

The Mustard Seed

May 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

A PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for today and all of our blessings during April.

Especially we thank you-

- for the dawn of the resurrection of our risen Savior,
- for a birthday party and Baptisms and babies, and new adult members,
- for Lenten lunches, worship and fellowship,
- for wonderful worship during Holy Week; a Good Friday Drama that reminded us of the people who surrounded Jesus; and a joyous Easter celebration and Easter eggs and children.
- for guest musicians and singing,
- for our relationships with our Lutheran and Anglican sisters and brothers and others in our community.
- for all your gifts of healing and blessings.

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Pastor's Message, continued

We pray that in the month of May you will continue to bless us, and renew our weary world and community.

Especially we pray -

- for those contending with the effects of flooding in our area. please provide for and protect homeowners, volunteers, armed forces personnel, politicians, and local first responders. give them all strength that they may not be overcome in adversity.
- for Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre,
- for those living and those working at Hospice,
- for our Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Churches and leaders,
- for all who work for peace and the preservation of our earth.

Help each and every one of us to remember that it is only through you and by the grace of God that we are able to be who we are and do what we need to do every day. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Pastor Norine+



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.

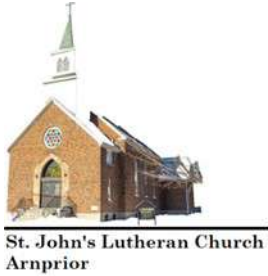
We have coffee, treats and social time every Sunday after service.

Hope to see you there!



May Event Calendar

Saturday	May 4 th	9am Spring Cleaning at Lutherlyn Camp & Conference Centre
Sunday	May 5th	10:30am CAMP SUNDAY – Worship service with Holy Communion
Thursday	May 9 th	9:30-1pm Ottawa Valley Pastors at Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke
Saturday	May 11 th	- Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m. - 9:00- 1pm Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Workshop – "Who is my neighbor?" at Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville - <i>see ad in newsletter</i>
Sunday	May 12th	10:30am Worship service with Holy Communion
Tuesday	May 14 th	Pastor attends continuing education event at Faith, Nepean
Sunday	May 19th	10:30am Worship service with Holy Communion
Monday	May 20 th	7:30pm Church Council
Tuesday	May 21 th	2pm Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Team meet at Grace, Eganville
Sunday	May 26st	10:30am Worship service of Word and Prayer



Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

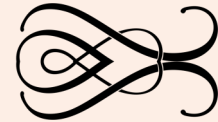
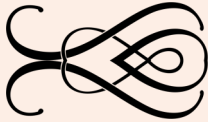
1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 and Pastor opened with devotions and a prayer.
2. Previous Minutes: Dave moved the minutes be approved as published, Elmer seconded, Motion carried
3. Pastor's report: Pastor reported on her activities since the last council meeting. Pastor will be on vacation May 23 to 29th. Jeff and Ryan will lead Service of the Word.
4. Facebook – council is still looking for someone to take ownership of posting on facebook on behalf of St. John's.
5. Camp Lutherlyn: camp sponsorship will be posted on our website.
6. Easter Schedule was clarified, and ushers decided.
 - a. Ushers: Jeff & Debbie Thursday
 - b. Easter: Cathy & Elmer Usher / Randy Cathy for Communion
7. Setup for Easter breakfast Thursday after worship. Easter Breakfast Cooks should show up by 7:15 am.
8. Financials – Offerings were down somewhat, other income was up however.
9. Reports: Financial compliance report, CRA and Parochial Reports are complete. Dave to complete the Property Information Survey.
10. Suggestion to explore donation button on website – CanadaHelps.org (other churches use this).
11. Jeff: Big Give – clean up Division Street on June 1st. Hospice Renfrew walk – May 5th.
12. Camp Lutherlyn work day is May 4th. Randy & Cory, Dave and Alison are attending so far.
13. Yard Sale – Friday night setup 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Saturday, April 27th, 7:00 am setup.
14. Other Business:
 - a. April 28th – 2 baptisms are scheduled:
 - b. There is a deficit with respect to Benevolence.
 - c. Pastor will be off for 1 day at a seminar
15. Volunteer – summer coverage for cleaning. June, July, and August. Motion to hire summer cleaner – \$15 /hr – 2 hrs per week. Randy moved, Elmer seconded, Motion carried.
16. Storage Shed at the back- we need a plan to get this built this year – Dave.
17. Water is infiltrating the building from downspouts. Need to fix eavestroughs, gap at the back porch roof and only one downspout along the long side of the church, causing spillover. Dave to co-ordinate.
18. Window – Elmer has a contact who could do the window work. Randy moved to Authorize Elmer to contract up to \$500, Jeff seconded, Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Church Council

