

## G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - January 2024

### The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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### January 2024 Readings

Jan 7 Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Jan 14 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18,  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

Jan 21 Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

Jan 28 Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

*For Members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Augsburg  
There is an important Congregational Meeting, on Sunday,  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 following worship.*

### Annual Congregational Meetings

St. John's Lutheran Church, Augsburg TBA

St. John's Lutheran Church, Bonnechere TBA

Please have all reports into the Grace Church office in time for Reports to be printed. Augsburg, Bonnechere, in time to be printed 3 weeks prior to your AGM;

**Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville** – Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th following worship  
For the various groups and committees, could you please have your reports into the church office the week of January 8th . If possible electronic copies would be appreciated..

### Sunday School News

The next session of our Sunday School is yet to be planned. Watch bulletin or newsletter for more information or you will receive an e-mail from Peggy Verch.

### **WOW!!!!**

**\$508.50** was the final count on Sunday's Bake Sale for Canadian Lutheran World Relief's outreach and the EDPS Food for Learning Program Thank you so much to Crystal for organizing this, the kids for making some great ornaments and to all the families who donated and bought from our tables on Sunday, December 3rd!! It was a great success!

\$ 254.25 will be sent to CLWR. The Sunday School will choose items that will be matched (such as Emergency Food, seeds, garden tools, crop know-how, how to fight drought or flocks of chickens), all thanks to you!!



### Baptisms

*On December 2nd we welcomed through the waters of baptism Charleigh Rose Bimm daughter of Brady Bimm and Jessica Lambert . Pray for this family as they teach her the love of Jesus.*

**Confirmation Class** is in full swing with 7 students. They are currently studying church Doctrine in 2023/24. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively Pentecost Sunday, May, 19, 2024

### THANKS FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Thank You to everyone who assisted in our preparations for Christmas: the decorators, those who lent poinsettias, the Sunday School, the Grace Choir, worship leaders, and a special thank you to Brian and Margaret Weckwerth and Diane Moore for decorating the Christmas tree, Margaret Weckwerth and Robert Pape for putting up the Christmas Lights, last but not least to Rick and Donna Resmer for putting up the Nativity Scene.





### ***Our 2022 Pictorial Directory***

We have extra copies of our recent pictorial directory. Contact the church office if you like to purchase an extra copy. They are \$ 15.00 each

The **2024 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up. They are available at your own churches. Please **DO NOT** use till January 2024. Thank you.

### ***What special events have we missed in 2023:***

For Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville, we should have celebrated our 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

For St. John's Lutheran Church, Sebastopol, They should have celebrated their 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### ***Pastor's Visitation***

People in nursing homes, senior residences or shut-ins are on Pastor Ralph's regular visitation list. If however, you or anyone has 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.

Vacation – Pastor Ralph is on holidays between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. If you need pastoral care please call the office 613-628-1392 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you within a day.

*Our January GAB  
has been sponsored by Erna Schruder  
in loving memory of Elby Schruder  
who passed away 29 years ago,  
January 3, 1995.*



### **Pastor's Message for January 2024**



Happy New Years! Another year has ended and a new one starts. How will you bring in the New Year? Will you go out to a party, be with family or friends, or just stay home and maybe watched the New Years Eve celebrations on TV; Times Square with the big ball dropping at the stroke of midnight. Some people also would make New Year's resolutions. You know the common ones

like: this year I am going to go on a diet, or I will quit smoking. Well, I won't because I know that whatever I would say, in the end usually they are never kept. What I like to do however, is to reflect upon the past year and remember all that we have done and what has gone on in the world around us. I will remember all those who have departed us to rest with our Lord. I will remember all of the good and bad days this past year. In our world, it is hard to forget the economic troubles that have affected so many people, and still do, and all the wars throughout the world. There are so many others that I could mention but I will let you take a moment to remember for yourself things that had affected you this past year. The old year is gone and what was, was, but now we look to the future. As we look ahead, we are called to have faith and hope for a better future. I am not sure if the economic problems of the world will be resolved this year, or that there will be a peaceful end to all the wars that are going on, but one thing I do know is that with the gift of the Holy Spirit within us, and in the embracing of the Word and Sacraments, we know that hope is always there. Share this hope with other who may have doubt.

Amen

***Pastor Ralph and Ellen***