

The Mustard Seed

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The Monthly Newsletter of
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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



Pastors Sept. Note

I was just mentioning to a colleague this week that moving from the slower summer pace into the schedule of September is quite a transition!

We worshipped downstairs in July to beat the heat and the humidity. Worship was a little more informal and cooler and for that matter . . . God is everywhere!

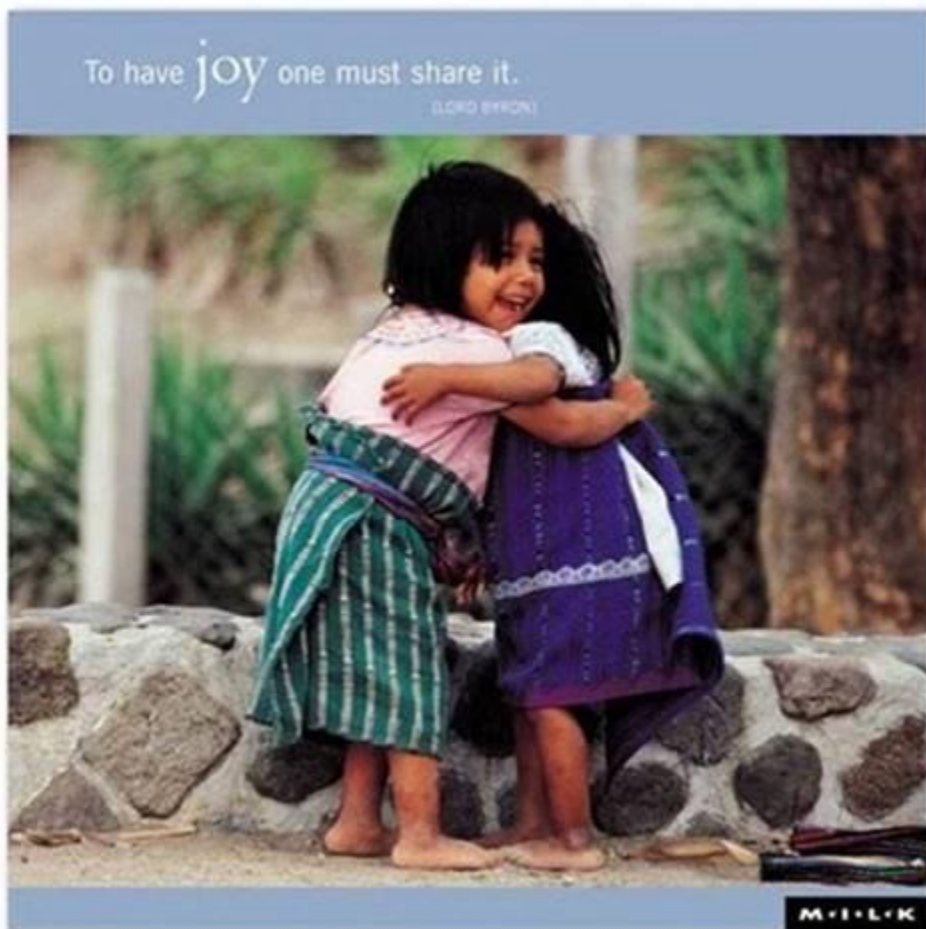
Also, our first “Kids Camp” held July 30 to Aug 3 had a dozen children exploring God’s world. They were secret agents of truth! 12 secret agents enjoyed the week that was chock-full of spy themed activities,

crafts, and fun action songs, built around 4 Bible themes. The week ended with a Barbeque for the Agents and their families. I pray that all participants were blessed in this time together.

As summer once again winds down, and a new school year begins it is time to get back into our regular habits and routines. St. John's is happy and eager to welcome back all of our worshipping family, whether you have never left, or are returning from vacation, or have been away for other reasons. There is never a better time to return, and to reconnect with each other. I encourage every one of us to listen to the Holy Spirit whispering to our hearts. You are invited to join the vibrant and loving congregational life of St. John's. We are all blessed when our neighbours worship with us. Be that neighbour!

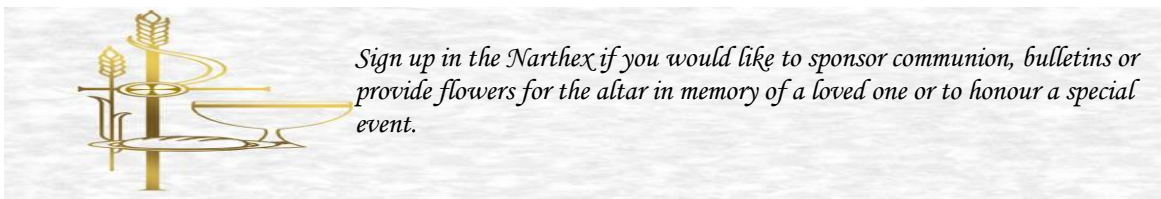
I commend to you - Psalm 100 for your devotions today!

