



# The Mustard Seed

May 2020

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

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## Pastor's Message

***Hello to church family, family and friends,***

Recently I selected a book from my home library belonging to my mother. (Some items one just does not part with.) It is Anne Morrow Lindbergh's slim book Selections From Gift from the Sea. Anne was the wife of the famous American aviator Charles Lindbergh. Anne had a busy life, travelling, flying, and caring for a home and family. She was also a spiritual seeker.

Written 65 years ago her words ring true today.

*"It is difficult today to leave one's friends and family and deliberately practice the art of solitude for an hour or a day or a week. And yet, once it is done, I find there is a quality to being alone that is incredibly precious. Life rushes back into the void, richer, more vivid, fuller than before."* p.15

*"For it is not physical solitude that actually separates one from other men, not physical but spiritual isolation. When one is a stranger to oneself, one is estranged from others too. If one is out of touch with one's self, then one cannot touch others. Only when one is connected to one's own core is one connected to others, I am beginning to discover."* p16

We are reminded that Jesus often set himself apart from others to be alone and pray. I commend Psalm 23 for you to read. This is the prescribed Psalm for Sunday May 3 rd. As this national and global solitude continues, may we all find an internal peaceful center. May we share grace, gratitude, joy and love as needed that make up the kingdom of God here on earth.

Sincerely, P+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

**PSALM 23**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> He Makes me lie down  
in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me,  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.



**Ran out of toilet paper  
and now using lettuce  
leaves.**

**Today was just the tip  
of the iceberg,  
tomorrow remains to  
be seen.**

## **The Worship Journey ahead for St. John's & St. James**

We are 6 weeks into physically distancing from others. For some this is easy, and for others, *these days are getting tougher*. We are still on the journey and have not reached our destination as yet. As with any family trip we usually map out a route first. In consultation with St. John's Church Council, **I will be recording YouTube) worship for May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day and May 31<sup>st</sup> - Pentecost.**

The other Sundays we are suggesting you and our email subscribers (40 families at John & 20 families at James) join in worship with [St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke](#) or [Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nepean](#). (CLICK on the above links to visit).

**On St. Timothy's website**, Scroll down to the button for devotional tube by date and click on that. Go to their worship guide for the printed version for the date you are looking for.

On the **Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nepean** website, they have online worship from 10a.m. to 11a.m.

We are grateful to have supportive partners in faith on the same journey with us.

Of course you are welcome to explore other sites, as listed on the ELCIC website.

There will be a print copy of my weekly meditation posted on our respective Facebook pages and websites and sent out by email.

**Something new: We are going to try a  
ZOOM virtual coffee hour.**

***Each congregation will have their own time slot.*** This is an internet platform which is a video chat where you all can see and hear each other. You will be sent an invitation by email with a link to click on. Once you click on the link, you will be prompted to download the software. *You must download the software* but you do not need to create or have an account to participate in the chat. *This is a really fun way to stay in touch!*

**See you this Sun. May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**P+NORINE**



# Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020

Attendance (via phone Conference)

Ryan Zimmerling	David Burkett	Pr. Norine
Enid Blackwell	Jeff Kargus	Randy Zimmerling
Cory Weckwerth		

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

**1. Previous Minutes:**

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

**2. Pastor's report:**

- Pastor was interviewed for the local (Renfrew and Arnprior) papers.
- Suggestion that we plan for a Zoom session Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. This week April 26<sup>th</sup> will be a trial with Pastor doing the taping

**3. Finance:**

- Congregational givings up over \$1000 over budget. PAR has enabled a steady stream of income. We've received 6 donations from Canada Helps. Also, several members are putting cash away which we won't see until we resume – so, position is even better.
- Healthy bank account and investments.
- We've applied for the 10% wage subsidy for 3 months. Randy has spoken to Keith Myra re the 75% subsidy. However, with our givings being up, we don't qualify for March. Randy continues to monitor the conditions for eligibility.

**4. Outreach:**

Jeff continues to make contact with the Food Bank and makes deliveries. The food bank is no longer accepting donations of individual items – only from suppliers. Randy to follow up regarding the Food Bank cheque.

**5. Property:**

Randy continues to monitor the Town work project – no additional information at this time.

**6. Marketing:**

- Enid presented the Marketing and Communications report (see attached).
- We generated a "Friends of the Parish" email list (22). Our member email list is 43.
- Facebook – 50 posts.
- Web site – 16 posts.
- DVD's were created and distributed to a few people.

