

Sunday School Newsletter

St. John the Baptist Norway

September 2019



Christ the Redeemer, statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A symbol of peace.

8 September	Blessing of the Backpacks & Baptism
13-15 Sept	Muskoka Woods Youth Retreat
Thursdays	*New* Junior Choir

Hello families and hope that everyone had a relaxing summer!

Sunday school starts on 8 September during the 10:30am worship service. All ages are invited to attend. We are in Fall Year C, which between now and Advent focuses on the Gospel of Luke. The lessons will generally illuminate and explore faith, commitment and service to others.

We will continue provide outreach to the Red Door Family Shelter and look for new ways to provide support to them.

A couple of exciting developments are the new Junior Choir as well as additional events for the teen youth group. This is being driven by both the new Music Director and Curate respectively.

8 September – Blessing of the Backpacks / Baptism

Children are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:30am service and place at the altar during the children's chat, where they will receive a special blessing for the school year. Also, please note there will be a baptism during the service, so the children will return to the sanctuary to participate at that time.

*** New * Junior Choir**

Children aged 8-14 are invited to join the new choir at the beginning of the school year. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6.00-7.15 pm and sings at services on Sunday mornings, meeting at 10.00 am to warm up and go over the music. The children's choir focuses on giving choristers the foundations of a musical education: note reading, music theory, singing technique, and choral experience, all through learning and performing traditional music and hymns. Find further information on the website, or please contact the Music Director, Damien Macedo music@stjohnsnorway.com

13-15 Sept – Muskoka Woods Youth Retreat

Youth from around the Diocese of Toronto are invited to come together for a weekend in the woods to help deepen their relationship with God and with each other. Please speak to Katya Park if interested and check out the website for further details: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/youth/>

Parent Volunteers

This year we will have additional parent volunteers to help administer the craft or activity. We have all but 4 Sundays between now and end of 2019 covered. If you think you might be interested in helping for 30 min one Sunday, please get in touch with Elisabeth.

Preaching Series: Living the Baptismal Promises (for parents)

From September 2019 through April 2020, St. John's will be welcoming a different guest preacher each to month as we delve into the promises of the baptismal covenant and what they mean for Christian discipleship. <http://stjohnsnorway.com/education/living-the-baptismal-promises-2019-2020-preaching-series/>

Wishing everyone a blessed start to the school year!