Ryan Zimmerling

Celebration Time



On Sunday April 7th, we celebrated Barb Leblanc's 80th birthday—Barb was very touched by the event.



Welcome

We have welcomed some new members into our church family during April.

by Baptism: Rory Dawn Margaret Brohart; Alistar Delroy Aman Segue; and Madeleine Peirrette Tuypens
and by transfer Rachel Roesner, Aman Segue, Amy and Ludwig Tuypens.

May God bless you all. Pastor Norine

Postings in the Narthex

- **Book Launch & Special Coffee:** Our neighbour Jean, who has visited with us, recently published a book titled: **Anti-corruption Education and Peacebuilding**, and launched it at the Arnprior Public Library on May 1st. On the same evening, Arnprior Cares Project offered locally-roasted coffee ‘**Java de Jean**’ for sale in support of reunification of his family. If interested, contact Enid 613 623-7017.
- **Peace Book Club:** Advance notice of Wednesday, June 5 meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Arnprior Public Library. Featured: **Journeys to Justice - Reflections on Canadian Christian Activism** by Joe Gunn, which includes an essay about ‘where we go from here’ by David Pfrimmer. This book received financial support from Evangelical Lutheran Foundation. Also: **Forgive and Forget** by Lewis Smedes. All welcome, read or not!
- **Galilee Centre:**
 - Lunch & Learn: Icons: Images of the Divine – Sunday, May 5
 - Mother’s Day Luncheon – Thursday May 9, 11:30 am
 - Gracenote Vespers – Thursday May 9, 2019; 7:30 pm
 - Unending Pull of Love – May 10 – 12, 2019
 - Monthly Eucharist – May 18, 2019, 4:00 pm

Adrift

Everything is beautiful and I am so sad.
 This is how the heart makes a duet of
 wonder and grief. The light spraying
 through the lace of the fern is as delicate
 as the fibres of memory forming their web
 around the knot in my throat. The breeze
 makes the birds move from branch to branch
 as this ache makes me look for those I’ve lost

in the next room, in the next song, in the laugh
 of the next stranger. In the very center, under
 it all, what we have that no one can take
 away and all that we’ve lost face each other.
 It is there that I’m adrift, feeling punctured
 by a holiness that exists inside everything.
 I am so sad and everything is beautiful.

~ Mark Nepo



YARD SALE

MANY THANKS to ALL for your participation in our annual yard sale. I am sure that the whole congregation was involved one way or another; from collecting donations, advertising, baking, to setting up Thursday-Friday and working on Saturday and tearing down quickly. Our "new" plant table was a hit! As was the cafe which brought in \$140. The overall sale netted \$1140.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S for your time and treasures and talents and for working well together as a team!

Yard sale co-ordinator - Pastor Norine



May 11th

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

Please consider joining us for
good food
and good conversation!

