

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - JULY/AUGUST 2023

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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July 2023 Readings

July 2 Genesis 22: 1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:11-18, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119: 105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-11, 22, 23, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

August 2023 Readings

August 6 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 99, Peter 1:16-19, Luke 9:28-36

August 13 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: 21-28

August 27 Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20

Cemetery Services



Sebastopol Sunday, July 9th at 2:30 PM the church on the mountain will have their annual Cemetery Service, As always, there will be familiar hymns, food for the soul and following service there

will be food for our bodies with a pot luck feast.

Augsburg Sunday September 10th at 9:00 AM.

Bonnechere TBA

Confirmation Camp July 10 -14 This year we have 2 of our confirmands attending Camp Lutherlyn to learn and have a fun experience. Our Pastor Ralph will also be attending and leading some of the sessions. We are looking for support to make this camp possible.

Cuddles and Hugs - Victorian Quilts

The Cuddles and Hugs quilters will continue to meet during the summer months on the 3rd Wednesday from 9AM- 3PM. That is Wednesday, July 19th, and August 16th. If able to contribute a few stitches, you are welcome to come for as long or as little time that you have. Pastor Ralph will bless these quilts before they are delivered to people in our area undergoing cancer treatments.

THANK YOU

Your generosity has helped bridge the gap in our Building Fund Budget.

There is a major expense this summer at the parsonage in that the deck and patio door need to be replaced. If you are talented in carpentry and could assist in any way just let Dave Drefke, or Barry Nagora know.



July 30th Joint Service

There will only be one service at 9 AM at Grace Eganville. This is the 5th Sunday of a month when all three churches join in worship and fellowship. Grace will be providing refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. It is the first Sunday that Melville United will be calling the space at Grace their home and have decided to worship with us too in order to meet and greet their new neighbours. Let's show our hospitality as I am sure they are mourning the loss of their church.

Happy Anniversary

The GAB this month is sponsored by Marg and Brian Weckwerth in thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed on them for their 50 years of marriage.

In Memory

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jean Jacquette (Rozeboom) Douwes, March 20, 1938 – May 31, 2023. Keep the members of her family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.



Pastor on Vacation

July 31 – August 15 Pastor Ralph will be away on holidays. We will have lay leadership those Sundays so do attend and support our volunteer worship leaders.



The office will check messages daily so if there is a need, please call, leave a message and someone will return your call within 24 hours.

Also, the office during the week of August 7 – 11 will be open on Tuesday 9 AM – 3 PM.



Harvest Dinner is Back!!!! September 30th

Watch for more details in the Narthex of Grace. A lot of help will be needed to make this a success. When Charlotte or Janice calls let them know when and how you are able to help.

Financial Update for Grace

As of June 1st we have a deficit of \$10,500 which is much better compared to last year when it was \$24,000. The positive is that your support for the operating fund is right on to date. Where we see a downfall is in support of the building budget line. We had extra fundraising during the month of June and that helped greatly. Remember the building budget was increased substantially for 2023 due to some needed repairs and the high increase in fuel. In all, we are doing well to meet the needs of the church. Thank you to everyone for your generous support.



From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

The season of Pentecost is a time of learning and a time to grow and change. This summer we will experience some changes to our worship space, with our brothers and sisters from Melville United Church worshipping here every Sunday. I would like to share with you an article from friend and colleague Rev. Norine Gullons from St. James Renfrew, who are worshipping out of TSA United Church informing her congregations of our changes.

“Helen Keller is quoted with saying; “*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much*”.

On July 27, Melville United Church in Eganville closes. The building has been purchased by a couple. This United Church will then rent space from our sister congregation at Grace Lutheran, Eganville. This arrangement will be similar to the one St. James Lutheran has with TSA United in Renfrew. They will have their first worship service at Grace on July 30.

In our Occasional Services Book, one of our petitions during Communion reads as follows; “Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion **we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**” When organizations or churches collaborate with each other, they can build on each other's ideas. These working partnerships not only strengthen and support our own vision and mission, and it also enriches the local community that we live in. This becomes a visible sign of unity! *We ask God to bless the new arrangements and ministry at Grace Lutheran Church in Eganville.*”

May God bless you always and have a safe summer!



Pastor Ralph