



The Mustard Seed

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Newsletter

of

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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

Helen Keller is quoted with saying;

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".

On July 27, Melville United Church in Eganville closes. The building has been purchased by a couple. This United Church will then rent space from our sister congregation at Grace Lutheran, Eganville. This arrangement will be similar to the one St. James Lutheran has with TSA United in Renfrew. They will have their first worship service at Grace on July 30.

In our Occasional Services Book, one of our petitions during Communion reads as follows; "Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion **we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**" When organizations or churches collaborate with each other, they can build on each other's ideas. These working partnerships, not only strengthen and support our own vision and mission, and it also enriches the local community that we live in. This becomes a visible sign of unity! *We ask God to bless the new arrangements and ministry at Grace Lutheran Church in Eganville.*

In both our churches, 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. I can't name you all as I would forget someone! We – church council and myself - are very grateful for all of the volunteers who step forward to ensure that we continue to be a thriving place of worship. **THANK YOU!** I am aware how hard everyone is working and participating in our church, and I am very grateful!

And now with summer upon us, many of you will be away for holidays. It is good to take a break in the course of this busy life. Renewing our bodies and minds and spirits is important for life. We all need to take time out to care for ourselves, so that we may return with strength and energy to care for others. May God bless your summer time! P+ Norine

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

From our Congregation: Ed, Jacqueline, Paul, Rachel.

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

We pray for our neighborhoods:

We commend them to God's care that they may be kept free from social discord and decay. Give us concern for others, that we may create a community of justice and peace with God's help. Amen.



July-August 2023

BIRTHDAYS

July 10th—Kalin Brohart
June 11th—Maxzene Zimmerling
July 17th—Barbara Formuziewich
July 20th—Alison Burkett
July 29th—Marion Leeck
August 4th—Zach Zimmerling
August 7th—Greg Steinke

August 18th—Judith Johnstone

August 25th—Mark Boese

August 31st—Marion Koops

Anniversaries

July 2nd—Jeff & Debbie Kargus

August 11th—Ryan & Julie Zimmerling

August 29th—Mel & Marion Bretzlaff

July-August 2023 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Sunday July 2 Pentecost V RED & WHITE SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. <u>(Wear red & white to church.)</u> • Guest organist: Karen Prince. • Coffee Hour: join us for red & white coffee hour!
Sunday July 9th Pentecost VI	10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer .
Sunday July 16th Pentecost VII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer • Coffee Hour afterwards.
Sunday July 23rd Pentecost VIII	10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday July 30th Pentecost IX	10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Sunday August 6th Pentecost X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion • Coffee Hour afterwards.
Sunday August 13th Pentecost XI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Saturday August 15th	9:00a.m.—Men’s Breakfast at Jim’s Restaurant
Sunday August 20th Pentecost XII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion • Coffee Hour afterwards.
Saturday August 26th 10:30 a.m. on SJL Lawn	UNPLUG 'Join the Circle! Drum, Play & Learn' event. (with BIAK Mobile EarlyOn partners with Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation, including Kichi Sibi Women Drummers)
Sunday August 27th Pentecost XIII	10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer
Monday August 28th	1:00p.m. Church Council Meets



Minutes of the June 19th, 2023 Council Meeting

Enid Blackwell

Pr. Norine

David Burkett

Attendance:

Debbie Witt

Fred Steinke

Andy Kalnins (Regrets)