Upcoming community event

"THE BIG GIVE 2019"

Saturday June 1st

We will be doing a trash pickup along both sides of Division Street. Volunteers to show up at the church by 8:30am

We are also looking for people to nominate another street we could possibly clean up as well, if we have enough volunteers. Contact Jeff Kargus 613-623-0192 or email jeff.kargus@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2019

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
May 5th	Mel & Marion	Mark Boese	Keith & Beryl	Mel & Marion
May 12th	Mel & Marion	Maureen Rueckwald		Mel & Marion
May 19th	Mel & Marion	Andy Kalnins		Mel & Marion
May 26th	Mel & Marion	Joanne Bretzlaff		Mel & Marion

Andy's Travelogue

Andy Kalnins and Anda Sprudz are on an anniversary cruise. He has been corresponding with Enid regarding various aspects of his trip. This is the first of a three-part series about Japanese culture.



Random Things Learned About Japan

The time we spent in Japan was but a grain of sand on a 100 km beach but I found it fascinating as it is really the first time ever that I had been to a country of a different culture. England is not that different from Canada and neither is Latvia and certainly not the United States. All three are highly connected countries with a European Centre and Base. Japan is Japan. If I were to draw a caricature of the country it would be polite, organized, structured, and disciplined.

Trash

I sort of noticed without noticing in Tokyo that there seemed to be no public trash cans in the streets of Tokyo, in the big train station, nor even in the hotel. In Hakodate I had to try a squid ink ice cream (not bad at all) and it was given to me in a very small paper cup and a very small spoon. After I ate the squid ink ice cream I was left with a very small paper cup and a very small spoon. I looked around in vain for a refuse can to no avail. Finally I asked the guide, she asked the bus driver, and he gave me a small clear plastic bag. I stuffed my trash into it, and not knowing what to do, stuffed in all in a little cloth bag we had to take it back to the ship — it turned out that that is exactly what I was supposed to do.

According to our very personable Japanese Guide (Masako) the Japanese perspective is something like this: If you create garbage you do it by choice. You choose to use a disposable cup, you forget to bring your own chopsticks, you buy a burger wrapped in paper. It is therefore your responsibility to get rid of it by taking it home and then getting rid of it by reusing it or recycling it or sorting it purposely as waste (combustible, compostable, headed for landfill). The idea of tossing something in a bin and letting someone else to figure it is unconscionable (or for Westerners). The likes of McDonald's, KFC, and Burger King are challenging this view but this outfits have never been know for shifting the needle in the right direction.

Andy Kalnins

May

The blessed stretch and ease of it -
heart's ease. The hills blue. All the flowering weeds
bursting open. Balm in the air. The birdsong
bouncing back out of the sky. The cattle
lain down in the meadow, forgetting to feed.
The horses swishing their tails.

The yellow flare of furze on the near hill.
And the first cream splatters of blossom
high on the thorns where the day rests longest.

All hardship, hunger, treachery of winter forgotten.
This unfounded conviction: forgiveness, hope.

~ Kerry Hardie

Easter 2019





Easter Breakfast 1969

50 years ago



PRETTY EASTER OUTFIT is worn by Mrs. Keith Richardson on Sunday morning at the Easter Breakfast of St. John's Lutheran parish. Above she is noted in pink orion-wool suit with colourful matching neck beads, while her hat is a straw brim with satin top in marble-run pattern.



EASTER MORNING KITCHEN preparations for the 8:15 Parish breakfast in Arnprior at St. John's Lutheran Church are above shared by Lois Obst, husband Eric, and Earl Schultz. On the griddle in invigorating aroma were buckwheat pancakes and bacon that when served with maple syrup and coffee found numerous satisfied appetites. Pastor Hartmut Horsch arranged an Easter Communion Service at 7:am and the breakfast followed in the church hall.



AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN EASTER breakfast early on Sunday morning Mrs. Mel Bretzlaff (centre) enjoyed the pancakes and syrup menu along with her children Karen (left) and Jane, while in a borrowing mood from another table is Herb Sauer.



FOUR SISTERS ENJOYING the Easter Breakfast at 8.15 on Sunday morning at St. John Lutheran Church are (from left) Mrs. Danny Yahn, Mrs Lucy Krieger, Mrs Ella Fischer and Miss Baleska Worlich.

Thanks to Lois Rosien for saving the newspaper clipping.