

The Mustard Seed

June 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,

Even though the blackflies are biting and the mosquitoes try desperately to get into our houses this time of year, lots of people are heading out to their cottages or trailers and getting them ready for the summer months of rest and relaxation, or just spending time outdoors.

As you travel about this summer- **DON'T FORGET TO WORSHIP**-whether that be quiet meditation in the outdoors, or by the ocean, or amongst the

trees - forest bathing, or lounging beside water, the pool or the beach as the “Bethesda Beauties” (*from Camp Sunday*) might be doing. **GO TO another CHURCH** where you are travelling – it is good to have different worship experiences and you may even bring home a fresh idea that we could implement here. **Please LEAVE YOUR OFFERING HERE!** Even though you are away - your faith community functions on what we give financially. We live by faith and we do not have any other source of income but **YOU**.

Fellowship: Canada Day celebrations July 1 - I’ve proclaimed to be a **red and white Sunday at church**. (wear something red and or white) and then stay for coffee hour to have something delicious that is red and white!

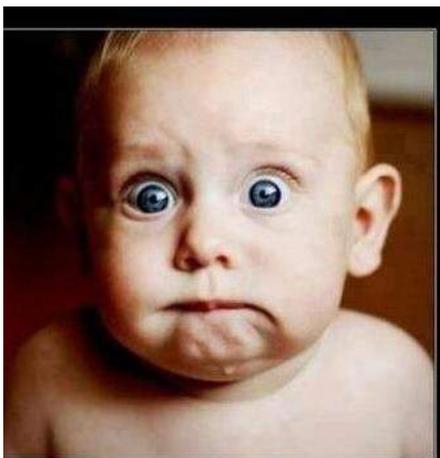
Summer Christian Education for Children: July 30 – Aug 3 from 9-11:30 at the church – **EXPLORING GOD’S WORLD** – We pass on our faith, love and support to our children, grandchildren, the rest of our families, friends and neighbors. We pray for them.

As we enter this Pentecost season we ask that the Holy Spirit – the power of God among us – heal, forgive, inspire and bless those around us. This is an important ministry that you all do. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord’s table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world around us.

“My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding.” Colossians 2:2

May we all experience the unity of faith and support that the Holy Spirit gives to us. May God bless your June days.

Pastor +Norine



LOOK OUT BOYS...THE GIRLS ARE COMING...

April 22nd at 4:30 a.m. - Melissa Watt and Nathan Brohart welcomed Rory Dawn Margaret Brohart. She was 8lbs. 13oz. Rory has already been shopping at our yard sale!!

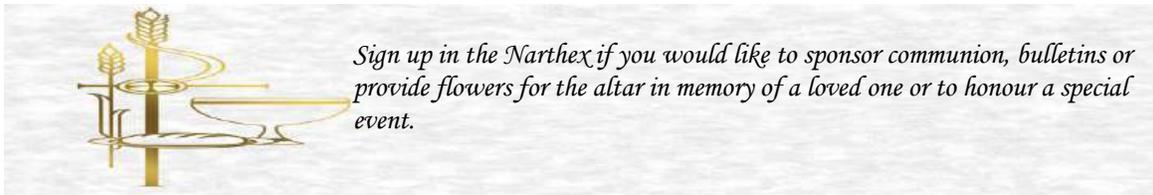
Saturday, May 26th - Ryan and Julie Zimmerling welcomed baby Clara. She was 8lbs. 8oz. and Ryan says mom and baby are doing well.

From the Renfrew parish, Marilyn Kropp welcomed granddaughter Ember Lieda on May 27th, weighing 8lbs. 9oz.

June Event Calendar

Saturday	2 nd	Annual Big Event – meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday	3rd	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thursday	7 th	ELECTION DAY – Don't forget to vote!
Saturday	9 th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	10th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Guest organist Craig Burkett 2:30 p.m. Pastor at Rosebank Cemetery, Renfrew for Memorial Service
Sunday	17th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Happy Father's Day – guest organist Lynne Zander Blessing of Synod Delegates
Monday	18 th	Church Council Meeting at St. John's 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday – Sunday	19 th – 24 th	Pastor Norine at Synod Assembly in Toronto
Sunday	24th	Service of the Word and Prayer 10:30 a.m. Synod Sunday – Sermon prepared by Bishop Michael Pryse

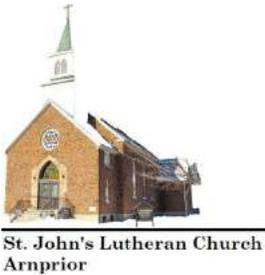
Sunday **July 1st** **Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.**
Happy Canada Day! 
Wear Red and/or White



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!



Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

Pastor Norine opened with devotions and prayer. The minutes from the April 19th, 2018 meeting were approved with no additions.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor presented her activity report.
- Pastor presented proposed worship schedule for the summer and into early September.
- Pastor reported new appointment of Rev. Joel Crouse as Director of Property Transformation.
- Pastor moved that we ratify the nomination of Randy Z to National Convention in 2019, seconded by Ryan Z – CARRIED.
- Pastor suggested council set aside a morning in the fall to deal with a variety of paperwork issues

Financial Report:

- Profit & Losses versus what was budgeted was reviewed – our deficit is \$2,041, compared to a budgeted deficit of \$6,836.
- Randy Z presented a proposal to re-allocate money in a few categories – no change to bottom line. Randy Z moved acceptance of the revised budget, seconded by Jeff K, CARRIED.
- Church cleaning schedule was discussed for the summer – need for volunteers to help out.
- We are in need of a lawn mowing volunteer - Randy Z will try to keep it cut in the interim.
- Discussed the need to get a newer couch to replace existing one in the large meeting room, as well as a first Aid Kit. Moved by Randy Z to buy one new first aid kit - seconded by Jeff K. – CARRIED.
- Randy pointed out the value of the property volunteers – e.g., the recent roof repair was an \$800 cost for \$4000 worth of work.
- Additional property work to be done in the future:
 - Little piece of roof still needs to be done, but not until next year.
 - Hot water heater needs to be replaced.
 - Front steps need to be re-parged.
 - Downstairs floor to be stripped.
 - New Receptacle in Sunday School area.
 - Having a bench in the narthex and at the back door was discussed (better and more efficient for a small space).

Outreach/Community Report:

- September 3rd, 2018 is Harvest Sunday at St. James, a fundraiser for Renfrew Food Bank.
- Big Give has about 115 churches involved this year. The date is June 2nd, 2018 and we will meet at 8:00 am at the church with the goal of cleaning up Division Street.
- We will strive to improve our communication with those who are unable to come to church.

Altar Guild:

- Jeff K. will look into buying big candles and new letters for hymn board.

Marketing Report:

- Council reviewed the special events and tentatively set the following dates:
 - i. BBQ – Aug 25th, 2018
 - ii. Hospice Dinner Oct 25th, 2018
 - iii. Rally Sunday – Sept 16th, 2018
- The 4 old frames will be painted and new artwork inserted. Council voted on the art.
- Signage (particularly washrooms) needs updating,

Children's Programme:

- Vacation Bible Camp – Jessica Z. is taking lead. An Ad has been created and is being circulated. We have volunteers for snacks (no nuts of any sort). Pastor noted that we would like youth involved as assistants.

Other Business:

- Music: Dave B. reviewed the Music procedures. There was some concern expressed about possible copyright license issues – Randy Z. and Dave B. to research.
- Community Garden: Ryan Z raised that there is a grant opportunity for community gardens – investigate for next year.
- We will discuss the Synod Grant Applications at the June Meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,
Ryan Zimmerling



Thank You!

Parish Hall Yard Sale

The sale has come and gone. It turned out to be a good fundraiser. We received so many wonderful donations that we were able to fill the hall and both meeting rooms. Huge selection!

People came from White Lake, Renfrew, surrounding areas and other church communities as well as Arnprior. The complimentary beverages served were appreciated by many.

Sale raised in total \$1482.30 for the parish. The Lord has truly blessed us.

We would like to give special thanks for those who donated items, advertising committee, and all our wonderful volunteers. Without you this would not have been possible.

Thank you!
Coordinators
Beryl R and Barbara F.

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"



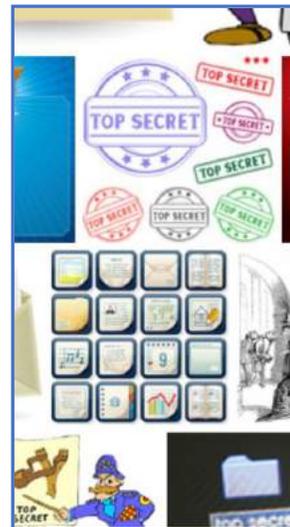
Cost: \$10 per child or
\$25 per family

Morning snack provided.

