

The Church of St John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma

Parish Founded 1872

Present Church Built 1884

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Lent comes
providentially to
reawaken us, to shake
us from our lethargy.
- Pope Francis

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The Rev. Canon George M. Porter D. Phil. Pastor

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Processional Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High 628

Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-9

p733

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation

#712

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:9-15

Offertory Hymn:

Giver of the Perfect Gift #180

Communion and Ablutions Hymn:

Tree of Life and Awesom Mystery #179

Recessional Hymn:

The Glory of These Forty Days #170

Receiving Holy Communion: *This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed.*

Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).

Our Ministers today

Host: Erminie Reid

Greeter: Al Chisholm

Readers:..... Brenda Coopman and Erminie Reid

Prayers of the People: Brenda O'Neill

Server: Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistants: Linda Rintamaki and Erminie Reid

Chancel Guild:..... Marg Boone and Karen Ristanen

Coffee Hosts: Joan Green and Dale Sparkes

Food Cupboard: closed

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa , The Most Revd Albert Chama Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Bishop Geoff Peddle, people, and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked Christ Church, Lively and St. John's, Copper Cliff - The Ven. Glen Miller.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Philip and Laura Fralick; Mary Ellen Gouliquer; Allan and Sharon Gilbert; Joyce Gill; and James and Joan Green.

A Discernment Prayer for Our New Church

as we prayerfully work towards discerning our future and the possible merger being explored.

*We ask your blessing on Bishop Anne and our pastors. We pray for their spiritual and physical strength as they carry out their ministries. Grant that the people of the St. Luke's and St. John's congregations may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. You see the concerns we have in the face of the unknown as our parishes discern our future. We ask you to fill us with openness and joyful expectation and to guide and bless us, as we seek to move forward together in hope, so that we can continue walking and working in your mission and in fellowship.
Amen.*

Calendar for the Week

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| February 20 | Advent Study reconvenes starting at 2:00 pm
Camp Gitchigomee meeting at 7:00 pm |
| February 21 | Transition Team meeting 7:00 pm at St Luke's |
| February 22 | Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm |
| February 23 | Craft Group at 10:00 am |
| February 24 | Deanery Meeting at St Paul's starting at 9:00 am |

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Psalms 22:22-30

Mark 8:31-38

Attendance:

EOP: \$1,022.62

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Givings: \$263.50

Total: \$ 1,527.62

Parish News

Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican and St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies and would like one, please take one.

On behalf of all of us who enjoy the weekly "**Coffee/Tea Time**" I would like to say a ***Sincere Thank You to those who make this possible***- the buyers, the servers, and those who set up and clean up the hall. This event presents an enjoyable opportunity for congregational social interaction, thus keeping us in touch with each other.
Marilyn Chisholm.

There are booklets at the back of the church provided from **the Diocese of Algoma** entitled ***Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John***. It is a six-week offering of prayer and reflection from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. There are a limited number of copies available but it is available online at:

<http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/2017/10/04/journal-preview/>.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate.

The **Easter Flowers** will go on the altar as usual. Please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 if you wish to donate. Thank you - Audrey Love, for the Chancel Guild.

The **Spring Edition of the Lamplighter** will be out on March 4th. **Due Date Change** for your **input** to the office or email the church or Sharon by **February 25th**.

Parking Passes are available for parishioners at a cost of \$10.00 for the year.

St John's Internet Mission is looking for volunteers to help with running the equipment. If interested please see Jim Green or Sharon Corston. Our services are now on the St John's website and can be viewed there.

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the St Luke's website <http://www.stlukes-thunderbay.ca/home.html>. The whole service can be watched on our website <http://www.stjohnsthunderbay.ca/>. Note: Please note that you may be visible on the online stream.

Calendar of Upcoming Events



Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser

This may be the BEST tasting fundraiser you see ALL year! All proceeds will support CLAY 2018!

Payment can be made in the Church office, make cheques payable to St. Michael's.

You can also order online! Go to pizzakits.ca

Click on Products, then Shop, then Purchase & Support Local Fundraiser, Ship Items to the Group

Enter the Fundraiser ID #344040, click check fundraiser

Click Confirm Fundraiser (make sure that it is Diocese of Algoma)

You then must Login or Create an Account

Deadline for orders and payment: **Sunday, February 18th @ 12pm ** NO EXTENSIONS****

Thank you for your support! Please share with friends and family, they will thank you!

Feb 18

Order kits are due – see Sharon.

Feb 20 Advent Study reconvenes with Rev Gail at 2:00 pm in Langworthy Hall.

Feb 20 Camp Gitchigomee meeting at St John's at 7:00 pm.

