

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - November 2023

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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November 2023 Readings

Nov 5 Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Nov 12 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7,
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 19 Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 26 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23,
Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER 4th !!!



ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

On Sunday November 5th, we remember those who rest in our Lord. We especially remember those who have passed away since last year with families (if available) lighting a candle in their memory. Anyone may bring photos of loved ones who now rest in our Lord.



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 continues to offer 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 November 4th Pastor Ralph will be leading worship with our home bound members at Fairfields (in the dining room at 9:30 AM) 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.



From Our Quilting Ladies



Monday Quilters - These quilts are hand stitched 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 quilts are made for and given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Tie Quilting - These quilt tops are either made on site or made by individuals at home and donated to the church for this cause. Tie quilting is a more secure way to hold these quilts together. We gather on Wednesday mornings for October and November. These quilts are given to our area Retirement Homes, our local Hospices, CHEO (Ottawa), Victim Services of Renfrew County, Ottawa Complex Centre, Sexual Assault Centre and the Food Bank.



Lest We Forget - November 11th

This year Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Legion Hall at 10:30 AM. Service led by Padre Ralph.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School has lots going on in November and December – please mark your calendars and come join us!! Sunday School begins the next session on **November 5**.



BAKE SALE

December 3 will be our **Christmas Ornament and Bake Sale** following the 10:30 service. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this sale go to Canadian Luther World Relief and the EDPS – Food for Learning program.

Sunday December 10 is the **Eganville Santa Claus Parade** which we will be entering a float. Thanks to Katie Ferguson for decorating the float and Morley Hass who provides his tractor and wagon so we can be part of this.

Sunday December 17 is the **Children's Christmas Program** at the 10:30 service. This will be followed by a social time provided by the grandmothers of our children and others. Hope you can join us for this special event!



Our local **FoodBank** is always in need, and this year especially so. If you are able, please to help us fill our wagons to help those in need. Advent calendar food drive sheets will be available in the narthex in November.

Thank you for your support of our Sunday School Program!



COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Eganville Community Choir will be presenting their Christmas program "Thankful" on Saturday, December 9th at 2 PM at Grace.

Grace Choir - our practice time has changed to Thursday mornings at 10AM. All are welcome.

Baptisms

On October 28th we welcomed through the waters of baptism Jayme Julie Rose McGurrian daughter of Tavis and Kelsey McGurrian Pray that she may grow and know the love of Jesus.



Pastor's Office Hours - Pastor Ralph will be taking his vacation days on Fridays and his day off Saturdays for the rest of the year. Pastor Ralph will be away November 5th to November 8th for a clergy retreat at Camp Lutherlyn.

From the Pastor's Desk

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

I find it hard to believe that November is upon us and soon after will be the seasons of Advent and Christmas. I am encouraged with all that is happening in our churches; Sunday school is in full swing and the children are getting ready for their performance at the Christmas concert; the community choir continues rehearsals and for me hearing their voices sing out loud gives me comfort in God's house. We will also be blessed to have three Baptisms over the next 5 weeks, a time to rejoice declaring them as children of God. It is also a time for all of us to reflect the loss we may have in our lives, in our community, and in the world. All Saints Sunday is always a moving experience for me when we reflect of the loss of our brothers and sisters over the past year; then Remembrance Day, where we remember all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, "Lest We Not Forget". This year, I will be presiding over the Remembrance Day service at the Eganville Legion branch 353. Come and support our veterans. Life is like that; we have joys on one side and sorrows on the other. Our Lord Jesus Christ will get us through them, who comfort's us and rejoices with us. May God bless you always!

Pastor Ralph