



The Messenger



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JOINT SHARED MINISTRY INFORMATION

+May and June Greetings

At the end of April, Christian Maguire, Pastor Rick from Lunenburg, and I travelled to Toronto for a weekend of anti-racism training. This was our second weekend of training after a weekend online. We looked at racism in the church, our communities, and our country. The weekends were challenging, heartbreaking, and full of hope. We looked honestly at the marks colonialism has left and still create on our society. We heard the pain, fear, and despair of racialized family members as their shared stories of their experiences. We experienced the love of God and the hope of our faith as explored ways to break down racism and build anti-racism communities.

In the coming months, plans will be announced to engage in community conversations in

Lunenburg County. These community conversations will look at what racism is, the different ways it takes place, and how to dismantle racism in our communities and the church.

One of the ways we can dismantle racism is by educating ourselves and listening to the experiences of those who have been marginalized. We must recognize that our own perspectives may be limited by our experiences and biases, and actively seek out opportunities to learn and grow in our understanding of race and racism.

The Gospel calls us to love our neighbours as ourselves and to recognize the face of Christ in each person, regardless of their race or ethnicity. We are all children of God, made in the image of God. It is our responsibility as Christians to stand up against racism and work towards creating a more just and equitable society.

This work is long, hard, never ending, deeply meaningful, and needed. Let us commit ourselves to doing the work of dismantling racism and promoting racial justice. May we answer the call from God to honour, respect, and value all people.

If you are interested in hearing more about the community conversations or looking for resources to learn, feel free to talk with me.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Brooklynn

+ Summer Series

For the fourth summer in a row, ELCIC Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are coming together to provide a series of sermons available for congregational use from June to September, 2023. Not only are they great to use if you need to cover vacation leave over the summer but they are a wonderful way to introduce members of your congregation to our Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops from across the ELCIC!

We will be hearing a sermon from the summer series once a month!

+ Camp Sunday

Camp Sunday at Camp Mush-a-Mush has been changed to July 23, 2023 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the camp. More information to come out.

+The Red Dress Journey

Red Dress Day is on May 5! Red Dress Day also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People, is observed on May 5th. Red Dress Day was inspired by Metis artist Jaime Black's REDress Project installation, in which she hung empty, red dresses to represent the missing and murdered women. Red dresses have become symbolic of the crisis as a result of her installation.

Both Mount Calvary and St. John's, will host a red dress installation, as it travels throughout the synod bringing awareness for Missing and

Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirited people.

+National Church Assembly-Let There Be Greening

The second Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will be held in Calgary, Alberta from June 27 to July 2, 2023. Pastor Brooklynn along with Judy Verge will be headed to Calgary to participate in the assembly.

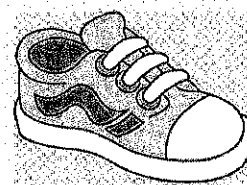
Information is available for both the Anglican Church of Canada General Synod meeting, as well as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Special Convention. Check out the website for info!

<https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/assembly/>

MOUNT CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHRAN CHURCH

+Walking Group

Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30 am for a walk along Wentzells Lake. We meet at the south parking lot and walk for approximately one hour. All are welcome!



+Fed and Nourished

Join us the last Thursday of the month for Fed and Nourished! The meal for May is pulled pork, coleslaw, and veggie sticks.

Thursday May 25, 2023
4:30pm-6:00pm
Upper Northfield Hall

Thursday June 29, 2023
4:30pm-6:00pm
Upper Northfield Hall

+Father's Day

On Father's Day, we will enjoy fellowship after church service! Please join us as we celebrate all the father's and father figures we have in our lives.

+Graduation Sunday

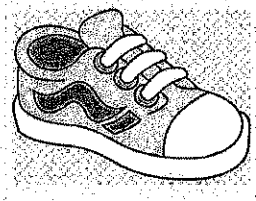
Graduation Sunday-June 11, 2023-During Sunday service, we will recognize the students graduating from high school and post-secondary school in our community in 2023.

If you know of someone graduating in Upper Northfield or connected to our community somehow, please let the worship community know so we can add them to the celebration!

ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

+Walking Group

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am for a walk around Mahone Bay. All are welcome!



+Wednesday Coffee

Coffee at the Barn, Wednesday at 10:15am. Come enjoy fellowship and a warm drink!

+ Grocery Gift Cards

Thank you to all who so faithfully participated in our April Grocery Gift Card fundraiser, and a special thanks to David Eisnor who continues to organize and facilitate this program.

Orders for the next Grocery Gift Card fundraiser are due to David Eisnor by **Sunday, June 25, 2023**. Remember that you can place your order early - and cheques postdated for Sunday, June

26th are welcome! For more information, or if you have questions, please speak with David.

The order form is [here](#).

+ Father's Day Memorials

Anyone wishing to place a Father's Day Memorial is asked to contact the Church no later than June 15th so that the memorial can be listed in the Bulletin.

