



# The Messenger

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Church

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## + September & October Greetings

An Excerpt from Anne of Green Gables.

*“October was a beautiful month at Green Gables, when the birches in the hollow turned as golden as sunshine and the maples behind the orchard were royal crimson and the wild cherry trees along the lane put on the loveliest shades of dark red and bronzy green, while the fields sunned themselves in aftermaths. Anne reveled in the world of color about her. “Oh, Marilla,” she exclaimed one Saturday morning, coming dancing in with her arms full of gorgeous boughs, “I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers. It would be terrible if we just skipped from September to November, wouldn’t it? Look at these maple branches. Don’t they give you a thrill—several thrills? I’m going to decorate my room with them.”*

As Autumn approaches, and school and fall routines return, I am reminded from Anne Shirley of the beauty that is about to surround us as creation starts to prepare for winter. With

things settling into a pattern, and the busyness of fall schedules starting to take over, remember to go outside and watch the season change.

At Camp Mush, we discussed building our relationships with Creation. Studies suggest that just ten minutes outside reduces stress levels, boosts energy, provides us with vitamin D, and increases our overall health. Be guided by Anne’s love of Octobers and spend time with God out in Creation. Build your relationship with Creation and listen to things God is telling us through the birds, animals, trees, rivers, and ocean.

## + Choir & Handbells

Stay tuned for a choir and handbell update coming this fall.

## + Walking Group

Are you looking for some fellowship? Please come and join us for a leisurely walk about Mahone Bay every Wednesday morning (weather permitting) at 9:30 a.m. Departure in front of the church. All are Welcome!

### **+ E transfer**

St. John's is now set up to receive E transfers. No password is required. If you have any questions with regards to this please call the church office.

### **+ Grocery Gift Cards**

Orders for the next Grocery Gift Card fundraiser are due to David Eisnor by Sunday, September 26, 2021. Remember that you can place your order early - and cheques postdated for Sunday, September 26th are welcome! For more information, or if you have questions, please speak with David.

### **+ Thanksgiving Foodbank Offering**

On Thanksgiving Sunday, please consider bringing a non-perishable foodbank donation in addition to your regular offering. As part of our worship, we will be collecting these items to share from the bounty we ourselves have received. Thank you for ensuring that all members of our community have lots to be thankful for this fall!

### **+ Multigenerational Messy Church**

Come and enjoy a time to learn, grow, and be part of community together. Once a month, we will meet at 12:00pm for a light lunch, craft, and learning about Christ. All ages are welcome!

Messy church dates are:

September 26, 2021

October 31, 2021

November 28, 2021



### **+ COVID-19 Update**

Once the government puts out an update in the coming weeks, the church will look at the update, and create a plan for the fall. In the meantime, masks and social distancing are required.

### **+ Blessing of the Pets**

On Saturday, October 23, from 9 am to 11 am, St. John's will be having a blessing of the pets. Bring your pet/s to the church to have them blessed. All pets are welcome. Please make sure your pets are safe and secured on leashes or in cages/crate/trailer. The blessing of the pets will take place in the church parking lot and the event will be come and go.

### **+ Haiti Crisis**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) together with Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) urges you to pray for the people of Haiti, and to consider making a gift. Donations received will provide emergency shelter, sanitation, hygiene, and trauma care for those affected by the destructive earthquake of August 14, 2021.

With numbers still rising, there are over 1900 people reported dead and over 10,000 injured by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake. Hundreds remain missing, thousands of families have lost their homes and schools, bridges and other vital infrastructure were destroyed. Rescue efforts are being further hampered by tropical storm Grace, all when the country is already grappling with acute poverty and food insecurity, political unrest, and COVID-19.

Individuals and congregations wishing to support relief efforts may donate as follows:

- Make a designated offering donation for "Haiti Crisis" through any ELCIC congregation.
- Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or go online at <https://clwr.org/Haiti>.
- Send a cheque made payable to CLWR, mailing it to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. Please indicate that your contribution is to "Haiti Crisis."

## + KAIROS

KAIROS is inviting you to participate in its **Climate Action Month from September 1 to 30**. Each day in September, KAIROS will share information on a topic related to climate change with the goal of nurturing our own personal gifts and motivating and inspiring a daily practice of taking action for the climate.

5 weeks, 5 themes, a month of learning opportunities and actions. **Sept. 1-4: Season of Creation Week**. For more information, please [click here](#).

