



GUIDING LIGHT

Celebrating God as We Serve Others September 2017

From Our Pastor

Looking Up

The gospel for the week of August 27th got me thinking. Most specifically Matthew 16:19. It is the story about Jesus asking the disciples what people are saying about him. After a few answers, Jesus asks the disciples who they think Jesus is. Peter, speaking for the group, tells Jesus that he is the Messiah, the son of the living God. Jesus responds with an affirmation for Peter and a gift. That gift is what has been called the keys to the kingdom.

When you enter Zion's sanctuary by the door on the lectern side of church and look up into the east ceiling alcove you will see a picture that is composed of an upside down cross and two keys crossed in front of the cross. This has been designated as the coat of arms for St. Peter

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the apostle. The keys are in response to the Matt. 16:19 reference, while the upside down cross refers to the tradition that Peter met his death being crucified upside down at his request feeling unworthy to be killed in the form as Jesus was.

I am thinking mostly about the keys. I don't know about you, but when I misplace my keys there is a certain amount of panic that begins to happen to me. Our keys give us many things, first of all access. We need keys to get into places. One time I left my keys on my desk and went to the sanctuary to look for something and as the door closed behind me I patted my pockets and to my embarrassment realized where my keys were. The good news was that Lillian was practicing for Sunday and she let me in. (Thank you again Lillian!) Keys also give us a sense of power. We put the key in the ignition and turn the lock and behold the engine roars to life and we drive away. We do this until the time comes that when we turn the key in the lock and we hear that sputtering sound or worse nothing. At that moment we realize that we might not be as powerful as we think. A third feeling we might have with keys is a sense of security. When we lock the doors before going to bed or going away for holidays, we feel that the house will be safe and secure from theft or vandalism and ourselves as well. A wise person once said that locks only keep out honest people. If someone wishes to break in they will do what is necessary to accomplish the task. It is a gut wrenching feeling to come home and see the door ajar and the frame broken because of a break in.

I wonder what went through Peter's mind when he heard what Jesus said to him about receiving the keys to the kingdom. Was he expecting a real set of keys, some secret knowledge, or perhaps he thought that Jesus says the strangest things sometimes. Most likely Peter did not fully understand until later following the resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The keys that Jesus was giving to Peter are for us as well to accomplish the ministry that we have been given to share with all people in the world around us. The ministry that I speak of is the announcement of forgiveness of sins. This is the first task of the gospel that God has sent Jesus into the world to pay the price for the world's sinfulness with his death and resurrection. All ministry flows from



this event. It is the mark of the Christian that we give and receive forgiveness in Christ's name.

Perhaps the most succinct explanation is found in Luther's small catechism. It usually is the last part of confirmation instruction and happens in a hurry to get things done. It is also called the priesthood of all believers. It is the power and responsibility to announce God's forgiveness to those who are repentant and call those who are not to repentance. These are the keys to the kingdom that Jesus first gave to Peter and then to all of us by virtue of our baptism into Christ. We are called to unlock God's mercy and forgiveness to all who are in need.

Sola Gratia
Pastor Paul R-P

ZLW Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
6:00p.m. – Parish Hall
Cold Potluck Supper



Program: The Fellowship of the Least Coin

Contacts: Nancy Davis

Special Offering: Fellowship of the Least Coin

All Women Are Welcome!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**454 Miller Street*****Pembroke, Ontario*****Council Rally Sunday/Pot Luck Planning Meeting****Tuesday August 22nd, 2017**

Present : Council Members: Diane Hammel, Cheryl Sack, Dan Dole, Bill Kennedy, Carol Boldt, Diane Leeder, Pat Wegner, Jane Schizkoske (last few minutes of meeting)

Pastor Paul Roellchen-Pfohl

Excused: Ellen Vandersleen,

Absent: Joel Nieman

Diane Hammel - Council Chair welcomed all Councilors at 7:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with a reading and a prayer.

Purpose of this meeting:

At our regular Council meeting on June 13th, 2017 Church Council scheduled a meeting for Aug, 22nd 2017 at 7 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Rally Sunday/Pot luck to be held in September.

