



The Mustard Seed

July/August 2019

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

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Pastor's Message

Psalm 103

"Bless the Lord, O my Soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name!"

I commend this Psalm to you to read at your leisure. As I said on Sunday, Christ walks with each and every one of us, each and every day. We listen to each other's stories of life and offer support. Within those stories we hear God active in our lives. Sometimes the "healing of all of our diseases" (vs 3) takes longer than we realize. Even your Pastor has discovered that this year! The most important thing is that we are here for each other, praying and doing what we can to assist each other.

During the week there are many people working "behind the scenes" to ensure that Sunday morning we are able to gather together in a safe place as an inviting community of believers. We – church council and myself - are very grateful for all of the volunteers who have stepped forward to ensure that we continue to be a thriving place of worship during July and August. THANK YOU!

Teamwork in any organization is the ability to work together toward a common vision! It's the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results. God has provided us with an awesome team – including all of you! I am thankful that the Spirit has nudged you all forward to share your special talents and gifts, as you live as the priest hood of all believers! Let us be thankful for one another!

May God bless your summer days.

Pastor Norine

"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

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



Hope to see you there!



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.

Volunteers Needed

During August we are looking for volunteers to assist to ensure our worship happens smoothly.

If you are able to help out, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

thank you.



There are still openings available for campers this summer to attend

CAMP LUTHERLYN.

If you know of children age 8 and above who might be interested in attending, there are also financial subsidies available. Please contact Pastor Norine at the office if you are interested.

July / August Event Calendar

Sunday	July 7 th	Worship service with Holy Communion
Saturday	July 13 th	Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant
Sunday	July 14 th	Worship service with Holy Communion Neighborhood Barbeque follows worship
Sunday	July 21 st	10:30am Worship service of Word and Prayer
Sunday	July 28 th	10:30am Worship service of Word and Prayer
Sunday	Aug 4 th	10:39 Workshop Service with Holy Communion with guest worship leader Rev. Jim Goos
Saturday	Aug 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Jim's Restaurant • 6:30pm Kid's Movie Night at St. John's
Sunday	Aug 11 th	Worship service with Holy Communion
Sunday	Aug 18 th	10:30am Worship service of Word and Prayer
Sunday	Aug 25 th	Worship service with Holy Communion Celebration luncheon for Joyce Harris's 85th birthday



Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

Attendance

Ryan Zimmerling	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. Action items from Previous Meeting:
 - i. Randy sent information on Canada Helps for Dave to add to the website.
 - ii. PAR – 9 families/individuals have signed up to date.
 - iii. Estimated cost for cleaning \$15/hr
 - iv. VBS has been cancelled for this year
 - v. Bathroom has been upgraded (toilet replaced and floor repaired)
 - b. Randy Moved the minutes be approved as described, Elmer seconded. CARRIED
3. **Pastor's report:**
 - a. Pastor presented her report.
 - b. Area Reformation supper in October
 - c. Pastor's *Vacaton* Coverage: July 21 – Jeff (leadership and sermon), July 28 – Enid (Sermon)/Ryan (leadership), August 4 (Jim Goos/Pembroke with Communion)
 - d. Proposal to move the Neighbourhood BBQ to Sunday, July 14th
 - e. June 30th is red and white day – we will have a guest organist
4. **Finance:**
 - a. We will not meet the \$350 needed for camp sponsor
 - b. Overall, we are slightly down on income relative to budgeted
 - c. Randy received \$2500 quote to repair the roof. Motion: Randy – council approve the quote received for roofing for \$2500 and recommend this to the Property Committee; Seconded; Jeff; Carried. After decision from Property Committee, council will go to congregation for approval.
5. **Outreach:**
 - a. The Big Give - will post pictures to website and facebook
 - b. Food bank – there has been recent staff turnover
 - c. Will consider applying for a grant to assist with the Fountain.
6. **Property:**
 - a. Screens installed in loft.
 - b. Air conditioner installed in loft.
 - c. Air conditioner in boardroom de-winterized.
 - d. Church property Information Survey completed and submitted.
7. A kids Movie Night will be held at St. John's on August 10th.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Church Council

Ryan Zimmerling



The Big GIVE



A "BIG GIVE" thank you to our volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to help clean up Division Street.

