



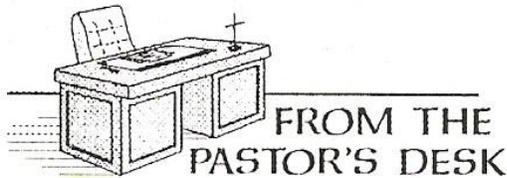
# The Messenger

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*How long will we sing? How long will we pray?  
How long will we write and send?  
How long will we bring? How long will we stay?  
How long will we make amends?  
'Until all are fed!' we cry out; until all on earth  
have bread. Like the One who loves us each and  
every one, we serve until all are fed!*  
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In June 2018, nearly two hundred clergy and lay people assembled in Mississauga for the biennial Eastern Synod Assembly. We gathered under the theme: **Liberated By God's Grace...To Be NEIGHBOUR!**

While at first glance the focus of our four days together may seem quaint and insignificant - the theme of liberation and neighbourliness proved to be timely. As we reflected on the churches prophetic voice amidst issues of poverty, addiction and homeliness. As we considered our role in response to continued racial injustice in Canada. And certainly, as we prayerfully faced the question, 'who is our neighbour,' acknowledging that the response is far wider than we often care to admit.

In some ways, we have been facing these same questions, and trying to address these same concerns, longer than many of us can remember. The call to feed the hungry, clothe the

naked, comfort the grieving, protect the widow, shelter the orphaned, care for the hurting and liberate the captive are biblical in their origins. God's call to God's church echoes throughout time - and now it rests upon our ears.

And so let me ask you - *how long?* How long will we labour in this work? How long will we try? How long will we seek to be faithful neighbours in God's world. How long?

My answer, drawing from the words of Bryan McFarland & Tommy Brown, is to commit to this work **until all are fed**. More specifically, until all are fed...or clothed...or comforted...or protected...or sheltered...or cared for...or liberated.

Who are our neighbours? What are their needs? And how might we endeavor to live faithfully into our calling to *love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and to love our neighbours as ourselves?* What does such a response look like in Upper Northfield, or Mahone Bay? How might such a focus shape our synodical life and work? And in which ways might we, each of us, be invited into these neighbourly labours?

To paraphrase our Bishop, Michael Pryse's comments as he reflected on the story of Jesus calming the storm: "We have heard Jesus calling us to go across to the other side; to put out into the depth of God our creator - to put out into the depth of our neighbours, despite whatever storm we might encounter on the way. By the liberating power of God's grace, we are

empowered to go deeper and further into our gospel mission. And if, indeed, this is the case, then our life together will be full, and abundant, and overflowing."

May it be so!

*Pastor Adam Snook*

### **+ Camp Sunday**

This year, Lutheran Camp Mush-A-Mush will mark 70 years of outdoor ministry in this corner of God's world. A weekend of activities have been arranged, culminating in a county-wide worship service on Sunday, July 15 at 2pm. Bishop Michael Pryse, Rev. Douglas Reble and Rev. Kimber McNabb will be present with us to mark the occasion. A full schedule of events has been included in this newsletter. Please plan to join us for this wonderful celebration of God's abundant blessings! ***PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO regular worship service at St. John's on Sunday, July 15.***

### **+ Share Your Gifts**

On Pentecost Sunday, Pastor Adam invited the congregation to *share their gifts*, and ideas! Included in the bulletin (and also on the table in the Narthex) were found a checklist of ways in which you might be spirit-led to contribute to the life and ministry of St. John's. Please take the time to pray, think, reflect, and then complete the form. Once you're ready, please return the form by leaving it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it off at the church office.

### **+ Parish Weekend**

Our Parish Weekend has been scheduled for Friday, August 24-Sunday, August 26. To register please speak with Robert & Heather Hirtle.

### **+ Eastern Synod Assembly**

Pastor Adam, Angie Connors and Brian Parnall attended our Eastern Synod Assembly in Toronto from June 21-24. Of particular note to our shared-ministry, Pastor Adam was elected as a delegate to the National Church Assembly next summer, and has been elected as a member of the Synod Council. A full report to both congregations will be presented by Angie & Brian in the fall of the year, and any printed materials will be made available for your perusal.