**7. Other Business:**

- VBS – Ryan is recommending that we don't hold VBS this year. Randy questioned if there were something else we could do? Ryan thought we might post recorded sessions for sharing with young families. Randy wondered if we could recreate the Lorne & Maureen puppet show. Pastor suggested we consider applying for a YAYA grant for 2021 VBS to hire a coordinator / director. Deadline is September.
- Cory thanked Randy for the Bell ringing on Easter
- Randy received two complaints regarding the changes to the envelopes. Randy outlined the rationale for the decision should council members be asked about this.
- Randy moved that we do not hold the Big Give BBQ. Instead, we go back to the road clean-up – small groups, perhaps spread over two days. **CARRIED**
- Jeff to follow up why Arnprior Food Bank is not part of Food Banks Canada.

Adjournment: 9:15

## MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION REPORT TO COUNCIL Monday, April 20, 2020

**MARKETING:** Finalized SJL Yard Sale Planning letter for the May Mustard Seed Newsletter (E.B.)

### **COMMUNICATION:**

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA: (month: March 18 to April 19)**

**Email:** Devotions, services, local and national letters, April Mustard Seed newsletter etc. sent to email membership list (43). Many with links to sites. Separate Friends of the Parish email list (22) developed for all general mailouts, e.g. Mustard Seed, devotions, services, and related links.

#### **How to grow Friends of Parish list; can others contribute?**

**Website:** minimum of 16 posts, including April Mustard Seed newsletter, and 2 videos (Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday), from approximately March 18 to April 19. We have never had analytics installed on the site, so we've had no stats for site visits/page views. I am in the process of installing Google Analytics so that we'll have this information in the future.

**YouTube:** 2 videos prepared and produced

**Palm Sunday:** some 113 views to date, 1 like, 1 comment some 11 hr. of viewing

**Easter Sunday:** some 122 views to date, 3 likes, 1 comment, some 14-15 hr. of viewing

Currently it takes me about 6 - 8 hours to splice together the video (add music, with lyrics), fine tune the transitions, match the sound to the video, get the audio levels approximately even, compress and upload. This time is coming down, I'm getting better at it each time.

**FaceBook:** Enid Blackwell

**Some 50 posts in last month:** E.g.: Local pastoral letter, devotions, video services; ELCIC: daily hymn/prayer, other; poetry, music, inspirational postings

**March 19-April 14 (4 wk):** 59 reached, 156 engagements- e.g. April 8-14: 37 people/75 engagements) 5 new likes, 4 new followers (total since FaceBook began: 34 likes, inc. 11 non-members) 39 followers

**Individual examples** over last week and a half:

**PS service:** 19 reached, 8 engagements; **E service:** 14 reached, 3 engagements

**Hosanna with kids** - greening example: 24 reached, 8 engagements; **Apr 8 ELCIC** daily hymn prayer: 15 reached, 8 engagements; **Anda** video- hymn by Madawaska: 17 reached, 3 engagements

#### **How to get more sound social media comments etc. on: Website, YouTube, FaceBook?**

**CONCRETE MEDIA:** E.B. and others

**DVDS:** Palm Sunday and Easter Service: formatted for DVDs for some without computers/internet, burned and distributed. Conversion program purchased.

#### **How to determine format of DVD used in each household without internet access (player, TV) and provide services in those DVD formats (e.g.Mpeg2 and ??)?**

**OTHER:** printing & distribution of many print devotions, services by 3-4 people: Mar. 29, Palm Sunday and Easter 2. Easter Sunday: Delivery of 13 Easter baskets/bags incorporating print (E service,etc), Easter card, hot cross buns, coloured Easter eggs, seeds, candy and, in some cases, a DVD, Apr. newsletter, Eternity for Today. Ongoing phone and email communication with many by council members & P+Norine.

prepared by: E. Blackwell





## A Butterfly's Struggle:

"One day, a man, walking down a path, saw a butterfly cocoon that was about to open. As he watched, a small opening appeared in the cocoon. The man sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then, it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.



"So, the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and opened the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a withered body; it was tiny, and its wings were shriveled. The man continued to watch, because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would open, enlarge and expand, to be able to support the butterfly's body.

"Neither happened. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a withered body and shriveled wings. It was never able to take flight.

"What the man, in his kindness and his goodwill, did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were Nature's way of

forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into it's wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon."

### A Lesson Learned...

Sometimes, struggles are *exactly* what we need in our life. If we were allowed to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as we could have been. *Never able to fly.*

"I asked for **Strength**...and I was given difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for **Wisdom**...and I was given problems to solve.

I asked for **Prosperity**...and I was given a brain and brawn to work.