The Bretzlaff's (Lorne, Joanne, Mel and Marion) prepared a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, home made preserves, desserts and plenty of drinks to replenish us after a busy morning picking trash.

Jeff

Andy's Travelogue

*Andy Kalnins and Anda Sprudz went on an anniversary cruise.
This is the last of a three-part series about Japanese culture.*



Cars

There were a lot of Japanese cars in Japan The neat thing that was explained to me was that there are yellow licence plates that are sold to energy efficient small cars. They do not have to be electric, just small very energy efficient cars. In Japan, because of the high population with respect to concentration a car buyer has to prove that they have a parking spot but not the yellow platers. Anyway, an idea worth stealing.

Random Things Learned About Japan

Our tour guide mentioned the saying: "A rolling stone gathers no moss". In Western cultures the general thought is that moss is undesirable and that the stone that moves will not accumulate it. So the interpretation is that you need to "go go go" or at least be on the move with jobs, geography, and relationships to accumulate wealth and status as both are important. But the Japanese interpret the moss as being something desirable; an object of beauty and serenity and therefore stability in job, location, and relationships is important. It is just a good lesson on how one thing can be interpreted

Japan is a country in crisis. They are so proud and so much want to preserve traditions and uniqueness of their past but know that they are in a catastrophic population decline. They were among the last Asian countries to embrace English as a second language and now they are starting to teach English in the third grade. They shun immigration and yet know that is the only solution to the decline in population and the rapidly aging demographic.

Andy Kalnins



Sustainable Network Artisan Roaster Koffee (SNARK)

SNARK has joined the Arnprior Cares fundraising efforts

Arnprior Cares Project welcomes the support by Sustainable Network Artisan Roaster Koffee (SNARK).

The support consists of a business partnership plan described here below:

SNARK is selling Arnprior Cares Project coffee – known as **Java de Jean** – at cost (see the table below). Arnprior Cares Project sells it at retail to make money towards the project's goal:

Size (lbs)	Sell For	Money for Arnprior Cares
1/2	\$10	\$3
3/4	\$15	\$5
1	\$18	\$6.50
5	\$90	\$35

ORDERING: If you would like to order Java de Jean Coffee, please send us an email indicating the type of coffee you want (Light -Ethiopia, Medium - Nicaragua, Tanzania, Dark-Kenya, Dark+ - SNARK or Decaffeinated Medium Coffee) and the quantity (1/2, 3/4, 1, 5 lb.) at info@arnpriorcares.ca OR phone Linda, 613 296-1538.

PICK-UP/DELIVERY: Individual orders received by Tuesday will be available for pick-up Thursday. Delivery can be arranged, as needed. Large and group orders will be delivered Thursday or Friday. Orders accepted until end of July.

PAYMENT: Cash or Cheque.

For further information on SNARK, please visit the website: <https://snarkbean.com>

Let us buy Java de Jean and support the reunification of a refugee family



Pastor's Vacation:

Pastor Norine will be on holidays from July 19 till August 9.

Should you need pastoral care please call the office and leave a message.



July 13th

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

Please consider joining us for good food and good conversation!

Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed to assist Lois Rosien with drives for daily treatments at the Queensway Carlton Hospital. Lois' treatment program is expected to be finalized soon, and it will extend for 6 weeks beginning by the middle of July.

If you can help out this way please contact Lynn Rosien at home on her cell call or text 613-621-1966 or email Lynn at larosien@hotmail.com

The family is very grateful for your assistance and please keep them all in your prayers.

Thank you, sincerely Pastor Norine

Postings in the Narthex

Galilee Centre: Serenity and Surrender – August 16 – 18, 2019: August 16th (Registration at 6 pm) to 18th (11 am), 2019 You are invited into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. This Twelve Steps weekend will focus on the power of steps 1, 2, 3. Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain La-voie OMI & Michelle Reis-Amores will be facilitating.

