

St. John's Lutheran Church
Celebrates the Installation of
Pastor Norine Gullons



About 100 people gathered in our church on Sept. 21st for an afternoon celebration service to formally install Pastor Norine as our pastor. The Dean of the Upper Ottawa Valley (Rev. Annette Smith), led the service and delivered a powerful sermon based on Matthew's Gospel for the day-reminding us that even though we might not think it's fair , God's unconditional love is there for everyone - the new and not so new Christian, the young, the old, the saint and the sinner.

All members of church council were involved in the worship and installation portions of the service reinforcing and reemphasizing our support roles beyond church administration. The musical portions of the service were mainly from the more contemporary "With One Voice" hymnal and Alexandra showcased both the sounds of our pipe organ and piano. In addition, we had a friend of Pastor Norine's play the guitar for the children's song "This Little Light of Mine".

Following the service, members, guests and the many clergy in attendance were treated to a feast that rose to the occasion of our celebration. Turkey, ham, casseroles, salads and numerous desserts ensured that no one left hungry. In addition, our free will offering in support of the Cameron family and their challenge to offset the medical expenses related to the care of their daughter raised approximately \$343. Special thanks go out to our kitchen captain Deb Kargus, her sous chef Jeff, Enid Blackwell and the Richardsons for their hard work in planning, set up and decorating the tables. To all of the men and women who supported this event through food contributions, preparation and the clean up afterwards, a sincere thank you.



St. John's ~ A Church in Mission for Others

Dear family in Christ,

The colored leaves on trees are always a reminder that we are heading into fall and a season of Thanksgiving and harvest time.

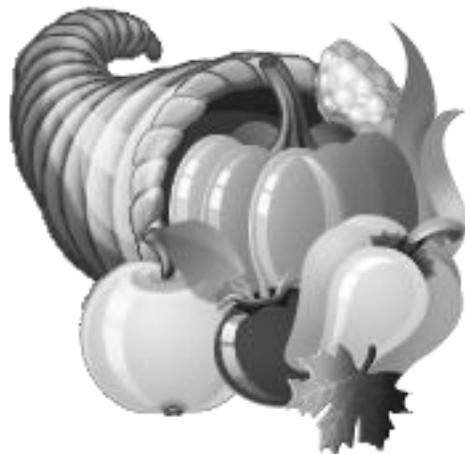
At the end of Sunday Sept 21st I was truly thankful for the people of St. John's. Watching you welcome people, enjoying your children in worship, being willing to invite the stranger into your midst, and feeding people with music and humour and prayers and lots of good food made me joy-filled. Thank you to absolutely everyone who made Sept. 21st possible! I also thank Randy Zimmerling, Beryl & Keith Richardson and Gerald Formuziewich for redecorating the church office.

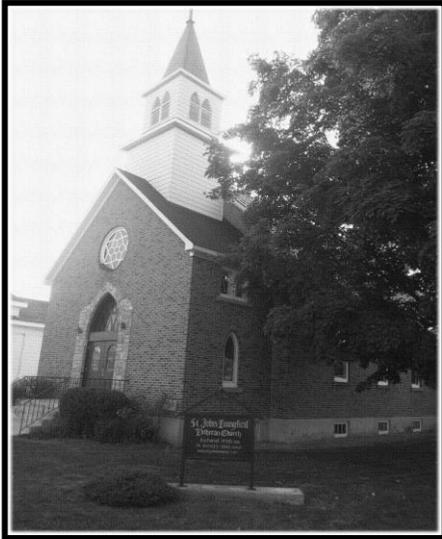
We celebrate thanksgiving every time we have Holy Communion or Eucharist. *Eucharist* is Greek for *thanksgiving*. We remember after all that Jesus took bread and gave thanks. We are all blessed. We have a God who loves us. We live in a beautiful part of God's creation and we live in a peaceful country. If we have friends that are true and family who love us then we are doubly blessed.

I am very honoured to call St. John's Lutheran Church - Arnprior, my new church family.

Sincerely,
Pastor Norine +

P.S. Happy Thanksgiving from Shannon, Ryan, Paige and Ava too!





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47 McLachlin Street, Arnprior, Ontario K7S 2Z1

Pastor: Norine Gullons

Church Office: 623-4562

Pastor's office hours are Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00-Noon

Chairperson:	Randy Zimmerling	623-9733
	Jeff Kargus	623-0192
	Lorne Rueckwald	623-8905
	Beryl Richardson	623-4351
	Lois Rosien	623-3010

October Calendar

Wednesday	1 st	Worship at The Villa 10:30am
Sunday	5th	Worship 10:00am – Coffee and social after service
Tuesday	7 th	17 th Annual Breast Cancer Support Group Buffet Dinner at St. John Chrysostom Church Parish Hall – 4:00pm-7:00pm
Thursday	9 th	Ottawa Valley Lutheran Pastors Gather at 9:30am at Zion Schwartz
Friday	10 th	Pastor leading a wedding in South Dundas
Sunday	12th	Worship 10:00am – Service of Thanksgiving Coffee and social after service
Monday	15 th	Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday	15 th	Worship at The Grove 11:00am
Monday	20 th	Council Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday	19th	Worship 10:00am – Coffee and social after service
Sunday	26th	Worship 10:00am – Reformation Sunday Coffee and social after service
Mon. - Fri.	27 th -31 st	Pastor's last week of continuing education/registered at Rural Ministry Conference



Ottawa Peace Festival continues until Oct. 2
<http://ottawapeacefestival.blogspot.com> See peace event posters in the Narthex.



