

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - MAY, 2025

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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May 2025 Readings

May 4 Easter 3 Holy Communion
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 11 Easter 4 Service of the Word
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 18 Easter 5 Holy Communion
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 25 Easter 6 Service of the Word
Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;
John 14:23-29



***On Sunday, May 4, 2025
at 2:00 p.m.***

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Augsburg will be holding their final service
The Rev. Adam Snook, from the Synod Office
will be in attendance.

Special music has been planned.
A reception to follow at the Legion.

Baptism



On Saturday, April 12th, 2025 we welcomed through the waters of baptism Tucker Dillon Douglas Schruder, son of Dillon Schuder and Kayla Schultz. Pray for this family as they teach him the love of Jesus.

Affirmation of Baptism



On Sunday June 8th, we will be celebrating the "Affirmation of Baptism" of our one student. Over the past 2 years, he has been working hard in learning the books of the Bible and church doctrine. He will also be given his "First Communion" during this service. He has come a long way from when he began his journey. We all should be proud of what he has accomplished."

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, May 21, 2025. The quilts are made and stitched with love. They are given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Bible Study



Pastor Ralph continues to offer an Adult Bible Study, Tuesday 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.

Sunday School

I hope everyone had a very Blessed Easter!



We are very excited to have raised **\$1,000.00** for the Sunday School's Coins for Lent Outreach Project for the Eganville Food Bank!! If you missed out on participating, it's not too late. You can place your donation in an envelope with your

name and/or envelope number and "Coins for Lent", and put it on the offering plate.

We will be taking a picture of the children this Sunday, April 27 to announce our great success. This photo will be used on our Website and Facebook page, (and possibly the Leader).

Hope you can make it this week!



Sunday School will continue from this week until Mother's Day when the children will be singing in church, making crafts, and having fun on the bouncy castles!! Afterwards, the

Ladies of the church will be providing cookies and drinks for the congregation. (If you would like the video, let me know and I'll send it to you separately - it was too big to attach).

The children are to arrive downstairs around 10:10 on Mother's Day where they will practice their song again and go upstairs as a group.

Sunday School will then take a break until the fall. Have a safe and happy summer.

Thank you to all those who have helped make our Sunday School happen!! God has blessed us!!



From The Property Committee

We have scheduled an outside clean-up day for Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at Grace, Eganville. Starting at 9:00 AM Many hands make like work.

Service at Fairfields – 1:00 PM

On Saturday May 10th, 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. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone wishes to help Pastor just let him know.



You're Invited To
"MayPole Tea"
*Expereince High Tea under
the Maypoles!*

A special event hosted by: Haley
United Church

Let's send a kid to Camp

Where: **Haley United Church**, 760 Calvin Road, Haley, ON

When: **May 10, 2025** Time: **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Cost: **\$20.00**

Wheelchair accessible Door Prizes. Gluten Free

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Just a Remínder: Our Summer Schedule

Starting June 1, 2025 services times are as follows:

9:00 AM – Grace, Eganville

10:30 AM – 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month

St. John's, Bonnechere

From the Pastor's Desk



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. May is a time of rebirth. We all know the saying “April showers brings May flowers.” Looking around we can see God at work bringing life the trees that were once bare, and sprout appearing where we may have planted bulbs. Soon flowers will be showing their colors in a beautiful display of newness. Some of us may have started to plant seeds in hope

of growth in a few weeks time. It takes work on our part to ensure what we sow will have a chance to grow; dead heading, cultivating, and so on.

The fruits of our labor will be in the growth of new plants. So is it with us. We too need to be nurtured so we can also grow in faith and to help those around us. It is through the Holy Spirit, which will lead us and hopefully inspire us to help others grow with us. This can be done through prayer, reading scripture and telling stories of our own faith; with the hope of planting “seeds” in other we meet.

This May there will be a time of sadness for our brothers and sisters of St. John's Augsburg as we close the doors for the last time. Here too, there will be a rebirth as the members move to a new place of worship. Remember, we are with you in this new journey. I pray that they all find the presence of God to wherever you go. May the glory of God fill you with praise, the beauty of Christ strengthens you in service, and the power of the Holy Spirit fills you with peace and courage!

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Keeping In Touch



My mother, like many of her generation, was the letter writer of our family. When she became a missionary, back in the 1930's, she kept in touch with her family and friends by writing them. Her sisters got a letter every week, other friends, every month.

She knew that sustaining a relationship takes work.

Unfortunately, I'm not as good at maintaining friendships as she was. When I get busy, I let things slide. And then, one day, I discover that friends have become strangers.

My best friend in high school built boats and repaired cars with me. He helped me discover abilities that might otherwise have stayed hidden. I don't even know his address now.

Another friend and I worked together daily. We often found ourselves on opposite sides of the union/management abyss, but in the evenings, we could still gather in each other's apartment around an enormous pot of chili. The last time we met – at an airport – we didn't know what to talk about.

For friendships to survive, you have to keep in touch. You have to meet regularly. You do things together. You share your dreams and hopes, your joys and your anguish, as well as your activities. You plan together, trust each other, take risks together.

You can't keep up a friendship when you lose touch. We all know that. Yet, for some reason we expect our friendship with God to continue despite neglect.

Too often, I'm afraid, our relationship- my relationship – with God bears all the marks of a slowly dying friendship. We only think about God occasionally. We don't sense God being constantly present with us. Prayer becomes, too often, a perfunctory repeating of familiar formulas, like a letter that says no more than, “I'm fine, how are you.”

If a friendship is worth having, it's worth working at.

Including a friendship with God.

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<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
				1 Pastor Day Off Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 6:30	2	3 Grace Outdoor clean up day 9:00
4 Easter 3 HC Grace 10:30 SS Augsburg Closing Service 2:00 PM reception at Legion 3:30 PM	5 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	6 Bible Study 9:00 Eganville Ministerial St James 11:00	7	8 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 6:30 Ottawa Cluster St. Timothy's 9:30	9 Pastor Day Off	10 Camp Lutherlyn Work day 9:00 Fairfield Worship 1:00
11 Mothers Day Easter 4 SOW Grace 10:30 SS Fellowship	12 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	13 Pastor Day Off	14 Music and Worship 1:00	15 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 6:30	16	17
18 Easter 5 HC Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30	19 Victoria Day Grace Quilters 9-3	20 Bible Study 10:00 Property 7:00	21 Cuddles and Hugs 9-3	22 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 6:30 Toy Bus Rental 1- 6	23 Pastor Day Off	24
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Notes: HC – Holy Communion, SOW – Service of Word, SS – Sunday School

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