+ Common Table

On June 14, come for the last common table until September. The meal starts at 6:30pm and is open to all people! Feel free to bring your friends and neighbours.

+Home Visits

At this time, in home/outside visits are taking place. If you would like a visit, contact Pastor Brooklynn via telephone 902-298-7931 or email (pastorbrooklynn@gmail.com).

+ Camp Bursaries

Once again this year, the Mahone Bay Inter-Church Council will be offering bursaries to any local child who wishes to attend a faith-based camp. To apply, please talk to church office for an application or for more information, please speak with Pastor Brooklynn.

+ Fellowship Sunday's

The third Sunday of the month is fellowship after service. Stay for treats, snacks, and refreshments, while enjoying conversation with your church family.

If you would like to help with fellowship Sundays please talk to Arlene Parks.

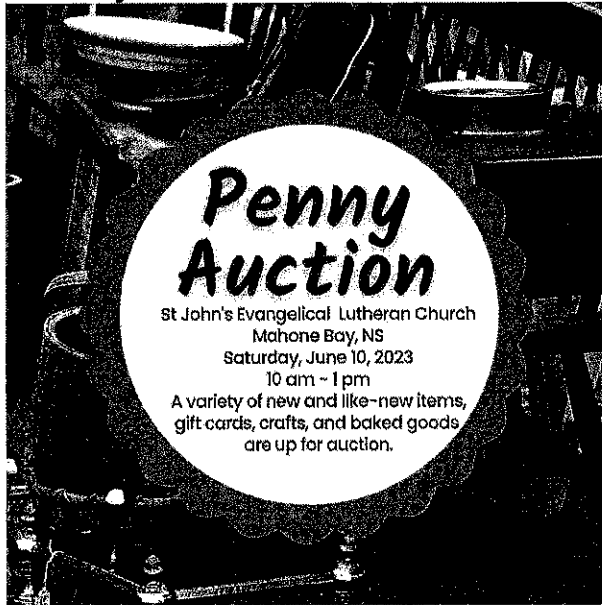
**+Find God in the church Parking Lot-
Summer Series**



+ Parish Weekend Save the Date

Parish weekend at Camp Much will be August 25, 26, 27. More details to come out in July.

+Penny Auction



+ Joy Journal

Birthday greetings are extended to the following:

- May 1 Tom Kerwin
- May 3 Derek Lohnes
- May 4 Michael Young
- May 6 Kenneth Knickle
- May 12 Vivian Joudrey
- May 15 Patrick Hirtle

- May 16 Donna Lee Matthews
- May 19 Todd Lohnes
- May 22 Jason Martell
- May 23 Barbara MacKinnon
- Shirley Hiltz
- May 25 Jennah Barry
- May 29 Sara Whynot
- May 31 Leah Greek
- June 4 David Soeder
- June 6 Mervyn Joudrey
- June 8 Wesley Demone
- Chad Veinotte
- Pamela Eisnor
- June 10 Aaron Sanford
- June 15 Cody Barkhouse
- Sarah Knickle
- Sylvie Aulenback
- June 16 Doreen Wentzell
- June 17 Vickie Joudrey
- June 18 Kaitlyn Ernst
- June 19 Raymond Hiltz
- June 25 Florence Slauenwhite
- June 26 Brett Daurie
- June 28 Judith Hamm

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.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church + May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			3 9:30 am - Walking Club (SJ) 2:30 pm - Mahone Nursing Home Service	4 9am-2pm - Office 9:30 am - Walking Club (MC) 6:30 pm - Choir 7:45 pm - Handbells	5 9am-2pm - Office	6
7 Worship / Service of the Word 9 am - MC 11 am - SJ (Manna performs)	8 9 9am-2pm - Office	10 9:30 am - Walking Club (SJ) 6:30 pm - Common Table (SJ)	11 Mother's Day Memorials Due! 9am-2pm - Office 9:30 am - Walking Club (MC) 6:30 pm - Choir 7:45 pm - Handbells	12 9am-2pm - Office	13	
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21 Worship / Service of the Word 9 am - MC (Food Bank Sunday) 11 am - SJ 12 pm - Fellowship Sunday (SJ)	22 Victoria Day	23 9am-2pm - Office	24 9:30 am - Walking Club (SJ) 10:15am-Coffee @the Barn (SJ) 6:30 pm - Summer Series Event	25 9am-2pm - Office 9:30 am - Walking Club (MC) 4:30pm-6:00 pm-Fed and Nourished (MC)	26 9am-2pm - Office	27
28 Worship (Communion) 9 am - MC 11 am - SJ	29	30 9am-2pm - Office	31 9:30 am - Walking Club (SJ) 10:15am-Coffee @the Barn (SJ)	<p>Updates to the May/June 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 July/August Newsletter are due to the church office by June 21, 2023.</p>		

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