

The Mustard Seed

January 2019

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 members and friends of St John's,

You may be aware I have been laid up over these holidays. It has been a challenging time. It has been a time of waiting. Waiting is a form of hoping. We place our hope in God's faithfulness, and so therefore we wait with confidence. We have experienced God's faithfulness in the past. Our hope is wrapped up in the gift of the baby Jesus - just presented to us again this Christmas.

As I wait and hope for positive medical news, I pray that each and every one of you will have a happy and healthy and blessed new year of 2019.

Sincerely, Pastor Norine +

January Event Calendar

Sunday	6th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Epiphany of Our Lord
Thursday	10 th	Lutheran Pastors Cluster Meeting in Petawawa
Saturday	12 th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	13th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. The Baptism of Our Lord
Wednesday	16 th	All reports for Annual General Meeting are due to Randy
Sunday	20th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Monday	21 st	Church Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday	27th	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday after the Epiphany Potluck Lunch after service followed by Annual General Meeting
Sunday	February 3rd	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



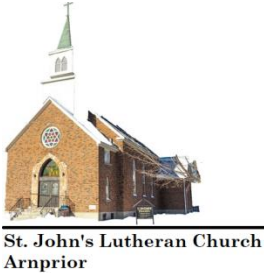
Bread, wine and poinsettias by the Altar on December 24th were donated in memory of Henrietta Jahn by the Jahn and Chippior families.

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



Christmas Eve Service

Photo courtesy of Lorne
Rueckwald



Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2018

Randy Z opened with a prayer.

The minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report: There was no pastor report as Pastor Norine was unable to attend.

Financial Report:

- Profit & Losses versus what was budgeted was reviewed. Offerings are slightly up over budget, whereas expenses are slightly below budget. However, as of the date of the Council Meeting, current deficit is projected at around \$9,600.
- The Bazaar was successful in raising more than \$2300. A big thank you to all those who helped and participated in the Bazaar.
- There continues to be a need for a Room/Facility Rental Coordinator, as well as a Property Co-chair. Members of the congregation are asked to consider volunteering for these positions.

Outreach/Community Report:

- A grand total of \$714 was raised for purchasing local, free-range chickens for the Food Bank – a truly generous congregation

Marketing Report:

- Marketing will be asked to work with Council to develop a calendar of all the known planned events for this calendar year in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Council and Committee Membership:

- The date for the Annual General Meeting will be January 27, 2018.
- Members of the congregation are asked to consider leadership positions on the various committees, as well as on council. If members of the congregation have any questions, they can ask a council member.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of church council,

Ryan Zimmerling

(Photo courtesy of Lorne Rueckwald – Some of the workers at our Christmas Bazaar)





Our Angel Tree in Support of The Arnprior & District Food Bank



Together we donated \$714 to purchase chickens for the Food Bank. Your continued support and generosity are so greatly appreciated!



~ Jeff and Debbie



RWANDA:

A CULTURAL EVENT

EMMANUEL ANGLICAN CHURCH, 287 HARRINGTON STREET, ARNPRIOR

JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 7 P.M.

TASTE THE FOOD AND COFFEE FROM THE COUNTRY OF A THOUSAND HILLS.

Please join our efforts to support *Arnprior Cares Project*

For information: www.arnpriorcares.ca or 613-897-0188



Arnprior Cares
REFUGEE SUPPORT PROJECT



Together with others from Emmanuel, Grace St. Andrew United, Gateway church, and other community folks, comes this event to raise awareness and assist the campaign to help Jean de Dieu Basabose and his family (wife Grace and 3 sons) eventually to be reunited here in Arnprior.

More information can be found at arnpriorcares.ca



Don't Forget!



January 12th

8:30 a.m.

Jim's Restaurant
In Arnprior

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!

Important Dates...

Jan. 16th – All reports for Annual General Meeting due

Jan. 24th – Arnprior Cares event at Emmanuel Anglican Church

Jan. 27th – Potluck Lunch and Annual General Meeting

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”

~ Martin Luther King Jr.



A New Year Prayer ...



Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes down every good and perfect gift:

We give You thanks for all Your benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech You of Your goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of Your blessing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

(Retrieved from: <https://els.org/2013/12/31/new-year-prayer/>)

Postings in the Narthex

- **Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter** (also online: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- **Upcoming events at Galilee Centre** – website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/>
 - Yoga Classes every Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 11th – Jan. 24th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 - Toonie Talks – Alcohol, Gambling, Drugs and Medication Misuse – Thurs., Jan. 10th;

Eternity for Today

The January, February, March issue now available in the Narthex!



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Jan. 6 th	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff	Joanne Bretzlaff	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff
Jan. 13 th	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff	Cathy or Randy Zimmerling	Deb and Jeff Kargus	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff
Jan. 20 th	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff	Mark Boese	Barb and Gerald Formuziewich	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff
Jan. 27 th	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff	Debbie Kargus	Potluck Lunch followed by AGM	Lorne and Joanne Bretzlaff

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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