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The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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September 2024 Readings

September 1 Pentecost 15 Holy Communion

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, James 1:17-27;

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8 Pentecost 16 Service of the Word

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17;

Mark 7:24-37

September 15 Pentecost 17 Holy Communion

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 22 Pentecost 18 Service of the Word

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 29 Pentecost 19 Holy Communion

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



On Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 10:30 AM, we (the members of Grace, Eganville) will be joining the members of Melville United Church as this is their final service as a congregation. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Cemetery Service



St. John's, Bonnechere – We will be holding our cemetery service on Sunday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m. The service will be held in the church after which attendees are invited to visit the cemetery at their leisure.

In Memory of:



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Elaine Viola (Kuehl) Kregur.

(September 2, 1928 – July 9, 2024). Keep the members of her family and friends in your prayers as they

mourn her loss.

From Our Quilting Ladies



Grace Quilters – These quilts are hand stitched for a fee and money is given to the church. We welcome new quilters to join us.

Cuddles and Hugs – Cancer Quilting



Cancer quilting is every 3rd Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, September 18th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM We were told they are getting low on finished quilts. If you can please join us to get a few quilts ahead. The need for quilts has been up this year.

Thank you, June Brisson

Service at Fairfields – 1:00 PM



On Saturday September 14th. 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.

Bible Study



Pastor Ralph will be starting up the Adult Bible Study on September 25th, Wednesday mornings at 10AM in the Boardroom at Grace. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

Harvest Dinner Update



Our Harvest Dinner is fast approaching. Please consider volunteering your time or donating towards this congregational event. Please see or call Janice Nagora (613) 735-1732 or Charlotte Schaven (613) 628-2049 if you are able to help in

any way. We will be available before and after the services on multiple Sundays to talk with everyone.

If you are unable to meet with us on a Sunday, we will be reaching out to everyone. Your support is important and this is an excellent event to share the gifts God has provided for us.

Thank you from the Ladies Aid

Mark your calendars.....

Sunday School at Grace is scheduled to begin on Sunday September 22 at 10:30.



The Pastor will carry out a ***Blessing of the Backpacks***, then the children will go downstairs to have their lesson along with some bouncy castle fun followed by ice cream sundaes for the whole congregation.



**Hope to see you there,
and please invite your
friends to join us!!**

Blood Donor Clinic September 19th.

Blood supplies are always in demand after the summer holidays. If you are able, call 1-888-236-6283 to make an appointment. Hours at Grace Fellowship Hall are from 1 PM to 6 PM.



Sebastopol Harvest Service.

Sunday, October 6th - 2:30 PM

Join the Thanksgiving worship followed by a Pot Luck lunch. Enjoy a wonderful worship experience and the beginning of Fall colours on the mountain.



From the Pastor's Desk



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

In this issue, here are some highlights from the Synod Convention which was held on June 20 thru June 22. As

with all conventions, the days were long, starting at 9am and running through to 9pm. Most of the discussions were around voting new members for Synod office and a new Bishop. As you know Bishop Michael will be retiring from his call this fall. There were 4 candidates who were nominated. During the first two ballots, all rostered members were also eligible to be nominated from the floor. The first ballot there was 19 who received a vote, and NO, I was not one of them. It took 5 ballots in all to finally elect a new Bishop. Her name is The Rev. Carla Blakley from Saskatchewan. She won by one vote over the Rev. Adam Snook. Bishop-elect Rev. Carla will be ordained at the end of September. We heard from various speakers giving updates from their respective groups. One item that was discussed of some importance was a Motion to limited the term for a Bishop to two 6 year term, this was defeated. The morning worships were inspiring and prepared us for the day.

Ellen and I were on vacation for 3 weeks starting on July 29th. I admit that it didn't feel like 3 weeks, time just flew by. We did go to our house in Ajax to see what we needed to do to put it up for sale and we realized we needed to fix the place up a little. I will go down when I can for a couple days each month to do some work at it and we now hope to place is up on the market in the spring of next year.

We are in exciting times at Grace and I look forward to being there for everyone. Do not hesitate to call should you need prayers or an ear to listen.

May God bless you always!

Pastor Ralph