Mellissa Watt (Regrets)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Pastor opened with a devotion and prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:** Debbie moved that the May 29, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed. Fred seconded, **CARRIED**.
3. **Finance:** Enid reported operating budget deficit of \$1,317.00 about ½ of budget deficit at this time last year. Commitments income is now over \$5,000 below budget. Rental/investment income \$2,274 over budget has helped offset our income to expense deficit. Expenses continue to run less than budget, by close to \$2,470.00. Debbie moved that finance report be accepted. Dave seconded, **CARRIED**.
4. **Property:** Competitive insurance quotes soon to be recommended. Electric sub panel replacement to be scheduled. Assessing kitchen for inspection by Renfrew County District Health Unit, Kitchen Committee to look at the pros and cons of having our kitchen inspected based on a recent course that Cathy and Randy had taken.
5. **Pastor's report:** Ministry continues to be busy with visits as well as normal office preps. Holiday coverage and service to be worked out. To contact Pastor Stan if need be but if a death to contact P. Norine.
6. **Outreach:** Possibly look at Longer Table concept in the future. Campership was very successful.
7. **Technology:** Live Stream for July 2, Red and White day with communion, script posted plus Karen Prince playing. Live stream Aug. 6 with communion. The rest of summer will be no stream. Summer newsletter to be ready for July 2. Dave to sort live streaming difficulty on June 18 service.
8. **Communications/Rental-Usage:** Camp lunch finally took place on June 18 which was well attended. The Ukelele Group - SALC were very entertaining and enjoyed by all. New Muslim agreement for prayer time from May 19-August 25 to be added as named 3rd party in their insurance policy. \$500 expected. Andrea Villarreal will continue with Wednesday dance classes for June from 6-7 p.m. Any July/August dates TBD.
9. **Health & Safety:** NO REPORT
10. **Youth:** NO REPORT - UNPLUG: Saturday, August 26, possible Algonquin drumming group, if interest.
11. **Operations:** NO REPORT
12. **Long Range Planning:** To move ahead with group. Lorne Rueckwald, Dave Burkett to be on this committee. Others to be contacted/confirmed to have committee in place for September.
13. **New Business:**
 - Vulnerable Persons Policy and Review. Andy to review and bring back.
14. **Close of Meeting:**

Closing prayer from Pastor Norine
Next meeting: August 28 at 1:00.

Minutes of June 25, 2023 Special Council Meeting

Attendance:

Andy Kalnins	Pr. Norine	Fred Steinke
Enid Blackwell	Debbie Witt	Mellissa Watt
	David Burkett	

Meeting was called to order at 11:40 am.

A special meeting was called to make a decision on insurance as it is due June 27. Randy Zimmerling had researched other companies for coverage and quotes and the better option would be to go with Robertson Hall in the amount of \$2,304.00 for a year a savings of \$600.00 from Cherry Insurance quote and coverage.

Randy explained that our Abuse Policy needs some minor changes under the Vulnerable Sector Verification (Screening). The Police Check (which is now outsourced) is still free but you have to have a form letter stating if a person is alone 1 on 1 with a vulnerable person/child or not. Andy and Pr. Norine will be meeting June 26 to do some revisions.

Fred motioned that Robertson Hall become our insurer. Enid seconded. **CARRIED**

We thank Randy for his hard work researching the different insurance companies and his clear presentation to Council.



Pastor Norine is on holidays from July 10 - August 1.



Rev. Stan Johnston is covering for emergency pastoral care. Please call Debbie Witt at 613- 622-1500 or the church office phone at 613-623-4562, should you need assistance.

Thank you, from Church Council.

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THANK YOU

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Everyone really enjoyed having the "PUG" Prior Ukelele Group from SALC join us for our Camp Sunday worship! They added talent and voices to worship. Special thanks to Joanne Bretzlaff & Betty O'Shaughnessy for coordinating their visit.



People enjoyed visiting over our Camp Lunch Barbque and "Smores". -*NO FIRE WAS USED*- Special thanks to the Camp Sunday Outreach Team of Andy Kalnins, Jeff & Debbie Kargus, Karen Greening and P+ Norine.

Randy Zimmerling, Lorne Rueckwald, Cathy Zimmerling and Beryl & Keith Richardson came along side us to "help the chefs". We raised \$590 for the **Campership Fund** to send kids to Camp Lutherlyn. Including our "Easter breakfast", our total for Camp is \$1,160.

Many thanks to all of you for your support.



THE OVER 90 CLUB

Jacqueline Bertrand's birthday was on March 15 when she turned 91. She lives with her daughter Ruth Ann and family here in Arnprior. Jacqueline has been a long time member of St. John's. At one time Jacqueline was good neighbors of Theo and Margaret Zimmerling! In those days her home and family and gardens and yard were her pride and joy. Jacqueline has a sunny disposition and always looks on the bright side of life. She is happy to be living with family where she feels loved and cared for.



Dorothy Homer turned 90 on May 3. In her younger days, her family of 7 children kept her busy, along with caring for other's children.

Dorothy was always a devoted member and involved in the life of St. John's. Dorothy's favorite summer travelling destination was Camp Lutherlyn, Hoffman beach ~ Golden lake. The family always gathered there, and John & Dorothy worked at Camp Lutherlyn for many years. Although John was quite a character as a well known Arnprior COP, he was always Dorothy's favorite chauffeur as –she never learned to drive!


