

The Mustard Seed

February 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,

On the day that I write this note to you, it has been quite a winter weather week. I think we have had every kind of weather possible. There was even one day when my driveway was plowed out twice – once in the morning and again that night. It was a reminder to me that “grace” and hope happen anytime and anywhere.

Certainly, that was also evident while I have been laid up with my “good leg”! Grace abounded as a gift! *Many thanks to both faithful church*

families, my own family, good neighbors, colleagues and personal friends. You have helped me out in many ways but especially in prayers for wholeness and healing.

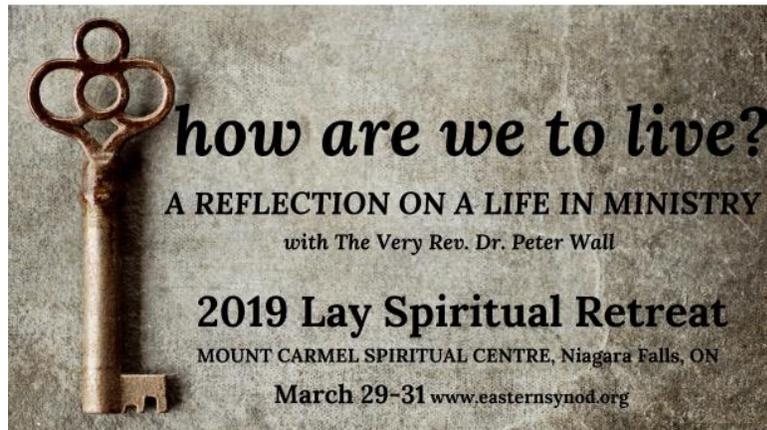
We have hope also as our congregation heads into an annual general meeting this month. Hope that is based in reality. We are all actively engaged in making things better, looking for opportunities for outreach and service, and for deepened discipleship. The hope of the world is not an object but a person; Jesus Christ. God uses Jesus of Nazareth; water and the word; wine and the bread to reveal God's glory and grace. It is easy to forget that grace abounds, often in unlikely places, and that witnessing to it and sharing it with others still has the ability to transform lives.

I pray that God graces us this year with His love and generosity, providing for us and helping us to shower others with love, blessings and trust as we go journey through this new church year.

Sincerely, Pastor Norine



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Upcoming Spiritual Retreat for Laypersons, hosted by Bishop Michael Pryse. This year, our presenter will be The Very Rev. Dr. Peter Wall. He will take us on an inspiring (and humorous!) journey of reflection as we learn together from his life in ministry under the theme "How Are We to Live?". For further information, please see posters in the Narthex or go to the Eastern Synod website, www.easternsynod.org.

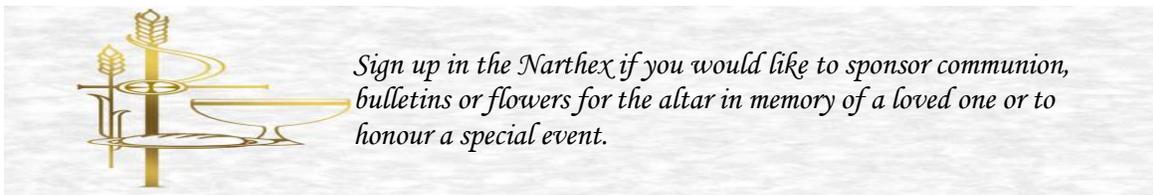
*Please note that on-line registration for the 2019 Lay Spiritual Retreat is available at www.easternsynod.org.

Lay Retreat web page: <https://www.easternsynod.org/event/2019-03-29-220000-2019-03-31-170000-2019-lay-spiritual-retreat>

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/EasternSynod/2019-lay-spiritual-retreat>

February Event Calendar

Sunday	3rd	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Potluck Lunch after service followed by Annual General Meeting
Tuesday	5 th	Lutheran Pastors Cluster Meeting St. Timothy's, Pembroke – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	6 th	Planning meeting for World Day of Prayer St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – 1:00 p.m.
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. Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday	17th	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Monday	18 th	Church Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	23 rd	Winter Fun Day at Ryan and Julie Zimmerling's 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. – see ad on page 5 for more information
Sunday	24th	Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



We have coffee, treats and social time every Sunday after service.
Hope to see you there!



