

The Mustard Seed

June 2019

The Monthly Newsletter
of
St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church

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Tuesday and Thursday

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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

Even though the blackflies are biting and the mosquitoes try desperately to get into our houses this time of year, lots of people are heading out to their cottages or trailers and getting them ready for the summer months of rest and relaxation, or just spending time outdoors.

As you travel about this summer- **DON'T FORGET TO WORSHIP**—whether that be quiet meditation in the outdoors, or by the ocean, or amongst the trees, bathing, or lounging beside water, the pool or the beach. **GO TO another CHURCH** where you are travelling – it is good to have different worship experiences and you may even bring home a fresh idea that we could implement here. **Please LEAVE YOUR OFFERING HERE!** Even though you are away - your faith community functions on what we give financially. We live by faith and we do not have any other source of income but **YOU.**

As we enter this Pentecost season we ask that the Holy Spirit – the power of God among us – heal, forgive, inspire and bless those around us. This is an important

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Pastor's Message, continued

ministry that you all do. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world around us.

"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding." Colossians 2:2

May we all experience the unity of faith and support that the Holy Spirit gives to us. *May God bless your June days.*

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!

June Event Calendar

Saturday	June 1 st	The Big Give—volunteers are to meet at the church at 8:30a.m.
Sunday	June 2nd	Worship service with Holy Communion
Saturday	June 8 th	- Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	June 9th	Pentecost Sunday: 10:30am Worship service with Holy Communion
Thursday	June 13 th	9:30—1pm Lutheran Pastors meet at Lutherlyn Camp
Sunday	June 16th	Holy Trinity Sunday: 10:30am Worship service with Holy Communion
Monday	June 17 th	7:30pm Church Council
Sunday	June 23rd	10:30am Worship service of Word and Prayer
Sunday	June 30 th	RED & WHITE SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion



Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Attendance

Ryan Zimmerling	David Burkett
Elmer Leek	Jeff Kargus
Cory Weckwerth	Pr. Norine
Randy Zimmerling	

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 and Pastor opened with devotions and a prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:**
 - a. Action items from Previous Meeting:
 - i. Randy recommended the website use Canada Helps. Randy to set up the account, Dave will add to the website.
 - ii. PAR – next Sunday, we will have a booth with someone to explain the system. Randy to write an article for the newsletter.
 - iii. As we have a volunteer for lawn cutting, the shed is not urgent now. Consider for the fall.
 - b. Dave Moved the minutes be approved as published, Randy seconded. CARRIED
3. **Pastor's report:**
 - a. Pastor presented her report – very busy – 2 baptisms and transfers. Easter services were well attended. Randy and Pastor attended an Area Education Event “Who’s Your Neighbour”? Both Randy and Pastor said it was excellent.
4. **Finance:**
 - a. Organ needs Tuning - \$500.
 - b. Good position vis a vis fundraising.
 - c. Benevolence falling behind.
 - d. Musician to be tried out: \$50 per Sunday.
 - e. Balance Sheet: We are holding our own.
5. **Outreach:**
 - a. The Big Give cleanup is Sat. June 1st - expect to have about 10 volunteers
 - b. Food bank – short of instant coffee.
 - c. Anybody know of use for milk bags?
 - d. Community BBQ Date: July 21st
 - e. Randy volunteers with the Fountain. A discussion followed on how we may be able to support.
6. **Financial Secretary** – Cathy Z has volunteered to take over the duties starting in June. Moved by Randy Ryan seconded. – CARRIED.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. **Volunteers** for Social are needed.
 - b. **Cleaning:** A cleaner has been retained for 2 hours per week. Cost will be approximately \$300 for the summer. Randy Moved, Jeff seconded. CARRIED
 - c. **VBS:** Our leader from last year is not available to run the VBS this summer. Given that we are already into the spring, and many volunteers are tired, it was proposed to skip this year. Ryan will make an announcement next Sunday that we need someone to run it or we’ll cancel. Ryan proposed movie nights for this summer.
8. **Property:**
 - a. The toilet in the Men’s washroom at the back needs to be replaced. Dave and Bob will install,
 - b. Eavestrough at the back entrance: Bob and Dave to fix. Downspouts ok.
 - c. Bob and Dave to install screens on the windows.
9. Dave will try to get the Newsletter done for Sunday, June 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Church Council
Ryan Zimmerling

Pre-Authorized Remittance

What is PAR?

