



**The  
Mustard Seed**  
**November 2020**  
*The Monthly Newsletter*  
*of*  
*St. John's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church*

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*Pastor's Message*

Joyce Rupp, a noted writer, and retreat leader, writes these words;

“Some people tell me that they don't like autumn because it reminds them too much of the inevitability of death. The leaves falling from the trees onto the barren, brown earth makes them feel sad and lonely. The leaves are subtle reminders that we are asked to let go of many things throughout our life. Every time we must surrender something, we connect with our death, with the ultimate moment of letting go. Autumn is an opportunity to reflect on and to claim this reality.” p131 May I Have This Dance Joyce Rupp c 1992.

Novembers' worship themes focus on the end. Worship upholds the end of our earthly lives, the end of the church year, and the end of times. November is a time to honor grief and to proclaim hope! Even independent of the church calendar our national Remembrance Day is Nov 11.

*“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, continued:*

At this time of year we forget that those same leaves, soon to be buried by snow, will eventually become compost for spring planting. Our autumn is vital and provides the transition into winter and then eventually into spring life. These life cycles are necessary. All gardeners and farmers know that new growth will not come unless the autumn season lets go of what has been. The same is true of our lives.

Change helps us to grow. We have all experienced tremendous and many changes this year! However, this year has also taught us to appreciate everyone, and everything that is part of our lives. We are challenged daily to live life fully!

I am reminded of Paul's encouraging words to the saints in Ephesus, found in **Ephesians 3:14-21**.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do abundantly more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with in us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Sincerely, Pastor Norine

#### PRAYER LIST



We normally have this list on our Sunday bulletin. Please pray for these people in your daily prayer:



**From both congregations:** Ed & Rosemary, Lucas and family, Joe & Shelley, Annie, Joan.

**Friends of the Parish:** Leslie, Ron K., Tere B., Lorraine, Chris & Kathy T., Barb L., Joyce S., Jodie K.

*We pray for all those we know working in health care, and other essential workers. Bless you for believing in the power of prayers. If you wish to add a name to this list, please contact Pastor Norine.*

## **November Event Schedule**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
<b>Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 10:30a.m. worship service of Word and Prayer. On this Sunday we remember those, from our church, who have died since last year.
<b>Sunday Nov 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30a.m. worship service of Word and Prayer.</b>
Thursday Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ottawa Valley Pastors meet 9:30 - noon
Thursday Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ZOOM TIME</b> with Pastor Norine <b>7:30pm-8:30pm</b>
Saturday Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	Church Bazaar (See Notice on page 6)
<b>Sunday Nov 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:30a.m. worship service of Word and Prayer.</b>
Monday Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Church Council meets
<b>Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:30a.m. worship service with HOLY COMMUNION.</b> Special Prayers for Healing are included in this service.
<b>Sunday Nov 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ADVENT I</b> 10:30a.m. worship service of Word and Prayer.



## Council Meeting Minutes

October 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Attendance

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

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

### Pastor's report:

- Pastor presented her report. Two recommendations for future reports:
  - ◇ Total hours on report should equal total hrs worked for previous month (i.e. 4wk month = 4 x 37.5 hrs. = 150 hrs.)
  - ◇ Time frame for report should be the same as other council reports (i.e. previous calendar month)

### Finance:

Randy presented the P&L, Balance Sheet and comparison to budget. At this point we are \$2500 positive, compared to last year of a \$8,000 deficit. Givings are up, Technology Fund received \$1,500.

### Previous Minutes

Dave moved acceptance as amended (corrected for Enid's attendance), and Cory seconded. Carried.

### Communications

- Enid reported on activity: Facebook 35 posts, continues to get good viewership, continued contact support for 6 households, household deliveries of service scripts has been reduced from 20 to 12 now that in person worship has resumed.
- YAYA grant application submitted for youth leader.
- Dave presented picture of the YouTube activity – averaging 44 views per service.
- Dave presented various options showing workload and pre-requisite for next steps in our technology upgrade. Dave to investigate borrowing a large computer to facilitate the recording / streaming.–
- Dave will continue to work toward live-stream as a future project. Near term priority is combining recorded music and live reader and pastoral service leadership for in person worship and following the service, upload to YouTube.
- Dave to email a reminder regarding details for next Sunday's service to congregation members on email.

## Council Meeting Minutes, continued

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### Outreach:

- Food Bank Chickens – Pat talked to Ryan and this is going ahead.
- Compassionate Justice Grant deadline pushed back to Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Jeff to prepare.
- Shoe Box – operation Christmas Child, deadline second week of Nov. Jeff to prepare communications to congregation.

