



The Mustard Seed

April 2023

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." - Matthew 13: 31-32

Pastor's Message

Happy Easter!

We have journeyed through the dark days of the Lenten season and Easter is a week away. ***We invite you to join us for all of our worship times and especially during Holy Week.*** Please find the worship schedule on the calendar in this newsletter.

What we get is The Word, the difficult, challenging, yet hope and faith creating word – that Jesus is risen.

When we come together each Sunday we will hear this Word and be drawn to faith, and pulled into the story. Once again this makes all the difference in our lives. The Resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. It is what separates us from all of the other religions of the world. This is what gives us purpose and direction when we are perplexed; confidence when the storms of life threaten to overpower us; and hope when all seems to be lost.

Christ has died, once and for all. Christ is risen! We are invited to experience the promise of new life in His name. This is the heart of the gospel. We are called to be an Easter people! May we embrace that calling! May we celebrate the love of our risen Lord and the hope and peace he bestows on the world. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

May you have a joyous Easter Season P+Norine

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

From our Congregation: Vicki, Jeff Obst, Ed, Jacqueline, Paul.

And Friends of the Parish: Tere, Briar, Alivia, Ed, George W., Lynne Z., Claude, Darlene, Roy, Amy, Adan, Jeff, Josh.

We pray for those going through the steps to access Long Term Care, especially June Wolfe. P+Norine

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BIRTHDAYS

April 9th—Chloe Zimmerling

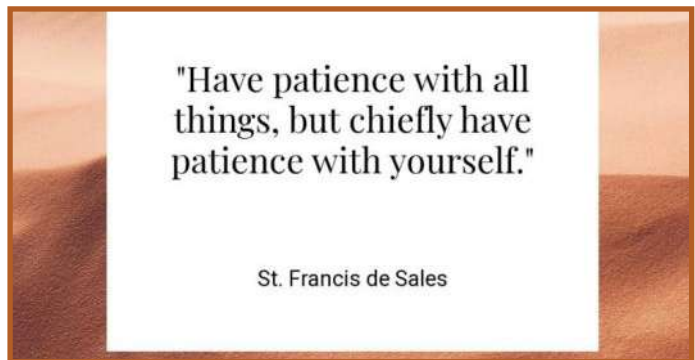
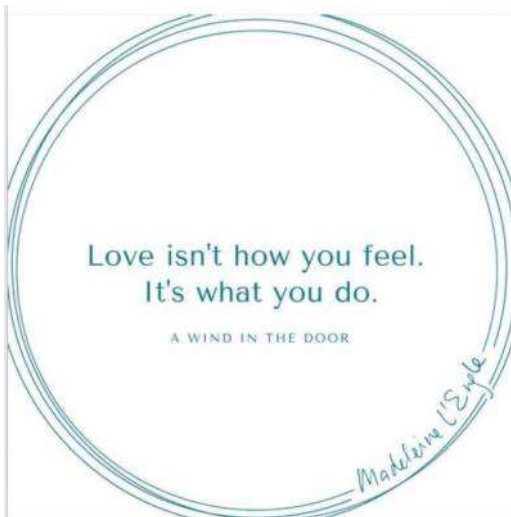
April 22nd—Rory Brohart

April 28th—Lois Rosien

Anniversaries

April 15th—Paul & Paul Mainprize

April 22nd—Mark & Diane Boese



April 2023 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Sunday April 2nd <i>(Live Stream)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PALM SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Guest musician—Karen Prince. • SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Thursday's	10:00 a.m. Prayer team meets every Thursday in Pastors office.
Friday April 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOOD FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. <u>Dramatic reading of the Passion Story.</u> Guest musician Lynne Zander. St. James will join us. • <i>Pastoral Care Team meets briefly downstairs after worship.</i>
Sunday April 9th <i>(Live Stream)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Guest musician~ Lynne Zander. • Coffee hour after worship.
Saturday April 15 th	9:00a.m.—Men's Breakfast— Jim's Restaurant
Sunday April 16th <i>(No Live Stream)</i>	10:30a.m. Worship service of Word & Prayer
Monday April 17 th	1:00 p.m. Church Council
Thursday April 20 th	10:00a.m. Pastors meet at Zion, Pembroke
Sunday April 23rd <i>(No Live Stream)</i>	10:30a.m—Worship with Holy Communion.
Sunday April 30th <i>(Live Stream)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m.—Worship service of Word & Prayer. Guest musician Karen Prince • All are welcome to join a birthday luncheon to celebrate Lois Rosien's 85th birthday!



Minutes of the March 6th, 2023 Council Meeting

Enid Blackwell

Pr. Norine

David Burkett

Attendance:

Debbie Witt

Fred Steinke

Andy Kalnins

Mellissa Watt(regrets)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Pastor opened with a prayer.