Summertime! and the Living is Easy ~Note from Council~

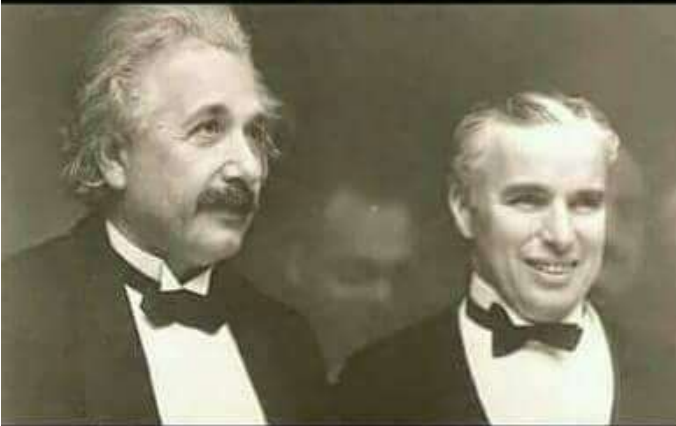
Long sunny days are with us. May we all have time to enjoy and relax in some of these warm days, and maybe do some travelling, cottaging and family visiting. Throughout July and August, St. John's worship and work may also slow somewhat, but we encourage you to continue to support our faith community in person and financially during summer. Just a friendly reminder that our bills continue, and your offerings are important even if you are absent for some time— in fact, our annual insurance, a significant amount, comes due now.



While our operating budget deficit is still low, and our bank account is solid, commitment donations for our operating budget are several thousands below that hoped for at this time. If you can, please take note of this. As always, your council thanks you for your dedication in gathering to worship, active care for one another, and generosity towards others, so clearly shown recently in great support to help kids get to camp.

When Albert Einstein Met Charlie Chaplin

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ALBERT EINSTEIN: -What I admire most about your art, is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet, the world understands you!

CHARLIE CHAPLIN: -It's true, but your fame is even greater! The world admires you, when nobody understands you!

**When you're at
the checkout line
and they ask you if
you found
everything,
say, "Why, are you
hiding stuff?"**

**NO MATTER HOW EDUCATED,
TALENTED, RICH OR COOL
YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE,
HOW YOU TREAT PEOPLE
ULTIMATELY TELLS ALL.**



Join the Circle! Drum, Play & Learn

With the Kichi Sibi Women Drummers
of Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation

Saturday August 26 10:30-12:00

Unplug from screens & enjoy a safe, outdoor time. Parents/grandparents welcome!

Enjoy a fun, educational and active experience!

- A special Indigenous learning & playing time
- Drum and sing with children’s drums
- Listen to tales about Indigenous peoples’ culture and language
- Active games outside



Under the Tree at St. John’s Lutheran Church
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To Register/ for Info	
• Fee is \$5/ child	
• Email Unplug.SJL@gmail.com	
• Call Alison @ 613-618-5716	

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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

July—August 2023

DATE	READER	ALTAR	GREETERS	COUNTERS	SOCIAL	BLDG & GROUNDS
July 2nd	Kathy Tonkin	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory	Andy & Cory	Strawberry Social P+ Norine	Gerald; grounds - Dave
July 9th	Andy Kalnins	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory	Andy & Cory		Gerald; grounds - Jeff
July 16th	Debbie/Jeff Kargus	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory	Andy & Cory	Marion & Elmer	Gerald; grounds - Bob
July 23rd	Joy Statham	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory	Andy & Cory		Gerald; grounds - Gerald
July 30th	Jessica/Rob Family TBC	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory	Andy & Cory		Gerald; grounds - Randy
Aug 6th	Mark Boese	Jo Anne & Kathy T	Debbie & Bob	Debbie & Bob	Beryl & Keith	Gerald; grounds - Dave
Aug 13th	Karen Greening	Jo Anne & Kathy T	Debbie & Bob	Debbie & Bob		Gerald; grounds - Dave
Aug 20th	Bob Witt	Jo Anne & Kathy T	Debbie & Bob	Debbie & Bob	Marion & Mel	Gerald; grounds - Lorne
Aug 27th	Rachel fam or alt.	Jo Anne & Kathy T	Debbie & Bob	Debbie & Bob		Building/ grounds - Gerald