

The Mustard Seed

October 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

October newsletter note

Psalm 46: verse 1 & 11

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

One of the good members of St. John's said to me on Sunday morning- *“Pastor – I think we all are in a state of shock”*. This statement referring to the separate tornadoes that touched down in our area and the extreme winds and storm of Friday. We had our regular worship services in both churches but many were at home dealing

with hydro outages, as both Ottawa and parts of the Ottawa Valley were affected by this.

When a tornado goes through it is just like a gigantic lawnmower that goes berserk, running down *everything* that is in its path. I am sure all of you have seen the news images by now. There are many stories circulating and there are some heart-rending ones. Some people have lost everything.

People have lots of connections through family, friends, neighbors, and work colleagues. Events like this calls forth the best in people, from young children offering coffee to people to seasoned professionals helping to remove trees from homes.

As soon as the warning signals came through on Friday afternoon, your Pastor started praying. We hold onto our faith in God in the midst of the storms of life. *God does care about what happens to us.* It is good to trust in God. Jesus did not give up on his disciples – not then and not now – and that love can lead us to imagine and work toward a whole different world. Even if we can't physically go and help those affected we can at least pray as we did on Sunday.

Loving God we pray for all those affected by Friday's tornadoes. Those who have lost homes and have broken hearts. We pray that accommodations will be provided. That the relief teams, first responders, and hydro personnel are able to work safely. For those who have lost businesses and farms in the Dunrobin area. We pray for all who live there. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Pastor Norine +

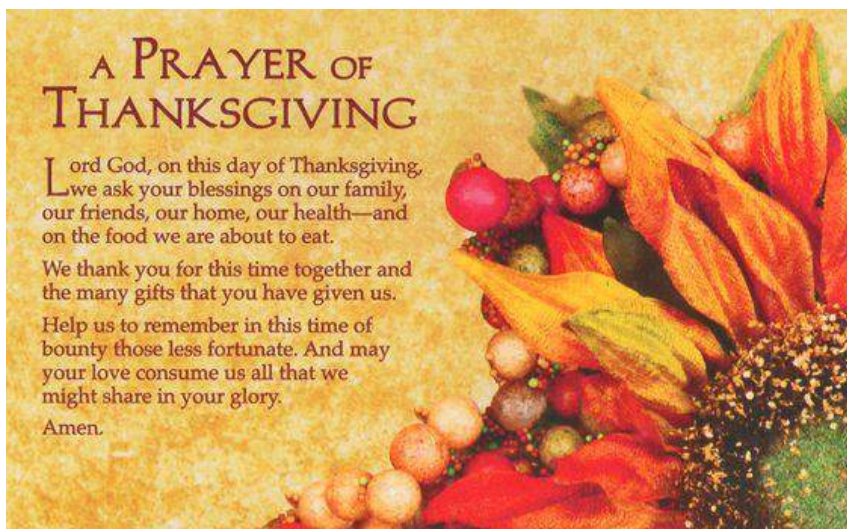


October Event Calendar

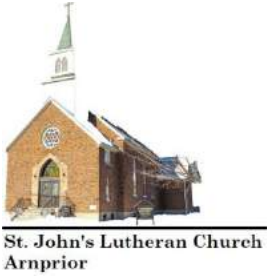
Sunday	7th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Sunday
Thursday	11 th	Lutheran Pastors Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Schwartz, Quebec
Saturday	13 th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	14th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Monday	15 th	Church Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	21st	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	28th	Worship Service with Holy Communion <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Reformation Sunday with guest organist Lynne Zander Welcome to St. James Lutheran and Emmanuel Anglican Churches joining us for service today



Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to sponsor communion, bulletins or provide flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or to honour a special event.



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2018

Pastor Norine opened with devotions and prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor presented her activity report.
- Harvest Sunday at St. James in Renfrew will be September 30th 2018.
- St. James will be invited to Reformation Sunday at St. Johns on October 28th 2018.
- Pastor may be able to get St. Johns some Cranberry Hymn Books – quantity is unknown.

Financial Report:

- Profit & Losses versus what was budgeted was reviewed.

Property Report:

- As identified in the 7-point plan, council discussed the logistics that need to be addressed that would make renting the meeting rooms and downstairs a reality. To do so, however, may require a fire inspection – this will be confirmed with the fire department.
- Council discussed hiring a cleaner for the summer months – the cost is relatively small.
- A new Property Chairperson will be appointed. A huge thank you to Randy Z who has held this position for a long time. The church appearance, outside and inside, and the functionality, has never been better thanks to his tireless efforts and with the help of others.

Altar Guild Report:

- Will continue to look for candles for the yule logs at Christmas
- Care must be taken when handling some of the large candles for the front of the church – watch for new signs.

Outreach/Community Report:

- Jeff K will be applying for the Compassionate Justice Grant again on behalf of St. John's.

Marketing Report:

- Pastor presented a Marketing Report
- Hospice Dinner October 25th, 2018 has been cancelled
- The congregation will be asked for ideas regarding our next barbeque (we have lots of hamburgers and hotdogs leftover from the community barbeque) – perhaps one this fall?
- Council was asked to think about ideas for the Christmas Parade Floats. Ideas will be sought from the congregation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,

Ryan Zimmerling



More photos submitted from our Vacation Bible School in July...

Secret Agents of Truth enjoyed a week designed by Jessica Zimmerling and Pastor Norine



Spy-themed activities...



Crafts...



Songs, action and FUN!!



And a BBQ lunch on the final day for the "Agents" and their families!!



Don't Forget!



October 13th

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

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!

Important Dates...

Oct. 28th – Reformation Sunday service is at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's with St. James and Emmanuel Anglican joining us for worship

Upcoming Events...



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes coming soon!!



Announcing
a new
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Photo submitted by Enid B.

Some members participated in Sept. 21 International Day of Peace reflection at the Peace Pole 'May Peace Prevail On Earth', Galilee Centre

Thanksgiving Retreat Oct. 5-7:

The more grateful we become, the deeper and faster we get healed. In a healthy marriage when talking about one's spouse, positive comments will outnumber negative comments five to one.

More info: Enid 613-623-7017

Postings in the Narthex

- **Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter** (also online at: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- **Upcoming events at Galilee Centre** – website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/> - Sunday, October 14, 7 p.m.: Taize service; Wednesday, Oct. 17 8 a.m. Breakfast & Toonie Talks for Seniors, Dementia services.
- **Upcoming events at Arnprior Library** - Wed. Oct.3, 6:30-8 p.m., Peace Book Club, Stimulating discussion, come with books read or not on: Circle Processes (Pranis), Indigenous Healing/Paths (Ross); Tues. Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m. Circle Time, Library. Inaugural potluck and circle on ‘gratitude’ theme.



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR October 2018

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Oct. 7 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Mark Boese	Barb and Gerald Formuziewich	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 14 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Joy Statham	** Volunteer Needed	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 21 st	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Cathy or Randy Zimmerling	Marion and Mel Bretzlaff	Elmer and Marion Leeck
Oct. 28 th	Elmer and Marion Leeck	Andy Kalnins	** Volunteer Needed	Elmer and Marion Leeck

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.

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