

The Mustard Seed

July-August 2018

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
Church

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"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32



Pastor's
Message

Dear faith family and friends,

Liberated by God's grace. . .to be neighbour.

That was the theme of the 17th Biennial Assembly of the Eastern Synod, last week, in Toronto. Our delegates, Shelly Gauthier, Randy Zimmerling and Pastor Norine (and guest Joe Gauthier) participated. Joe even managed to be part of the band that played for worship! 234 people took part in 4 days of worship, elections, business meetings, Bible Study, sharing and singing. We voted for Bishop Michael Pryse to

continue to be our Bishop; Laurie Knott as our Vice Chair of Synod; Rev. Wendall Grahlman as secretary and of course Keith Myra as treasurer.

It was an opportunity to consider who our neighbour is. Not just the person who lives next door to us but others. There were many guests and many neighbors from very diverse religious traditions. It made us stretch our circle of friendship wider to include all that we meet. The Friday night exercise made us see how individuals are affected by the majority of the people surrounding them – and not always in a positive way. It was eye opening. A formal report will be presented to both churches eventually.

Don't forget our **Summer Christian Education Program for Children:**

July 30 – Aug 3 from 9-11:30 at St. John's Arnprior – **EXPLORING GOD'S WORLD** – We pass on our faith, love and support to our children, grandchildren, the rest of our families, friends and neighbors. Come and join us!

May we all experience the support that the Holy Spirit gives to us, as we try to "be neighbour".
May God bless your summer days. Pastor Norine +



17th Biennial Assembly of the Eastern Synod

*The delegates,
Randy at the
microphone, and
the Inshallah
Choir*



*June
19th-
24th*

July Event Calendar

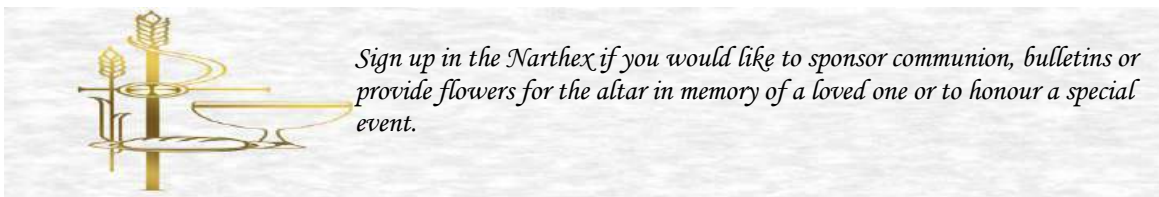
Sunday	1st	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Happy Canada Day! Wear Red and/or White 
Sunday	8th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Saturday	14th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	15th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	22nd	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

Friday, July 27th to Friday, August 17th – Pastor Norine on Vacation

Sunday	29th	Service of the Word and Prayer 10:30 a.m. With Diaconal Minister – Pamela Harrington
Monday – Friday	July 30th-August 3rd	Vacation Summer Camp for Children 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (see ad on page 5)

August Event Calendar

Sunday	5th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Guest Pastor – Rev. Jim Goos
Saturday	11th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	12th	Service of the Word and Prayers 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	19th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	26th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.





Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2018

Pastor Norine opened with devotions and prayer. The minutes from the May 22nd 2018 meeting were approved with no additions.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor presented her activity report.
- A leader for the Service of the Word on August 12th 2018 will be needed.

Financial Report:

- Profit & Losses versus what was budgeted was reviewed.
- Randy Z presented attendance figures for 2018 compared to 2017. Attendance for the month of June was lower in 2018 than in 2017, but was higher in the month of May. The two-month average, however, is similar.
- Property projects to be completed over the summer:
 - Grass cutting and cleaning to-date has been handled by volunteers.
 - Small amounts of paint touch-ups are required.
 - The little hot water tank for the front washrooms is being replaced.
 - Sunday School new receptacle under way; hopefully, before Vacation Camp.
 - Parging the front steps
 - Refinish the Hymn Board
 - Laminate floor. Perhaps the first week of August in the evenings.
 - Strip and re-seal basement floor.
 - Install the new sink in the front Women's Washroom.
 - Consideration for an air conditioner for Pastor's office & Loft area.
 - Screens:
 - Loft windows will need to be installed.
 - Sanctuary windows as well.

Outreach/Community Report:

- Jeff K will be applying for the Compassionate Justice Grant again on behalf of St. John's.
- It was felt that the Big Give contribution was well-received.

Marketing Report:

- Christmas Bazaar is being proposed for December 1st (additional details to follow)
- Hospice Dinner Oct 25th, 2018 – Rick Leban has been asked to perform

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,
Ryan Zimmerling

Volunteers Needed for the Summer – June through August...

Do you love to clean? We need volunteers to clean the church. If you can help out, please sign-up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Gerald F or Randy.

Rather cut grass? If you have the tools and the time available, please contact Randy!



Exploring God's World

A Vacation Camp for 4 to 12 year olds

Mon July 30 through Fri Aug 3 2018

9am – 11:30am

2018 Theme: "Secret Agents of Truth"



Cost: \$10 per child or
\$25 per family
Morning snack provided.

Limited space - register by **July 1**

Any questions please call the church at:
(613) 623-4562

More information can also be found on our
Facebook page or website

Links can be found on the bottom of the last page of newsletter





In case you missed it... on June 2nd, St. John's Lutheran Church members participated in

the annual "Big Give Event". We showed up at 8:00 a.m., dressed for safety and hit the streets of Arnprior to pick garbage.



Giving back – a win-win...



"Thank You" to the Bretzlaffs for providing lunch for everyone!



WOW! That's a lot of garbage from Division street!



Don't Forget!



July 14th
and
August 11th

8:30 a.m.
Jim's Restaurant
In Arnprior

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!

Important Dates...

July 30th – August 3rd – St. John's Vacation Bible Camp



Thanks for giving of your time and talents on the May long-weekend to work on our church roof!

A well-deserved lunch-break!



*Happy
Birthday
Wishes from the
month of May!*



Postings in the Narthex

- Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter (or access online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- Upcoming events at Galilee Centre – website at <https://www.galileecentre.com/workshops-events/>



Helpers for Ushering and Counting are needed!
 If you can help for a Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2018

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
July 1 st	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Mark Boese	Pastor and Enid	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff
July 8 th	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Debbie or Jeff Kargus	Volunteer Needed	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff
July 15 th	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Maureen Rueckwald	Enid Blackwell	Beryl and Keith Richardson
July 22 nd	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Andy Kalnins	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff
July 29 th	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Joanne Bretzlaff	Ryan and Julie Zimmerling	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff
Aug. 5 th	Volunteer Needed	Cathy or Randy Zimmerling	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Aug. 12 th	Volunteer Needed	Joy Statham	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Aug. 19 th	Volunteer Needed	Maureen Rueckwald	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Aug. 26 th	Volunteer Needed	Andy Kalnins	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

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

Note: Volunteers are needed weekly.

Free training is available! 😊 If interested, talk to a council member.

Website: <http://stjohnsarnprior.com>



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