St. John's Lutheran Church
Arnprior

Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and Pastor Norine opened with devotions and a prayer.

Previous Minutes:

Council discussed the success rate of personal invitations to events such as the Christmas Eve Service. In addition, it was noted that we would like to cooperate with our Anglicans brothers and sisters for various calendar events this year.

The minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were approved.

Pastor's report:

- Pastor is back to work on limited basis: (3 hrs per week). As a result, there will be limited pastoral services available.
- Pastor Norine to lead worship on Feb 3rd (our Annual General Meeting).
- There will be a Service of the Word on February 10th.
- Jan 27th Service will be led by Pastor Stan.

Financial Report:

- 2019 budget:
 - i. Change in anticipated facility rental to \$1200,
 - ii. Adjust total Rental to \$3200,
 - iii. Remove continuing education for Pastor Norine to \$600.
 - iv. Repairs & Maintenance – last part of roof needs to be replaced – there is a \$300 placeholder as the remainder will be raised through congregation donations.
- Event Planning for the 2019 calendar year will include:
 - i. Easter Breakfast (April)
 - ii. Bazaar (November)
 - iii. Yard sale (May).
 - iv. Community BBQ (July)
 - v. Spaghetti dinner (October).

Outreach:

- \$1000 snack pack grant received from Synod.

Property:

- Dave and Bob Witt will co-chair the Property committee.
- There have been issues with Postal delivery, which will be dealt directly with the Post Office.

Other Business:

- Annual Meeting Reports – Randy has offered to assemble the reports – they will be needed by January 25th. Ryan will create a slideshow for the meeting
- On Sunday Jan 20th, the congregation approved amending the bylaw to read “the annual meeting shall be held no later than the last Sunday in February”.
- Proposed that we amend the bylaws to reduce the number of council members to 6 plus pastor.
- Winter fun day at Zimmerling farm. Saturday, February 23rd.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:10pm

Don't Forget!



**Men's
Breakfast**

February 9th

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

Please consider joining us
for good food
and good conversation!



Emmanuel Anglican Church
287 Harrington Street
Arnprior

Skip the Dishes & Let Us Serve You

Roast Beef Dinner
Sunday February 10, 2019
4:30 to 6:30 PM

Roast Beef and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Coleslaw
Rolls and butter
Dessert
Tea and Coffee



Wheelchair Access



Adults \$15.00
Children 7-12 \$7.00
Children under 6 free



Friends and family of St. John's Lutheran Church, Arnprior

Join us for an afternoon of outdoor winter fun!

Saturday February 23 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

at the farm of Ryan & Julie Zimmerling

156 Watts Line Road - Stewartville

Bring your skates and snowshoes! Treats will be provided!

Come help us celebrate WINTER!

Thank You!

A big thank you to those who came out and participated in the Rwandan Cultural Event on Thursday, January 24 at Emmanuel Anglican Church hall.

Whether you sang your heart out with many other Arnprior Community Choir members, and/or listened with interest, donated, and, of course, enjoyed sampling that good Rwandan food, your presence was so welcome!

Enid Blackwell,
on behalf of www.arnpriorcares.ca



Postings in the Narthex

- **Eastern Synod Lutheran Monthly Newsletter** (also online: <http://www.easternsynod.org/>)
- **Arnprior Library**, Peace Book Club, *Race Against Time* by Stephen Lewis – Wed., Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. All welcome, book read or not. More info. – contact Jean 613-602-7889
- **Upcoming events at Galilee Centre** – website at <http://www.galileecentre.com/programs/>
 - Toonie Talks and Breakfast – Wed., Feb. 13th, 8:00 a.m., \$2.00
 - Valentine’s Day luncheon – Thurs. Feb. 14th, seating 11:30 – 12:00 p.m., \$18

Important Dates...

- Feb. 3rd – Potluck Lunch and Annual General Meeting
- Feb. 23rd – Winter Fun Day at Zimmerling farm



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Feb. 3 rd	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Maureen Rueckwald	Potluck Lunch followed by AGM	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
Feb. 10 th	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Andy Kalnins	Enid Blackwell	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
Feb. 17 th	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Joy Statham	Beryl and Keith Richardson	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff
Feb. 24 th	Mel and Marion Bretzlaff	Cathy or Randy Zimmerling	Barb and Gerald Formuziewich	Mel and Marion 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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