I asked for **Courage**...and I was given obstacles to overcome.

I asked for **Love**...and I was given troubled people to help.

I asked for **Favors**...and I was given opportunities.

I received **nothing** I wanted...but I received **EVERYTHING** I needed."



***"Live life without fear; confront all obstacles; and know that, with God's help, you can overcome them."***



**May 2020**



**Birthdays**

*May 2<sup>nd</sup>—Melissa Kargus*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup>—Dorothy Homer*

*May 15<sup>th</sup>—Andy Kalnins*

*May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Paula Mainprize*

*May 25<sup>th</sup>—Keith Richardson*

*May 26<sup>th</sup>—Clara Zimmerling*

*May 28<sup>th</sup>—Marion Bretzlaff*

**Anniversaries**

*May 21<sup>st</sup>—Keith & Beryl Richardson*

**Pandemic**

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath —  
the most sacred of times?  
Cease from travel.  
Cease from buying and selling.  
Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.  
Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.  
Center down.

And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.  
Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)  
Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.  
(Surely, that has come clear.)  
Do not reach out your hands.  
Reach out your heart.  
Reach out your words.  
Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

~ Lynn Ungar 3/11/20

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Recently we reminded congregation members that even though our church (like all others in the province) was closed, our expenses were ongoing. We pointed out that we had a couple of options for continued giving as we moved forward:

- Joining the group of donors who are already using the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)
- Using the online donation button on our website for Canada Helps
- Dropping off your envelopes with cheques in the drop off at the locked box on our side entrance
- Putting the cash aside in an envelope and bring that with you when churches reopen.

We are grateful that so many of you have chosen to use these methods of making your donations and correspondingly keep revenue flowing to meet our expenditure commitments for salary and fixed costs. Your commitment and continued financial support during this time has been outstanding. We appreciate the extra effort it has taken to accomplish this.

Your Finance Team:

*Randy, Cathy, and Alison.*

## Astronomy Corner—Andy Kalnins



We are still far away from the Christmas Readings, but has anyone wondered why, when the heavenly hosts announced the birth of the Infant Jesus, that it was to the shepherds? Was it because they were the lowest of the low and they should be the first to hear of the highest of the high? Was a good way to deal with the continued metaphor of the shepherd in the Hebrew Scriptures. Or was it something simpler? Was it because the shepherds were the only ones looking at the night sky, and they saw what they saw because there were out and about, and everybody else was locked in their homes, oblivious to the miracle outside?

Don't be the ones to miss the miracle. Get out there a look; during this time of lockdown and restraint, it is a free and safe activity and you always see more than you thought you would see. Here are highlights for May.

**Venus** - Venus is the brightest star in the sky for May! It shines like a beacon in the west as soon as the sun sets, and those with keen eyes can likely see when it is barely dusk. Venus is of course not a star but a sister planet to the earth, just about the same size but not a great place to visit as the surface temperature at 800 degrees plus ( $^{\circ}$  F) makes it as hot as a wood fired pizza oven, the air pressure is equivalent to what it is beneath the ocean at 3000 feet of depth, and the clouds of pure sulphuric acid would wreck havoc on the paint of your new car (not mention the entire car). But if you look at Venus night after night you will notice something; each night Venus is going to be a touch less bright and a bit lower in the sky especially after the 13th of May. Venus is about to disappear as the Evening Star and by mid June will emerge as the Morning Star. If you have binoculars (wide field ones are perfect) look at Venus on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th as not only will there be Venus, a crescent New Moon, but also, the very elusive and speedy Mercury, all maybe in the same view!

**Jupiter and Saturn** - These two giant planets patrol the morning sky in May. They rise from the east shortly after midnight. But early risers will readily spot them in the morning sky before it gets too light. If you look to the south east the brightest object in the sky will be the brilliant Jupiter, and just a little to the left and above will be the dimmer and white/yellow glow of Saturn. As we on earth continue our journey around the sun, and Jupiter and Saturn do the same, after mid May the two will drift apart.

**The Moon** - Full Moon on the 7th and New Moon on the 22nd. It is worth getting up early on the morning of the 12th of May as Jupiter, Saturn, and the moon will be bunched up in the sky, just like bunnies heading off to the hop

So that is it for now. And remember those shepherds, because you will never see a miracle unless you look for one!







## News from St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church in Renfrew

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What is this I hear? St James is for sale??? — Yes you heard correctly, but are we closing??? **NO!**

St James has been struggling financially for years We have not been able to afford a full time pastor since 2005. We had a part-time pastor for 5 years. We shared an Anglican priest for 4 years.