### Property Update:

- Lots of work done to get ready for in-person worship: Thanks to Randy for his leadership here. Thanks to Gerald & Barb,
- Very slow water leak is being investigated

### New Business:

- Reformation Sunday Service: Word & prayer, Maureen has taped, Pastor Norine to read the scriptures, Pastor Michael will read the Gospel and deliver the Sermon. 6 confirmed attendees from St. James.
- Christmas eve – 50 limit what to do? 2 services 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>? Council members asked to think about options for discussion at next meeting. Goal: provide shared services team with a recommendation.
- Decision made on not accepting personal ads in the Newsletter. Dave will communicate with individual.
- Newsletter deadline Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment: 8:50

## Astronomy Corner—Andy Kalnins

### Revelation 9:1

*“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit”*

All of that sounds pretty intense, and stars do not fall, but it sure looks like it when we see a meteor streaking through the air. A meteor is just a piece of loose space debris that our earth plows into. As we all sit or stand on our frail planet we are oblivious to the fact that we are travelling through space orbiting the sun at 30 kilometres per second ( per second! - just in case you thought that was a typo). Every day we plow into hundreds of tons of stuff; most of it is like the sand stuck on your feet after a walk on the beach. One day we will collide with something about 20 km in size and then we will have something in common with dinosaurs but let's leave that cheery story for another day.

But we know that with some certainty that on the morning (as in pre dawn ) of November 17th we are plowing into more stuff than usual and the event is called the Leonid Meteor Shower. The predictions this year are for a pretty dull shower but you never know; if you are up early it is worth bundling up and looking at sky towards the east.

Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter still dominate the night sky but the morning of November 13th, just before the sun rises, is a good time to spot Mercury. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun. It is the smallest planet (Pluto is NOT a planet) and is about the size of the moon and has a rocky surface. It would be hard to dress for a trip to Mercury as the daytime highs are in excess of 800 degrees Fahrenheit and at night the surface temperature drops to almost minus 180 degrees Fahrenheit.

The ancients were well aware of Mercury but a lot of modern people have never seen this first planet nearest to the sun. It is always close to the horizon and bathed in sunlight. But try looking on the morning of the 13th. Mercury will be very faint, about 4 degrees from the very old moon. Binoculars help.



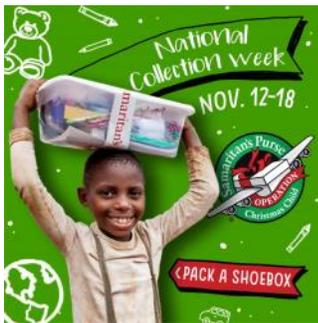


**Beryl & Keith Richardson** have placed yellow mums on our altar in memory of all who have died from the Corona Virus.



The new peace lily plants behind the altar are a gift to St. Johns from **Brian and Barb Harron**, neighbors of Pastor Norine.

**Important Dates ... *Operation Christmas Child***



**Collection Date: Tuesday November 17th**

*Please contact Jeff Kargus 613-623-0192 or email [jeff.kargus@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff.kargus@hotmail.com) if you would consider filling a Shoe Box again this year. I have the shoe boxes and can arrange to drop off and pick up at your convenience.*

*Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.*

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child-mission-history/>



**Do not let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket, because it erases your memory. I went for macaroni and cheese and came home with two cases of beer.**



Beryl & Keith Richardson have 2 grandchildren that have recently graduated. **Katie Richardson** graduated from Bishops' University with a Bachelor of Business Administration: major in Accounting & minor in Mathematics.

**Ryan Richardson** has now moved to Fargo, North Dakota to pursue his hockey career.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Council has approved a “**virtual bazaar**” this year. Baking products, preserves and other items that can be photographed will be made available for ordering via facebook, website, email and What’s Up Arnprior. All orders will be confirmed by the Bazaar team and a number assigned. Payment can be e-transfer, cash or cheques.



**Baking Volunteers:** those able to bake for the bazaar will provide description and photo and will assemble their products into sealed packages, and will drop off the products on the Friday the 13th.

**Packing Volunteers** will assemble the orders on Saturday morning at the church.

**Pick-up** will be at the church Saturday Nov 14th from 11:00—2:00.

- Customer will park on Alicia Street and call the church to give order number.
- The pick-up volunteers will deliver the order to the person’s trunk or back seat.

For local orders greater than \$20, on request, **delivery volunteers** will deliver Saturday afternoon between 3:00—5:00.

**Leftovers:** baking and preserves will be put in the freezer / fridge for sale to members at a later time. Anything not-perishable will be sold through other channels (Facebook Marketplace, etc).



