

Things to Note for Today:
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's readings:
Amos 5:18–24
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

Last Sunday's Attendance: 120

Service Participants
Pastor: Lee Loveridge
Music: Karin Boone
Kids' Talk: Pauline Huth
Prayers: Uta Van Ziffle
Reader: Debbie Breitkreutz
Sound: Laurie Goll
Powerpoint: Karen Heaven
Greeters: Debbie Kupchanko
Ushers: Nickel Family

Director of Advancement for Lutheran Church–Canada
We're pleased to welcome David Friesen, Director of Advancement for Lutheran Church–Canada, as our special guest in worship today! Following the service, grab a coffee and join David in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation about how we work together to support Gospel ministry, prepare for the future, and share the love of Jesus across Canada and beyond. Come listen, ask questions, and be encouraged by what God is doing through our church family. That's what it means to be Synod—walking together in faith and mission!

Something Is Coming! It's The Arrival!



Christmas is coming! But before the decorations go up, the shopping begins, and the calendar fills up, there's something worth remembering: Christmas isn't just about presents. It's about a Presence. On Sunday, November 29, we'll begin a brand-new Advent message series called THE ARRIVAL. Over four Sundays, we'll rediscover the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that came into our world through Jesus. Because the greatest gift of Christmas wasn't placed under a tree. He was laid in a manger. THE ARRIVAL begins November 29th.

Youth Progressive DINNER
Saturday, **November 21st** is the date for our youth PROGRESSIVE dinner! We are looking for hosts to supply 1 of 5 courses for an awesome foodie adventure. Let Joel know if you can host an appetizer, soup, salad, main course or dessert. We'll be at your house for about 20 minutes and then moving on to the next location. It is going to be a fun social interactive time and your partnership is needed!

Newcomers Class
New to St. John's? Discover what we believe, explore the Christian faith, and learn what it means to be part of our church family as we grow together in the love of Jesus. To express interest in this six session class please speak with Pastor Lee. The first two sessions are Nov 11th and 18th at 6:30pm.

Pastor Mickey Rentz
The former pastor at Redeemer, West Kelowna, passed away on October 22 at the age of 91. His funeral will be at Hillside Christian Church (Surrey) on November 21.
https://www.mapleridgefuneral.ca/tribute/garwood-andrew-rentz

Hey folks!
If any of you are looking to donate your 'left over' Halloween treats that never were given out....the LWML will happily accept them to use towards our annual Christmas goodie bags for the kids. (you can give them to Debbie B. or Irene H.) Thank you!

Congregation Meeting Minutes
If you missed the most recent congregation meeting or want to take a look back at the minutes that were taken they can be requested from Marissa in the office. The September minutes will be approved at the January meeting so they are currently unapproved.

Women's Bible Study - Fridays
Join us for a 6-week study of Jonah! Our study started this past Friday, but you are not too late. Ladies meet from 10 AM–noon. This Old Testament book points us to salvation in Christ while exploring God's justice and compassion, challenging our attitudes toward others. This series will continue until November 27. Contact Uta at vanzuta@yahoo.ca, or just join in!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
The JOY packing party was a great success! On November 5th they packed over 80 boxes! A great big thank you to all who participated by donating items and assembling boxes. A fun time was had by all. If you are packing boxes at home it's not too late, the deadline to return filled shoeboxes is next **Sunday, November 15th.**

Grey Cup Party
The 113th Grey Cup will be held on **Sunday, November 15th** at McMahon Stadium in Calgary, AB. The next best thing will be the Grey Cup party at St. John's Lutheran Church in Vernon, BC. Join us! Bring an appetizer to share for a fun afternoon with your football friends! Come for 3ish; kickoff is at 4 PM.

Serving and Training Opportunities – Be Part of Sunday Worship!
There are many ways to be involved in Sunday worship, including Kids' Talk, prayers, Scripture reading, greeting, ushering, sound, and PowerPoint. As mentioned in October's newsletter, we're planning training for those already serving and those interested in trying something new. We're rethinking how best to offer training, so watch for details later in November! If you're interested in serving, please speak with Janet, Joel, or Pastor Lee.

Communion Schedule
"Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28 - The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on: November 8th & 29th, and December 13th & 25th.

Special Days This Week!
This weeks Birthdays/Anniversaries being celebrated in our congregation are:
Birthdays: Nov. 8th - Pauline Huth, Dianne Wolgram, **9th -** Hannah Felker, **12th -** Brenda Gallicano, Elizabeth Hass, **14th -** Robert Nickel
Anniversaries: Nov. 12th - Nigel & Taryn Lloyd, **14th -** Jamie & Dave Fulton
Happy celebrations to you all!
(If we missed your special date, please email Marissa at church@stjohnsvernon.ca so we can add it.)

Butcher Boys' Receipt Collection
When we collect and submit grocery receipts Butcher Boys gives us 1% back in gift cards. These gift cards are a valuable addition to the Christmas Care Baskets! Drop off receipts in the box marked "Butcher Boys receipts" located at the back of the sanctuary on the table.

St. John's Office Hours
Marissa is in the office from Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM - 2 PM. Joel will be in the office on Thursday from 9 - 3 PM. Pastor Lee works from Sunday through Thursday. Please pop by the church to say "Hi", call the office at 250-549-2244 to confirm.

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Connecting with St. John's

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Phone and email:

- Church Council & Office (Marissa) - church@stjohnsvernon.ca or call 250-549-2244
- Pastor Lee Loveridge - pastor@stjohnsvernon.ca
- Joel - joel@stjohnsvernon.ca or call/text 250-306-7156
- Prayer - prayerteam@stjohnsvernon.ca for confidential prayer support
- Donations - via e-transfer to donations@stjohnsvernon.ca

For online links to our Facebook page, YouTube channel, Website, online donation, check out:

- https://linktr.ee/stjohnsvernon

If you would like to be on our email distribution list, email Marissa. Do you have something you would like included in our weekly announcements? Send it in to the church office by Thursday noon.

Thank you for engaging with us in conversation and worship, in person, and online.

Working together so the Church of Christ grows and builds itself up in love.
(Ephesians 4:16)