SAVE THIS OCTOBER DATE

Celebrate the harvest with your Lutheran neighbors !

Sun. Oct 27th 2019

3pm worship service

5:30pm catered dinner

at

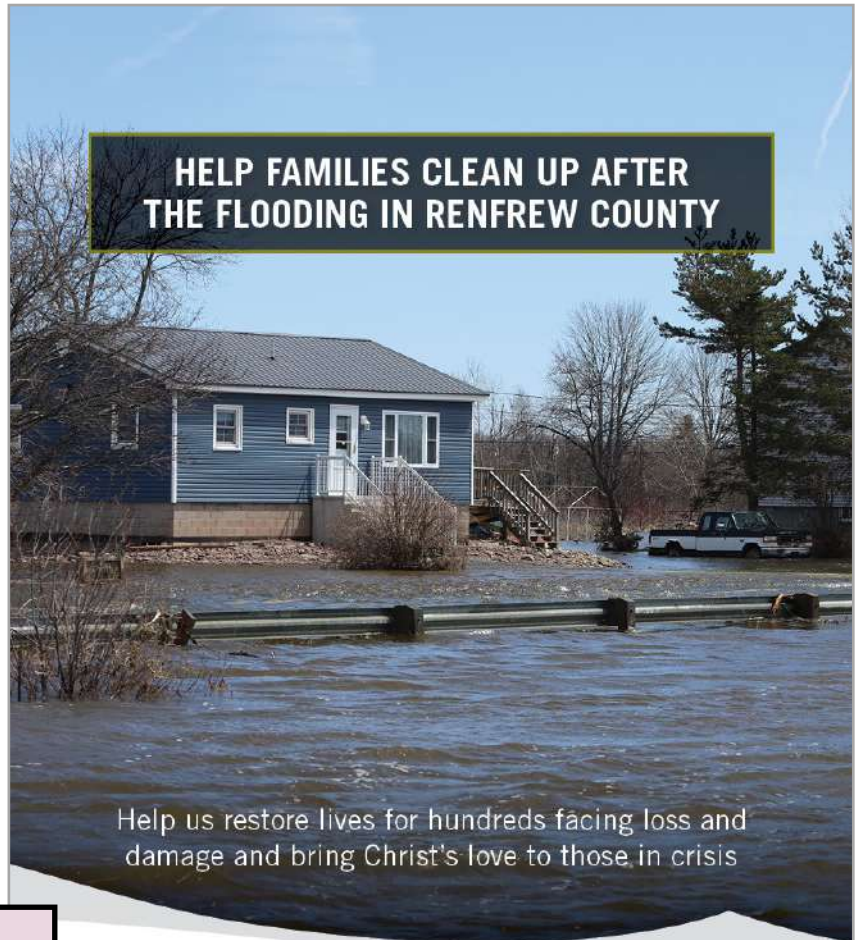
1 Mateway Park Drive,

Mateway Centre, Renfrew, ONT

(dinner tickets will be available in September - \$17. cash)

sponsored by the Ottawa Valley

Lutheran Area Team



Poem of the Month

Everyday	It was what I was born for—
I see or hear	to look, to listen,
something	to lose myself
that more or less	inside this soft world —
kills me	to instruct myself
with delight,	over and over
that leaves me	in joy,
like a needle	and acclamation.
in the haystack	
of light.	~ from "Mindful" by Mary Oliver

Sign up to volunteer at: SamaritansPurse.ca/ONfloods2019

Homeowners who need assistance call: 1-844-547-2663

Donate at: 1-800-663-6500 or SamaritansPurse.ca



[SamaritansPurse.ca](https://www.facebook.com/SamaritansPurse.ca) [@SPCanada](https://twitter.com/SPCanada) [@SPCanada](https://www.instagram.com/SPCanada)



