

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - MARCH 2024

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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March 2024 Readings

March 3rd Lent 3 Holy Communion

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

March 10th Lent 4 Service of the Word

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3,17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

March 17th Lent 5 Holy Communion

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51: 1-13. Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 24 Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

March 28 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10)11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26,
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29th Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

March 31st Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9. Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

SPRING AHEAD 1 Hour!
Remember to change clocks
On Saturday, March 10, 2024.

Annual Congregational Meetings

St. John's Lutheran Church, Augsburg – March 10, 2024

Easter Services as follows:

March 24th - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – Bonnechere;

10:30 AM – Grace



March 28th - Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM – Grace

March 29th - Good Friday

9:00 AM – Augsburg only



March 31st - Easter Sunday

9:00 AM – Bonnechere

10:30 AM – Grace



Easter Breakfast returns to Grace:

The Ladies Aid have begun preparations for serving Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 from 8:15 AM to 10:15 AM.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or donate food/money for the breakfast is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex early in March for a number of weeks or call Janice Nagora at 613 735-1732 if you have questions or are able to volunteer or donate in any way. If everyone helps a little, we can feed many individuals. Please plan to attend for a delicious meal and fellowship on this special occasion. Everyone welcome.

Lend A Lily

If you would like to lend an Easter Lily or other spring plant for our Easter Service. Please bring it to the church before the Easter Sunday Service.

Bible Study

Pastor continues to offer an Adult Bible Study, Wednesday mornings at 10AM in the board room at Grace. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

In Memory of:

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Myrtle Esther (Kumm) Reinke (July 22, 1921-February 12, 2024). Myrtle was our second oldest member of Grace, Eganville. A Celebration of Life service for Myrtle is yet to be determined.

Randall Brian Schauer (February 9, 1961 – February 12, 2024) A Celebration of Life for Randy will be held in the spring of 2024. Keep the members of their family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

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 – They meet Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The quilts are made and stitched with love. They are given to persons undergoing cancer treatments .

Service at Fairfields – 1:00 PM

On Saturday March 9th, Pastor Ralph will be leading worship with our home bound members at Fairfield's (in the dining room at 1:00 PM) and sharing communion with them. This has been a welcome ministry by the Fairfield' residents and will occur on a monthly basis in the Fairfield's dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone wishes to help Pastor just let him know.

There is a Blood Donor Clinic scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 2 PM to 7 PM. Go to the blood donor website to pre-register.

From the Pastor's Desk

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

We are half way through our journey of Lent towards the cross at Easter. This is the season of self-examination and be in preparation for the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Morning. This is also a time when spring will be upon us. It seems that it has an early start based on the weather we have now at the end of February as I write this. It is also a time of the year where life is reborn when the snow leaves us and the trees will begin to bud, the flowers that were planted last fall will begin to sprout, and the birds of the air have returned and are busy rebuilding their nests. I am reminded that March still can hold surprises and we just may have some snow before spring will become a reality. It's always good to be hopeful and dream. We end March with Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday), a busy time in the church. It truly will be a time of mixed emotions. It is also a celebration of the great mystery of our faith: "Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!" Alleluia! This year we will enjoy an Easter Breakfast, hosted by the Ladies Aid of Grace, as a time to enhance our celebration of the resurrected Christ.

I give you this blessing on our journey together: May God shine on you, Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength, and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness, now and forever.

Pastor Ralph

Sunday School - Hi Everyone

We are planning to begin our spring session of Sunday School on **Sunday March 17** at the 10:30 service, and then continue until **Sunday May 12**. This is only possible if we have our wonderful volunteer teachers returning. We would also welcome any new ones.

If there is a week or a two that you can help out, please let me know.

An exciting new event we are planning is a congregation skate (see below). Hope you can join us!! (Don't forget your foodbank donations)



We would like to invite you to strap on your skates and come skate with Grace.

WHO: Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere, Melville and friends

WHEN: Sunday March 24, 2024, 2:00 pm

WHERE: Eganville Arena

Please join us for this fun, **free**, community building activity.

Hot chocolate will be provided to children attending.

If you need to borrow skates, please contact
Crystal at 613-281-6351

Donations to Eganville Foodbank will be accepted

Hosted by Grace Sunday School

The 2024 Pembroke Kiwanis Music and Dance Festival returns to Festival Hall for its 76th year! Competition begins on Tuesday, Feb. 20th and Wednesday, Feb. 21st with two full days (9-5) of Piano classes. Full day sessions continue on Saturday, Feb. 24th (9-5) with Dance, Monday, Feb. 26th (10-4) with Vocal, Monday, Mar. 4th (9-330) with Strings, and Wednesday, Mar. 6th (1030-12pm) with Instrumental (Bands).

The 'Festival of Stars' Concert will be held on Thursday, March 21st @ 7pm at Festival Hall. Free admission to all events. Please visit the Pembroke Kiwanis website at www.pembrokekiwanis.org for more information.