



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

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians was a letter to the church in Corinth, written by Paul, who was in Macedonia. It is good advice! I have wanted to write this note to you for some time now. So when this line "Put things in order" popped up in our lectionary, I have decided to follow through with these thoughts.

During April/May there were 3 people, that I am connected to, who were placed in retirement/nursing homes! A 74 year old friend; a 67 year old parishioner from St. James; and a 92 year old parishioner from St. John's. All 3 had to be placed out of their homes/apartments due to an immediate medical crisis.

This is never a gentle or easy process at the best of times, or one that is ever considered ahead of time. 2 of the 3 people had their Power of Attorney in place. No matter who you are, if you live in Eastern Ontario, one has to go through the **Champlain LINS = Local Health Integration Networks (Champlainhealthline.ca)** to access support services to be placed in a retirement or nursing home.

As Pastor/friend for all 3, I offered pastoral support to the families involved and also their P.O.A. Many questions arose that had not been considered or discussed ahead of these moves, but now immediate decisions had to be made. Legal paperwork, dismantling of apartments, and disposing of items were under time constraints. The word "**stress**" comes to mind! Thankfully, all 3 people have accepted their situations and are now living where they should be, with proper medical oversight.

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Pastor's message continued,

I am not writing this note to startle anyone, or to create panic. Even though the apostle Paul encourages us to live by the verse in Philippians 4: ⁶ *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

Today in our society, it is necessary to think ahead. So please make sure that you have your P.O.A. in place and update your will. ***Most importantly- talk to your family - no matter what age you are!*** That way they know your desires and hopes for your own future. Then as you work on your plans, ask God to step into place and guide you.

Sincerely, P+ Norine

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

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

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

We pray for the community in which we live, that all may be kept safe and protected.

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Anniversaries

June 24th—Barbara & Gerald Formuziewich

June 29th—Cathy & Randy Zimmerling

BIRTHDAYS

June 2nd—Henry Rosien

June 3rd—Gladys Buder

June 6th—Pastor Norine

June 14th—Cory Weckwerth

June 15th—Anda Kalnins

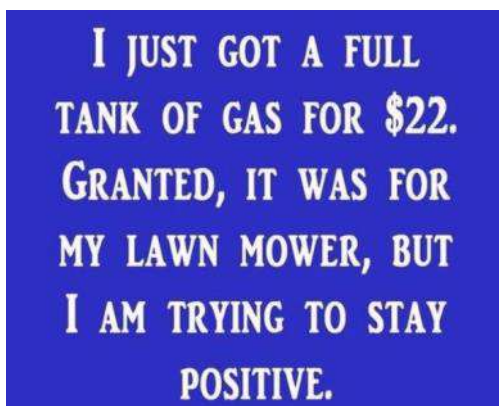
June 23rd—Bob Hinchley

June 23rd—Shane Zimmerling

June 24th—Kaleigh Craig

June 2023 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Thursday June 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 Lutheran Pastors meet at Camp Lutherlyn. • 10:00a.m. Prayer team meets every Thursday in Pastors office.
Sunday June 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Pentecost II - Worship Service of Word & Prayer. • 1:00-3:00p.m. UNPLUG at the Zimmerling farm.
Sunday June 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m.—Pentecost III ~Fathers Day Worship Service of Word & Prayer. Guest Musicians: We welcome the SALC – Ukulele Band! • Stay for barbeque lunch- free will donations to send a kid to Camp Lutherlyn. (See ad in newsletter)
Monday June 19th	1:00pm — Church Council Meets
Tuesday June 20 th	11:30 a.m. — Pastoral Care Team meet at the Rosien’s.
Saturday June 24 th	<p>Youth Movie Event at the Church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1:00—3:00p.m. — Younger children - 7:00p.m.—9:00p.m. — Older children
Saturday June 24 th	9:00a.m. — Men’s Breakfast at Jim’s restaurant
Sunday June 25 th	10:30 a.m. — Pentecost IV ~ Worship Service with Holy Communion.
Sunday July 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Pentecost V ~ RED & WHITE SUNDAY — Worship Service with Holy Communion. Wear Red and White to church. Guest organist: Karen Prince. • Coffee Hour: join us for red & white coffee hour!





