



# The Messenger

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To everything (*turn, turn, turn*)  
There is a season (*turn, turn, turn*)  
And a time to every purpose, under heaven!  
(The Byrds, 1965)

Recently I have found myself drawn to 60's and 70's folk music. Holly is convinced that I have officially lost my mind. And yet, I can't help but be attracted to the melodic harmonies and soulful verses of great musicians such as Bob Dylan, The Byrds, Simon & Garfunkel, Gordon Lightfoot, and Harry Chapin.

What has surprised me however, as I have explored my newfound passion, is the connection between 60's and 70's folk music...and matters of faith! On numerous occasions as I've listened to my robust playlist, I have found myself deeply moved by the correlation between the verses of a song...and the words of scripture. Having realized this, now I try to be attentive to it. I listen...I wait...I seek: and very often I am pleased by the results. Though our first inkling may be to separate the realms of church...and the world: it has been my rich experience that the two have far more in common than we might think.

Perhaps this revelation might serve us well as we begin the month of September. Re-entering our normal lives following summer vacations, camping excursions, campfires, music festivals, beach days and family picnics can

prove to be difficult. The start of another school year also signals, for many people, a return to regular church attendance, council meetings, Sunday school, youth group, etc. It's easy for the two realms to feel foreign to one another. We might be tempted (or even taught) to separate our experiences of the *world*...and our experiences of the *church*...ensuring that the two shall never meet.

But what if - what if we were to embrace the idea of a God who comes to us joyfully around a campfire...just as God joins us through the sacrament of communion? What if we sought out our God amidst the crashing waves of the ocean or the autumn coloured leaves of the forest...just as we seek God through the deep petitions of our prayers? What if we were to wait for our God to reveal God's self during a family picnic...just as God is revealed in the smile of a child freshly washed in their baptismal waters? What if we vowed to listen for God to speak through the bustling voices of the world...with the same attentiveness as when we listen for God's voice to speak through the gift of song and scripture?

Because, it occurs to me, that perhaps the reason we believe God can't be found in such places...is because we refuse to look for God there.

As we begin our journey into the month of September, may we be open to a God who is capable of far more than we can ask or imagine! And open to such a mighty God, may we be continually surprised by God's wonder!

### **+ Camp Mush-a-Mush**

A Message from Iris: Our 3 expensive projects at Camp Mush-A Mush for 2018: the hot water heater, the new roof for the washhouse, and the shelter wiring, have now been completed and paid for. We thank all of you who made donations for these projects, and all of you who helped with the installation of the new metal roofing on the washhouse. The total expense for these Camp projects for 2018 was \$5,842.29. Also, thanks to all of you who came to the events during the Anniversary Weekend. Thanks for the local entertainment on Saturday, and for Pastor Adam Snook's inspiring worship service including the baptism in the evening. On Camp Sunday we had over 190 people at the worship service led by Pastor Kimber McNaab with Bishop Michael preaching the sermon. There were likely 150 people at the potluck following.

### **+ David Maginley Workshop**

Rev. David Maginley will be offering a worship on his new book, Beyond Surviving, on Saturday, September 29 from 9:30am-4pm 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. For more information please see the poster on the bulletin board.

### **+ Sunday School**

Our Sunday School program will resume on Sunday, September 9. All children are invited to join the leader each Sunday during worship for a time of interactive learning. For the 2018/2019 program we will be using a new curriculum called 'Deep Blue' which incorporates everything from baking and craft to science experiments and music as a means of sharing the good news with our children and youth! Anyone who may be interested in participating in Sunday School leadership is asked to please speak with Holly Snook.

### **+ Student & Teacher Sunday**

On September 9, 2018 we will take some time to recognize students and offer our prayers and

appreciation to teachers in the congregation and wider community. If you wish to make a donation to Lutheran Campus Ministry, please take an envelope from the rack in the Nathex. If anyone knows of any new students from the congregation attending university or community college this fall, please contact the church secretary so we can put their names on the Campus Registry and forward the information to Clement Mehlman.

### **+ Grocery Gift Cards**

Orders for the next Grocery Gift Card fundraiser are due to Ethel Joudrey or Sandra Hill by Saturday September 22, 2018. Remember that you can place your order early - and cheques postdated for Sunday, September 30th are welcome! For more information, or if you have questions, please speak with Ethel or Sandra.

### **+ Reformation Sunday 2018**

On Sunday, October 28, St. Johns will be hosting the Lunenburg County Joint Reformation worship! Details will be made available as they are confirmed. Anyone interested in assisting with this service is asked to please contact the church office.

### **+ 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.

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

Pastor Adam will be on vacation from September 21-October 4. In the event of a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Rev. Rick Pryse, Zion Lutheran Church. While Pastor Adam is away, Rev. Barbara Minard will be leading worship on September 23 & 30.

### **+ Choir & Handbells**

We are very excited to announce that Autumn marks the return of our Choir and Handbell group. Choir will meet to rehearse beginning at 6:45pm on September 27; the Handbells will follow at 8pm on October 4. Anyone who may be interested in joining either of these groups is asked to please speak with Rebecca or Gale.

## + Fall Term Adult Education

Our Fall Adult Education program will run for six weeks beginning on Tuesday, October 16 at 3pm. More information will be made available in the coming week. Stay tuned!

## + Common Table

Building on the success of last year's Lenten Soup Suppers, we are very excited to announce a new program at St. John's this Autumn.

### COMMON TABLE

Common Table will become a monthly community dinner open to members of our congregation as well as the wider community. This new program is designed to be a place of hospitality where all are welcome to gather around a *common table* for refreshment and fellowship. This new program will be offered on a trial basis for the remainder of 2018.