PAR or Pre-Authorized Remittance allows individuals and congregations to process monthly offerings via an automatic monthly debit from individuals' bank accounts. It is convenient for the donors and supplies the church with a reliable income even during summer vacations.

It provides an alternative to giving by the traditional envelope method and uses safe online technology.

Debits are drawn on donors' accounts on the 20th of each month and the church account is credited on the same day. The cost to the congregation is 50 cents per month up to \$45 flat fee and it will reduce the number of envelopes that the counters need to count and record each Sunday. Receipts will still be provided by St. John's financial secretary for the categories you choose to donate to. Changes to your donor information can be made by contacting the PAR administrator (Randy Zimmerling) and filling out the change information sheets.

How to Sign up:

Contact Randy Zimmerling and fill out the PAR Authorization Form. You have 2 options:

1. **Pre-authorized debit** – please attach a void cheque and your donation will be withdrawn from your account on the 20th of each month.
2. **Visa/MasterCard/American Express.** Please note that there is a 2-3% service charge when using credit cards for offering remittance.

The PAR form only shows 3 options to specify giving category:

1. **Local church** is equivalent to current on your envelopes.
2. **Mission & Service** = Benevolence on your envelopes.
3. **Other** – please specify which organization(s) you would like to donate to and we will record accordingly, i.e. CLWR, Food Bank, Hospice Renfrew or Lutherlyn camper sponsorship.

For more information or to enroll in the PAR program please contact me at :

randyzimmerling@hotmail.com; phone 613-623-9733



Celebration Time

On May 19th, the family of Keith & Beryl Richardson hosted a lunch celebrating Keith & Beryl's 60 Anniversary.



Postings in the Narthex

- **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:**
 - Father's Day Luncheon – Wednesday June 12. Join us at Galilee Centre to celebrate fathers everywhere with our Father's Day Luncheon. Arrival Time: 11:30 am – noon Cost: \$19
 - Relishing a More Imaginative Church For Our Time – July 7 – 12, 2019. Registration at 6 pm on the 7th

Wisdom is sweeter than honey

Wisdom is
sweeter than honey,
brings more joy
than wine,
illuminates
more than the sun,
is more precious
than jewels.
She causes
the ears to hear
and the heart to comprehend.

I love her
like a mother,
and she embraces me
as her own child.
I will follow
her footprints
and she will not cast me away.

~ *Makeda, Queen of Sheba, translated by Jane Hirshfield*



Men's Breakfast
Don't Forget!

June 8th

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

Please consider joining us for
good food
and good conversation!



**ARNPRIOR CARES
FAMILY FUN DAY**

**FUN GAMES FOR ALL
WITH A RWANDAN FLAVOUR**

Robert Simpson
Park
Arnprior
June 22, 2019
1-4pm

**FOOTBALL (SOCCER) GAME
PEACE IN SPORTS STYLE**

FREE REFRESHMENTS

**FUNDRAISER TO REUNITE
A FAMILY**

For more information check website
arnpriorcares.ca or email
info@arnpriorcares.ca

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2019

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
June 2nd	Lynn	Lynn Rosien	Mel & Marion	Lynn
June 9th	Lynn & Paula	Lynn Rosien	Ryan & Julie	Lynn & Paula
June 16th	Lynn & Paula	Lynn Rosien	Enid	Lynn & Paula
June 23rd	Lynn & Paula	Lynn Rosien		Lynn & Paula
June 30	Randy & Cathy	Andy Kalnins	Rachel & Amy	Randy & Cathy

Andy's Travelogue

*Andy Kalnins and Anda Sprudz went on an anniversary cruise.
This is the second 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.



Education and Jobs

Children and young people in school cleanup the schools themselves. There are janitors for the real heavy duty tasks but the bulk of the day to day cleaning is done by the students. The idea is that their education is a privilege not an entitlement and that privilege is earned. If people are expected to pay taxes to pay for schools that is fair enough as that makes the world a better place but it is also fair enough to ask the kids to help clean.