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JULY / AUGUST 2019

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
July 7 th	Lorne & Joanne	Joy Statham	Beryl & Keith	Lorne & Joanne
July 14 th	Lorne & Joanne	Maureen Rueckwald	Neighbourhood Barbeque	Lorne & Joanne
July 21 st	Lorne & Joanne	Debbie Kargus	Ryan & Julie	Lorne & Joanne
July 28 th	Lorne & Joanne	C or R Zimmerling		Lorne & Joanne
August 4 th		Joanne Bretzlaff		
August 11 th		Andy Kalnins		
August 18 th		Joy Statham		
August 25 th		Mark Boese	Birthday Luncheon for Joyce Harris	



Camp Lutherlyn News

A brief update on Camp Lutherlyn.... The camp's AGM was held on June 22nd. The 2018 financials were good:

- 2018 net income of just over \$8,000, resulting in a total operating reserve, of \$47,000, a very comfortable amount.
- Just under \$50,000 is held in restricted funds for the legacy project to expand washrooms – a project that will start this fall.
- \$3,500 is held in restricted funds for camperships. (Speaking of which – if you know any children who want to go to camp but require a subsidy – tell them to request that with their registration form.)

In addition, Camp Lutherlyn has available \$202,000 from the proceeds of selling the Camp Edgewood property to be used for capital improvements. A number of projects have already begun.

Thanks were extended to outgoing Board members Randy Zimmerling, Rev. Bruce Thompson, Rev. Paul Roellchen-Pfohl, Brent Wolfgram and Brenda Tromp for all their love and support of the camp. Welcome was given to re-elected Board members Janice Verch (the new Board Chair), Erik Holzschuh (the new Board Secretary and document retention leader), and to new Board members – Robert Tremblay (Vice-Chair), Rev. Sue Neville for a 3-year term, Dennis Jensen for a 2-year term, and Bonnie Wepler and Alison Burkett (Treasurer) for a 1-year term.

A brief presentation was given on the new business plan. The essence of it is:

1. The camp's mission/ purpose is first, to run camps: Kids and Teen Camps and a new Family Camp, and also support groups like the OPP camp for disadvantaged aboriginal youth, and Martin Luther, Toronto who run a Family Camp. Second purpose is to support retreats – smaller groups looking for a reflective experience in nature; examples include the camp's Golden Retreat, and many different sewing and like groups. The third purpose is to rent the camp to groups who are not in conflict with the camp's purpose, such as family reunions. Camp Lutherlyn is getting out of the business to rent to large events such as weddings.
2. A focus on our people – (a) our great seasonal camp staff (b) partner with local contractors to handle specialized property work, and finally (c) to continue to work with great camp volunteers, with some changing roles; our volunteers are aging and can't provide the time and expertise to do the specialized property work – hence more contractors. We still have volunteer crews who sponsor a cabin at camp. St. John's sponsors Cabin 6. Randy, Gerald, Mel, Lorne B, Cory, Dave and Alison helped out on May 4th work day – part of 51 volunteers who came from 7 congregations. A new role of volunteers is for marketing Camp Lutherlyn – they are called Camp Lutherlyn Liaisons (or CLL's). We now have 14 volunteers in that role. Pastor Norine is the CLL for St. John's, Arnprior. Thanks from the Board to St. John's for all the support for the camp – volunteer time and campership support.
3. Last, Camp Lutherlyn will become Ontario Camps Association (OCA) Certified. It involves following a number of best practice regulations around management, health care, food service, campsite facility and equipment maintenance – all things that the Board believes in, does informally today, and many of which are now legislated by the Ontario government under new regulations for recreational camps. Finally, a big why – we approached the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa re endorsing Camp Lutherlyn to their congregations – something that would extend our marketing reach from 35 ELCIC congregations in our catchment area to 223 ELCIC and Anglican churches. The Diocese strongly believes in OCA accreditation to ensure our camp is run safely and is perceived to be committed to safety; the accreditation is required for their endorsement.

The Business Plan expects 3 benefits: the additional marketing support (CLL's, increased camperships, and Anglican endorsement) should double camp attendance by 2022. Volunteer workload becomes manageable by 2020. And the camp is financially sustainable without SYNOD grants and able to put maintain an adequate reserve fund for capital needs, by 2022.