

# The Mustard Seed

April 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.”

## *Pastor's Message*

***Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!***

We say these words as we celebrate Easter on Sunday April 21. I invite you to join us for all of our worship times and especially during Holy Week. Please find the worship schedule in this newsletter.

The name “Easter” was the name of the goddess of dawn whose spring festival was celebrated near the Jewish commemoration of Passover – another feast associated with spring. Did you know that the Christian celebration of Christ’s resurrection always falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21, the spring equinox.

We watch for signs of spring, as snow melts, and robins appear. Birds return to feeders and children are out on their bicycles, and skateboards. We mark Easter Sunday with signs of resurrection. The day is filled with Easter eggs, families and friends gathering, and maybe some chocolate!

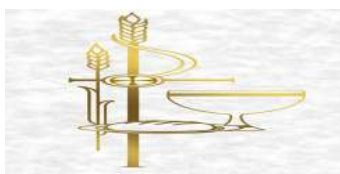
There is more to this day! By raising Jesus from the dead, God reveals that God is interested in all people and desires all of us to share in the life of Christ.

I pray that you experience God’s blessings and a Happy Easter Season.

***Pastor Norine***

## *April Event Calendar*

<b>Tuesday</b>	Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm Ottawa Valley Lutheran Area Team meets in Pembroke
<b>Sunday</b>	Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am Worship Service with Holy Communion. <i>Barbara LeBlanc's 80th birthday celebration after worship</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 -1pm Ottawa Valley Lutheran Pastors meet in Eganville.
<b>Saturday</b>	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism of Rory Brohart
<b>Monday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council
<b>Thursday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup>	7pm <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
<b>Friday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>	11am <b>Good Friday Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>EASTER breakfast</b> 8-10:30am. 10:30 Worship Service with Holy Communion. Easter Egg hunt for the children
<b>Saturday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. John's Yard Sale:</b> 8am till noon
<b>Sunday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup>	Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.



*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.*

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



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Indoor Garage Sale**  
**April 27th—8:00 am—12:00 noon**  
**47 McLachlin St. S., Arnprior**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

As you spring your homes into warmer weather please donate your unwanted items to our sale. Ask your family or friends if they have items to donate also. We are looking for helpers for Friday April 26 from 7-9pm to help set-up and also for the sale day.

Only children's clothes up to age 6 will be accepted. Accepting household items, furniture, decorations, linens, books and toys.

**New this year** will be a plant table - indoor or outdoor plants are welcomed. OR You may wish to **donate cookies** for our cafe downstairs. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Norine at the church office.

**LENTEN - EASTER Worship Service Schedule 2019**

Date	St. James	St. John's
<b>April 3 – 10</b>	Noon: Lenten soup lunches & devotions; St. John's is invited to attend	
<b>Palm Sun. April 14</b>	8:45 AM	10:30 AM: Karen Prince music
<b>Maundy Thurs. Apr 18</b>	No worship	7:00 PM: Karen Prince music; St. James is invited
<b>Good Friday Apr 19</b>	No worship	10:00 AM: Lynne Zander music; Karen & Cheryl chant Psalm; St. James is invited
<b>EASTER Apr 21</b>	8:45:00 AM	Easter Breakfast: 8:15 AM - 10:30 AM Worship: 10:30 AM: Lynne Zander music