How fortunate were we when the Synod approached St John's about sharing Pastor Norine & both she & St John's were willing to give this a try. After 5 years of enjoying our 30% of Pastor Norine (but it feels like 100%), it has been determined that financially we only have enough remaining funds to last another 3 years.

Our attendance has remained constant, but our aging building is starting to fall apart & costs us more & more to maintain.

### NOW WHAT?

At our AGM this year the motion was made that “**St James church building be put up for sale**” This motion was approved, with an 80% vote in favour.

But our congregation plans on surviving, even without the building. It was discerned that we wish to keep worshipping in Renfrew, so we are looking at options of rental space – somewhere available for Sunday morning worship – maybe a chapel at a retirement or nursing home - & some office space – maybe in a member's house.

Our decision will not change the financial shared ministry arrangement we currently have with St John’s.

Who knows what the future holds for us, but with God's guidance, we venture into unknown territory & plan on coming out stronger.

### Thank you Paul!

Special thanks to Paul Mainprize who resolved continued problems with the church office phone Paul was able to quickly identify and trouble shoot annoying static and voice mail retrieval issues. We are fortunate he was available to help us!

**ANYONE ELSE'S CAR  
GETTING 3 WEEKS  
TO THE GALLON  
AT THE MOMENT ???**

When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theatre  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.

When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way—better  
for each other  
because of the worst.

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LAURA KELLY FANUCCI



## WORLD QUARANTINE

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt.

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Exodus lasted 40 years.

Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days.

40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of probation for a person, people, or a nation to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and  $20 + 20 = 40$ .

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come.

Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! ✨ ”



## VIDEO LINKS

[Fingerprint of God—Fibonacci Numbers](#)

[Music Production at the Grove](#)

[Art Linkletter & Little Girl's Bible Story](#)



Canadian Navy Home Work Station



## Looking Ahead: St. John's Lutheran Yard Sale Planning

### Dear Faith Family and Friends,

We are **thinking of one another** in these days and weeks! Let's keep writing and phoning.

When restrictions are lifted, we hope that our annual yard sale might go ahead. And, knowing that many are spring cleaning and purging items now in these quieter times, here are some things you might consider to **collect, clean, and/or plant and grow** for this group project:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ◆ Household items | ◆ Decorations                 | ◆ Linens                          |
| ◆ Books           | ◆ Toys                        | ◆ Children's clothing up to age 6 |
|                   | ◆ Plants - indoor and outdoor |                                   |

Perhaps especially let's **grow some hope** by getting new plants started! We can all rejoice in cultivating these signs of life— for the sale, for us, for a friend or family member.

Please also consider if you might **step up to co-coordinate** this event with Pastor Norine and phone or write her. She is waiting to hear from you.

And, in general, please feel free to contact Pastor by phone: 613 282-5032 or email: [norine.e@hotmail.com](mailto:norine.e@hotmail.com). **P+ Norine and others are here for you.**

If we cannot go ahead with the yard sale, no doubt we will have some good backup plans and have our efforts go to good use for us and others.



**Thank you for all you do!**

Pastor Norine    Enid Blackwell, Marketing chair

## ***Thank you to each and every one of you for your continued support!***

### ***I am grateful:***

- that we can continue our **outreach ministry** with the Arnprior & Renfrew Food Banks led by **Jeff Kargus & Marilyn Kropp**,
- for our **Communications Team** – **John Stiefelmeyer & Shelly Gauthier, and Dave Burkett & Enid Blackwell**,
- for **Randy Zimmerling & Ulla Schilling** for their **financial expertise** and connections with the **Synod Treasurer** - Keith Myra regarding government regulations/assistance and practical matters,
- **for each one of you** who stay in touch with others; contribute financially to our churches; and provide support & encouragement to our leadership.

***May God bless you all! Stay safe – Stay positive – Wash your hands!***

Sincerely, Pastor Norine+

## How to Help Folks Through the Food Bank During These Times

The Arnprior and District Food Bank can no longer accept any goods, except direct from a supplier, during the COVID-19 outbreak. They do not have the facilities to sanitize single containers and bags once received.

Volunteers have been enlisted to deliver groceries to shut-ins and those clients that are considered high risk if infected by the COVID-19 virus.

St. John's Lutheran members and other local Churches have already assisted with a number of food deliveries.

**However, financial donations can be made and are a great way to help our community Food Bank.** As expressed by Pat Tait, volunteer coordinator, "Financial support would be a lifesaver for the efforts at the Food Bank".