September Council Report

Pastor's Report:

At our recent church council meeting, Pastor Norine gave us a very detailed account of where she had spent her time and categorized her efforts under the headings of:

- Worship
- Pastoral care/visits
- Community meetings
- Christian Education
- Administration
- Professional development

This template can be a valuable tool for council in the future. Not only does it provide information that we can answer the question "What does the Pastor spend her time on, but it also gives us the ability to have a discussion in what areas of ministry we need to invest more time on or prioritize. One of the priorities Pastor Norine has been working on is to visit the shut-ins and conduct services at both the Villa and the Grove. Pastor Norine's transition to our congregation has been both speedy and smooth. We look forward to working with her as we further discern God's will and our role in serving his people.

Church Finances and attendance:

Church Council reviewed the August year-to-date financial information:

- Total offerings were up vs. last year by 24.5%; this is significant given our usual summer decline as people are vacationing
- Our average attendance has seen a corresponding increase from 25 people to approximately 37 people
- Our balance sheet shows we still have approximately \$173,000 from the sale of our parsonage.

Property Report - Here is a list of items we are focused on completing:

- Painting of the Pastor's office-completed with the hard work of Gerald F.
- Outside painting of top windows and storm windows (includes recaulking)
- Addressing sound system complaints
- Fixing or replacing organ humidifier
- Painting the hallway to choir loft
- Repairing the large window in the choir loft (caulking and painting, etc. to prevent leaks)
- Eaves trough repairs

Foodbank/CLWR - Jeff Kargus is now volunteering at the Foodbank on a monthly basis under a generous program sponsored by his employer. We are grateful for Jeff's continued leadership and commitment.

Council Changes - We are pleased to announce two new members to church council:

- Ryan Zimmerling
- Rhonda McTeer

Both Ryan and Rhonda bring skills and a perspective that will help us improve both our prioritization and sharpen our focus on what we have been called to accomplish. Please keep them in your prayers along with the rest of church council.

Also, Cathy Zimmerling has submitted her resignation as Treasurer effective Dec. 31st of this year. We thank Cathy for keeping track of our finances over the past 3 years and know that she will continue to be active in other ways in our congregation.

Volunteers - Sunday Services, the administration of our church and the upkeep of our property require the support and participation of our church members. This takes its form each Sunday in the roles of counters, ushers, communion helpers, readers, preparing Sunday treats for after worship, practicing new hymns, role of treasurer, role of financial(envelope)secretary (Rhonda McTeer's role), serving on Church council and general maintenance at the church. Would you give prayerful consideration to where your talents and time can be best utilized and commit yourself to contributing by being an active participant in our church.

Respectfully submitted
Randy Zimmerling

Arnprior Food Bank Update

As a congregation we will continue to support the Arnprior Food Bank with a special focus on items for children's snack packs for the month of October.

These items would include: packaged crackers and cheese, pudding cups, granola bars and juice boxes (100% pure juice makes for a healthier snack).

As always monetary or other food donations are always welcomed.

Information regarding other Food Bank initiatives (e.g. snowsuit and winter footwear drive) will follow shortly through Sunday Service announcements.

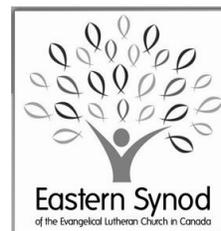
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you again for your continued prayers and support of our local community.

Best regards,
Jeff



Extra! Extra!

The Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter is now available online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>
A few hardcopies are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to borrow a copy.



Postings in the Narthex

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter
- History of the Ottawa Valley at Galilee Centre (Sept. 8th thru to October 13th)
- Workshop "Pursuing Wholeness on our Faith Journey" (Galilee Centre, Oct. 25th)
- Building Peace in Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Posters
- Canadian Peace Initiative Arnprior and Area Event Poster (November 2nd)



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Oct. 5 th	The Leecks	Jeff or Deb Kargus	Debbie K.	The Leecks
Oct. 12 th	The Leecks	Julie or Ryan Zimmerling	Barb F.	The Leecks
Oct. 19 th	The Leecks	Vicki Weichenthal	Marion B.	The Leecks
Oct. 26 th	The Leecks	Randy or Cathy Zimmerling	Volunteer Needed Please let Barb or Debbie know if you can help here	The Leecks

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

Website: <http://stjohnsarnprior.com>



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