### **+ Vacation Bible School**

Anyone interested in assisting with the 2018 VBS at Mt. Calvary is invited to please speak with Pastor Adam or Margie Carver. This annual event draws on the skills, talents, and gifts within our Shared Ministry. As always, any children are warmly invited to participate. This program will run from August 14-16 from 9am-11am.

### **+ Secretary Summer Hours**

Summer Office Hours for Kelly, the Parish Office Manager will remain as usual, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9-2. Kelly will be on vacation from August 24 - August 31.

### **+ Coffee Break**

Join Pastor Adam on August 22, 10:30am at the Biscuit Eater Cafe in Mahone Bay for a Coffee Break! This is an informal time of fellowship and refreshment open to all!

### **+ 3CF Strawberry Social**

Following worship on Canada Day you are invited to a Strawberry Social in support of the Three Churches Foundation. This event will bring together our three faith families, as well as our wider community, in support of a great cause! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Location: front lawn of the Anglican rectory from 11:30-2:30.

### **+ Pastor Adam on Vacation**

Pastor Adam will be on vacation from July 2-16. In the event of a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Father Chad McCharles, Rector of St. James Anglican Church, Mahone Bay by calling (902) 624-8614.

### **+ Shared Ministry Worship**

On Sunday, August 26 we will gather for our second Shared Ministry Worship Service at Camp Mush-A-Mush to coordinate with the annual Parish Weekend. Worship will begin at 10am, and a pot-luck will follow. Part of what it means to be in shared ministry with one another is to enter into a deeper and more meaningful relationship! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in God's great outdoors! ***PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO regular worship service at St. John's on Sunday, August 26.***

### **+ David Maginley Workshop**

Rev. David Maginley will be offering a worship on his new book, Beyond Surviving, on Saturday, September 29 from 9am-3pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Rhodes Corner. This event, financially supported by Atlantic Ministry Area congregations, will be open to all people. A free will offering will be used to defray costs, and cover lunch expenses. Copies of Rev. Maginley's book can be purchased through a number of local, independent booksellers such as The Biscuit Eater, and Lunenburg Bound.

### **+ Rev. Macintyre Ordination**

Bill Macintyre will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, July 14 at 2pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cole Harbour, NS. You are invited to join in this joyous celebration as we gather with brothers and sisters from throughout the Atlantic Ministry Area.

### **+ 3CF Summer Students**

Through the generous support of the Young Canada Works program, the Three Churches Foundation has received funding for two summer students to support the mandate of the foundation during the summer months. A Historical Archivist has been hired to gather, collect, and further research the three churches of Mahone Bay; and a Tour Guide has been hired to welcome visitors into our historic buildings. As you encounter Kirby and Michelle, please extend to them a warm Mahone Bay welcome! Their labours in support of our congregation are greatly appreciated!

### **+ Stewardship Committee**

Recently the congregational council has received increased support for fundraising/stewardship events at St. John's! We are tremendously excited by this prospect. As such, we are seeking interested individuals who would lend their time and talents to a *new* Stewardship Committee. This committee would function as an extension of the council, and would work to brainstorm/develop ways to support the wider ministry of the congregation. For more information, or to offer your gifts to this initiative, please speak with Pastor Adam.

### **+ Stay Connected!**

Are you a member of the Atlantic Ministry Area - Lutheran ELCIC Facebook page? (@atlanticlutherans) This page posts events offered by Lutheran churches across the Atlantic Ministry Area. The posted events are your invitation to attend.

To find out more information and what's happening around the Eastern Synod here is the link to their current electronic newsletter. [http://www.easternsynod.org/sites/default/files/content/tesl\\_june.pdf](http://www.easternsynod.org/sites/default/files/content/tesl_june.pdf)

### **+ Cookies for Camp**

Volunteers are needed to make 35 dozen cookies for Family Camp on the week of August 5-10. Cookies need to be delivered to St. John's by Sunday, August 5. Anyone that could assist in this matter, is asked to please add their name to the sign-up sheet in the Christian Education Centre.