2. **OFFICIAL COUNCIL OFFICERS**

- **Chair Person:** Enid Blackwell has stepped down as Chair after 2 years and Andris Kalnins has accepted the position of Chair. Deborah Witt moved that Andris Kalnins become the Chair of St. John's Council, seconded by David Burkett: **CARRIED**.
- **Vice Chair Person:** Andris Kalnins moved that Enid Blackwell become Vice Chairperson, Enid Blackwell accepted this position. Seconded by David Burkett: **CARRIED**
- **Secretary:** Deborah Witt has accepted to continue as secretary. Andris Kalnins moved that Deborah Witt continue as secretary, seconded by Fred Steinke: **CARRIED**
- **Financial Secretary:** Cathy Zimmerling has agreed to continue as Financial Secretary. Andris Kalnins moved to have Cathy Zimmerling continue in her appointment as Financial Secretary. Seconded by Deborah Witt: **CARRIED**
- **Treasurer:** Decision deferred.

The Installation of council will be: Sunday, March 19 worship

3. **MINISTRY AREAS & LIAISONS:** (To give reports, if needed, for consideration of plans)

4. **Communications:** Enid

5. **Hospitality:** Debbie to take over from Lois Rosien regarding significant birthdays or anniversaries.

6. **Health & Safety:** Andy

7. **Outreach:** Jeff Kargus & Andy

8. **Pastoral Care:** Pr. Norine

9. **Property:** Fred & Dave

A) Rental Committee: Enid, Dave & Bob Witt

7. **Stewardship:** Cathy Zimmerling

8. **Worship:** Pr. Norine

9. **Youth:** Mellissa Watt

10. **Long Range Planning:** This committee will consist of thinkers with no power of implementation of physical action. This committee would consist of four people. Council Chair and Pastor (as Ex-officio) to be invited if need be. They will draw up a Terms of Reference. This team will work together and not individually. Will have ideas on succession for the future, including role of Pastor (possibly part time minister). Possibly have an Endowment Fund to help build the future.

Next meeting: March 20, 2023 at 1:00.



Minutes of the March 20th, 2023 Council Meeting

Attendance	Enid Blackwell	Pr. Norine	David Burkett
	Debbie Witt	Fred Steinke	Andy Kalnins
	Melissa Watt(regrets)		

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Andy welcomed the members at the first meeting of the new council.
2. Pastor opened with a devotion and prayer.
3. Andy referred to a video "Have More to Share", due to be shown to local municipal councils by the Greater Arnprior Community Council on Poverty and Homelessness, concerning possible 'community table' meals being held and the potential for St. John's involvement in time.
4. **Previous Minutes:** Debbie moved that the February 27, 2023 minutes be approved. Published minutes were resent with an addition under the Children & Youth report. "Overall feedback has been positive on the program". Enid seconded, CARRIED. Moved by Debbie Witt and Seconded by Fred Steinke that the the March 6 draft minutes be approved as distributed: **CARRIED**
5. **Finance:** No formal report available. Bank statement for the end of February shows an account balance of \$28,380. Discussion ensued on an adjustment to year end statements and CRA submission with respect to correcting recording of a December donation for future use, possibly as an initiation of an 'endowment fund'. Debbie Witt nominated Enid Blackwell as treasurer, who agreed to stand given she has council support through a learning curve. Fred Steinke seconded: **CARRIED**
6. **Property:** The Report received from property chair, Randy listed current projects planned for 2023 such as: tool shed assembly, electric sub panel replacement, bathroom renovation, flashing and mortar repair over front door, install flashing and paint sills in Pastor's office window and starting storm window replacement. Council agreed: to reinstall pamphlet holder but not hymn board; to sell excess wooden and metal chairs and old lectern. Dave noted Randy started re-searching building/asset insurance coverage and quotes; recommendation coming to Council in future.
7. **Children and Youth:** Pr. Norine reported that Camp Lutherlyn still needs 3 lifeguards. May and June Sunday School dates to be determined.
8. **Pastor's report:** Ministry continues to be very busy. Still continuing with visits and home communion. Zoom confirmation classes begun but not ideal. May 11, OVA Pastors meet at St. John's 9:30-12:00. May 14-19 Pr. Norine on Continuing Education course; Pr. Stan covering. There will be a funeral on May 20 for a St. James member.
9. **Outreach:** Jeff presented by Zoom. Fund raisers, free will donations, for Lutherlyn campership: Easter breakfast, April 9 by men, 8:30-10:15 Ed. Note: This was subsequently deferred to May 13th; in May: Camp Sunday, a camp breakfast or lunch. Anglicans to be invited. All campership donations administered and dispersed by Lutherlyn. We will participate in the June 3 Big Give by supporting Earth Day (April 22) with road/property clean-up on volunteer basis on date TBD. The Angel Tree to return at Christmas for chickens or other need. Support for a local school daily breakfast program suggested; engages members. Jeff to contact Walter Zadow School to determine volunteer and/or gift card needs, and Anglicans for possible joint effort.
10. **Technology:** Reviewed Dave's schedule for next 7 Sundays with information from P+Norine: March 26th through Easter: April 2nd live music, streaming, April 9- live music, streaming. Apr 16, 23, May 7th, no streaming. April 30, streaming. Views showing up on YouTube now about 10, half of what it was when streamed every week.

