



The Mustard Seed

November 2021

The Monthly Newsletter

of

*St. John's Evangelical
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Pastor's Message

At the end of November we bid farewell to this church year, as ADVENT ONE is November 28th. As we near the end of our church year I have thought about all the great volunteers we have in our church, in all areas of our ministry together. *I am truly thankful for all that has happened in our faith community since last year.* Mostly I am thankful for the shared ministry and support we have with each other. Both our churches and our families were built by dearly departed loved ones. It is because of them that we are able to joyfully give thanks for this life and hold onto a long standing faith. We move forward as we stand on their faith shoulders.

Theologian Diana Butler Bass writes these words; "Being thankful or grateful is social. It is about presence, participation and partnership. It is about being with one another, in life together. It is the thread of nature and neighbor, the seemingly fragile strands of gifts and goodness that weave our lives together."

As Ontario eases *some* of its Public Health restrictions, effective today Oct 25, we all hope we can see "*the light at the end of the tunnel*" as the saying goes. As we read through our November newsletter, we see times and ways - with caution - that we can be present together. I invite you to join us for any or all of these activities. *continued over* →

"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 note continued,*

We are all partners in bringing in the kingdom of God and we all have different types of talents and treasures and work, but they are from the same God. *Everyone of you* at both churches has contributed to our life and ministry. It would be hard to name people as I would be sure to forget someone who should be thanked. You know who you are.

Let us all be thankful for each other, as we move forward towards Advent's new beginnings - a time to renew our trust and faith in God. I pray that as we tell others the good news, they too will catch God's Spirit and join us in the journey!

Sincerely, in Christ, Pastor Norine

November Event Schedule

DATE	EVENT
Sunday Nov 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion All Saints Sunday (lighting of memorial candles) • 1pm—3pm UNPLUG kids activity—rock painting and rock art at the church (see ad elsewhere in the newsletter)
Saturday Nov 13 th	9:00 to Noon— Christmas Bazaar —see ad in newsletter
Sunday Nov 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. Worship Service of Word and Prayer • 11:15a.m.—Special Congregational Meeting re Constitution & By-Laws (in person and Zoom) • 11:45 a.m. Private Family Baptism for Paisley Buchanan
Monday Nov 15 th	Church Council meets via Zoom (Time TBD)
Thursday Nov 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00pm—Ottawa Valley Pastors meet at St. Peter's, Alice • 7pm—8pm— Book Group Discussion via Zoom (See ad elsewhere in the Newsletter)
Sunday Nov 21 st	10:30am—Worship Service of Word and Prayer Christ the King Sunday
Sunday Nov 28 th	10:30am—Worship Service with Holy Communion Advent One (lighting of the Advent Wreath)



Council Meeting

October 18th, 2021

Attendance (ZOOM)

Enid Blackwell	David Burkett	Pr. Norine
Alison Burkett	Andy Kalnins	Debbie Witt
Cory Weckwerth	Rachel Roesner	

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Enid led a round table talking about important people in our lives. Pastor opened with a devotion.

- 1. Previous Minutes:** Debbie moved that the Sept 27, 2021 minutes be approved with as distributed, Cory seconded, CARRIED. Debbie moved and Cory seconded the approval of the minutes of the October 7th, 2021 special meeting on the Constitution, Cory seconded. CARRIED
- 2. Finance:** The deficit increased to -\$7,012, about what was expected. Alison is optimistic that we could come close to breaking even by year end. Recommended that pastor prepare a letter on financial position, and include a Christmas envelope with the letter. Alison moved, Andy seconded that the financial report be accepted: CARRIED.
- 3. Bazaar:** Alison gave a briefing on the bazaar. Date is now Nov 13th. Alison has contacted an Auction and a dealers regarding other mechanisms to dispose of items.
- 5. Brochure:** Alison gave the outline of what we're planning with respect to connecting to new families moving into the area via the builders. Brochure / Unplug Flyer / Camp Lutherlyn Gift Certificate. Cory moved that this approach be approved in principle, Debbie seconded. CARRIED. Alison will follow up with the Camp.
- 6. Children, Youth, Family: UNPLUG:** Alison presented an unplugged report. Feedback has been solicited from families. We have 3 new support resources. The interim report was submitted to the Eastern Synod YAYA (Youth and Young Adult Ministry)
- 7. Pastor's report:** Pastor presented her activity report for the month.
- 8. COVID:** Andy updated the situation regarding singing. At this point, we will not allow singing for the immediate future, with hope that we can resume during Advent.
- 9. Communications:** Brief discussion on outreach and community support. Shoebox was announced at the last service.
- 10. Constitution renewal.** Submitted to Synod. All members have the proposed constitution. Special meeting on the Nov 14th, Synod to review on Nov 19th. Response from Wendall regarding Pastor and voting / council membership.
- 11. Property Update:** Thanks to Gerald for painting both the front and rear church exterior doors. Dave will winterize the A/C and the rain barrels. Walkway will not be replaced.
- 12. Technology:** Jeff is fully trained and comfortable with handling the live service. Dave will continue to do the setup (playlist, photos, etc).