### **+ Music At The Three Churches**

The long-running Music at the Three Churches Program will offer three concerts this summer.

**July 20** (8pm) - String Quartets

*St. James' Anglican Church*

**August 3** (8pm) - Four Hands, One Piano

*Trinity United Church*

**August 19** (3pm) - All Schubert

*St. John's Lutheran Church*

For more information, to obtain tickets, or for society details, please visit: [threechurches.com](http://threechurches.com)

### **+ From The Bishop's Desk**

*The following is an excerpt from Bishop Michael Pryse's Report of the Bishop delivered at the Eastern Synod Assembly*

In the Gospel of John we hear a story where Jesus tells the disciples to put out into the deep and fish on the other side of the boat after a long night of fishing to no avail. Wouldn't it be exciting to have resources and personnel that could help us do that, to experiment with new models, to gather communities of disciples in new places and new ways that look quite different from our standard template of what constitutes church?

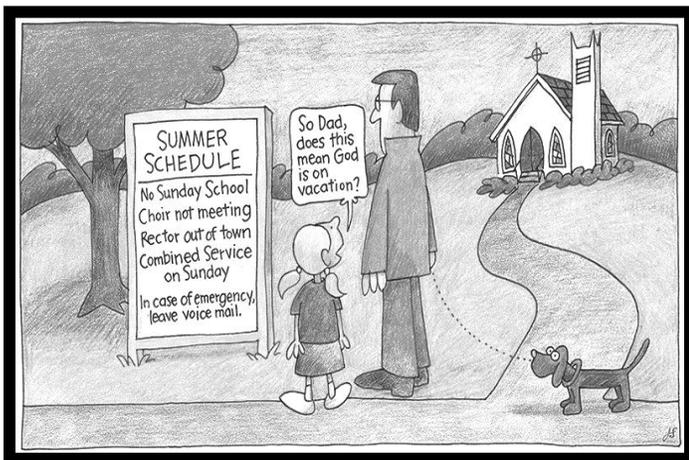
The time to have those conversations is now, before the economic storms that some of us are facing becomes an economic tsunami that's going to swamp us all. We need to urgently

engage in serious conversations about reconfiguring and right-sizing our ministries. If you're waiting until the day you're not sure if you can meet payroll you have waited way too long. Your capacity to make smart and mission focussed decisions will be heavily compromised. All of us; every congregation and ministry, every expression of the church needs to take a critical look at how we fund this enterprise. All of us need to feel an increased sense of urgency to help establish conditions wherein we, and the generations following us, can engage God's mission in the most faithful way possible. Yes, the generations following us.

I am a very different man than the one who you first elected to serve as your bishop. I'm 58 years old now. And, with the passage of time and the experience of numerous life lessons, I have begun to think more and more about those who are coming behind us. I know firsthand how much the church of my generation has benefited and been generously blessed by the gifts carefully stewarded and transmitted to us by the generations that served before us. Their legacy and generosity have positioned us to be faithful in our time and I am determined that the choices we make today will create the most favourable conditions possible for those disciples who will be working to serve and support God's mission, 20, 50 and a hundred years hence. They too are our neighbours and will be profoundly impacted by the decisions we are making today. We must never lose sight of them.

To read the entire report, please visit:

<http://www.easternsynod.org/blog/june-21-2018-report-bishop-eastern-synod-assembly-2018>



## + Joy Journal

*Birthdays greetings are extended to the following*

July 2	Judy Verge
July 3	Tyler Veinotte
July 8	John Eisnor
	Barbara Februar
July 9	Bruce Smith
July 10	Norman Whynot
July 12	Diana Richards
July 13	Holly Lohnes
July 17	Charley Brake
July 18	Erica Barry
July 19	Errol Joudrey
July 20	Joseph Verge
July 21	Gale Lohnes
July 24	Tilly Lohnes
	Brian Parnall
July 25	David Veinotte
July 26	Gail Mosher
	John Barry
July 30	Kory Rodenhiser
July 31	Robert Dolimount
	Claire Wentzell
August 1	Kelly Ernst
August 2	Abigail Soeder
	Chase Daurie
August 6	Hailey Achenbach
August 11	Peter Young
August 14	Eleanna Mailman
August 18	Sarah Wentzell
August 20	Hieghton-Jackson, Alexander
August 21	Margaret MacKinnon
August 23	Kathleen Soeder