After discussion the date selected for the Rally Sunday/Pot luck lunch is Sunday September 17th, 2017. A Pot luck lunch will follow the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service. All Sunday school children will be invited and encouraged to bring their friends. The children will remain upstairs with their families during this Service.

The "Valley Ramblers" has been contacted to play at this event. The "Valley Ramblers" and Blaine Sack - Contract Music Musician will lead the congregation in song during worship. This Worship Service will be similar to the Marina Picnic Service held earlier this year. At the September 17th Service the Sunday School teachers for the coming year will be installed and following the Worship Service the congregation will gather in the Parish Hall for a Pot luck lunch. Our Sunday School Superintendants are preparing special crafts and activities for the children. The first official day back to regular classes will be Sunday September 24th. On September 24th all children will meet in the devotion area for a "Children's Chat" with Pastor Paul at 9:45 a.m. All children will be encouraged to bring their back packs on this day for something special planned. At the next Church Council meeting in September plans will be finalized.

Additional Business:**Correspondence:**

A phone call was received at the Church Office by Jean Rutz our Administrative Secretary from Mr. Robert Barbeau who sits on the Board of Directors for "First Step Options". Robert is trying to organize a "Celebration of Life", event for Friday November 10th. 2017 and is requesting permission on behalf of "First Step Options" to use our Parish Hall, kitchen facilities, tables and chairs. No planning for this event can continue without a venue. This will be a catered buffet event. After discussion Church Council approved the use of our facilities by this group. There will be limited use of the kitchen. Dishes supplied by the caterer will be washed at the caterer's establishment. Our Custodian June Popke will be paid \$75.00 for cleaning following this event. Permission was granted to "First Step Options" to use of our tables and chairs.

Diane Hammel will contact Mr. Barbeau following this meeting and convey Church Council's decision.

Property Committee:

The Chair of Property - Gerry Vandersleen has requested that Zion Church Council discuss the roof above the elevator entrance doors at this meeting. He would like to schedule work on this new roof as soon as possible. Three quotes have been received for the low roof which is only about 500 sq feet. The quotes range in price from over \$12,000.00 to over \$15,000.00.

Quotes (proposals) received are:

1. Adanac Roofing - \$12,743.00 plus HST
2. Irvcon Limited - \$15,698.00 plus HST
3. J.G. Fitzgerald & Sons - \$17,495.00 plus HST

Woodwork of any kind except the woodwork mentioned as per quote (in all quotes) is time and materials extra.

Each of the companies quoting has provided a work description as well a material list. Two companies are quoting on similar roofs types - one different;

Since the understanding of construction varies from Councilor to Councilor our Council Property Rep - Dan Dole has been instructed to assemble as many members of the Property Committee as quickly as possible and review the quotes and the Property Committee members draft their recommendation. An emergency Council meeting can be called so the necessary work can be scheduled as soon as possible. The next scheduled Property Meeting is September 6th, 2017.

Cemetery Report: One of our Cemetery Council Reps. - Dan Dole informed Zion Church Council that at the Cemetery Meeting tomorrow evening Wed. August 23rd, 2017 he will be presenting three quotes for the proposed low maintenance landscaping at the Insdale Cemetery- Corner of Bruham Avenue and TV Tower Road (the columbarium site). He has been given a dollar value of \$3,000.00 (taxes in) and has contacted the Cemetery

Committee suggested landscapers. He has received quotes from 1) Gerber's Nursery and Landscaping 2) Country Home Gardens and 3) Professional Landscaping. These quotes will be discussed and he will report back to Church Council in September.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Date of the next Council Meeting is September 12th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Events

Roast Beef Dinner

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017

Time: 4pm – 6pm

Place: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 68 Renfrew Street, Pembroke, ON

Menu: Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Coleslaw, Rolls and Butter, Homemade Pie for Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Cost: Adults - \$15.00/ Students - \$10.00/ Children 7 to 12 Years - \$7.00/
Children 6 Years and Under – Free

Elevator Available – Ramp off Renfrew Street

Annual Chicken Pie Supper

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Time: 4pm – 7pm

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, 605 Black Bay Road, Petawawa, ON

Menu: Chicken Pie with Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Apple Crisp with Ice Cream, Juice, Tea/Coffee

Cost: Adults - \$14.00/ Students - \$10.00/ Children 5 to 12 Years - \$6.00/
Children Under 5 – Free

For Sale: Baked Goods, Pickles and Preserves.

