



The Mustard Seed

February 2020

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

47 McLachlin St. S., Arnprior
Ontario K7S 2Z1

Pastor:

Norine Gullons
Church Office: 613-623-4562

Pastor's office hours: 9:00-Noon
Tuesday and Thursday

Church Council

Ryan Zimmerling (Chair)	622-5939
Randy Zimmerling	623-9733
Jeff Kargus	623-0192
Dave Burkett	618-5729
Cory Weckwerth	793-3701
Elmer Leeck	623-4306

Pastor's Message

Living our Faith

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson personally invites you to join with your sisters and brothers across this church, individually and as congregations and specialized ministries, to strive for deeper discipleship as we live out our baptismal covenants. "God is calling us to this deeper relationship" Over the next four years, we will take a closer look at each of the following areas.

PRAY – READ – WORSHIP – LOVE

2019-2020 WE ARE CALLED TO DAILY PRAYER. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or something you have struggled with, there is no one way to pray, nor is there any one time to pray. Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable.

If you are looking for ways to grow your daily prayer; here are a few thoughts to consider: start a daily journal; follow the Anglican Lutheran cycle of prayer; consider using a daily devotional (Eternity for Today) to focus your prayer practice; set aside a bit of time each day to prayer; be specific about your prayer practice - use people's names that you are praying for; offer prayers for others when you feel they could use a prayer. You may be surprised how often this will be welcome gesture.

From Bishop Susan + elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith,

and 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

February Event Calendar

Sunday	Feb 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1030 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Saturday	Feb 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am—Men’s Breakfast at Jim’s
Sunday	Feb 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Thursday	Feb 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am—Lutheran Pastors meet at Zion Church in Pembroke
Saturday	Feb 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-4 pm Family Fun Snow Day at Ryan & Julie Zimmerling's
Sunday	Feb 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion - <i>guest organist Karen Prince</i> • <i>Potluck lunch and Annual General Meeting</i>
Tuesday	Feb 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Church Council meets
Sunday	Feb 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word & Prayer
Wednesday	Feb 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - <i>guest organist Richard Hunter - guest preacher Rev. Cathy McCaig</i>

Notes:

- Pastor Norine is away from Feb. 9 - 12 for the Annual Bishop's Pastors Retreat in Niagara Falls. Should you need pastoral care please call Randy Zimmerling.
- Feb 23 Pastor Norine will be at St. James after their worship for their AGM
- Feb 26th The Anglicans from Emmanuel Church are joining us for Ash Wednesday Service.





Council Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2020

Attendance

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 and Pastor opened with devotions and a prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:**
 - a. Dave moved the minutes be approved as published, Randy seconded. CARRIED
3. **Pastor's report:**
 - a. Pastor to schedule a marketing meeting.
 - b. Worship for Feb 9 and Feb 23 – Pastor is away.
 - Feb 9 – Ryan will lead service and Jeff will do the sermon, Randy to prepare Bulletin, Cory will do Music.
 - Feb 23 – Pastor away at St. James AGM: Enid will do the sermon, Randy to do service.
 - c. Constitution needs review as there have been changes.
 - d. Annual report covers are in.
 - e. Pastor's Health Benefits changing – consultation session in Waterloo.
4. **Finance:**
 - a. 2019 ended with a deficit of \$2564.
 - b. 2020 Budget:
 - i. Holding revenue same as 2019 will result in a \$6000 deficit.
 - ii. There is a small issue with invoices for advertising – a bit to flow over to 2020
 - iii. No inclusion of costs for new basement floor.
5. **Outreach:**
 - a. The grant cheque for the Snack-Pak program has been received.
6. **Property:**
 - a. Discussion on how to proceed with basement floor. It was decided that we would continue to gather information on costs to pour a new floor in the entire space. Plan is to present to the AGM and then shortly after, seal off the basement and begin the removal work with volunteers. Combination of reserve money and special appeal to fund the work.
 - b. Randy and Lorne installed new programmable thermostats.
 - c. Randy to rake some snow off the roof and drain the furnace exhaust pipe.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. February Newsletter to be ready for Sunday Feb 2nd.
 - b. All Council members to reply to Ryan by this Sunday regarding continuing on council.
 - c. Volunteer list needs attention to avoid overtaxing volunteers.
 - d. Next council meeting Tuesday 18th Feb.

Adjournment: 8:55.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Church Council.

Ryan Zimmerling

February 2020



Birthdays



- Feb 1st— Rick Frivald
- Feb 2nd— Sawyer Elliot
- Feb 3rd—Debbie Witt
- Feb 10th—Lucas Roberts
- Feb—11th—Debbie Kargus
- Feb 12th—Helen Neumann
- Feb 14th—Ryan Kargus
- Feb 21st—Debbie Steinke
- Feb 26th—Julie Zimmerling
- Feb 29th—Enid Hinchley

Anniversaries

- Feb 6th—Shane & Kayla Zimmerling
- Feb 26th—Marion & Bill Koops



Men's Breakfast



Don't Forget!

February 8th

8:30 a.m.
 Jim's Restaurant
 In Arnprior
 Please consider joining us for good
 food and great conversation!

