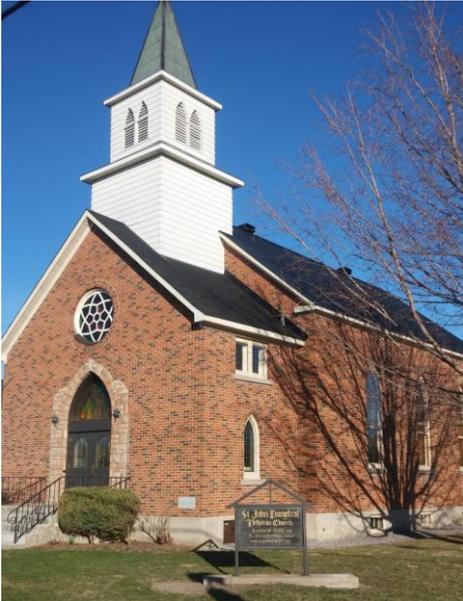


October 2015 Newsletter



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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September 28th, 2015

We are called to praise and thank God as we have an “awesome” God in our lives.

Pastor's Message

It is easy to thank God on a day like today. It is sunny outside and warm. The maple trees have turned colors and the orange pumpkins and colored mums put smiles on faces. I am thankful about how hard everyone is working in our congregation. I know there are days when you are tired out. Let me tell you a little story:

A man was lost while driving through the country. As he tried to reach for the map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. Though he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help. “Warwick can get you out of that ditch,” said the farmer, pointing to an old mule standing in a field. The man looked at the decrepit old mule and looked at the farmer who just stood there repeating, “Yep, old Warwick can do the job.” The man figured he had nothing to lose. The two men and the mule made their way back to the ditch. The farmer hitched the mule to the car. With a snap of the reins he shouted, “**Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull, Warwick!**” And the mule pulled that car right out of the ditch.

The man was amazed. He thanked the farmer, patted the mule, and asked, “Why did you call out all those names before you called Warwick?” The farmer grinned and said, “*Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling.*”

Adapted from Some Folks Feel the Rain: Others Just Get Wet, by James W. Moore.

Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. It's the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results. And God has provided us with an awesome team – including all of you!! So let us be thankful that God has provided what we have needed this year and let's be thankful for one another.

Pastor Norine

October Event Calendar

Sunday	4th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Arnprior 2 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday	5 th – 6 th	Pastor Norine attends required Transitions Retreat with Bishop Michael in Mississauga
Wednesday	7 th	Worship at The Villa 10 a.m. Pastoral care in Renfrew 1 – 4 p.m.
Thursday	8 th	Upper Ottawa Valley Lutheran Ministry Area Pastors meeting Zion Schwartz, Quebec 9:30 – 1 p.m.
Sunday	11th	Thanksgiving Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	18th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Dedication of new Pulpit Candle Holders in memory of Lillian Scobie
Monday	19 th	Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	21 st	Worship at the Grove 11 a.m. Pastoral care in Renfrew 1-4 p.m. Pastor Norine attends St. James Council Meeting at 5 p.m.
Sunday	25th	Reformation Worship Service with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Joint service – we welcome St. James



Communion on October 18th is sponsored by Susan Gillan in memory of Lillian Scobie.

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.



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

Church Council Report for September

Pastor's report: Pastor Norine presented a detailed report of her activities including a number of Pastoral visits. We are encouraged by her continued efforts to gather input on worship services and her pastoral care for our parish. Pastor highlighted some joint activities with the Renfrew parish including:

- Sept. 27 joint worship service at St. James in Renfrew to celebrate "Harvest Sunday"
- Oct. 25th Reformation Sunday with potluck at St. John's Arnprior

Due to schedule issues, information workshops on ushering and reading will be delayed until November. These sessions are intended to give volunteers the basics required for this important work.

Financial Report: Current offerings to date are just slightly higher than last year at this time whereas offerings for Benevolence are tracking at about a 20% increase vs. previous year. As well, due to our special appeals for World Hunger, we have seen about \$1,773 increase vs. the previous year.

We have a \$33,700 deficit on a year-to-date basis mainly as a result of our decision to return to full time ministerial support for the parish. Our balance sheet shows 122,006.38 in cash.

CLWR/Food Bank: Jeff reiterated the appeal for Syrian refugee relief via CLWR. For every dollar donated, the government will match it. We will be initiating an appeal for donations for the Food Bank in October.

Outreach: Lois reviewed the work that has been accomplished over the past couple of months:

- Visits to shut-ins
- Birthday celebrations

New Business:

- Work is proceeding to produce an anniversary booklet. Melissa has agreed to be the editor for this effort.
- Council supports the creation/restart of Sunday School. We will be investigating resources available and volunteers to teach are needed.
- Ryan will be leading efforts to get a float together for this year's Santa Claus parade.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,

Randy Zimmerling



There is a line in a nursery rhyme that says, "Now I am three, I'm very nearly me!" Children usually begin their Sunday School experience at about age 3. This is a good time to begin nurturing their faith. We as adults need to pass on the faith to our future generations.

