



The Mustard Seed

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Newsletter

of

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Lutheran Church*

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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

Driving to St. James during the cooler part of a day has revealed the small bursts of reds and colored leaves of trees. This is a signal that change is coming again! Autumn has officially arrived! You would think we would be used to weather changes but there is always a period of adjustment and transition.

There are always changes and adjustments in our personal lives. Sometimes these changes call all of us to be faithful and flexible. Life itself is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Frederick Buechner (theologian) has stated that "All moments are key moments and life itself is grace." I appreciate the devotional verse chosen for Mon. Sept. 25, 2023~ Eternity for Today:

Genesis 28: vs 15 *"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."*

Those words are a good reminder that God decided to first love us. God chose us, died for us, and lives for us. We respond to God by loving and helping those around us.

Our prayer life is our connection to God. It is important that we remember that we can talk to God at any time, about anything, whether it be regarding something urgent or something happy!

In Christ, Pastor Norine Gullons

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for these people in your daily prayers:

From our Congregation: Ed, Jacqueline, Paul, Rachel, Jeff Obst, Vicki, June.

Friends: Tere, Briar, Alivia, George W., Lynne Z., Claude, Amy, Sheila, Janice & Roy

We pray for the companionship of our pets, and we give thanks.



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BIRTHDAYS

Oct 10th—Cathy Zimmerling

Oct 12th—Nate Zimmerling

Oct 21st—Jeff Kargus

Oct 25th—Rosemary Drziak

Oct 26th—Kayla Zimmerling

Oct 21st—Fred Steinke

Oct 30th—Stella Boese

Oct 30th—June Wolff

Oct 31st—Joyce Headrick

Anniversaries

Oct 10th—Bartly & Linda Roberts

Oct 11th—Greg & Debbie Steinke

Oct 23rd—Bob Hinchley and Enid Blackwell

October 2023 Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Sunday Oct 1st	10:30 a.m. Worship Service of Word & Prayer.
Wednesday Oct 4 th	6:00-7:00p.m.—Movimento Dharma—each Wednesday in the Hall.
Thursday Oct 5 th	10:00 a.m. the Prayer Team meets every Thursday in the Pastor's office.
Friday Oct 6 th	1:00-2:00p.m.—Muslim Community—each Friday in the Lounge
Sunday Oct 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. • Guest musician, Karen Prince
Sunday Oct 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a.m. Worship Service of Word & Prayer with Baptism for the McTeer twins. • Sunday school and coffee hour.
Monday Oct 16 th	1:00p.m.—Church Council
Thursday Oct 19 th	Lutheran area Pastors meet at Zion- Schwartz.
Sunday Oct 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion. • 1:00—3:00p.m. UNPLUG Gilles Grove—see poster in newsletter.
Monday Oct 23 rd	12:00—4:00 IMAAW Union in Lounge
Sunday Oct 29th REFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service with Holy Communion. • 3:00p.m.—Area Reformation Service in Rankin with 5:00p.m. dinner to follow. See poster in newsletter.



Minutes of the August 28th, 2023 Council Meeting

Enid Blackwell

Pr. Norine

David Burkett

Attendance:

Debbie Witt

Fred Steinke

Andy Kalnins

Mellissa Watt (Regrets)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, Andy welcomed the members.

Pastor opened with a devotion and prayer.

1. **Previous Minutes:** Debbie moved that the Draft minutes of August 28 be approved with one change that the date for the E-Vote of the Abuse Policy update was July 16 and not June 16, 2023, Enid seconded, CARRIED.
2. **Finance:** The deficit to the end of July is -\$4,518 which is less than half at this time last year. Still short of desired commitment which is \$8,900 below budget. At least \$650 likely by November through dance program leaving a minimum goal from a major fundraising event in November of \$1,850.00. Investments holding. Enid motioned that the finance report be accepted. Debbie Seconded, CARRIED
3. **Property:** Randy reported that several routine maintenance were completed, ie., organ tuning, chair lift inspection, etc., and that a new vacuum needs to be purchased as old one motor blew. The sub-panel replacement is rescheduled for October, 2 security cameras purchased, to be installed, accessibility washroom in planning stages. All major work deferred, like the windows, until all estimates are reported to council.
4. **Pastor's report:** Ministry continues to be very busy. There was also 2 funerals, covering for Faith Lutheran in Ottawa and a baptism and a confirmation in Arnprior. Pastor will be away October 1 so service will be word and prayer lead by Enid. There will be a baptism for the McTeer twins on October 15.
5. **Long Range Planning:** Their first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19 of which a report will be presented at next Council meeting.
6. **Outreach (including Bazaar):** Andy and Maureen talked about the concept of a bazaar. It was concluded that the best items that usually sold out were the baked goods. It was suggested that maybe we just have a "Christmas Bake Sale" with donated Christmas decorations for sale and a gift basket raffle and a chili lunch. Andy said he will oversee having chili for sale downstairs. Enid and Debbie to oversee the baked goods and decorations, possibly Maureen for gift basket. The date would remain as Saturday, November 4. The Bishop will be here on November 19 at which time there will be a "Pot Luck" luncheon. Debbie will make up a sign sheet as to who will be attending and what food item they wish to bring. A cake will be ordered by Debbie.
7. **Technology:** Dave is looking to recruit someone when others are on holiday.
8. **Communication and Rental:** Facebook posts continue. Rental continues as stated in the previous minutes. Newsletter items in by Sept. 27 or 28. Fellowship on Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.
9. **Youth and Abuse Prevention Policy:** Sunday School is Sept. 24 and Oct. 15. Mellissa reported of possible changes to the Abuse Policy. Andy is hoping to discuss the possible changes with her as she was unable to attend today's meeting or change the time of our meetings to the evenings so she could attend. Dave to send the link for police checks and what should be included in the letters.
10. **Operations:** NO REPORT
11. **New Business:** All covered above.
12. **Close of Meeting:** Next meeting: October 16th at 1:00. - Pastor ended with a prayer

Photo
Corner



On September 3, we welcomed Eloise Danielle Kargus, on her baptism day, less than 1 month after her birth to parents Shannon and Ryan Kargus.