Give us, Lord, a bit o' sun
 A bit o' work and a bit o' fun
 Give us in all the struggle and sputter
 Our daily bread and a bit o' butter
 Give us health, our keep to make
 And a bit to spare for other's sake
 Give us, too, a bit o' song
 And a tale and a book to help us along
 Give us, Lord, a chance to be
 Our goodly best, brave, wise and free....
 Our goodly best for ourselves and others
 Till all men learn to live as brothers!

~ old Irish prayer



Family Day at Ryan's Farm

February 15th—1:00pm—4:00pm



Hotdogs Hot Chocolate

Skating Petting Zoo





Canadian Lutheran World Relief

CLWR Day in the Valley

Saturday March 28th – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church - Pembroke

Presenter

Rev. Carla Blakely

Director of Community Relations

Please confirm your attendance by contacting one of the
Ottawa Valley Ministry Leadership Team Members

Susan Autio – 613-584-9022	Delores Lemkay – 613-649-2616
Irene Churchill – 613-628-1272	Evelyn Swanson – 613-735-5642
Susan Dupuis – 343-369-2057	Randy Zimmerling – 613-623-9733
Dennis Jensen – 613-631-1082	Rev. Norine Gullons – 613-282-5032
Rev. Bruce Thompson – 613-735-5631	

Lunch provided ----- See you there!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2019 St. John’s AGM will be held on February 16th following service. There will be a pot-luck lunch preceding the meeting.

2020 Calendar of Significant Events

Day	Date	Item
Sunday	January 19th	Council Thank You Breakfast
Sunday	February 16 th	Annual General Meeting
Saturday	February 15 th	Family Day at Ryan's farm: Sat – 1:00 – 4:00
Wednesday	February 26 th	Ash Wednesday with Anglicans
Saturday	March 28 th	CLWR Day in Pembroke 9:30 – 1:00 at St. Timothy's
Sunday	April 12 th	Easter (with Breakfast)
Saturday	May 9 th	Camp Lutherlyn Clean-up Day
Saturday	May 16 th	Hospice Walk
Sunday	May 31 st	Camp Sunday
Saturday	June 6 th	Big Give
Monday- Thursday	July 13 – 16 th	National Worship conference in Ottawa with Anglicans
	July	Vacation Bible School
	August	If it's like last year, then <i>Worship in the Basement</i>
Sunday	September 13	Area Picnic at Camp Lutherlyn
Saturday	September 26 th	Camp Lutherlyn Cleanup Day
Thursday	October 22	Spaghetti Supper
Saturday	November 14 th	Bazaar
	November	Operation Xmas child
Saturday	November 28 th	Christmas Parade
	December	Food Bank Christmas Angel Drive

Food Handling Course

February 26th - 9:00 am— 4:00pm

NeighbourLink Fountain



Coffee / Tea supplied, bag lunch suggested for those attending.

This Certification lasts for 3 years and is offered by the Renfrew County Health Unit at no cost.

To keep with the Renfrew County Health Unit and the NLF Insurance policies, it is highly recommended that most food handlers have this training.

The minimum class requirement is 12 people. At this point I have 4 registered.

Please contact me by email or phone at 623-4200 to register. I would like to know by February 13th to confirm the numbers to the facilitator.

If there are any questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Jo-Anne Camelon

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10:30 AM

NEIGHBOURLINK FOUNTAIN

128 MARY ST ARNPRIOR

FREE

SEATING IS LIMITED

RSVP @ 613-623-4200

Postings in the Narthex

Peace Book Club. Wednesday, February 5 6:30 p.m. Arnprior Public Library. Discussion of *“On the Duty of Civil Disobedience”* by Henry David Thoreau., and first 3 of “150 Canadian Peace Stories”. All welcome.



Spiritual Book Club – February 12, 2020 – 10 am – noon

Posted: November 21, 2019

Join us for a couple of hours on the second Wednesday of each month to gather as a community of spiritual seekers to be nurtured by the insights of spiritual authors & strengthened in our journey of Faith. This season's dates and titles: • January 8 – Postponed • February 12 – The 20-Minute Retreat ... [Read More!](#)



Into The Silent Land: Lenten Centering Prayer Retreat – February 28-March 1, 2020

Posted: November 21, 2019

February 28-March 1, 2020 You are invited to a two-day immersion into Contemplative Wisdom and Silence, group prayer and meditation with time to reflect, walk enjoy the outdoors and journal. Susan Kehoe & Hélène Goulet of Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario will be facilitating this program. Susan Kehoe worked for many years in palliative care ... [Read More!](#)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR February 2020

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
Feb 2 nd	Mel & Marion	Joanne Bretzlaff	Debbie & Jeff	Mel & Marion
Feb 9 th	Mel & Marion	Andy Kalnins	Maureen & Lorne	Mel & Marion
Feb 16 th	Mel & Marion	Joy Statham	Potluck Lunch	Mel & Marion
Feb 23 th	Mel & Marion	Debbie Kargus	Marion & Elmer	Mel & Marion
Feb 26 th Ash Wednesday	Mel & Marion	Maureen Rueckwald	-	Mel & Marion