### A Lesson In Trust

---in the middle of a rural farming area of the country...A group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wondered where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

*Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today. Stay strong, my friends. We will endure.*

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## CAMP LUTHERLYN UPDATE

It's time for the

### Camp Lutherlyn Raffle.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20 (which is a good deal!).

GOOD LUCK!

You can pay by e-transfer ([info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:info@lutherlyncamp.ca)) or cheque.

#### PRIZES:

- 2- night stay in Four Seasons Lodge (8 bedrooms, full kitchen, great room and washrooms). (value: \$1,150)
- 2- night stay in the Bancroft Cabin – on the beach with a gorgeous very private view of the lake. Sleeps up to 8; Kitchenette; nearby new compostable toilets. (value: \$300)
- 2- night stay in Repheal Cabin – lovely for a single or couple retreat; nestled in the pines with a lovely big deck; sleeps 2-3 in bed-sitting room; kitchenette; brand new 3-piece washroom. (value \$250)
- “Cat in the Hat” twin bed quilt (value \$100)
- “Dogwood” limited edition matted photograph (value \$150)
- Golden Lake prize pack (value \$200)
- Queen sized quilt, hand embroidered (value \$300)
- Cobden prize pack (value \$350)
- Oil change & wheel alignment (Murphy’s of Renfrew) & McDonald’s gift certificate (value \$170)
- Double bed quilt (value \$400)
- Memory foam pillow & Golf print (value \$150)
- Two tickets to Stone Fence Theatre Dinner & Show (value \$120)
- “Spring Aspens” limited edition matted photograph (value \$150)

See pictures of the different prizes on [www.lutherlyncamp.ca/news/](http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/news/) and select Raffle.

### A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator God,  
 as I prepare to go into the world,  
 help me to see the sacrament  
 in the wearing of this cloth -  
 let it be “an outward sign  
 of an inward grace” -  
 A tangible and visible way of living  
 Love for my neighbours,  
 As I love myself.

Christ the Son,  
 since my lips will be covered,  
 uncover my heart,  
 that people would see my smile  
 in the crinkles around my eyes.  
 Since my voice may be muffled,  
 help me to speak clearly,  
 not only with my words,  
 But with my actions.

Holy Spirit,  
 as the elastic touches my ears,  
 remind me to listen carefully—  
 and full of care—  
 to all those I meet.  
 May this simple piece of cloth be  
 shield and banner,  
 and each breath that it holds,  
 be filled with your love.  
 In your Triune Name and  
 in that love,  
 I pray.

May it be so.  
 May it be so.

*Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, moderator, ff the United Church  
 of Canada (adapted)*



**"The Most important thing you  
 can do to fight climate change:  
 talk about it."**

-- Katharine Hayhoe

Of course, action is essential, but it is key that we begin by connecting with one another around our shared values, our priorities, and our faith.

As part of this dialogue, the **For the Love of Creation** climate initiative is hosting a [Fall Online Forum](#). Over the five Mondays in November, we will gather for a series of one-hour webinars to explore the climate crisis from a faith perspective. CPJ is glad to be part of the **For the Love of Creation** leadership team and we hope you will join us for this engaging series!

**Nov 2:** Communicating Climate Change

**Nov 9:** Advocating for Climate Justice

**Nov 16:** Grieving, Healing, and Connecting with Creation

**Nov 23:** Creation Care: A Letter of the Faithful

**Nov 30:** Climate Action Now!

Webinars will run from 7:30-8:30pm  
 (EST) / 4:30-5:30pm

Visit the CPJ website: [cpj.ca](http://cpj.ca)

### Arnprior Food Bank Christmas Chicken Drive

Unfortunately the best I can do this year is to provide a picture of last years Christmas Angel tree. In keeping with the spirit of Christmas giving alive we will be accepting donations towards the purchase of chickens for the Arnprior Food Bank again this year. If you wish to donate please ensure you indicate **“Chickens”** on your offering with the amount.



Thank you for your generous support in past years. It is very much appreciated by the families in our community needing a helping hand.

Please contact **Jeff Kargus ( 613) 623 -0192** if you have any questions

*Note: The deadline for donations is Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>.*

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2020

DATE	USHERS	READING	ALTAR	COUNTERS
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Paula & Joanne	Andy Kalnins	Joanne & Lorne	Lois & Enid
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Paula & Joanne	Joy Statham	Joanne & Lorne	Lois & Enid
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Paula & Joanne	Mark Boese	Joanne & Lorne	Lois & Enid
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joanne & Lorne	Joanne Bretzlaf	Joanne & Lorne	Lois & Enid
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne & Lorne	Debbie Kargus	Joanne & Lorne	Lois & Enid