

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - October 2023

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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October 2023 Readings

- Oct 1 Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32
- Oct 8 Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17: 11-19
- Oct 15 Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
- Oct 22 Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22
- Oct 29 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, October 15, we will be hosting the **Whitewater Wesleyan Puppeteers** at 9:30. The puppet show is titled "The Little Green Tractor" (taken from the story *The Little Red Tractor*). We are inviting the whole congregation to join us to watch this amazing show, followed by the 10:30 church service with Sunday School time and a potluck lunch.

We are asking all members to help us support our local foodbank this fall with donations, giving thanks for our blessings and in appreciation of the puppet show.

Hope to see you there!!



Confirmation Classes...

Pastor Ralph will be starting up his Confirmation Classes, October 16th starting at 4 pm

Volunteer Appreciation Day at Grace: Sunday, October 15th

A day to give thanks to all the volunteers that give of their time. There will be a pot luck luncheon after worship. Please bring a "cold" food item to share.

Altar Guild - We are in need of helpers (to either set up or clean up after Communion Sundays). If you are interested in helping out please speak with Marlyn Dittburner to get more information.



Bible Study Pastor will be offering an Adult Bible Study at 10AM in the board room of Grace. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

Service at Fairfields - 9:30 AM



On Saturday October 14th Pastor Ralph will be visiting Fairfields' residents for worship with our home bound members and sharing communion with them. This has been a welcome ministry by the Fairfield' residents and will occur on a monthly basis in the Fairfields dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone wishes to help Pastor just let him know.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On Saturday, October 14th - the Property Committee are having a Window Cleaning Day. If you are able to give them a helping hand that day, your help is greatly appreciated.



In Memory



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Erich Mittag January 5, 1943 - September 22, 2023. Keep the members of his family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Pastor's Office Hours - Starting October 1, Pastor Ralph will be taking his vacation days on Fridays and his day off Saturdays for the rest of the year



Ottawa Valley Area Ministry Team

After a three year hiatus your ministry team has planned a Reformation Service Sunday, October 29th. Worship service beginning at 3 PM at the Rankin Community Centre. The Reverend Adam Snook, Assistant to the Bishop is the guest preacher. Everyone welcome for the service, Dinner @ 5 PM requires a reservation. Dinner tickets are \$ 30. And available at the church office (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM) until October 16, 2023. A great opportunity to connect with your Ottawa Valley Lutheran Family. In association with the Eastern Synod of the ELCiC.

From Our Quilting Ladies



Monday Quilters – Quilts are hand quilted for a fee and money is given to the church. We welcome new quilters to join us.

Cuddles & Hugs – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month. These are made for cancer patients.

Tie Quilting – Quilt tops are made or donated. Tye quilting is on Wednesday mornings for October and November. These are given to Retirement Homes, Hospice, CHEO (Ottawa), Victim Services of Renfrew County, Ottawa Complex Centre, Sexual Assault Centre and the Food Bank.

In September we sent: 3 adult toques, 2 sets (children hat and mitt sets), 5 pairs adults socks, 33 pairs assorted children mitts, 16 pairs of ladies socks, and 10 tied quilts. These were taken and delivered by Mrs. Cox by Northern Air for free to a burned out village near Yellowknife.

Thank you to all who help and have donated.
Shirley Jessup and Vera Dittburner.

NOTE : OFFICE HOURS

Karen Sell will be covering the office Tuesday & Wednesday and Irene Churchill will be in the Office on Thursday.

We are no longer collecting used stamps, milk bags and Religious literature.

Food Bank Thanksgiving is fast approaching and this is a very good time to share with those less fortunate. Monetary donations and gifts of food can be dropped off on a Sunday morning. If everyone just added an item or two the shopping cart would soon be overflowing.



From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to your from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

October is a time for us to give thanks to God for all we have. It is also a time where we can imagine new and exciting things that are possible for the church.

For starters, it has been just over two months since the good people from Melville United Church have come to hold their services in our building. This has been a positive experience for the church.

Again this year the sounds of singing fill the church on Wednesdays and Thursday with two choirs, Eganville Community Choir and our own Grace choir.

Then we have the sounds of children as they have Sunday school, bringing back curious minds and playful hearts. Truly, there is lots to be thankful for.

As you may have already heard, we had a water leak in the church, which caused some damage to the sanctuary and downstairs. This has not affected the activities within the church. This doesn't sound like good news, but it can. We are in the midst of cleaning up and through this reconstruction; a fresh beginning will start to appear.

Finally, we/I am thankful for all of the volunteers that make things happen. Without you we would not be what we are today. We would like to honor you on October 15th with a pot-luck lunch as a sign of appreciation for all you have done and hopefully, continue to do for your church. Thanks be to God for using the gifts God has given you. May God bless you always!

Pastor Ralph