Pastor giving the children's message.

November Visitor

Mark Sunday November 19th on your calendar. Bishop Michael Pryse will worshipping with us at our church during the usual 10:30 a.m. service. Our sisters and brothers from St. James will be joining us. More detail will follow.



The Long Range Planning Team has been formed, consisting of David Burkett, Karen Greening and Lorne Rueckwald. The initial meeting was held on Sept 19th where a Terms of Reference document was agreed upon, which sets out the framework for the team's work. As well we created a list of issues/possibilities that the team will investigate. We will be looking at all aspects of our church. The team hopes to bring a number of scenarios to the table before the end of the year.

Input from the congregation is welcome. Please contact Dave Burkett 613 618-5729 / dave.burkett@gmail.com if you wish to provide input/comments. You can speak to any of us at any time.

A moment of tension in Vatican. If the bishop moves forward the queen can take him.

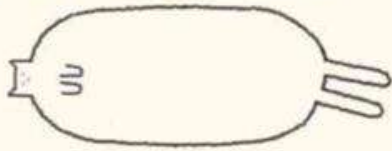


I forgot my cat outside.
I am too scared to let him in now.



This may be my last post

I got an F in art class
for my cat drawing . . .



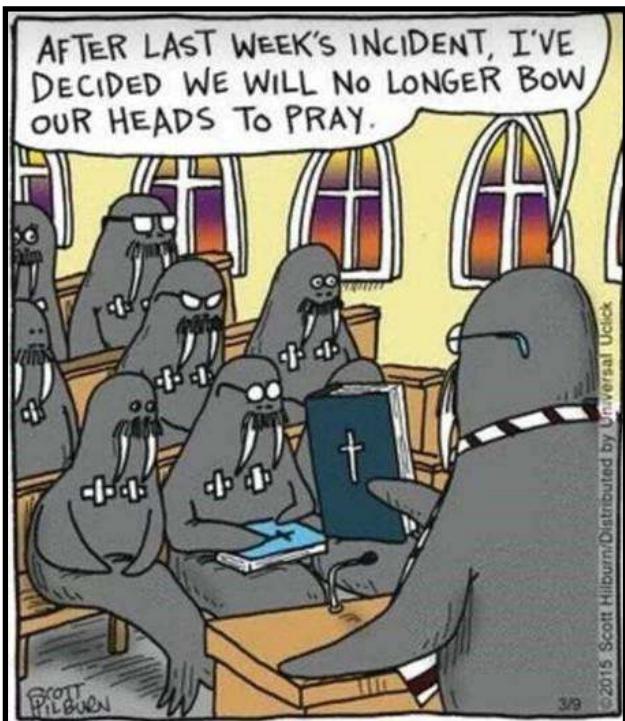
. . . I'm still
wondering what was
so wrong with it.



What is a contronym?

Single words that have two contradictory meanings (they are their own opposites) are known as contronyms, and they are quite rare. Here are ten of them:

1. **apology:** a statement of contrition for an action, or a defence of one
2. **bolt:** to secure, or to flee
3. **bound:** heading to a destination, or restrained from movement
4. **cleave:** to adhere, or to separate
5. **dust:** to add fine particles, or to remove them
6. **fast:** quick, or stuck or made stable
7. **left:** remained, or departed
8. **peer:** a person of the nobility, or an equal
9. **sanction:** to approve, or to boycott
10. **weather:** to withstand, or to wear away



Come Celebrate the



HARVEST

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2023
REFORMATION SERVICE 3 PM**

**GUEST PREACHER - REV. ADAM SNOOK
ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP**

**RANKIN COMMUNITY CENTER
DINNER 5 PM**

Dinner Tickets \$30 — Barbeque Pork With All The Trimmings

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CONTACT: _____ Randy Zimmerling

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Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Gilles Grove

October 22, 2023; 1:00 – 3:00 pm



Photo Nancy Silcox



Come out and take a wild walk in Gilles Grove, one of the last remaining expanses of old growth forest where you can find Ontario's tallest tree!

During this guided 2 km walk, you will learn about wildlife that are found in the Grove, as well as forest ecology.

Please note that the terrain is uneven.

This event is geared towards children 6 to 12

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





VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE October 2023

DATE	READER	ALTAR	GREETERS	COUN-TERS	SOCIAL	BLDG & GROUNDS
Oct 1 st	Vicki Weichenthal	Barbara & Gerald	G, F, K, Steinke	Mel & Marion		Gerald & Randy
Oct 8 th	Maureen Rueckwald	Barbara & Gerald	G, F, K, Steinke	Mel & Marion		Gerald & Randy
Oct 15 th	Jeff Kargus	Barbara & Gerald	G, F, K, Steinke	Mel & Marion	Jeff & Debbie	Gerald & Randy
Oct 22 nd	Joy Statham	Barbara & Gerald	G, F, K, Steinke	Andy & Cory		Gerald & Randy
Oct 29 th	Mellissa/ Nathan family	Barbara & Gerald	G, F, K, Steinke	Andy & Cory		Gerald & Randy



"Hard to believe, I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling."

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