Other Business

- Policy for voting with technology circulated for discussion next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 18th 2021

Adjournment: 8:30



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 7th, All Saints Sunday, is a day for remembering those who have died over the past year. We celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead. We grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honours our tears. If you would like to light a votive candle in someone's memory, please contact Pastor Norine by November 4th.

An alternate version of the **Lord's Prayer** is included within The New Zealand Book of Prayer, which demonstrates the unique character of the New Zealand Anglican Church and the impact that Polynesian culture has had upon it (for example, take note of how God is referred to as both masculine and feminine).

THE LORD'S PRAYER: MAORI & POLYNESIA

Eternal Spirit,
 Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
 Source of all that is and that shall be,
 Father and Mother of us all,
 Loving God, in whom is heaven:
 The hallowing of your name echo
 through the universe;
 The way of your justice be followed by
 the peoples of the world;
 Your heavenly will be done by all creat-
 ed beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain
 our hope and come on earth.
 With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trial too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
 now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

We normally have this list on our Sunday bulletin.

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

From our congregation: Kathy, Ed & Rosemary, Linda & family, Diane B., Briar, Joy, Lois, Marion B.

Friends of the Parish: Leslie, Tere, Lorraine, Lucille, Alivia, Kathleen, Iona B., Ed, Vicki W.

Bless you for believing in the power of prayers. If you wish to add a name to this list, please contact Pastor Norine.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS & CHECK IT TWICE

Start your Christmas shopping on:

Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church
47 McLachlin Street, Arnprior, Ontario

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

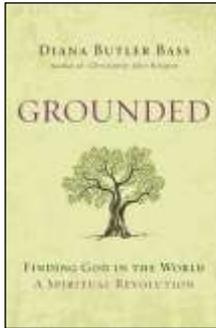
Please come and join us for exciting finds and baked items as well as take out soup or chili with a roll.

There is also a great raffle for a beautiful quilt (value \$600) as well as a separate large gift basket. (These tickets can be purchased on-line in advance – <https://stjohnsarnprior.com/bazaar>).

COVID protocols in place. In-person shopping reserved for fully vaccinated and

**I got my wife to help me put
some posts in the ground for
our new fence, I gave her the
hammer and I said, "when I nod
my head you hit it" I don't
remember much after that.**

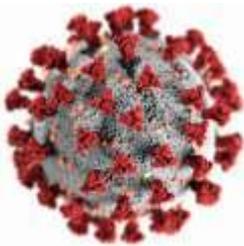
BOOK STUDY



You are invited to join Pastor Norine and the Unplug Team at 7pm on Thurs Nov 18 for a discussion about "DIRT" - Chapter 1 - from the book Grounded by Diana Butler Bass. *There are still free copies of the book available at the church.* The discussion will be held over zoom so please rsvp to P+Norine before Tues. Nov 16 and she will email the link to you for the zoom chat.

Pastor asks this question: Did you ever "eat" dirt as a kid?

A Note on the Return to Singing



Church Council will be reviewing the current moratorium on singing during Service and will be announcing the new policy in time for the First Sunday of Advent (November 28th). As bars, restaurants, parades, Sports arenas and other secular venues open up, it is certainly frustrating that there is still no singing at our Church. The good news is that Synod is now very cautiously suggesting that congregations may consider a return to singing provided that there is support form local health agencies and that the local circumstances are appropriate to a safe return. Over the coming days, consultations will be made with the Renfrew County District Health Unit, Choirs Ontario and others.

Stay tuned!



I LOVE TO MAKE LISTS
I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE
THEM ON THE KITCHEN
COUNTER AND THEN
GUESS WHAT'S ON THE
LIST WHILE AT THE
STORE



Nate Zimmerling on his birthday on Oct 12. He had fun visiting Hugli's farm with the family. He was then very excited to receive a dirt bike for his birthday!



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BIRTHDAYS

Nov 6th—Mel Bretzlaff

Nov 12th—Bartley Roberts

Nov 18th—Nathan Brohart

Nov 22nd—Bob Witt

I found \$20 in a parking lot and thought to myself, What Would Jesus Do?

So, I turned it into wine.

My wife didn't order anything from Amazon yesterday so the UPS guy knocked on our door to see if we're okay.

Did you know that 14 muscles are activated when opening a bottle of wine? Fitness is my passion 🤘

UNPLUG Kids Activities—Nov 7th

Sun Nov 7 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Let's Rock !

Open to all kids !