During the Season of Creation, you are invited to participate in a webinar panel presentation on **Thursday, September 16 at 3pm** entitled "Listening to the Land: A conversation on the stewardship of creation." Our three panelists will reflect on what listening to the land means from their perspective, tradition, and experience; what they hear the land saying and how we might respond.

- **Bishop Chris Harper** is from Onion Lake Cree Nation and served in ministry in the Anglican dioceses of Saskatchewan, Algoma, and Toronto before being elected bishop of Saskatoon in 2018
- **Elder May Desnomie**, Regina Catholic School Board, was born and raised on Wapaskokimaw in northern Saskatchewan, also known as Sandy Bay First Nation
- **Reverend Mitchell Anderson**, minister at St. Paul's United Church in Saskatoon, is dēnesuḷiné and a member of the English River Dene Nation

Registration required. Free registration at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlcuuopjosGtQNGqLMEtMf77EeV7MZFc6F>

For further information, contact Cheryl Toth, [stewardship@sasktel.net](mailto:stewardship@sasktel.net)

## + Joy Journal

*Birthday greetings are extended to the following:*

Sept 1	Keilynn Barron Marilyn Drennan Bryson Winchcombe
Sept 5	Katherine Ernst
Sept 12	Debby Doucette Donnie Eisnor
Sept 13	Tracey Ernst
Sept 15	Wesley Kerwin
Sept 16	Linda Parnall
Sept 17	Michelle Boyd
Sept 19	Wanda Martell
Sept 20	Stephen Barry Doris Cook
Sept 24	Kay Genge Robert Hirtle Isaac Patton
Sept 27	Jean Rodenhiser
Sept 28	Allan Zimmer
Sept 29	Toni Sanford
Sept 30	Sandra Hill
Oct 3	Jayden Joudrey
Oct 4	Tanya Frowd
Oct 6	Katherine Lowe
Oct 9	Thatcher Arenburg
Oct 10	Bonnie Duncan
Oct 12	Neva Wentzell
Oct 15	Kendra Ernst
Oct 17	Murray Aulenback Pastor Adam Snook
Oct 21	Doug Wentzell Liam Wamboldt
Oct 23	Brianna Andrews David Young
Oct 25	Brogan & Marissa Mason
Oct 27	Rachael Wawin
Oct 31	Jeffrey Knickle

If your birthday is missing and you would like it added to the Joy Journal please let Kelly know.

## + 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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9am-2pm – Office	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 <i>Pentecost 15</i> Worship (Service of the Word) 9 am-UN 11am – MB	6 Labour Day	7 9am-2pm – Office	8 9:30 am – Walking Club	9 9am-2pm – Office	10 9am-2pm – Office	11
12 <i>Pentecost 16</i> Worship (Communion) 9 am-UN 11am – MB	13	14 9am-2pm – Office	15 9:30 am- Walking Club	16 9am-2pm – Office	17 9am-2pm – Office	18
19 <i>Pentecost 17</i> Worship (Service of the Word) 9 am-UN 11am – MB	20	21 9am-2pm – Office 7pm – Council Mt	22 9:30 am – Walking Club	23 9am-2pm – Office	24 9am-2pm – Office	25
26 <i>Pentecost 18</i> Worship (Communion) 9 am-UN 11am – MB <i>Gift Card Orders Due</i> <i>Messy Church 12 pm</i>	27	28 9am-2pm – Office	29 9:30 am – Walking Club	30 9am-2pm – Office		

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Announcements for the November/December Newsletter are due to the church office by October22, 2021.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	2
3 <i>Pentecost 19</i> Worship (Service of the Word) <b>9 am-UN</b> <b>11am - MB</b>	4	5 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	6	7 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	8 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	9
10 <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i> Food Bank Sunday <b>9 am-UN</b> <b>11am - MB</b>	11 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	12 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	13	14 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	15 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	16
17 <i>Pentecost 21</i> Worship (Service of the Word) <b>9 am-UN</b> <b>11am - MB</b>	18	19 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b> <b>7pm - Council Mt</b>	20	21 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	22 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	23 <b>9am-11am-Pet Blessing</b>
24 <i>Pentecost 22</i> Worship (Communion) <b>9 am-UN</b> <b>11am - MB</b>	25	26 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	27	28 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	29 <b>9am-2pm - Office</b>	30
31 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <b>Messy Church</b> <b>12pm</b>	<p><i>Updates to the September/October Calendar will be announced in our weekly church bulletin. Please contact the church office with any questions or for additional information about these notices. Announcements for the November/December newsletter are due to the church office by October22, 2021.</i></p>					