*Anniversary Wishes are extended to the following:*

July 7	Chris & Megan Barry
	Krista & Dean McDow
July 26	Pastor Steve & Jane Kristenson
July 28	Gerry & Ruby Bowles
August 1	Donna Lee & Les Matthews
August 10	Brian & Linda Parnall
August 11	Mervyn & Ethel Joudrey
August 15	Tom & Melinda Kerwin
August 16	Ken & Nancy Knickle
August 19	Terry & Donna Naugler
August 20	Jason & Charlene Mailman
August 21	Michelle & James Temple
August 23	Tanya & Kevin Frowd
August 26	Pastor Adam & Holly Snook
August 27	Robert & Heidi Grandy
August 29	Kelly & Tracey Ernst

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church + July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>CANADA DAY</b> <b>Pentecost 6</b> 11 am - Worship (Word) 11:30-2:30- 3CF Strawberry Social	2	3 9am-2pm - Office	4	5 9am-2pm - Office	6 9am-2pm - Office	7
<b>PASTOR ADAM ON VACATION</b>						
8 <b>Pentecost 7</b> 11 am-Worship (Communion)	9	10 9am-2pm - Office	11	12 9am-2pm - Office	13 9am-2pm - Office	14 2pm - Ordination @ Grace, Cole Harbor (Rev. Bill Macintyre)
<b>PASTOR ADAM ON VACATION</b>						
15 <b>Camp Mush</b> <b>70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> 2pm - Worship	16	17 9am-2pm - Office	18 2:30pm - Mahone Nursing Worship	19 9am-2pm - Office	20 9am-2pm - Office	21
<b>PASTOR ADAM ON VACATION</b>						
22 <b>Pentecost 9</b> 11am-Worship (Communion) 12pm - Worship Cmt.	23	24 9am-2pm - Office	25	26 9am-2pm - Office	27 9am-2pm - Office	28
29 <b>Pentecost 10</b> 11am-Worship (Word)	30	31 9am-2pm - Office	 <p><b><u>Have A Blessed Summer</u></b></p> <p>Stay connected by visiting <a href="http://www.stjohnsmahonebay.ca">www.stjohnsmahonebay.ca</a></p> 			

**"Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits."**

*Mark 6:7 (Excerpt from 7th Sunday after Pentecost)*

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church + August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Additional and/or changes to the church calendar will be announced in the weekly bulletin Announcements for the September 2018 newsletter are due to the church office by Friday, August 17, 2018.			1	2 9am-2pm - Office	3 9am-2pm - Office 3pm - Wedding	4
5 <b>Pentecost 11</b> 11am - Worship (Word)	6 <b>NATAL DAY</b>	7 9am-2pm - Office	8	9 9am-2pm - Office	10 9am-2pm - Office	11 3:30pm - Wedding
<b>PASTOR ADAM CHAPLAIN AT CAMP MUSH-A-MUSH</b>						
12 <b>Pentecost 12</b> 11am - Worship (Communion)	13	14 9am-2pm - Office	15	16 9am-2pm - Office	17 9am-2pm - Office	18
			<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (UN) AUG 14-16, 9AM-11AM</b>			
19 <b>Pentecost 13</b> 11am - Worship (Word) 3pm - Music @ Three Churches	20	21 9am-2pm - Office	22 10:30am - Coffee Break 2:30pm - Mahone Nursing Worship	23 9am-2pm - Office	24	25
					<b>PARISH WEEKEND</b>	
26 <b>Shared Ministry Sunday</b> 10am - Worship <i>Camp Mush-A-Mush</i> <b>PARISH WKND</b>	27	28	29	30	31	1 2pm - Wedding

**"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."**

*John 6:51 (Excerpt from 13th Sunday after Pentecost)*