



The Messenger

September & October 2022

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Church

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+ September & October Greetings

Welcome Back! With September and back to school here, we are officially shifting into Fall. I know it is summer until September 21st, but the school year brings a reset to many of our lives and the church year! As we re-establish our routines, we have many things starting at the church.

The Season of Creation- Our worship for the month of September will be reflected around the Season of Creation. Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is Listen to the Voice of Creation.

Creation Walk-On Wednesday, September 28, we will walk through Mahone Bay on a mini pilgrimage. The walk will include prayer, scripture readings, meditation, and song. We will be learning a new song from the All Creation Sings hymnal for this walk. Hymn, ACS 1067.

Search the hymn on YouTube to start learning it before our walk.

Yard Sale-The weekend of the Scarecrow Festival we will hold our annual yard sale.

Blessing of the Pets- Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis' feast day because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. On October 14 we will have a short prayer service and blessing. A verbal blessing and a sprinkling of holy water for each individual pet will be offered as part of the blessing of the pets.

Communion Bread Baking-Join us for an afternoon of making communion bread. We will be using an Unleavened Bread recipe. The bread will be frozen to use during communion! Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30, St. John's Kitchen.

What are you excited about as Fall approaches? And what events and ministries would you like to see happening at the church?

Yours in Christ, Pastor Brooklynn

+ 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 6:30pm on October 13; the Handbells will follow at 7:45pm on October 13. Anyone who may be interested in joining either of these groups is asked to please speak with Rebecca or Gale.



+Yard Sale, Bake Sale and BBQ

St. John's will be holding a Giant Yard Sale along with a bake table and BBQ on Saturday, September 24 from 9am-3pm and again on Sunday, September 25 from 12:30pm-3:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting and pricing and for working on the sale days. If you are available to help in any way, please call Melinda Kerwin at 902 527 7970 or the church office.

Unable to volunteer? No problem, feel free to still come down to the church, check out the yard sale and enjoy the BBQ!

+ 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!

+ Star Word Monthly Question

We are four months away from Epiphany and getting a new star word. As we continue this year, where has your star word lead you? Below

are two questions to think about in regards to your star word.

- ★ September: How could you use your star word and your journey with it to teach someone about faith?
- ★ October: Are there any actions, habits, etc. that you've decided need to fall by the wayside as you've reflected on your star word?

+ 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 25, 2022. Remember that you can place your order early - and cheques postdated for Sunday, September 25th are welcome! For more information, or if you have questions, please speak with David.

+ Thanksgiving Foodbank Offering

On Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9, 2022, 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!

+Pastor Brooklynn's Vacation Week

Pastor Brooklynn has her last week of her four week vacation time. She will be away September 13-20, 2022.

If you need emergency pastoral care while she is away, please contact Rev. Rick Pryce 902-634-8395.

+Shared Ministry Sunday

We will be worshipping with **Trinity United Church on Sunday, September 18, 2022**. There will be no worship service at St. John's that Sunday.

+ Blessing of the Pets

On Friday, October 14 at 6:30pm, St. John's will be having a blessing of the pets. Bring your pet/s to the church to have them blessed. We will have a short prayer service, followed by individual blessings of each pet. All pets are welcome. Please make sure your pets are safe and secured on leashes or in cages/crate/trailer.

+ Creation Walk

Join us Wednesday morning, September 28, 2022 at 9:30 am for an hour walk throughout Mahone Bay to different nature spots within town. We will be stopping along the way to read scripture, prayer, meditate, and sing.



+Common Table

Stay tuned for more information about Common Table coming back. Church Council meets on September 20 and will be discussing the return!!

+Reformation Service

Stay tuned to see if the Lutheran Clergy Cluster decides to have our regular joint Lunenburg County Reformation service on Sunday, September 30, 2022.

+Communion Bread Making

On Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30 we will be making communion bread for St. John's Holy Communion services. Come find out how to make unleavened bread and what it tastes like! All ingredients will be here and ready! Bring an apron, hat/head band to keep your hair back, and be ready to bake!

+All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is on November 6, 2022. We will be celebrating this festival remembering the saints who have gone before us, and saints we

welcomed into the world this past year. If you lost a loved one between the time period of November 1, 2021 and November 6, 2022 and would like to remember them during this service, please contact Pastor Brooklynn and let her know.

+ Joy Journal

Birthdays greetings are extended to the following:

Sept 1	Keilynn Barron Marilyn Drennan Bryson Winchcombe
Sept 5 Sept12	Katherine Ernst Debby Doucette Donnie Eisnor
Sept 13	Tracey Ernst
Sept 15	Wesley Kerwin
Sept 16	Linda Parnall
Sept17	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 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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				1 9am-2pm – Office	2 9am-2pm – Office	3 Wedding
4 Pentecost 13 Worship (Service of the Word) 9 am-UN 11am – MB	5 Labour Day	6 9am-2pm – Office	7 9:30 am – Walking Club	8 9am-2pm – Office	9 9am-2pm – Office	10
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