

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - MAY 2023

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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May 2023 Readings

May 7 Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5,15,16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 14 Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 21 Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

May 28 Acts 2: 1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13,
John 20:19-23



Change in Service Times for the summer:

For the months of June, July & August Grace will have services starting at 9:00 AM, and Bonnechere/Augsburg will be at 10:30 AM.

In Memory

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Bruce Donald McFarlane, April 15, 1959 - April 17 2023.

Donna Marie Behm, November 11, 1953 - April 25, 2023

Remember the members family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.



Baptism

On April 22 we welcomed Harper Mae Nephin into the family of Grace. She is the daughter of Brendan Nephin And Lauren Felhaber.



Confirmation Classes

The last class for this year is on May 15th. The learning will continue in September with confirmation taking place on Pentecost Sunday May 19, 2024

Pastor's Visitation

People in nursing homes, senior residences or shut-ins are on Pastor Ralph's regular visitation list. He will call to arrange a convenient time for you. However, anyone with a pastoral emergency, or would just like to visit, please call 613-628-1392 or 613-628-2867 and Pastor Ralph will gladly make a visit. Please call to let us know if you are going into hospital so that a visit or special prayers are needed we are able to do so.

Volunteers are Important



We are updating our volunteer pool. If you have a talent that you would like to share there is a "Share Your Gifts" checklist attached to this Newsletter. Please take the time to go over the list and maybe you can choose one area that suits your skills and you can assist in the behind the scenes work of the Church. Last month's GAB had some suggestions that may have sparked some ideas. Looking forward to some new faces on committees or people to call upon.

Cuddles and Hugs - Victorian Quilts

This month Bonnechere quilters will meet for quilting on Wednesday, May 17th, from 9 AM - 3 PM. These quilts are made for people in our area undergoing cancer treatments. Thanks to those coming out to show others they are being thought of in their time of need.



SERVICE at the ECHO CENTRE - 1:30 PM

On Saturday May 13th Pastor will be visiting Fairfield's residents for worship with our home bound members and sharing communion with them. Anyone is welcome to attend.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is in their last session before the summer, from Sunday April 23 until Sunday May 14.



The Sunday School Invites
You to join them on their last week,
May 14th, which is also **Mother's Day**,
for **ice cream sundaes**
for the whole congregation.

Study Leave

Yes, as in all professions pastors need to take refresher courses. Pastor Ralph will be away from May 16th to May 19th taking a course on Homiletics.



CHURCH LIBRARY



Are you looking for a good book to read? There are a variety of books on different topics, from theological, devotion, or Christian novels, and song books for both children and adults. The library cart is on the top landing in the stairwell. Come up and take a read.

Camp Lutherlyn Spring Cleanup

They are planning their spring work day at Camp Lutherlyn for Saturday May 13 2023
Please let Janice know at info@lutherlyncamp.ca if you are planning to attend even if it is just for a few hours.

The day will run from 9:00-2:00, and lunch will be provided.



From the Pastor's Desk

Sisters and brothers may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

May is a time of rebirth. With April showers brings May flowers. Looking around we can see God at work bringing to life the trees that was once bare, and flowers showing their colors in a beautiful display of newness.

So is it with us. We too can be reenergized with our lives as we watch the changes happening around us. As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ this month, what better opportunity do we have than to share our faith with those around us. It is in the sharing that we can make a difference in this world; even if it is just talking with someone our own personal faith stories. You never know it just may inspire others to look to our Lord in their time of searching.

We will celebrate two Christian events this month, The Ascension of our Lord and shortly afterward, the Day of Pentecost; both of high importance in our life together in the church. Our emotions can be many as we see our Lord return to the Father and then, a week later, we are reminded of the Holy Spirit which dwells within us.

May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthen you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace!

Pastor Ralph