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The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:
(Grace, Bonnechere)

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September 2026 Readings

September 6 Pentecost 15 Holy Communion

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13 Pentecost 16 Service of the Word

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13;

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20 Pentecost 17 Holy Communion

Jonah 3:10—4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;

Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27 Pentecost 18 Service of the Word

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9;

Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

In Memory of:



It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of:

Keith Alfred Weckwerth
(August 11, 1955 – May 17,

2026). Interment in Grace Cemetery.

Laura (Elaine) Scott-Thomas.

(March 3, 1930 – March 3, 2026). Interment in Grace Cemetery.

Carolyn Evelyn Louise Schroeder

(May 12, 1945 – July 16, 2026). Interment at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bonnechere.

Keep the members of their families and friends in your prayers as they mourn their 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 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. 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 19th. 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's 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

Adult Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall at Grace. We follow our lectionary readings. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.



Blood Donor Clinic - September 3, 2026.



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, September 27th - 2:30 PM



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

Mark your calendars.....



September is here and Sunday School is back!! We will be starting on Sunday September 13 at the

10:30 service with the children singing, a blessing of the backpacks, Sunday School fun, followed by a congregational potluck luncheon. Sunday School will continue through the fall, with two weeks off in November, until the Christmas Program on December 20th. Hope you can join us!!

The Sunday School is always needing volunteers for teachers, helpers, crafts, etc. In particular, this year we are looking for a volunteer to keep our snack cupboard filled with drinks and snacks for the Sunday school children, with funds from our budget. If you can help out in any way, please reach out.



The Sunday School invites you to help fill our wagons with food for the Eganville Foodbank. This will take place in the narthex from September 6 until October 11, Thanksgiving Sunday. Please show your love to your neighbours by filling our wagons to the top!



Grace Service volunteers. we will publish the names of the people that have volunteered to help each Sunday for the month of September & October

Elevator operator for September – Jack Schaven

Usher for September – Charlotte Schaven

Bell Ringers for September – Ed Byers and Robert Pape

Altar Guild for September – Margaret Felhaber and Karen Sell

September 6th Greeter- Silas Hoffman:

Reader – Donna Freitag; Communion Assistants – Donna Freitag and Karen Sell

September 13th Greeter – Dianne Kasdorff:

Reader – Stacey Lance

September 20th Greeter – Claire and Jane Lemke:

Reader – Blaine Johnson; Communion Assistants – Diane Moore and Joanne Hoelke

September 27th Greeter – Joan Schroeder:

Reader – John Yakabuski

Elevator operator for October – Alfred Rosien

Usher for the month of October – Morley Hass

Bell Ringers for September – Morley Hass

Altar Guild for October – Marlyn Dittburner and Ellen Weigold

October 4th Greeter- Grady Hoffman:

Reader – Michael Johnson; Communion Assistants: Brian and Margaret Weckwerth

October 11th Greeter – Marjorie Verch:

Reader – Rachel Dittburner; Communion Assistants: Carl and Rachel Dittburner

October 18th Greeter – June Barsalo:

Reader – Lori Jessup; Communion Assistants – Lori Jessup and Stacey Lance

October 25th Greeter – Gavin Pape;

Reader – Brian Weckwerth

Mark your calendars and thank you for your service.

Starting Sunday, September 6th
we will be returning to our Fall Worship
Schedule:

Bonnechere 9 AM
(3rd and 4th Sunday of the month)
Grace 10:30 AM



Grace's Youth Group for students grade 6 to 12 will be held October 5, November 9 and December 14 from 4:30 to

6:15. This is a great chance for youth to hang out, eat a meal together and learn about God. We are very fortunate to have 3 great leaders for this group, Stacey Schroeder, Crystal and Shannon Edwards.

Confirmation - Pastor Ralph will be holding confirmation classes starting on **Monday October 19th at 4:00 PM**. This is a two-year program for children in grades 7 and 8. Please contact Pastor Ralph if you would like your child to attend by calling the church or sending an email.

COMMUNITY CHOIR - Community Choir will start up again this fall at Grace starting on Wednesday September 9th. Practices start at 6:30 pm at Grace. If you would like to join in this community activity come to our practices. For more information you can contact Heather at 613-628-9187.

Grace Choir

We meet for practice on Thursdays, at 10:00 AM starting on September 3rd. Our Grace Choir would also be grateful for new members.



Ottawa Valley Area Ministry Team



After a three-year hiatus your ministry team has planned a Reformation Service Sunday, October 18th. Worship service begins at 3 PM at the Rankin Community Centre. The Reverend Matthew Brown, Pastor at Holy Trinity Anglican Church is the guest preacher. Everyone is welcome for the service, Dinner @ 5 PM requires a reservation. Dinner tickets are \$ 35., and available at the church office (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM) until October 4, 2026. A great opportunity to

connect with your Ottawa Valley Lutheran and Anglican Families. In association with the Eastern Synod of the ELCiC.



Retirement Dinner - Pastor Charlie Nolting is retiring, his current congregation Christ Lutheran Church at 463 Highland Road in Peterborough is planning a SURPRISE dinner for him immediately following their 10:00 AM service on Sunday, October 18th, 2026. If you would like to join in the celebration, please RSVP with Marlys Kerkman by phone (705 872-8872) or email - kerkmam@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 18th, 2026. We hope to see you there.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

Well summer is almost over and activities in the church will ramp up again for the fall. As I write this, the greater church, ELCiC, is celebrating their 40th anniversary of existence. It was formed with the merger of two Lutheran churches, the Canadian congregations of the American Lutheran Church and the Canada section of the Lutheran Church in America. The September edition of the Canada Lutheran is devoted in celebration this milestone.

As we move into September, we will see Sunday school starting on Rally Sunday (Sept. 13th), our church choir will start singing once again, the Eganville Community Choir will start getting ready for the concert in December, and all the committees will begin meeting again. Our worship time will also move back to our regular time, St, John Bonnechere 9:00 (3rd and 4th Sunday of the month) and Grace 10:30. It will be good to hear people back in the church during the week as the summer months have been very quiet. All of these changes are shown on our monthly calendar.

For those who have been away during the summer, I hope and pray that you had a restful time and that you would come back to join us on Sundays. We have missed you. I think this fall will be inspiring to you.

May God bless you always!

Pastor Ralph