You Can Also Take Part in a Raffle

CLWR's "We Care" Learning and Living Kits for Children

Once again members of the Social Ministry Committee will be gathering items for Canadian Lutheran World Relief's "We Care" Children's Learning and Living Kits. The kits are distributed to children in refugee camps and remote villages around the world. Kits, kit items and donations will be collected in November. The kits will be assembled and shipped to CLWR at the beginning of December. Many of the items in the kit are school supplies. Here is the list of kit items for members wishing to take advantage of the "Back to School" sales:

- 3 lined notebooks
- 10 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 metric ruler (30 cm), 1 pencil sharpener and 1 eraser
- 1 pack of crayons (or pencil crayons)
- 1 small and simple toy (new and not requiring batteries, examples: doll, truck, ball, stuffed toy)
- 1 bar of soap and 1 toothbrush (new and wrapped)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (expiration date no earlier than one year)

*** Please wait until November to hand in your kit items.

These kits make a real difference in the lives of children. Last year, thanks to the generosity of Zion members, 132 kits were completed. We have now shipped more than 1,000 kits for children to CLWR. You can read more about the "We Care" program at www.clwr.org.

**With Canadian Lutheran World Relief we are
"Celebrating God as we serve others".**

Submitted by Nancy Davis, member of the Social Ministry Committee



Fellowship of the Least Coin - September 2017

As the new Canadian representative to the International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, I've learned a lot about the history and ongoing mission of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

In 1956, Shanti Solomon of India was one of a group of Christian women who visited and listened to women from Asian countries after the Second World War. However, due to tense diplomatic relations between India and Korea at the time, she was refused a visa to Korea. Reflecting on the situation, Shanti thought of a way for Christian women to transcend national borders to help one another and to bring about peace, justice, and reconciliation. Her idea for a global prayer movement was born.

By giving a "least coin," Shanti believed that women of every socio-economic status could participate in peacemaking. These prayers and the "least coins" that represent them have been gathered to support women's education, health, advocacy, and spirituality.

At the 60th anniversary celebration in Louisville, Kentucky, USA in October 2016, I learned how "least coins" from each region have done amazing things. These "least coins" have supported sanitation and hygiene programs and advocated for women and children in areas of domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and forced labour. These "least coins" have kick-started women's economic cooperatives and provided scholarships for girls' and womens' primary, secondary, and post-secondary educations.

God, move our hearts so that our prayers and actions will always point to your peace, your justice, and your reconciliation. God, bless our prayers and our "least coins" so that they may do amazing things in the name of your love.

Awit Marcelino is a WICC council member and ICFLC Representative. She lives in Toronto, ON.

The loose offering September 16th and 17th is being designated to the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC, an international ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation.) Zion's contribution will be added to those received from other participating local churches when the Pembroke Inter-church Council of Women meet September 25th at St. Columbkille's Cathedral for the Ingathering Service of the FLC. These funds, together with funds gathered across Canada and internationally, will be used to assist Christian organizations around the world in projects including literacy, health, social justice, education, leadership development and disaster relief. If you wish your donation added to your year-end total, please enclose in a sealed envelope marked clearly FLC and include your envelope number. When a list of grants issued is received, it will be posted on the ZLW Notice Board.



FLC Logo represents "Many pairs of hands folded in prayer reach out to touch the whole earth."

Notes and News

Update from Your Church Office

Over the past few years, we have had an increasing number of members whom we can no longer get in contact with because their contact information has changed (with either a move or changing a landline to cell phone). If you, a son or daughter, or grandchild has changed their contact information (address or phone number), please contact the church office and let us know of any updated contact information. We would also like to update our contact information with e-mail addresses. All this information will greatly help your church stay in touch with you and your loved ones.

Used Postage Stamps Wanted

Used postage stamps to support "On Eagles Wings" who are volunteer Bible Camp teams who fly north from Yellowknife, NWT to the far reaches of the Mackenzie Delta and teach the Inuvialuit people and children about Jesus. Please leave the used stamps in the "Used Postage Stamp" box located at the front entrance of the church.