Minutes of the May 29th, 2023 Council Meeting

Enid Blackwell

Pr. Norine

David Burkett (Zoom)

Attendance:

Debbie Witt

Fred Steinke

Andy Kalnins

Mellissa Watt

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Pastor opened with a devotion and prayer.
2. **Previous Minutes:** Debbie moved that the April 17, 2023 minutes be approved as distributed. Mellissa seconded, **CARRIED**.
3. **Finance:** Enid reported a deficit of \$1,009.00 the end of April. Despite commitments income remaining some \$4,000 below budget, other income \$1,800 over budget has helped offset income to expense deficit. Also, expenses continue to run less than budget, by close to \$1,800. Bank balance for end of April \$25,467. ELFEC investment March 31 is \$27,246. Foodbank to receive \$210. Debbie moved that finance report be accepted. Mellissa seconded, **CARRIED**.
4. **Property:** Report from Randy: shed has been assembled for the lawn tools. Lawn cutting schedule is published. Exploring options for storm window alternatives. Exploring competitive insurance quotes to be recommended before June 30. Electric sub panel replacement scheduled for June. Assessing kitchen for inspection by Renfrew County District Health Unit. A requirement to install charcoal stove hood, discussed possible commercial grade dishwasher, 2 members recently certified in "Safe Food Handling". Confirmation pictures to be rehung, possibly different form, with curtain. Grants (e.g. ELFEC, Synod) to be researched for kitchen and/or accessible washroom.
5. **Pastor's report:** Ministry continues to be busy with visits, confirmation classes, funerals and meetings. Also with Con. Ed. Festival from May 14-19. Pastor on holiday from July 10-31; coverage to be confirmed, August 21-23, and October 1-4. Opting for more music and lay led service coverage. Andy will start June 4 service as Pr. Norine has a confirmation at St. James and will be late arriving. June 11 & 18 Word & Prayer. June 25 Holy Communion and July 2 is Red & White Sunday, communion. To book Karen Prince, music, 1-2 times, late June/early July.
6. **Outreach:** The next big event is the Camp Breakfast, Sunday, June 11. Folks encouraged to dress for event, menu will be hotdogs, burgers and s'mores, Free will donations going to Lutherlyn Camperships. Possibly look at Longer Table concept in the future.
7. **Technology:** No live stream for awhile. Decided: live Stream for Camp Sunday June 11, and July 2, Red and White day. Script posted for June 11 and July 2nd.
8. **Communications/Rental-Usage:** Newsletter suggestions- thanks, photos. New agreement being finalized for Friday Muslim prayer time May 19 to Aug. 25. More union bookings in June. Andrea Villarreal will continue with Wednesday dance classes for June from 6-7 p.m.
9. **Health & Safety:** NO REPORT
10. **Youth:** June 4 (10-12 noon) is last Sunday School until September, lead by Ryan and Jessica. Movie/day night to be on Saturday, June 24 from 1-3 for younger kids and older ones for evening. Movie use reports/copyright payment TBC. UNPLUG: Saturday, August 26, possible Algonquin drumming group, if interest. Also, possible farm UNPLUG, Zimmerling farm.

Minutes of May 29th Council Meeting, continued

11. Long Range Planning to move ahead with group. Lorne Rueckwald to be on this committee. Others to be contacted/confirmed to have committee in place by meeting in June.

12. New Business:

- a. Vulnerable Persons Policy and Review: OPP no longer doing vulnerable persons police check; it is outsourced on line. To be eligible for a VSC, the organization's letter needs to specify that the individual has one-on-one contact with a vulnerable person. Needs to be done every 2 years. Dave to send website details. Andy to review and bring back; relates to insurance requirements, too.
- b. June as Pride Month: Not necessary to use resources available from Synod, place a flag, or publicize as other than welcoming church; education may come in time.
- c. Communion Frequency – Deferred

13. Close of Meeting:

Closing prayer from Pastor Norine

Next meeting: **June 19 at 1:00.**



The Men's Breakfast group put on a breakfast on May 7th. Proceeds went to the Lutherlyn Campership fund.

Not only was it this group, see photo, but the many hands behind the scene sourcing both food and instruments to make it happen. (Toasters etc.)

Best interest to both Mel and Lorne Bretzlauff as they were not feeling well today and did not attend

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THANK YOU

Danke

On behalf of the congregation and our Church Council I thank all of those who provided assistance for our Sunday School over the past 6 months. It is important that our church offer seeds of faith (teaching moments) so that our youth may grow in their understanding of God.

Special thank you to Alison Burkett and Cathy Zimmerling

We appreciate Alison's and Cathy's leadership and dedication in ensuring that our youth had a Sunday School program once a month. It is not an easy task to co-ordinate all ages of people who all have very busy personal commitments and to organize the variety of supplies and materials required while also maintaining the necessary continuity of the program.

Leaders: Ryan and Julie Zimmerling, Jessica and Rob Elliot, Melissa Watt and Nathan Brohart, Ryan and Shannon Kargus, Pastor Norine.

Teen assistants: Zach Zimmerling, Liam Cameron, Phoenix Mosiondz-Sagmeister.

Support: Maxzene Watt, Alison and Dave Burkett, Cathy and Randy Zimmerling.

Many thanks to all involved, sincerely P+ Norine



The ELCIC Lutheran Pastors of the Ottawa Valley gathered at St. John's on Thurs. May 11. We thank **Beryl Richardson** and **Barbara Formuziewich** for their gracious hospitality. I also thank **Randy Zimmerling** who gave an excellent history of the building as the Pastors completed a walkabout. Randy is our rep on the OVMAT= Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Team. Three of our colleagues had never visited here before.



