



Announcements

September 13th, 2026

Things to Note for Today:
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's readings:
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
Romans 12:3-10
John 15:1-12

Last Sunday's Attendance: 108

Service Participants
Pastor: Lee Loveridge
Music: Karin Boone
Kids' Talk: Pastor Lee
Prayers: Pauline Huth
Reader: Laurie Goll
Sound: David Arndt
Powerpoint: Jarrett Cox
Greeters: Eve Bedard & Helen Watson
Ushers: A Humble Servant



Community: Following Jesus Together is a six-week message series with Pastor Lee starting **today!** God never intended us to follow Jesus alone. Over these six weeks, we will discover why Christian community matters and how Jesus works through ordinary people to help us grow, carry one another's burdens, deepen our faith, and share His love. Together, we will learn practical ways to move beyond simply attending church and become the connected, caring community God created us to be.

God's Kids + Sunday Morning Bible Study - Start up is today! Our regular Sunday schedule resumes today after summer break. God's Kids is for students from 4 - 10 years old. God's Kids happens during the service; kids are welcome to join in the service with their families, and then head out with their teachers following the children's message. As well, our Sunday morning Bible study starts today, from 9:10 - 9:45AM. We will be studying the scripture lessons from today. Join us!

Sound Board and Streaming Training Join us **Tuesday, September 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for updates, a refresher, and hands-on training with our sound board and streaming equipment. Whether you've served in this ministry before or are interested in learning and helping out, you're welcome! We'll review the basics, cover recent updates, and practice using the equipment so everyone can serve with confidence. Please join us if you're able!

St John's hosting GriefShare. GriefShare is a Christ-centred, 13-week support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week includes a 30-minute video, group discussion, and a workbook with helpful encouragement and support for the week ahead. While GriefShare is based on Christian principles, people of all faiths—or no faith background—are welcome. Deb Kupchanko and Dorothy Teale have offered to facilitate the group, scheduled to begin near the end of October. Stay tuned for the final dates and times.

Baptism Sunday – September 20 Come celebrate the gift of **Holy Baptism!** If you or someone in your family has not yet been baptized, please speak with **Pastor Lee**. Whether you have questions or are ready to take this step, we would love to walk with you as we celebrate God's grace, forgiveness, and new life in Christ. *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* – **Acts 2:38**

September Congregation Meeting
Our September congregation meeting will take place on Sunday, September 27th after worship service. Minutes from the May meeting, and an agenda have been set out via email. Please let Marissa know if you did not receive them or if you would like paper copies.

LWMLC Ladies Day

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada is hosting the Okanagan Zone Fall Event on Saturday, **September 26th** from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. **All women are invited to attend!** Pastor James will be leading the Bible Study with the theme "Quitting-Not an Option" based on the verse Galatians 6:9 *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* There will be a guest speaker from the North Okanagan Valley Gleaners, who will collect monetary donations for the Gleaners or baked goods for their volunteers. Join us for a day of faith, fellowship and food - lunch will be served. Registration is \$10.00; **please sign up in the fellowship hall.**

Beer & Theology

Men from the church get together on the last Thursday of each month, this month on **September 24th** at 7:30 PM. Our topic is Faith & Testimony. The guys will meet at Alexander's Beach Pub on Kal Lake Road, where Thursdays also happen to be wing night. Join us!

Men's Breakfast at Cora's

Once again the men are gathering for Bible study and fellowship each Friday at 6:30 AM. Bring your Bible or your device! Coffee and breakfast are yours to choose or decline. Invite a friend or neighbour; Cora will make room for us all.

Prayer

Need support? Connect quickly with our dedicated prayer team <prayerteam@stjohnsvernon.ca> or by filling out an orange prayer request paper (available in the narthex) and putting it in the collection plate. If you are not tech savvy and wish to connect with the **pastor**, the **prayer team** or **member care team** please call Marissa in the office at 250-549-2244 and she will connect you to whoever can best assist you.

It's Apple Season Again!

We have a variety of apples (\$1.25/lb) and pears (\$1.50/lb.) available. Please contact us at 250-308-1850 or visit us at 6245 View Road in Vernon between 12pm and 5pm daily. Thank you.
Sylvia and Rosemarie Kruger

Garage Sale Next Door – Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Pastor Lee are downsizing before the big move to their new home, which means some perfectly good stuff needs a new home! Come take a look—you never know what treasure you might find. And yes... Pastor Lee is pretty sure he has something you "need." 😊



Special Days This Week!

This weeks Birthdays/Anniversaries being celebrated in our congregation are:

Birthdays: Sept. 13th - Randy Forsyth, George Zimmerman, **15th** - Michelle Aragon, **18th** - Elijah Cornies

Anniversaries: Sept. 16th - Christopher & Christine Sowden *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 will be in the office on *Tuesday - 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", but call the office at 250-549-2244 to confirm.

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Connecting with St. John's

St. John's Lutheran Church address: 6525 Okanagan Landing Road, Vernon, BC V1H 1M5

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- 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)