Feb 23 "Work as Worship" is hosted by First Christian Reformed Church on the topic of seeing our everyday work as an act of worship. This is a retreat being held simultaneously all over the world with hundreds of thousands of people with world-class presenters. It costs only \$25, including lunch, and goes from 8:30am-3:30pm. For more information, check out www.workasworshipretreat.org. We also put a direct link to the registration page at www.ucbcanada.com/thunderbay.

Feb 24 Celebration of Life for Senator Bob McKay, Valhalla Inn, 1:30 pm.

Feb 24 Coldest Night of the Year Walk for Grace Place. Pastor George and Sharon Corston will both be walking and looking for sponsors.

Feb 24 CLAY Spaghetti Supper, 4:00-6:30 pm at St Thomas Anglican. 12 and under \$4:00, 13 and over \$11.00, under 2 free.

Feb 24 St. Stephen's Annual Roast Beef Dinner, at the Current River Community Centre. 5:30 p.m. doors open, 6:00 p.m. dinner. Tickets are Adults \$25, under 5 free. **Tickets must be purchased in advance** from a member of the Men's Club. Call Jeff Pike 621-7410 for tickets or leave a message on St. Stephen's voice mail 683-6051.

Feb 25 Chili Supper fundraiser for CLAY. St Mark's Church starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12/person – see poster for more details.

Mar 2 Camp Gitchigomee Two-Bit Auction @West Thunder Community Centre. Tickets are \$2.00/each – see Sharon Corston for tickets.

Mar 2-3 "Walk by Faith" is hosted at Fort William Baptist Church on the topic of facing opposition to your faith, and is targeting young adults, but with all ages invited. There are sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning and evening, with no cost, but all with snacks. :) For more information, see www.fortwilliambaptistchurch.com/walk-by-faith.

Mar 17 Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating workshop being offered by Carol Kostyniuk in Langworthy Hall from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign Up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Limit of 10 spaces.

Mar 18 Oras Chamber Choir Concert 3, St Paul's United Church at 8:00 pm. See Erik Johannes Riekko for tickets.

Mar 20 Camp Gitchigomee Annual General Meeting at St Luke's at 7:00 pm.

Algoma News & Updates

Ecumenical Lenten Devotions

Posted: February 6, 2018

Lent Devotions offered by heads of the Anglican Church of Canada, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are available from the Anglican Church of Canada website link below.

[ECUMENICAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS: SET FREE BY TRUTH](#)

Bishop Anne's AD CLERUM

Revised link provided for the eldercare survey for Provincial Council

<https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/elder-care>



The Diocese of Algoma
Anglican (Episcopal) Church of Canada



Bishop encourages Lenten study A message from Bishop Anne Germond...

Posted: February 5, 2018

This Lent the diocese is invited to participate in a six week journey into a deeper intimacy with Jesus, by praying with the words from the Evangelist John. Our guides for this pilgrimage will be the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist - fondly known in Algoma as The Cowley Fathers. On January 15th, the church honours the memory of Richard Meux Benson who was the founder of this Anglican religious community. He once told a young priest in the community that he didn't believe that the object of their association was to equip them to be missionaries, "But rather with the desire first of all to be converted ourselves." (For All the Saints pg.408) He saw himself as someone who had, amongst other things, 'a heart of flame towards God.' (FAS pg.54) My hope is that through this Lenten program we will also yearn for a conversion of the heart and a heart of flame towards God.

SSJE have prepared a journal, "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John", which may be used in Lent either in small groups or individually for participants to record their reflections and prayers. Additional resources will become available online and folks are urged to sign up for the daily videos and group resources at www.meetingjesusinjohn.org Copies of the journal have been given to the Archdeacons for distribution in the deaneries. It is my hope that you will promote this resource in your congregations and encourage parishioners to use it during Lent. We all know that 'one size doesn't fit everyone' when it comes to growing in our faith. Meeting Jesus in John is a very simple way to draw nearer to Jesus. I will be offering opportunities for each deanery to gather with me for quiet time, reflection and prayer using themes from John's Gospel during the Lent or Easter season. The dates for these gatherings have been set – Muskoka (afternoon on February 17th in Gravenhurst); Algoma (morning of February 24th in Bruce Mines); Temiskaming (morning of March 3rd in North Bay); Sudbury/Manitoulin (afternoon of March 24th in Espanola), and **Thunder Bay/North Shore (morning of May 26th in Thunder Bay).**

Bishop Anne Germond's motto for 2018

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

(Colossians 2 3:12, 14)

Sunday February 18th, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Lent is spring training for Christians.

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