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Minutes of March 20th Council Meeting, continued

11. **Communication and Rental:** Enid continues almost daily posts to Facebook; noted recent posting of CLWR recognition of our bowl event. Andy volunteered to do more posts as Enid will be Treasurer. Enid's scheduling work also being reviewed. **Rentals:** the Muslim community to rent the basement during Ramadan every night from Wednesday, March 22 until about April 20, on top of their regular Friday prayer time, also having a self-contained potluck April 14. To cover added heating/other costs, Andy moved and Fred seconded that we ask an extra \$200 rent. **CARRIED** Confirmed bookings accepted for IMAAW Union April 3, 17 and May 1 afternoons.
12. **Health & Safety:** NO REPORT
13. **Youth:** NO REPORT
14. **Operations:** NO REPORT
15. **New Business: Moving Ahead on Management of SJL Finances** - We need a Bookkeeper ASAP as, by May 1, Alison is stepping down from this position. Adam Rueckwald, business admin-accounting graduate, PA Corp operations manager, bookkeeper for St. John's in the past, has indicated he would be willing to be our bookkeeper. He presently handles other church accounts for a moderate monthly fee, and is willing to offer similar to us. We may have to purchase a monthly Quickbooks online license. These items are outside of our 2023 budget and a notice will go in April newsletter, with congregational input sought when required. Moved by Dave, seconded by Fred that Treasurer (Enid) & Chair of Council (Andy) have permission to pursue contacting Adam Rueckwald as bookkeeper and negotiating a monthly fee. Seconded by Fred: **CARRIED**
16. SJL planning calendar briefly reviewed.
17. **Close of Meeting:**

Next meeting: April 17 at 1:00. (TBC)

Ramadan Reminder (and more!)



In the March Mustard Seed newsletter, you read how our Muslim neighbours are sharing our building at times, renting some rooms, as they gather for prayers. Here is a reminder about times to be respectful of their worship here, especially during Ramadan evenings March 22 to April 19.

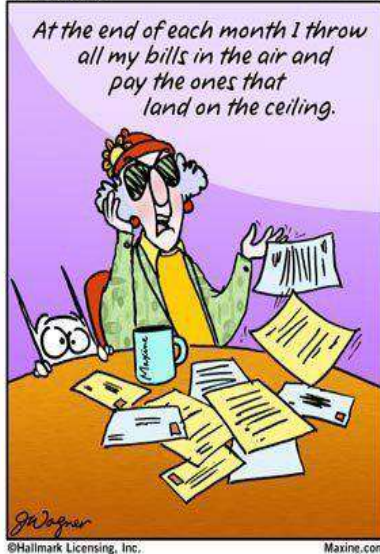
Ramadan, a very sacred and special month, began on Wednesday, March 22 when the prayer group gathered for the first of 30 evenings of special communal prayers called Taraweeh (night prayer). Often, whole families come. Some of the time, the group meets in our downstairs hall for Taraweeh, after night-fall and after breaking fast at sundown with a meal called iftar. The daily fasting is a private act of worship promoting nearness to God, and also a form of spiritual discipline and a means of empathizing with those less fortunate.

The start of Taraweeh varies from 9 to 9:30 p.m., and the group leaves by 10-10:30p.m. When our downstairs is specially set up for a big Sunday social, the group will do night prayer in the lounge. Final Taraweeh will be April 19. Eid al-Fitr feast then celebrates the breaking of the fast, when gifts are given and special gifts are also given to the poor.

And, Friday prayers continue, for those who can come, at 1-2pm in the lounge. Please know that our Muslim friends have extended an invitation for us to come to prayer time, should we wish. And an invitation to our services has been made to them.

NOTICES

Crabby Road



Bills!

Hi folks, any time you personally pay for an approved item or items for St. John's, that you wish to be reimbursed for, kindly note:

- your name on the bill,
- item/items purchased by name, if not clear on bill (e.g. paper, flowers),
- the particular ministry 'area': e.g. worship, property, Sunday School, kitchen/fellowship, newsletter, administration.

and put the bill in the treasurer slot in the photocopy room.

