



The Mustard Seed

March 2020

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

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Pastor's Message

A Perspective for Lent

During the end of February you may see ads for Shrove Tuesday suppers and Ash Wednesday Services and wonder what all the fuss is about. Lent is a traditional liturgical season in the Christian calendar that many still take seriously as a time of preparation - 40 days to be exact – for Easter. As we count down this time it is also to welcome signs of spring and that maybe a more enticing thought for you.

Traditionally the days before Ash Wednesday took on a festive air as Lenten diets were to be devoid of fats and oils. It became necessary in western civilizations to use up the oil in the house before Lent began. Hence Pancake Tuesdays ! In Germany it is called Fastnacht; in France Mardi Gras; in Latin countries Carnivale and in England Pancake Tuesday. After all the feasting then many people give things up – like chocolate or desserts or shopping or smoking for the 40 days.

Other people add to their weekly list – doing a kind deed for someone else every day, or paying it forward in some way for others, or volunteer at a charity or write a cheque to help out an agency. Lent calls us to deepen our faith and our spirituality. It calls for daily prayer, meditation or fasting.

However you decide to spend your next 40 days keep your God and your neighbor in mind. May you have a blessed and holy Lenten journey.

Sincerely Pastor Norine

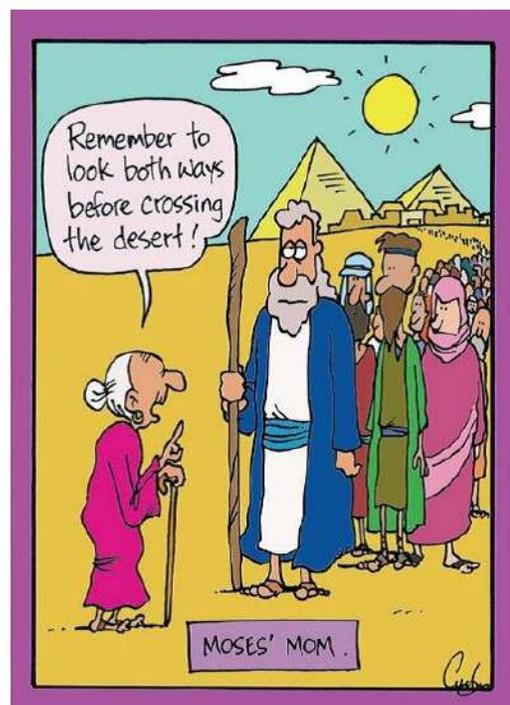
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field; which indeed is smaller than all seeds. But when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32

March Event Calendar

Sunday	March 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion - Installation of Church Council
Friday	March 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 pm Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Arnprior. Presentation from the country of Zimbabwe.
Sunday	March 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Saturday	March 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30a.m. Men’s Breakfast at Jim’s Restaurant
Sunday	March 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. Guest Musician Karen Prince Wear a bit of green today!
Monday	March 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop Michael visits with the Lutheran Pastors of the Ottawa Valley and the Ministry Area Team at St. Timothy’s in Pembroke.
Sunday	March 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	March 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm Church Council meets
Saturday	March 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLWR morning 9:30 – 1pm at St. Timothy’s, Pembroke - please see the ad in this newsletter.
Sunday	March 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

If you are in Renfrew on Wednesdays in March – St. James invites you to attend their soup lunches at noon with a brief Lenten worship service following lunch.





Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

Attendance

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and Pastor opened with devotions and a prayer.

Previous Minutes:

Dave moved the minutes be approved as published, Randy seconded. **CARRIED**

Pastor’s report:

- Pastor presented her activity report for the month.
- Pastor thanked Randy for preparing the Annual Report.
- Pastor handed out a notice of a Grant Preparation Workshop on May 2nd in Ottawa.
- Council to be installed March 1st.

Inter-congregational co-operation:

Randy collected the schedules from other churches, which will be posted. We need to keep their events in mind when we schedule our events.

