

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - APRIL, 2024

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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April 2024 Readings

April 7th Easter 2 Holy Communion

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 14th Easter 3 Service of the Word

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 21st Easter 4 Holy Communion

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 28 Easter 5 Service of the Word

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Of People and the Passage of Time:

In Memory of:



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Elmer Carl Gustav Bochert, (June 9, 1925 – March 4, 2024). Elmer and his wife Nelda were the longest married couple at Grace, Eganville, (77 years). To honour the family's wishes a private ceremony will be held at a later date.

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.

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, date to be determined if we have enough volunteers interested. 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.



Cuddles & Hugs – They meet Wednesday, April 17, 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 April 13th, 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.



From our Sunday School

A special thank you to everyone who came out for our afternoon of skating. There were 45 out on the ice. Thank you to those who donated to the Food Bank. We also raised \$65 in cash. I think it was a great success!!

Bible Study



Pastor Ralph 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.

From The Church Office:

Since the flood, September, 2023, we have started sorting through the filing cabinet and cupboard in the boardroom and the vestry. We have found cassette tapes of previously recorded services (from 1996 to 2019). We will put them out on the table in the narthex the beginning of April. If there is a service you would like, it is yours for the taking. We will leave them out for a month, any not picked up will be disposed of.



Confirmation Pictures for Grace, Eganville



In the display case in the narthex is a binder that has group picture of our confirmation classes. We are missing group pictures from 2007 to 2017 and 2020. If you have a group picture you could share with us, contact the church office at 613-628-1392. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated.

QUIZ

What are the significance of the following dates:
April 2, 1888; August 6, 1916; September 28, 1952;
May 29, 1994 and August 1, 2019?
How old is our congregation on April 2, 2024?
Answers in our next newsletter

Mac and Cheese Cook Off



St. John's Anglican Church will be hosting a friendly Macaroni and Cheese COOK-OFF fundraiser event at 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 27th. We are planning to seat up to 60 people, \$15.00 per person, with **proceeds going to Rotary Club Charitable Fund for mental healthcare and the BUPL Library Youth Programs.**

The idea is to have FOUR chefs, one from each of our congregations (St. John's, St. James, Grace and Melville) who will make one large pot of macaroni, that will be judged by the participants.

If you have a volunteer who would like to be a cook /competitor, please have them call or text our church warden, Karen Mann at 1-905-984-9310 (cell) before Friday, April 5th.

From the Pastor's Desk



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

Halleluiah! Christ has Risen! It is a time of the year where life is reborn. Soon the trees will begin to bud, the flowers that were planted last fall will begin to sprout, if they haven't already, and the birds of the air have returned and are busy rebuilding their nests. Easter

also reminds me of the butterfly. It starts with a caterpillar which then builds a chrysalis (cocoon) and after a few days a butterfly emerges. A complete transformation! When you relate this event to Easter we see that Jesus died for us, came out of the tomb, and was resurrected. Through Lent and Easter, we have experienced many emotions, sorrow, excitement, and a sense of contentment knowing that Jesus has risen and is with us always giving us a true sense of hope for today and hope for the future. I give you this prayer in order you may experience this hope; Let us pray: "God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen"

May God bless you always! *Pastor Ralph*