

St. John's Lutheran Church

47 McLachlin Street, Arnprior, Ontario K7S 2Z1

Pastor: Norine Gullons

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

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September Calendar

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| Sunday | August 31st | Worship and Blessing of the Backpacks 10:00am (Coffee and social after service) |
| Wednesday | 3 rd | Worship at The Villa 10:30am |
| Sunday | 7th | Worship 10:00am – Coffee and social after service |
| Thursday | 11 th | Ottawa Valley Lutheran Pastors Gather at 9:30am at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Schutt |
| Sunday | 14th | Worship 10:00am – Coffee and social after service |
| Tuesday | 16 th | Council Meeting 7:30pm |
| Wednesday | 17 th | Worship at The Grove 11:00am |
| Saturday | 20 th | Pastor leading a private wedding in Navan |
| Sunday | 21st | **Note: Morning service is cancelled** 3:30pm - Installation service for Pastor Norine with Holy Communion (Potluck supper to follow) |
| Saturday | 27 th | Ottawa St. Lawrence Women of Faith quilt tying day Please speak with Pastor Norine for details |
| Sunday | 28th | Worship 10:00am – Coffee and social after service |
| Tues. and Wed. | 30 th -1 st | Bishop's Leadership gathering Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, Burlington |



International Day of Peace, Sept. 21 & beyond: 10 days of events beginning on Sept. 21st at Ottawa Peace Festival <http://ottawapeacefestival.blogspot.com>
Watch for local peace event to be announced shortly.



Tuesday August 19th

Dear parish family,

As I write this note to you I am still unpacking and getting “sorted out”. A big thanks to church council members for their advice and help with unpacking both the church office and my “new house.” (I like St. John’s and my house and I like Arnprior!) This is a major transition for your new Pastor.

People and institutions are always changing. We are always in a state of transition it seems. We make the transition from summer to fall – although maybe grudgingly. Our families change as deaths, births, marriages, divorces and illness occur. Our local community changes due to the social and economic pressures of our time. Our country changes as our governments strive to protect and provide for all of us.

Transitions are processes. They are not goals. It is not a product that we consume. It is even a bodily process and not only emotional or intellectual but even a spiritual one. The very cells in our bodies are changing and making transitions and renewing themselves every day. Yet we remain recognizably ourselves. As much as any of us living here is part of a community, faith or otherwise, at the same time we always have to be open to making transitions, and not be afraid of that 6 letter word- *CHANGE*.

We all know what happens when we have stability without change. We become stagnant. We curl up in our favourite chair. The chair is called *“this is the way we have always done it”!*

Communities of faith – churches - are transitioning too. We need to be fully aware of the effects of our culture on the church as we are part of that culture outside of the church buildings.

The good people of St. John’s appear ready to step out to be “a church in mission for others”. Perhaps the real scariness of the changes in our lives lies in admitting that God can work in each of us however, whenever, and through whomever or whatever means that God chooses.

Our faith in God is not a one size fits all kind of faith. This has to be worked out by each individual whether you are part of a faith community or not. This is a daily and life long process. Change is about seeing ourselves and the ordinary people in our families and the people who surround us every day and seeing them in a new light. It is good to remember that it is not about us, and it is always about God!

May God bless the rest of your summer days,
Pastor Norine

Extra! Extra! - Postings in the Narthex

- Synod Highlights from Pastor Norine
- History of the Ottawa Valley at Galilee Centre (Sept. 8th thru to October 13th)

July and August Council Report

Pastor Norine Gullons has relocated to Arnprior and assumed responsibility for Pastoral leadership effective July 12th, We are excited to have her join us as we start a new chapter in the life of St. John's Lutheran Church Arnprior. Pastor Norine will be assuming further responsibility for leading the worship service at the Arnprior Grove and the Arnprior Villa in early September and has already visited two of our members at the Villa. Please continue to keep Pastor Norine and our congregation in your prayers as we begin our ministry together here at St. John's.



Church Barbecue

On August 17th, we held our second annual community barbecue. Despite the cool weather and overcast skies, we had a good time! We hope to get some of the pictures uploaded to our website soon. In addition to new faces from the neighbourhood showing up this year, we were surprised and pleased to have Pastor Stan and Judy join us for both the service and barbecue and Pastor Vern Cronmiller and Betty as well. Heard some kids from the neighbourhood who were playing on the lawn and enjoying the food say, "best Sunday ever".....couldn't agree more. Thanks to everyone who worked to make this happen.



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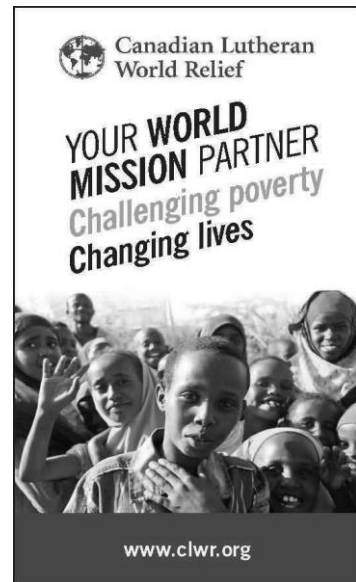
L'Arche Walk/Run – “Thanks to all who participated in L’Arche’s Annual Family Fun Run/Walk event on Saturday, August 23rd at Robert Simpson Park, and to those who contributed otherwise to the L’Arche community. This was the second time a group of members of St. John’s Lutheran have come out to show our support in this way. One community helping another!” – submitted by Enid. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please contact either Enid Blackwell or myself.

Building Maintenance - Thanks to Eric Obst for all his efforts in painting the church side entrance door and all of the windows at ground level. We hope to have the remainder of the windows (including the storm windows) painted by early fall. If you would like to help in this effort, please contact me. We also are planning to paint the church office in early September and could use additional help here as well.

Church summer attendance and offerings - Our summer services were well attended and we are grateful that even though this is vacation time, our offerings continued to reflect your financial support and commitment. Thank you.

Volunteers - In September we will be focusing on ensuring our responsibilities for lay participation in the service (readers, altar guild), ushering and counting are covered off for the year. If you haven't already done so, please consider volunteering in some capacity. Training and instructions are available.

Respectfully submitted
Randy Zimmerling



10th Bi-annual Rural Ministry Conference

Oct. 27th 2:00pm – Oct. 29th noon
 Crieff Hills Retreat Centre
 near Guelph, ON

Contact Pastor Norine if interested
 Register by September 30th
 \$175.00 + accommodation fee
 See brochures in the Narthex

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

| SUNDAY | USHERS | READING | COFFEE/SOCIAL | COUNTERS |
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| Sept. 7 th | The Rosiens | The Rosiens | Debbie Kargus | The Rosiens |
| Sept. 14 th | The Rosiens | The Rosiens | Maureen Rueckwald | The Rosiens |
| Sept. 21 st | The Rosiens | The Rosiens | POT LUCK SUPPER | The Rosiens |
| Sept. 28 th | The Rosiens | The Rosiens | Marion Leeck | The Rosiens |

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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