Limited space - register by **July 1**

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

Attached is a flyer/registration form



A few years ago, Jean de Dieu was in Arnprior for speaking events and came to our church too! He is back in Arnprior again with another free event!

Working for Peace: Threats, challenges and opportunities

Continue the Conversation



In 2015 Jean de Dieu Basabose stayed with friends in Arnprior while doing a speaking tour in Ontario. He was welcomed into family and community alike speaking at the Rotary Club in Renfrew, Arnprior District High School, Galilee Centre and St. John's Lutheran Church. Jean is back in the area to work on facilitating compassionate dialogue for Rwandan Diaspora and to build the practice with other peace practitioners.

On Thursday June 14th he will be the presenter for the Current Affairs Discussion Group at the Arnprior Public Library from 7-9pm. This is a Free Event

Through story telling Jean reminds us about our interconnectedness as human beings and calls us to take our responsibility to build a just, safe and inclusive world that works for everyone. His peacebuilding stories as well as challenges he has faced can inspire people from all over the world and invite them to create effective local, regional and global structures that protect and support the values of peace.



**June 14, 2018
Arnprior Public
Library
21 Madawaska
Street**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 613-897-0188 OR TO RSVP
www.arnpriorlibrary.ca



Happy Birthday

Lois!



In case you missed it... on May 27th we enjoyed "Camp Sunday". We dressed for camp, sang camp songs like, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands; I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy; Peace like a River; Rise and Shine",



Puppeteers, Maureen and Lorne presented a nervous camper Sophie and a sleepy, but reassuring, camp counsellor Cameron from the lectern and pulpit.



Randy recalled, "Cameron (Lorne) was very close to the pulpit candle in the beginning and that created a bit of a stir and references to 'camp fires', but he rebounded fine. I had tears rolling down my cheeks watching those puppets and my grandkids reaction to them..."

The big kids had fun doing a small group bible study on John 3:1-17. "Who was Nicodemus? Why did he seek Jesus out at night? Wind is compared to born-again believers. What does that mean?"



Matthew 18:3

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

~New International Version



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Don't Forget!



Men's Breakfast

June 9th

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

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!

Important Dates...

June 2nd – Annual “Big Give” – Garbage pick-up – 8:00 a.m.

June -July-August – Need volunteers for cleaning the church and cutting the grass. Sign-up sheet in Narthex or contact Randy

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

Galilee Events...

June 14th – Father's Day Luncheon – 11:30 a.m. \$18/person
Homestyle Vegetable Soup, Crusty Rolls, Apricot Glazed Ham, Old Fashioned Baked Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Rhubarb Cake with Whipped Cream



Many thanks to the worship team who helped create **CAMP SUNDAY!**

MUSIC: Lynne Zander, Lynn Rosien, Jessica Elliot

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Jessica & Rob Elliot

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE: CAMP COUNSELOR CAMERON

-aka Lorne Rueckwald & **SOPHIE:** -aka Maureen Rueckwald

And to all of you for having fun and participating and being kids for one morning!

Sincerely ~ Pastor Norine

REMEMBER WE HOPE TO DONATE \$355. TO LUTHERLYN CAMP TO SPONSOR A CHILD TO GO TO A ONE WEEK CAMP THIS SUMMER.

PLEASE DESIGNATE YOUR DONATION ON YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE.



No Scents Makes Good Sense

Many people in our midst have sensitivities or allergies to scented products such as perfume, deodorant, shampoo, and fabric softener. Please be mindful of the strength and amount of scented products you use when you prepare to come to worship.





Just a note to celebrate the success of the yard sale that Beryl and Barb organized. Feedback from the community customers/buyers/members was very positive –

“Things are so well organized! Labelling is very clear! Everything is nicely presented!” Great community outreach!

~ submitted by Enid



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/>



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
June 3 rd	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize	Lynn Rosien	Joanne and Lorne Bretzlaff	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize
June 10 th	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize	Lynn Rosien	Maureen and Lorne Rueckwald	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize
June 17 th	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize	Lynn Rosien	Marion and Elmer Leeck	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize
June 24 th	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize	Lynn Rosien	Debbie and Jeff Kargus	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize
July 1 st	Volunteers Needed	Mark Boese	Pastor/Lois	Volunteers 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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