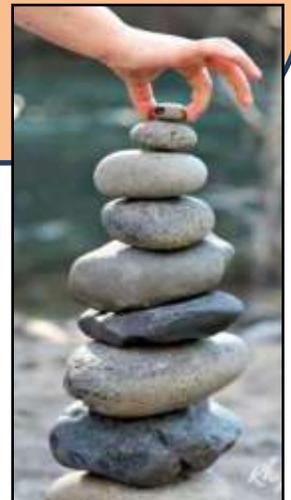
- *Rock Painting! And Rock Art!*
- *Unplug and come create colourful rocks and artistic stone stacks for family, friends, and the neighbourhood.*

Site: St. John's Lutheran Church

47 McLachlin St. South, Arnprior

To Register / for Info

- Email unplug.SJL@gmail.com
- Call Alison @ 613 618-5716
- Cost is \$5/child/event



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT !



Our newest member of Church Council is Rachel Roesner, who shares a home with husband Aman, children Thomas and Alister, and fur baby Skittles . Despite the many, many downsides of the pandemic lockdowns the one positive was being able to spend more time with her family. Rachel currently calls Carp home, but was born and raised in Eganville. But not one to be overly tied down, Rachel has also lived in Ottawa and Arnprior. Rachel has been formally part of the St. John Lutheran family for three years. In fact her son Alister and niece Madeline were both baptized here

Rachel's mom operated her own hair salon in Eganville and her business model was to always ensure that a customer who left her parlour was a) always happy, and b) left the shop even more beautiful than upon entering. Rachel's mother, to quote Rachel "created magic" not just with the work of a skilled hair stylist ,but with the personal relationships that she developed with her clients,.

Rachel took this advice to heart and chose a career in Health and Beauty products. She has worked for Guerlain Canada for 16 years and today is the Account Manager for Ottawa, Kingston, and Atlantic Canada. Guerlain incidentally has been in business since 1828, when it was founded in Paris.

Rachel has fond memories of Sundays in Eganville and attending church there. It was a wonderful time that was hi-lighted by visits to her grandparents and by her own admission "getting spoiled a little" by them. Also by her own admission there was indulging in the widely known and famous Eganville Chelsea Buns!

Rachel is a Working Mom and Military Spouse. These are both challenging and difficult roles at times. But Rachel says that despite the toughness of both, the rewards are great. She offers a great tip. At random times she will simply tell Aman, Thomas, Alister and others in her family that she loves them. This is one of her real grounding strategies that brings peace and serenity to Rachel and those around her.

Rachel has blessed us with her presence because our church became her "go to" place when the Eganville Church was just a little too far away. She was attracted because of the friendliness of members. Anyone who has met Rachel will know in about the first three seconds that she reciprocates that warmth. Rachel is excited about being part of Church Council and desires to work towards bringing young families to join this church family. Her vision is to help our faith community "grow and influence more to have faith". With her enthusiasm, determination, vibrancy, and work ethic that goal will be accomplished and benefit us all. Thank you Rachel for being here!

God Created the Dog

On the first day, God created the dog and said: "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed with the dog.

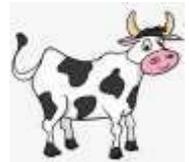
On the second day, God created the monkey and said: "Entertain people, Do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."



The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed with the monkey.

On the third day, God created the cow and said: "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves, and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."



The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.



Andy and Darfa enjoying the fall - dog days of summer.

Congregational Meeting November 14: Proposed New St. John's Constitution and ByLaws

In early October, members received a print or online copy of the proposed new constitution and by-laws for our congregation. This was prepared and approved for recommendation to members by congregational council. You were invited to review it and forward any questions or comments to Enid, eblackwell.ca@gmail.com, 613 623-7017.

On Sunday, November 14, immediately following a service of Word and Prayer, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on this constitution and bylaws document. We invite as many as possible to join in in person in the sanctuary and on live stream for the service, and to be present for this discussion and voting process.

For those who cannot be present in person, Dave will send out a special Zoom link for the voting process.

As well, anyone at home, without internet, can arrange to phone in to the Zoom meeting at this time and a prior practice in connecting can be arranged. If you wish that practice, please contact Enid.

Quorum will be confirmed before proceeding, with those on line requested to give their names. At this time, **we anticipate a brief meeting, and voting to occur by show of hands, and verbally for those online.**

Thank you for your participation and thoughtfulness in this important background process for our work and care together as a faith community.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2021

DATE	READING	ALTAR	USHERS	COUNTERS	GROUNDS
Nov 7 th	Cathy Zimmerling	JoAnne & Lorne	Debbie & Bob Witt	Debbie & Bob Witt	Richardsons / Frivalts
Nov 14 th	Debbie /Jeff Kargus	JoAnne & Lorne	Debbie & Bob Witt	Debbie & Bob Witt	Richardsons / Frivalts
Nov 21 st	Shaundra / Kaleigh Craig	JoAnne & Lorne	Debbie & Bob Witt	Debbie & Bob Witt	Richardsons / Frivalts
Nov 28 th	Maureen Rueckwald	JoAnne & Lorne	Debbie & Bob Witt	Debbie & Bob Witt	Richardsons / Frivalts