Eternity for Today

Just a quick reminder that the office needs to know who would like to renew or begin their subscription for our devotional booklet "Eternity for Today". David C. Cook (*church supply company*) needs to have any changes to our current subscriptions by the end of September. Please call the church office at 613-732-8792 if you would like to receive this daily devotional. The deadline for placing your order is September 21, 2017. Cost for this devotional is \$9.00 for the year. Subscription payments are due when you receive/pick up your first issue for 2018 in December 2017.

Newsletter Update

Have you ever considered receiving your copy of our newsletter "The Guiding Light" digitally. Currently, we have 17 families who receive their newsletter via e-mail. We would like to increase this number to decrease our printing costs - (*the office usually prints off approximately 150 copies of the newsletter monthly for distribution*). Please consider this cost-saving measure of receiving our monthly newsletter. If you would like to receive your copy digitally, simply phone the church office at 613-732-8792 to make your request and provide us with your e-mail address. This may also be a good way to stay in touch with out-of-town family members. Please, discuss this with them to see if they may be interested in receiving our newsletter and call us with their information as well.

Notes From The Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of August 22, 2017

The average weekly offerings of \$4,827.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$141,163.62
Missions and Outreach	\$1,940.08
Other Donations	\$1,131.00
Solar Income	\$6,756.96
Other Earned Income	\$6,646.00
Total Income to Aug.22	\$157,637.66
Benevolence Expense	\$10,750.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$1,036.00
Committees Expense	\$2,392.23
Utilities Expense	\$13,475.17
Church Insurance	\$12,378.08
Property Maintenance	\$12,359.34
Other Operating Expense	\$26,027.33
Payroll	\$65,133.38
Benefits Expense	\$26,145.29
Expense Total to Aug.22	\$169,696.82
Net Total for 2017	\$(-12,059.16)
2016 Surplus/Deficit	\$10,138.74
Net Equity to August 22	\$(-1,920.42)

Thank you for your continuing support .

Submitted by Gerry Vandersleen & Michael Lange



Sunday School News

Instead of our regular Rally Sunday BBQ, a Potluck Luncheon is planned for Sunday, September 17th following the regular 10 am Worship Service. We invite all our Sunday school children to attend on this Sunday as there will be activities and crafts especially for the children. Children will remain upstairs with their families.

Our first official day back to regular classes will be Sunday, September 24th. All children will meet in the Devotions area for Our Children's Chat with Pastor Paul at 9:45 am. We encourage all children to bring their school backpacks on this day as Pastor Paul has something special planned.

After many years of attending, then helping and finally teaching in our Children's Ministry, we say good bye and good luck to Miss Heather as she heads out for school. We wish her well and will keep her in our prayers. We will also look forward to her visits at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

If you think you would like to share your time and talents with us and the children, we would love to have you join us. We are still looking for some extra help in some of our classes. Please contact Penny 735-0067 or Erica 735-5553 if you are interested. No special skills are required and all lessons will be provided.

Our Teaching staff for the 2016/2017 year has not yet been fully confirmed but most of those from last year will be returning and hopefully we can add a few new faces to the team.

We are also pleased to announce that several of our newly Confirmed youth will be returning again this year to continue assisting and helping out in a variety of different positions.



From the Heart

Find Something Beautiful

I had a very special teacher in high school many years ago whose husband unexpectedly died suddenly of a heart attack. About a week after his death, she shared some of her insight with a classroom of students.

As the late afternoon sunlight came streaming in through the classroom windows and the class was nearly over, she moved a few things aside on the edge of her desk and sat down there. With a gentle look of reflection on her face, she paused and said, "Before class is over, I would like to share with all of you a thought that is unrelated to class, but which I feel is very important.

"Each of us is put here on earth to learn, share, love, appreciate and give of ourselves. None of us knows when this fantastic experience will end. It can be taken away at any moment. Perhaps this is God's way of telling us that we must make the most out of every single day."