Pastor Norine and Church Council are hoping to start a Sunday School program this fall/winter. This may begin by taking the form of one set Sunday a month during worship when the children gather in a room for a bible story, crafts, singing, and games.

As we have such young ones with us, this will require 2 adults or an assisting teenager. If you are able to help with this ministry please speak with Pastor Norine or a member of council.

2015 ELCIC National Convention

(submitted by Ryan Zimmerling)

This July 9-12, almost 250 delegates, and over 100 visitors and numerous volunteers were present at the 2015 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada National Convention in Edmonton, Alberta. Opening worship commenced with a procession entering the worship space from the four directions, with all paths leading to the waters of Baptism.

This year, Lutherans around the world commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The convention theme, Liberated by God's Grace, is the theme of the international commemoration along with its subthemes: salvation—not for sale, human beings—not for sale, and creation—not for sale. Throughout the convention, these themes were explored—in worship and bible study, in presentations and convention actions.

Among the many highlights of convention, was the call to embrace of the ELCIC Reformation Challenge in honour of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Over the next three years, individuals, congregations, specialized ministries and synods will challenge themselves to:

- 500 new refugee sponsorships
- 500 new bursaries for students in schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land
- 500,000 trees to be planted in Canada and around the world
- \$500,000 to be raised for The Lutheran World Federation Endowment Fund

On Friday morning of the Convention, convention delegates received greetings from Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Archbishop reflected on the years that have passed since the ELCIC and ACC entered into a relationship of Full Communion, recalling the day in Waterloo when thousands who were gathered in worship sang, "We Are Marching in the Light of God". Indeed, the message to delegates was that we should strive to strengthen our relationship with our Anglican brothers and sisters in our communities.

As one might expect, a large portion of convention was spent addressing ELCIC administrative matters such as the re-election of the Rev. Susan C. Johnson as National Bishop for a third four-year term, voting on the ELCIC Constitution, Administrative By-laws, as well as Audits and Budgets. Numerous motions and policies were also passed at convention including the authorization of lay ministers because there is an overwhelming need for Word and Sacrament in some communities.

Finally, interacting with 250 delegates from across the country representing congregations from large cities in the Greater Toronto area to very small communities in rural Saskatchewan provided a new perspective and appreciation for what we have here at St. John's. For example, St. John's is fortunate to have a beautiful church as a place of worship and an organist to fill the church with the sound of music. The congregation of St. Johns is fortunate to live in a town where community initiatives include having annual barbeques and supporting our local food bank. And, of course, St. John's is fortunate to have a full-time pastor, who was known to and so highly regarded by, many of the delegates. With a pastor, St. John's can have full ministry of the Word and the Sacrament just about every Sunday. We, at St. John's, must not take for granted what we have.

Name our Newsletter!

We need your great ideas to give our newsletter a name!

If you have a suggestion, you can drop it in the suggestion box (paper strips in Narthex), give it to Jeff or Debbie directly, or email Jeff at jeff.kargus@hotmail.com. Get your suggestions in by November 1st. The author of the winning name will be announced in our December newsletter. Put on your thinking caps and submit your entry!

CLWR News Briefs

Help us respond to Syrian refugees

We are calling on Lutherans across Canada to make a donation to help Syrian refugees suffering and displaced by brutal violence in their country.

Donations made between September 12, 2015 and December 31, 2015 will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Canadian government through their Syria Emergency Relief Fund.

How to donate:

- Online at <http://clwr.donorshops.com/product/685132A/syrianrefugeerelief.php>
- By phone at 1.800.661.2597
- By mail (cheques made out to CLWR and mailed to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 0W5)
- By free-will offering at any Lutheran congregation in Canada

How your donations will help:

CLWR is working with Syrian refugees who have settled in communities in Jordan and Iraq. Your funds will go where needed most:

- to provide basic aid like clothing, personal hygiene supplies and food vouchers to people most in need of support;
- to help refugee children go back in school - funds will help support school & classroom rehabilitations and school supplies;
- to provide youth and young adults affected by trauma with psychosocial support programs.

CLWR has been providing support like this since 2012 with on-the-ground partners like [The Lutheran World Federation](#) in Jordan and Iraq. This has been made possible through the generous financial support of Lutherans across Canada and the Canadian government.



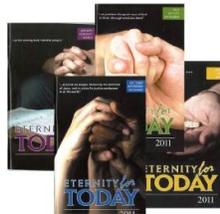
Food Bank Wish List

Please remember that as children return back to school demand increases at **The Arnprior and District Food Bank.**

All donations are extremely appreciated. Some items that have been added for fall are:

- Cereal – Instant and Cold
- Boost or Ensure
- Good Start Formula
- Jars of Baby Food
- Diapers – size 3

Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding.
(Albert Einstein)



ETERNITY for TODAY

October, November and December issues are 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 OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Oct. 4 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Joy Statham	Randy and Cathy Zimmerling	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 11 th (Thanksgiving)	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Andy Kalnins	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 18 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Vicki Weichenthal	Susan Gillan	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 25 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Jeff Kargus	POT LUCK LUNCH with St. James!	Elmer and Marion Leeck

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

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