The new brochure holder in the narthex is a gift from **Sandra Hall (Scobie) & Susan Gillan (Scobie)**, and their families, as a memorial donation in honor of their father MacGregor Scobie.



Church Council thanks **Gwen Steinke** for her time in updating the memorial book, which also resides in our narthex.

THE 93 CLUB



Floss Obst turned 91 in January. She has made her way from a large property on Campbell Drive to living “right in town” where she can walk to the stores in “10 minutes”! She is a grandmother who *rolls with whatever is happening*. Floss is our only “senior” female who thrives using a cellphone as her home phone. Do you know what game she and Gordie used to play – a lot? **Clue:** *ask the Leecks!*

Mel Bretzlaff will be 92 in November. Mel’s favorite thing is his family! Mel, Lorne & brother Roy, organized the 1st Bretzlaff Family Reunion- Ladysmith - in 1983. In 2018 the clan celebrated their 150 anniversary of life in North America! Understandable, as Mel’s grandmother had 58 grandchildren! When they gather, they have an original “Bretzlaff Family Reunion Song” that is sung. Mel created a lasting memory for the family. Do you know that that might be? **Clue:** *He had the help of artist Gilbert Bretzlaff and friend Pat Brady to help with a lay out!*

Eric Obst is in his nineties. Eric is Floss’ brother-in-law. Eric’s property looks impeccable and Eric loves his daily walk around his block. In his younger days, Eric used to fill in as a lay leader and preacher for worship in Renfrew & Denbigh. He has a devoted son, Jeff, with family here. Eric has special talents. Do you recall what they are? **Clue:** *there are 3 in particular that delight adults and children!*



Campers BBQ Lunch

SEND A KID TO CAMP FUNDRAISER



We invite you to join us for a “Campers Lunch” where you will be treated to hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee, and tea. Of course, we cannot forget everyone’s favourite dessert, **S’mores**.

To add to the camping experience, we will be entertained by a local talented group of ukulele players.

When: Sunday June 18

Where: Church basement

Time: Immediately after Sunday service

Cost: Free will offering

Goal: Send a kid to Camp

Questions or comments?

Please feel free to speak with Pastor, Karen, Andy or Jeff.

As I fold my third load of laundry, I contemplate becoming a nudist.

Then I remember what I look like naked, and keep folding. 😂





Dancing Round the World

Continues in June on Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. If interested and you have not yet registered, contact Debbie Witt, 613 622-1500, bkwdwitt@hotmail.com. In May, we danced to African, Latin, Polynesian and Middle Eastern rhythms. Here we are learning a Rapa Nui dance – you'll have to imagine the music!

Andréa, our fun, strong, vibrant leader



Fun! Who do you know here?



Now we're getting it!

Guys welcome too



It's my wife's birthday tomorrow, she's been leaving jewellery catalogues all over the house, so I've bought her a magazine rack



Lois Rosien celebrated her 85th on April 30th.



Karen Greening is also a newer reader for us, as is Kathy Tonkin. Thank you, Karen and Kathy! Here is Karen, greeting her 'almost' fashion twin, Lois Rosien, after a May service.



We welcomed Bob Witt as a new reader on May 21. Thank you Bob for adding your voice to worship!

These 2 look like they've arrived at our planned June 11 Camp Lunch. Watch out for them!





and Discover Farm and Nature Adventures

Sun June 11, 2023; 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Have you ever wondered what fascinating creatures live below the surface of a wetland?

Have you ever fed baby pygmy goats or sheep?

Come out and explore a variety of wetland habitats and learn about farm animals with activity leader, **Ryan Zimmerling**.

Fee is \$5/ child payable at the event. This event is geared towards children under 12 accompanied by a parent or older sibling.

Register at Unplug.sjl@gmail.com or call Alison @ 613-618-5716





VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June 2023

DATE	READ-ER	ALTAR	GREETERS	COUNTERS	SOCIAL	BLDG & GROUNDS
June 11 th	Debbie / Jeff Kargus	Beryl & Keith	Paula M & Beryl	Elmer & Marion		Bldg: Gerald Grnds: Bob
June 18 th	Maureen Rueckwald	Beryl & Keith	Andy / Cory	Elmer & Marion	Camp Lunch Outreach	Gerald
June 25 th	Mellissa/ Nathan	Beryl & Keith	Cathy & Randy	Elmer & Marion		Bldg: Gerald Grnds: Randy
July 2 nd	Kathy Tonkin	Barbara & Gerald	Andy & Cory/alt.	Andy Cory	Strawberry Social	Bldg: Gerald Grnds: Dave

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



Having dumped the bag of ashes on the table, Stew hid behind the door and waited for the X-ray technician's reaction.