See you soon! Blessings on your September days, Pastor Norine +



September Event Calendar

Sunday	2nd	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Saturday	8 th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	9th	Service of the Word and Prayer 10:30 a.m.
Thursday	13 th	Lutheran Pastors Meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. St. Stephen's, Schutt
Sunday	16th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. *** Rally Sunday *** Blessing of the Backpacks and Neighbourhood Barbeque Congregation is asked to bring desserts!
Monday	17 th	Church Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	23rd	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
Sunday	30th	Joint Worship Service at St. James Renfrew 10:00 a.m. Annual Share the Harvest Event and Finger-food lunch (See page 5 for more information)



St. John's Lutheran Church on Canada Day!



Celebrating the Success of our First VBS!!



Serving Others to Serve the Lord

“Thank You” ...to everyone that helped with our first Vacation Bible School this summer – telling people about VBS, planning and preparing activities, constructing the “Secret Agent Headquarters”, leading, supporting activities, preparing and serving snacks, providing a barbeque lunch on the final day and bringing your children or grandchildren!



A SPECIAL THANKS TO **ALL** OUR VOLUNTEERS!

As I was gathering up the garbage at the church this a.m. I couldn't help but notice how much better our church looks with the refresh from painting and the addition of bulletin boards with all of the great pictures from our Hospice Walk, Camp Sunday and more recently Vacation Bible School. It reminded me of the great participation and support we have received for each of these events. The snacks provided and served to the kids by volunteers at VBS were unbelievable and demonstrates the generosity and commitment of our members to the work we are doing and the things we are attempting to accomplish. Thank you to all who continue to invest time and effort in our church's activities. Our next event is the community barbecue (Sept. 16th and after that our fall spaghetti supper in support of Hospice Renfrew).

Randy Zimmerling

Don't Forget!



September 8th

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

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!

Important Dates...



Sept. 16th – Blessing of Backpacks and Annual Neighbourhood Barbeque – **Congregation is asked to provide desserts!**

Sept. 30th – Share the Harvest Sunday in Renfrew – **note that service begins at 10:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Events...

Spaghetti Supper this fall in support of Hospice Renfrew



Sunday, September 30th

You are invited to

SHARE THE HARVEST SUNDAY

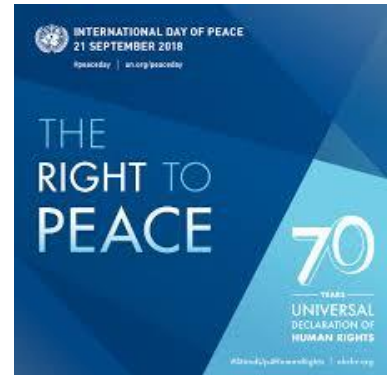
Worship Service is at St. James Lutheran Church,
Renfrew at 10:00 a.m.

St. John's is asked to bring "finger-food desserts"!

We are looking for your contributions to this annual event –
fresh produce,
preserves, baking, etc.

We also need you as buyers!

All proceeds go to Renfrew Food Bank, with a matching grant
from FAITH LIFE FINANCIAL up to \$300.00



International Day of Peace

Friday, Sept. 21st - 1:30 p.m.

All are welcome at the Peace Pole, Galilee Centre 398 John St. N. for a brief gathering marking 37th Peace Day.

Reflection, meditation and inspiration. This year's theme: *The Right to Peace.*

More info: Enid 613 623-7017.

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/>
- Canadian Peace Initiative Presentation at Arnprior Library Sept. 13th

*“Giving is not just about making a donation,
it is about making a difference!”*

*~ Cathy Calvin, CEO and President of United Nations
Foundation*



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR September 2018

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Sept. 2 nd	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize	Debbie Kargus	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Lynn Rosien and Paula Mainprize
Sept. 9 th	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich	Joy Statham	*** Volunteer Needed	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich
Sept. 16 th	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich	Cathy or Randy Zimmerling	** Neighbourhood Barbeque **	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich
Sept. 23 rd	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich	Joanne Bretzlaff	Pastor Norine and Enid Blackwell	Lynn Rosien and Gerald Formuziewich
Sept. 30 th	** Joint worship in Renfrew for their “Share the Harvest” Sunday **			

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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