If you are interested in lending your gifts to this exciting new project, please speak with Pastor Adam. We are immediately seeking people willing to cook, serve, clean and offer entertainment.

For more information, please see the poster on the bulletin board, visit our website, or contact the church office!

## + Joy Journal

*Birthday greetings are extended to the following in the month of September:*

September 1 Keilynn Barron  
September 5 Katherine Ernst  
September 12 Debby Doucette

September 13 Donnie Eisnor  
September 15 Tracey Ernst  
September 16 Wesley Kerwin  
September 17 Linda Parnall  
September 17 Michelle Boyd  
September 19 Wanda Martell  
September 20 Stephen Barry

Doris Cook  
September 21 Paul Ernst  
September 24 Kay Genge

Robert Hirtle  
Isaac Patton  
September 27 Jean Rodenhiser  
September 29 Toni Sanford  
September 30 Sandra Hill

*Anniversary wishes are also extended:*

September 10 Peter and Natasha Demone  
September 11 Corinna & Mark Lowe  
September 30 Karl Achenbach & Pamela Burgess

# COMMON —TABLE

A NEW MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER  
AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A place of community where all are  
welcome to gather around a 'common  
table' for refreshment & fellowship!

JOIN US: September 19 @ 5:30pm



# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## MAHONE BAY

# GROCERY CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM



(Includes Sobeys, Lawtons, Sobeys Gas and Foodland)



(Includes Superstore, Independant and NoFrills)

Participate in the **Grocery Card Fundraising Program** and benefit the work of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with every dollar you spend on your regular, everyday grocery purchases. Purchase the cards at face-value and the church receives as much as 5% of your purchase depending on the total volume purchased through the program. Every purchase, in any amount, adds to the total volume.

For example, if your family spends \$500 per month on groceries, you could be adding \$25 to the church without adding to your personal expenses just by purchasing grocery cards through this program - **WIN, WIN!**

The cards are not redeemable for cash, have no service fees, have no expiry dates and operate on a declining balance basis. Cards are available in \$50, \$100 and \$200 denominations.

Please note: Purchase of grocery cards via this program are not considered charitable donations to the church.  
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church is not responsible for lost or stolen cards

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Details:**

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|--|--|
| _____ x \$50 Grocery Cards<br>_____ x \$100 Grocery Cards<br>_____ x \$200 Grocery Cards | _____ x \$50 Grocery Cards<br>_____ x \$100 Grocery Cards<br>_____ x \$200 Grocery Cards |
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TOTAL ORDER    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit cheque (payable to **St. John's Lutheran Church**) together with order form to  
Ethel Joudrey or Sandra Hill no later than **Saturday, September 22.**  
Delivery of Grocery cards is scheduled for Sunday, September 30.

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

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p>Additions to the calendar will be printed in the bulletin.<br/>           An updated calendar can be viewed on our church website.<br/>           Announcements for the October 2018 calendar are due to the church office by <u>September 21, 2018</u>.</p> |   |  |   |   |   | 1<br><br><b>2pm</b> - Wedding<br>(Meaghan & Jordan)   |
| 2<br><br><b>Pentecost 15</b><br><b>11am</b> - Worship (Word)  | 3<br><br><i>Labour Day</i>                        | 4<br><br><b>9 am-2pm</b> - Office  | 5<br><br><b>4pm</b> - Wedding (Caitlin & Tyler)<br><b>5pm</b> - VON Meeting | 6<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office  | 7<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>1pm</b> - Mahone Nursing Volunteer BBQ<br><b>4pm</b> - 3CF<br><b>7pm</b> - Wedding Rehearsal                                 | 8<br><br><b>3:30pm</b> - Wedding<br>(Vicky & Mike)  |
| 9<br><br><b>Student/Teacher Recognition Sunday</b><br><b>11am</b> - Worship (Communion)<br><b>11am</b> - Sunday School  | 10  | 11<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>3pm</b> - Reformation Planning Meeting | 12  | 13<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>2pm</b> - Interment & Reception (D Joudrey) | 14<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office   | 15  |
| 16<br><br><b>Pentecost 17</b><br><b>11am</b> - Worship (Word)<br><b>11am</b> - Sunday School<br><b>12pm</b> - Fellowship  | 17  | 18<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>7pm</b> - Council Mtg.                 | 19<br><br><b>5:30pm</b> - Common Table                                      | 20<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>10am</b> - Clergy Mtg.                      | 21<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><br><div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 2px;"><b>Pastor Adam on Vacation</b></div> | 22<br><br><b>Gift Card Orders Due</b><br><b>3pm</b> - Wedding (Laura & James)<br><b>7pm</b> - Harp & Soul |
| 23<br><br><b>Pentecost 18</b><br><b>11am</b> - Worship (Communion)<br><b>11am</b> - Sunday School   | 24<br><br><b>6:30pm</b> - Mother / Daughter Choir | 25<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office  | 26<br><br><b>2:30pm</b> - Mahone Nursing Worship                            | 27<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>6:45pm</b> - Choir                          | 28<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>12pm</b> - Quilter Lunch  | 29<br><br><b>9:30am-4pm</b> - David Maginley Presentation<br><b>10am-4pm</b> - Craft Show                 |
| <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;"><b>Pastor Adam on Vacation</b></div>  |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| 30<br><br><b>Pentecost 19</b><br><b>11am</b> - Worship (Word)<br><b>11am</b> - Sunday School  | 1<br><br><b>6:30pm</b> - Mother / Daughter Choir  | 2<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office   | 3   | 4<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office<br><b>6:45pm</b> - Choir<br><b>8pm</b> - Handbells | 5<br><br><b>9am-2pm</b> - Office  | 6   |
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