And the same thing goes for food at the schools. As I understand it, the state buys the food, equips the kitchen, but the kids cook, serve, and clean up. Again it is part of the Japanese ideal of responsibility and accountability that comes with privilege. Take tips for example; the Japanese do not. Their view is that you are paid to do a job. Whether that job is a wait person at small cafe or the chief executive officer of a large corporation your job is your job. You are expected to do the best that you can do and meet the requirements and obligations of that job. To get a tip to the Japanese is an insult. It is as if the expectation is that the tasks of the job will be done poorly and if expectations are met someone says "Hello smokes, that is amazing here is some extra money"

I keep coming back to the two words; entitlement and responsibility. In Canada we feel that we have entitlements; refuse cans, clean schools, and tips for certain tasks. In Japan there is not that feeling of entitlement and there is an expectation of responsibility. Of course there is a major exception to that and that is with "job for life" and "seniority trumps meritocracy". That though is slowly changing.

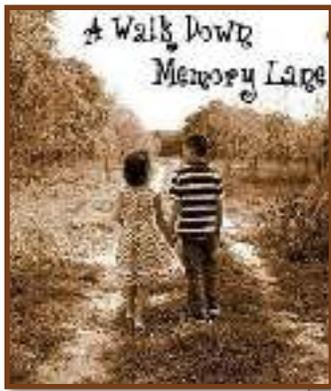
Andy Kalnins

The Unbroken

There is a brokenness
out of which comes the unbroken,
a shatteredness
out of which blooms the unshatterable.
There is a sorrow
beyond all grief which leads to joy
and a fragility
out of whose depths emerges strength.

There is a hollow space too vast for words
through which we pass with each loss,
out of whose darkness we are sanctioned into being.
There is a cry deeper than all sound
whose serrated edges cut the heart
as we break open
to the place inside which is unbreakable
and whole
while learning to sing.

~ Rashami Rea



Twenty years ago, on September 19, 1999 a Thanksgiving Service was held at St. John's to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the Church. The Service Bulletin from that service is reproduced below.

Thanks to Lois Rosien for saving the bulletin.

St. John's Lutheran Church

welcomes you to our

110th Anniversary

A Service of Thanksgiving

Today's Worship Team

Pastor - John B. Jacobs
Quest Preacher - Retired Bishop - Rev. Wm. Huras
Lectors - Lorna Turner
Lois Rosien
Communion Assistant - Dean - Rev. Stephen Alles
Ushers - Gord Obst
Jack Schultz
Organist - Jim Dorion
Refreshments - St. John's Kitchen Comm.

St. John's Anniversary Committee

Chairperson - Lynn Rosien
Vice-chairperson - Lorna Turner
Jack Schultz
Lois Rosien
Gord Obst
Pastor John Jacobs

St. John's Church Council

Chairperson - Lorna Turner
Vice-chairperson - Edna Carey
Neil Rueckwald
Darwin Kroese
Lois Rosien
Ethaer Leck
John Homer

The Baptist Church - Linn, Ia. - 1890s (approx. 1890)

The First Church - Linn, Ia. - 1890s (approx. 1890)

A Service of Thanksgiving
September 19, 1999

We Prepare to Worship

Genesis and Announcements	
Hymn: A Mighty Fortress	# 229
Confession & Forgiveness	p. 77
Kyrie	p. 78
Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast	p. 81

Prayer of the Day
 O God you are rich in love for your people. When we are tempted by greed call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

He Comes to Us in Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-11	
Psalm 87	p. 253
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14	
Verses: All Hail	p. 83
Gospel	
Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers	# 500
Sermon	
Hymn: The Church's One Foundation	# 369
Apostles' Creed	p. 85
Prayer of the Church	

God Comes to us in Sacrament

Offertory Prayer: Blessed are you	p. 88
Eucharistic Prayer	p. 89
Lord's Prayer	p. 91
Communion	
Hymn: How Great Thou Art	# 532
Post Communion Canticle	p. 92
Benediction	p. 95
Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God	# 734