Finance:

- P&L presented, monthly budget not in the system yet.
- Expenses are in line.
- Attendance is still quite light.
- Balance Sheet- Discussion on reserves and investments.

Outreach:

Joint Ministry: Easter schedule was set with St. James holding Maundy Thursday Joint service at 7:00 p.m. and St. John’s holding the Good Friday service.

Property:

- In retrospect, council should have had more thorough discussions regarding options for the basement floor before presenting to the congregation.
- Randy has a quote for re-trenching around the entire church and new drainage: \$16,900.
- An option is that we can do the retrenching work ourselves with a member’s backhoe and volunteer labour.

Town construction project:

- Reconstruction of Alicia Street from McLachlin to Division Street will begin as early as June 1 and will be completed by mid-August. Sidewalk from McLachlin to our back walkway is to be replaced. Randy to follow up to ensure we’re kept in the loop on this project.
- This work will prevent challenges for VBS, BBQ and Yard Sale. Yard sale date should be moved to late May.

Marketing:

Enid wanted to understand what events we should market to the community. It was agreed that Easter breakfast and Camp Sunday would be advertised to the wider community. Also, VBS, the Spaghetti supper & the Bazaar will be widely marketed.

Other Business:

- Ryan to purchase Sunday School and VBS packages.
- Next council meeting will be on March 23rd (one week later)
- Jeff to let Pastor know about the presentation to the food bank.
- Privacy issue re birthdays in the newsletter – we need to update the privacy permission forms. Jeff to send existing forms to Dave.

Adjournment: 8:55.

March 2020




Birthdays

March 8th— Melissa Watt
 March 11th—Randy Zimmerling
 March 20—Elmer Leeck
 March 29th—Lorne Bretzlaff
 March 30th—Blake Zimmerling
 March 31st—Joanne Bretzlaff

Men's Breakfast



March 14th

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

Please consider joining us for good food and great conversation!

Together in Mission

- Forming rostered and lay leaders
- Building interfaith relationships and fostering Indigenous reconciliation
- Training psychotherapists and spiritual care workers
- Providing faith-based university education

Thank you for your benevolence!

Martin Luther University College
 (\$316,000)






PHOTO CORNER—Family Day at the Zimmerlings





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 Blakley

Director of Community Relations

Learn about their projects and where they are serving today

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

Sunday March 22, 2020

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!

Poetry Corner

The Unbroken

There is a brokenness
out of which comes the unbroken,
a shatteredness
out of which blooms the unshatterable.
There is a sorrow
beyond all grief which leads to joy
and a fragility
out of whose depths emerges strength.

There is a hollow space
too vast for words
through which we pass with each loss,
out of whose darkness
we are sanctioned into being.

There is a cry deeper than all sound
whose serrated edges cut the heart
as we break open to the place inside
which is unbreakable and whole,
while learning to sing.

Rashani Réa

Bishop's Retreat 2020—Can you find your Pastor?



Postings in the Narthex

Canadian Peace Initiative: Wednesday March 4 6:30 p.m. Arnprior Public Library . Come check out what innovative peace activities, programs and policies are on the go locally and nationally, including #No War global conference - Ottawa, Women Peace & Security work and development of a Peace Centre. New members encouraged. Info: Theresa 613 897-0188

World Day of Prayer: The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday March 6 at 1:30 PM at Emmanuel Anglican Church, Arnprior.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2020

DATE	USHERS	READING	COFFEE/SOCIAL	COUNTERS
March 1 st	Elmer & Marion	Mark Boese	Mel & Marion	Elmer & Marion
March 8 th	Elmer & Marion	Joanne Bretzlaff	Lorne & Joanne	Elmer & Marion
March 15 th	Elmer & Marion	C or R Zimmerling	Cathy & Randy	Elmer & Marion
March 22 th	Elmer & Marion	Andy Kalnins	Pr. Norine & Beryl	Elmer & Marion
March 29 th	Elmer & Marion	Joy Statham	Debbie & Jeff	Elmer & Marion