Her eyes beginning to water, she went on, "So I would like you all to make me a promise. From now on, on your way to school, or on your way home, find something beautiful to notice. It doesn't have to be something you see, it could be a scent-perhaps of freshly baked bread wafting out of someone's house, or it could be the sound of the breeze slightly rustling the leaves in the trees, or the way the morning light catches one autumn leaf as it falls gently to the ground.

"Please, look for these things, and cherish them. For, although it may sound trite to some, these things are the 'stuff' of life. The little things we are put here on earth to enjoy. The things we often take for granted. We must make it important to notice them, for at any time... it can all be taken away."

The class was completely quiet. We all picked up our books and filed out of the room silently. That afternoon, I noticed more things on my way home from school than I had that whole semester. Every once in a while, I think of that teacher and remember what an impression she made on all of us, and I try to appreciate all of those things that sometimes we all overlook.

Take notice of something special you see on your lunch hour today. Go barefoot. Or walk on the beach at sunset. Stop off on the way home tonight to get a double-dip ice cream cone. For as we get older, it is not the things we did that we often regret, but the things we didn't do.

Make it a fabulous day!



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July 6, 2017

Via Email

Dear Ministry Partners and Colleagues,

Over the course of the past few years, several Eastern Synod congregations have sadly but responsibly determined that their ministry is no longer viable and has reached the end of its life. In such circumstances, questions frequently arise about the disbursement of any remaining assets, including land and buildings. In response, the Eastern Synod Council has enacted the attached policy to address those questions and to provide direction to congregations within the Eastern Synod. As such we commend this document to you for your careful consideration and reflection.

Within the next year or so either the synod or national church will provide suggested wording to incorporate the key aspects of this policy into your congregational constitution. In the meantime, it is important to keep in mind that as an enactment of the synod, this policy is binding on congregations regardless of whether or not it is included in your governing documents.

This Eastern Synod policy, *Policy for Disbursement of Congregational Assets*, can be of particular assistance to those congregations that are nearing the end of their lives but have not yet disbanded or been declared or deemed defunct. As this is a difficult time in the life of such congregations, it is often challenging for the relatively few members still remaining to make decisions that allocate any remaining assets according to sound stewardship principles and in accordance with regulations and legal requirements. As such, the policy includes provisions requiring congregation to provide notice to the Bishop of the Eastern Synod should a congregation experience one or more of the following conditions.

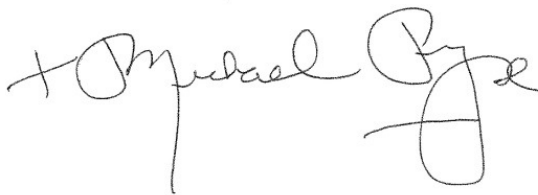
- a) Is considering disbanding or formally winding up its operations
- b) Finds itself in diminished numbers (active members and/or finances) such that its continued operations have become impractical or unduly burdensome
- c) Has been unable to:
 - a. Hold regular congregational council or board meetings
 - b. Hold an Annual General Meeting, or elect the required number of council members/directors
 - c. Meet corporate or income tax filing or other legal obligations
- d) Is considering disposing of 25% or more of its assets, including real property
- e) Is considering transferring assets outside of the ordinary course of business, other than by way of transfer to the Eastern Synod

Providing such notice in a timely fashion will allow the Eastern Synod to help ensure that decisions made

regarding the disbursement of congregational assets follow the constitution, bylaws and enactments of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada ("ELCIC"), the Eastern Synod and the congregation, as well as legal and regulatory requirements, intentions of original donors and sound stewardship of these assets for strengthening the mission of Christ's Church.

Thank-you for your careful consideration of this communication. Please share it with the members of your Congregational Council and general membership as you feel is most appropriate. While the conclusion of any ministry is not something any of us would like to contemplate, it is important to properly and responsibly plan, even for circumstances that we will hopefully never encounter. With you, that is both our hope and our prayer for you and for your ministry.

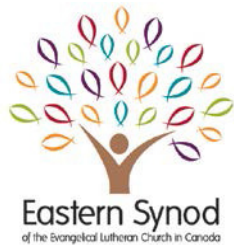
With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pryse". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning of the first word.