## *Minutes of March 18, 2019 Council Meeting*

**Attendance:** Ryan Zimmerling, David Burkett, Pr. Norine, Elmer Leek, Jeff Kargus, Randy Zimmerling.

1. Meeting was **called to order** at 7:30 and Pastor opened with devotions and a prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:**
  - a. Only Nov & Dec dates are available for the Bishop's visit—Deferred for this year.
  - b. Guest Password was set up on the WIFI router for renters. Dave will create documentation.
3. **Pastor's Report:**
  - a. Pastor presented her activity report. Ash Wed attendance was 37.
  - b. Pastor reported that the "Shut-ins" list is growing.
4. **Financial Report (Jan – Feb 2019)**
  - a. Income is up by \$335 compared to the budget; Expenses are \$1449 lower than budgeted.
5. **Altar Guild:** no report
6. **Property:** Dave reported on the list of maintenance items: Randy, Bob and Dave are working on prioritizing this and developing an action plan.
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roof shingling-May</li> <li>• 1st light –large conference room</li> <li>• Large window over front door deteriorating / leaking</li> <li>• New storm windows for basement –(North side)</li> <li>• Storm windows for North and South side (Upper)</li> <li>• Basement floor repair/replace</li> <li>• Nave, sanctuary and altar areas painting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish re-parging front steps</li> <li>• Weather stripping side and front door.</li> <li>• Use for remaining laminate</li> <li>• Basement Leaks</li> <li>• Programmable Thermostats</li> <li>• Pastor's Study and Hallway carpet</li> <li>• Ceiling repair in Narthex-Elmer</li> </ul>
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7. **Outreach:** No activity to report.
8. **Marketing:**
  - a. Yard Sale: need to set date and need someone to lead. Pastor pursuing.
  - b. Facebook:- searching for someone to take this over.
  - c. Newsletter deadline Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Barb Leblanc's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – Light lunch and cake on April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday – Baptism of Rory
  - f. Lenten Offering designation: Jeff moved that we designate the Lenten offerings to Hospice Renfrew, Randy seconded - PASSED.
  - g. Church property Information Survey – Dave to fill out what he can then circulate.
  - h. Easter Breakfast: 8:15 – 10:15
  - i. Pastor has a new email address: [norine.e@hotmail.com](mailto:norine.e@hotmail.com)
  - j. Ryan to organize the Easter egg hunt.
  - k. Volunteers – need to keep an eye on the volunteer list to ensure we have adequate coverage.
  - l. Opportunity for volunteers: Admin support for pastor, bulletin, etc

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

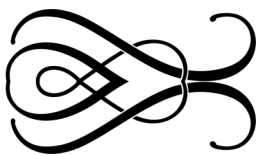


## Camp Lutherlyn Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now on sale for Camp Lutherlyn. First prize is a 2 night rental of the Four Seasons Lodge – a value of \$1,300. The lodge has 8 bedrooms (sleeping up to 30 people), a full kitchen, a big living area with a wood stove, washrooms and showers. It would make a wonderful vacation spot for an extended family. Second prize: 2 handmade quilts and third prize is a local business gift card pack worth \$150.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through Alison Burkett. The draw date is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Good luck!

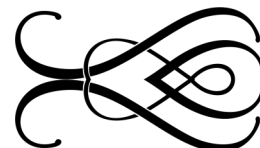
Church Council has Designated the offerings from the Lenten (yellow) envelopes to go to Hospice



Join us in a luncheon celebrating Barbara LeBlanc's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday after church on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to donate towards flowers for Easter, please use the white envelopes found in the narthex. Please mark on the envelope if this is in memory of someone.

Thank you from the Altar Guild.



## Postings in the Narthex

- **Canadian Peace Initiative** - Arnprior Community Circle: This circle will focus on what we understand about home and reality of homelessness
- **Peace Book Club.** Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. Arnprior Public Library. Discussion: *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War (2018-19)*, available at [worldbeyondwar.org](http://worldbeyondwar.org). All welcome, read or not!
- **Galilee Centre:**
  - Wed Apr 3, 8:00am Toonie Talks for Seniors—The Wheel of Wellness
  - Lenten Centering Prayer Retreat—Apr 4th—7th
  - Holy Week Contemplative Prayer Days—Apr 14-15

## Don't Forget!



**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

Please consider joining us for  
good food  
and good conversation!

## Praying

It doesn't have to be the blue iris; it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together, and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.

~ Mary Oliver (Recently died, US poet, often connects nature and spirit)



# EASTER BREAKFAST



All are invited to join us for Easter breakfast on Sun. April 21 from 8:15am - 10:15 am. (free will donation)

The Mens' Breakfast Club are our chefs and they are hoping to raise money to finish the roof repairs that they started



on last spring. Their menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, coffee and tea and juice.

We hope you stay for the EASTER worship service at 10:30a.m! There will be an Easter egg hunt for the children!

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2019

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Apr 7th	Lorne & Joanne	Mark Boese	Alison & Dave	Lorne & Joanne
Apr 14th	Cathy & Randy	Joanne Bretzlaff	Cathy & Randy	Cathy & Randy
Apr 19th Good Friday	Lorne & Joanne	Maureen Rueckwald Andy Kalnins Debbie Kargus		Lorne & Joanne
Apr 21st Easter		Joy Statham	Easter Breakfast	
Apr 28th	Lorne	C or R Zimmerling	Barb & Gerald	Enid B + ?