckwald will be taking on the responsibility of the church accounting position. Randy and Cathy will be working with Adam to transition responsibilities during May.
- Ryan Zimmerling has agreed to be our elected delegate for the National Synod Convention to be held July 9-12<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton. Ryan's selection will be ratified by a congregational vote on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Church council is grateful for the continued support and prayers of the congregation members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Zimmerling.

**St. John's Members Community Involvement:**

- Arnprior Community Choir Event (Maureen R. ) and Kanata Choral Society at Grace St. Andrew's United Church, Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3p.m.
- "Meet Me at the Mayfair" theatre production at Carleton Reid Memorial Hall, Emmanuel Anglican Church, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> (Andy K.)

Mark your calendar...

## Our Neighbourhood Barbeque



Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon

**Everyone is welcome**

*Volunteers and/or donations are always welcome in support of this event!*



- **Camp Lutherlyn summer camp employment opportunities!**  
Positions available include Summer Camp Program Coordinator, Waterfront staff and Waterfront Director [info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:info@lutherlyncamp.ca)
- **Camp Lutherlyn 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Weekend**  
When: August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Where: Golden Lake, ON

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

# NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



The Canadian government has announced it will match all donations given between April 25 and May 25. If you haven't already, please consider [making a donation today](#). Any amount helps.

Your gifts will help our partners at Lutheran World Federation Nepal provide water, sanitation, hygiene materials, and emergency shelter to people who lost their homes or who are staying outside for fear of aftershocks. Another one of their urgent priorities is accessing and addressing the needs of people in remote communities devastated by the earthquake.

## Postings in the Narthex

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter (or access online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- Upcoming events at Galilee Centre – Thurs. May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30-4pm-“The Unbroken Line”, Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm-“What Matters Series”. For more information go to website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/>
- Camp Lutherlyn 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Registration Forms - <http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/anniversary.html>
- Lutherlyn Corporation Membership Forms - <http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/downloads.html>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2015

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Randy/Cathy Zimmerling	Randy/Cathy Zimmerling	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Vicki Weichenthal	Enid Blackwell	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Andy Kalnins	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Jeff/Deb Kargus	Maureen Rueckwald	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Julie/Ryan/Zach Zimmerling	Lois Rosien	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff

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