This will assist your newbie treasurer as we get going!

More tips may come in time. Your patience and support are highly appreciated. . . . Enid

Sunday School



We put out a request for blue sheets and head lamps for our second Rocky Railway Sunday for an exciting Bible Adventure where John & ship's crew find hope amid a windy, wavy, wild storm with prisoner Paul. The kids loved it! (The sheets were the sky - fans placed behind them were the wind.

Thanks to everyone who lent us materials. They are available for pick-up if you want them back, in the Church Boardroom/ Office.

Alison Burkett



Photo Corner



Council Installation, Sunday, March 19
(Photo: Anda Sprudz)



Lois presents Joanne with a certificate
from the Bishop. March 26th.
(Photo: Lorne R.)



Jo Anne's Family



THE OVER 95 CLUB



MARION KOOPS: Marion will be 97 in August! Her daughter Debbie Cloutier lives with her. Marion joins our worship on her IPAD when we livestream our services. Bill & Marion were/are only children. Do you know how many grandchildren she has? *Clue: talk to a member of her extended family who are active at St. John's!*



GLADYS BUDER: Gladys is 99 in June. Her daughter Cheryl Supple lives with her. Gladys is an accomplished artist and has hand-painted china and dolls that she has created. She loves colour! Do you know what she created for St. John's? *clue: we see it at Christmas time!*

thank  you



Thank You to all of you for your support for the **Epilepsy Awareness Fundraiser** on March 25th. Randy and Cathy Zimmerling and Bob Witt for meeting my family and I at the church and help us with getting the tables set up, Beryl Rich-



ardson for the tasty baked goods, Lois Rosien for the lovely plants, Council for renting the hall for our event, Pastor Noreen and our congregation for your encouragement and support and a special Thank You to Enid Blackwell for your help in guiding me through my first fundraiser. I appreciate everyone's support for helping raise funds for Epilepsy Ottawa. Our sales were around \$1300 and we will finish Epilepsy Awareness Month at Smitty's Home Hardware in Pembroke on April 1st. Again, a Huge Thank You to St. John's Lutheran Church for your prayers and support. Vicki Weichenthal

Annual Meeting: Thanks from Council

Thanks to all who attended and participated with care, and some humour!, in St. John's 2022 Annual Meeting on March 5, 2023.

At 33 members, this was the highest attendance for several years.

Your support for P+ Norine and your council is much appreciated. Know that you can contact any on council (phone numbers on side banner of this newsletter) with your suggestions and questions, and your input will also be directed to the relevant ministry team when appropriate.



Two Irish hunters from Belfast hired a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip home, the pilot tells them the plane can take only three moose. The two Irishmen objected strongly, stating; "Last year we shot six moose and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had the same plane as yours." Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were loaded. Unfortunately, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few minutes after take off. Climbing out of the wreck, Paddy asked Mick, "Any idea where we are?" Mick replied, "I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."



Easter Island LOCK-in

Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke

(613)-732-8792

May 5: 7:00 pm - May 6: 7:00 am

Can you be the one to outsmart, outdo, or outlast everyone else?

You won't know unless you play the games.

Join us for some fun and games and invite a friend.

The cost for the Event is \$10 per person.

Snacks and a midnight breakfast will be provided.

Ages 11-17 are welcome.

Come to Survivor Easter Island ~ The Tribe has Spoken!

Survivor Easter Island Lock-in Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Parent's Phone Number _____

I give permission for my child to attend Survivor Easter Island at Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke and stay overnight.

Parent's Signature _____

Paid _____

**Fuel prices are so high
that I went to the car
dealership and test drove
3 cars to run my errands.
Follow me for more money
saving tips 😎**

**I had the rudest,
slowest, nastiest
cashier today.
I guess it's my own
fault for using the self
checkout lane.**



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

April 2023

DATE	READER	ALTAR	GREETERS	COUNTERS	SOCIAL
April 2nd Palm Sunday	Andy Kalnins	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	
April 7th Good Friday	Readers (in roles)	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	
April 9th Easter	Joy Statham	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	
April 16th Easter 2	Youth	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	
April 23rd Easter 3	Kathy Tonkin	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	
April 30th Easter 4	Maureen Rueckwald	Barbara & Gerald	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Cory & Andy (Enid)	Lois Rosien's Birthday

The Prayer Jar in the Narthex

This jar is a confidential place to list your prayer concerns and put them in the jar. NO ONE will be reading these at all. The Prayer Team simply raises up the contents in prayer without knowing what is requested on the notes.

Please feel free to add yours at any time, using the post it notes on the narthex table.

Thank you, P+Norine