**You can do this in 3 different ways:**

1. Through **church offerings designated for the Food Bank.** If you are currently donating through regular weekly/monthly Church offerings, the Food Bank thanks you for your continued support. St. John's Lutheran regularly transfers any Food Bank donations it receives.
2. Through **online donations:**
  - Canadahelps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/arnprior-and-district-food-bank-inc/>
  - United Way: <https://unitedwayeocovid19.ca/donate/>
3. Through **cheques payable to Arnprior and District Food Bank Inc. Mail: Arnprior and District Food Bank Inc. Box 463 Arnprior K7S 3L9. Drop-off: secure drop slot at 286 Albert Street (across from the St. John Chrysostom Parish hall)."**

**Please help make others aware of these options for donations.** Perhaps you have friends and family who would like to give back to the community, and you can provide this information.

For a recent article with good info. about the Arnprior Food Bank <https://www.insideottawavalley.com/news-story/9916508--demand-is-way-up-arnprior-food-bank-volunteers-set-to-serve-community/>



### Prayers for Peace and Healing

April 20, 2020

*A candle is lit*

#### **Prayer of Honesty**

We pray:

with tears for the senseless slaughter of innocent people;  
 with sadness that violence is seen as an acceptable way of expressing frustration;  
 with helplessness in the face of such hatred;  
 with determination that change be made in how we interact;  
 with grief for the survivors who must live with this for the rest of their lives;  
 and with the assurance that, whatever we are feeling,  
 we are embraced by the love of the crucified one, in whose name we pray.  
 Amen.



## CAMP LUTHERLYN UPDATE

April 2020

We want to share the following Camp Lutherlyn news with you.

### JULY CHILDREN'S CAMP

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Camp Lutherlyn has made some decisions for the 2020 Summer Camp season. We know that this is difficult for our campers, parents, staff and camp alumni, but we feel it is the right thing to do.
  - ◇ The four weeks of children's camp in July have been cancelled
  - ◇ We are hopeful that we may be able to run a children's camp in August, but will make decisions on this in the upcoming months
- There are many factors affecting our decision, particularly how long the precautionary measures currently in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 will last.

### AUGUST FAMILY CAMP

- Family Camp from August 2 to 7 has **not** been cancelled; we will be monitoring the public health restrictions as the date approaches.
- Arrangements to keep people safe are being made. For example, each family would have their own living space (cabin or bedroom at Four Seasons); meals could be done as take-away; additional sanitization procedures will be in place; and appropriate physical distancing maintained during all group activities.
- The family camp brochure and registration forms can be found here: [http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/uploads/2/3/1/1/23118378/2020\\_lutherlyn\\_-\\_camp\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/uploads/2/3/1/1/23118378/2020_lutherlyn_-_camp_brochure.pdf)

### RENTALS

- Camp Lutherlyn – Four Seasons and the Main Camp - remains open for rentals allowed by Public Health rules. Additional sanitization will be done by our professional cleaners.
- Please email us at [info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:info@lutherlyncamp.ca) with your booking request.

### WORK AT CAMP

- The planned May 9 spring workday has been cancelled.
- Our fall workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, early enough to hopefully miss fall congregational activities. We are expecting it will be held; let's see if we can get a great turnout again this year.
- In the meantime, we plan to have some work done at the camp – installation of the new cabin decks and steps built by the Arnprior/Braeside Men's Shed, (4 cabins) by small groups of volunteers. We are modifying our Canada Summer Student Grant application for 2 student positions to support this property work.

**ONTARIO CAMPS ASSOCIATION:** We are thrilled that Camp Lutherlyn has achieved provisional one status in our journey towards Ontario Camps Association accreditation!

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): Saturday, June 20

- This year's AGM will be held virtually at 10 a.m. via video conferencing and telephone. We welcome anyone who is interested in the camp to attend.
- Be sure to obtain your corporate membership in advance so you can vote at the AGM. No registration will take place on the day of the meeting. <http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/downloads.html> at the bottom left-hand side.
- We will send out formal notice of the AGM and the agenda for the meeting to anyone who has registered by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Membership fee (\$20) must be received by June 19<sup>th</sup>:
  - ◇ e-transferred to [Lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com](mailto:Lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com) with a note Corporate Membership, or
  - ◇ mailed to P.O. Box 531, Pembroke, ON K8A 6X7
- At least one position on the Board of Directors is available. If you feel called to share your time and talents with us, the Board's Nominating Committee would like to hear from you. You must be a corporate member in order to be a Board member. Please email us at [info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:info@lutherlyncamp.ca) with your interest as soon as possible.

***Stay well. Take care of others. Find the silver linings in this time together.***