Rev. Dr. Michael J. Pryse,
Bishop

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Myra". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Keith Myra
Eastern Synod Treasurer



Policy for Disbursement of Congregational Assets

The Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (the “Eastern Synod”) Constitution provides that those congregations that are viable and sustainable have the authority to control their own income, expenses and assets. This assumes, of course, that these congregations satisfy applicable regulations and legal requirements (e.g. CRA¹, trust law², etc.) as well as other congregational and synodical constitutional and policy requirements.

Questions frequently arise about the disbursement of any remaining assets, including land and buildings, when a congregation is no longer viable and approaching (or has reached) the end of its life. At times these assets can be quite significant in size. In response, the Eastern Synod enacts this policy to address those questions and to provide direction to congregations within the Eastern Synod.

Congregations That Have Disbanded

Assuming that Article 5, Section 4 from the model constitution is included in the congregation’s constitution, in the case of a congregation that has disbanded, the congregation has determined that all assets vest with the Eastern Synod:

Model Congregational Constitution (Article 5, Section 4): Should this congregation disband, all property not disposed of, real, personal and mixed, shall vest in the synod of which it is a part, its successor or assigns.

Congregations That Have Been Deemed Defunct

Assuming that Article 5, Section 5 from the model constitution is included in the congregation’s constitution, in the case of a congregation that has been deemed defunct, the congregation has determined that it is about to, or has, disbanded, and it follows that all assets vest with the Eastern Synod:

Model Congregational Constitution (Article 5, Section 5): Should this congregation cease to exist or should its membership so diminish in numbers as to render it impossible or impractical for the congregation to function according to its constitution and bylaws, the synod shall after consultation with any remaining members deem the congregation to be defunct. The synod through the Synod Council shall appoint trustees, including where feasible former members of the congregation, who shall take charge and control of the property of said congregation to hold, manage and convey the same in behalf of this synod.

¹ CRA regulations stipulate that registered charities are restricted to transferring property only to eligible donees or qualified donees (depending on the point of transfer), both of which includes other registered charities.

² In some circumstances, trust law requires that the intentions of the original donor be honoured.

This Eastern Synod policy, *Policy for Disbursement of Congregational Assets*, applies to those congregations that are nearing the end of their lives but have not yet disbanded or been declared or deemed defunct. As this is a difficult time in the life of such congregations, it is often challenging for the relatively few members still remaining to make decisions that allocate any remaining assets according to sound stewardship principles and in accordance with regulations and legal requirements. In these situations it is important that any decisions concerning remaining assets be given ample consideration so that these congregational legacies are best used to carry out the mission of Christ's Church into the future.

Principles

1. From a theological perspective, the national church, the Eastern Synod and its congregations carry out ministry in partnership as one.
2. The Eastern Synod will provide guidance and exercise its influence to ensure that the decisions that are made regarding the disbursement of congregational assets follow the constitution, bylaws and enactments of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada ("ELCIC"), the Eastern Synod and the congregation, as well as legal and regulatory requirements, intentions of original donors and sound stewardship of these assets for strengthening the mission of Christ's Church.

Congregational Requirement to Provide Notice

This policy requires that a congregation experiencing one or more of the following conditions shall notify the Bishop if it:

- a) Is considering disbanding or formally winding up its operations
- b) Finds itself in diminished numbers (active members and/or finances) such that its continued operations have become impractical or unduly burdensome
- c) Has been unable to:
 - a. Hold regular congregational council or board meetings
 - b. Hold an Annual General Meeting, or elect the required number of council members/directors
 - c. Meet corporate or income tax filing or other legal obligations
- d) Is considering disposing of 25% or more of its assets, including real property
- e) Is considering transferring assets outside of the ordinary course of business, other than by way of transfer to the Eastern Synod

Congregations That Are Planning to Disband

In the case of a congregation that is planning or has formally decided to disband or dissolve, the congregation shall notify the Eastern Synod and the assets of the congregation remaining after the liquidation of property and payment of liabilities (the "Net Assets") shall be transferred by the congregation to the Eastern Synod in accordance with the applicable law and regulations, thus creating a legacy that enables seeds that were sown in a local setting over many years to be spread, continue to grow and bear fruit in the form of synodical and national ministries.

For legal and regulatory reasons, to ease the transfer of the Net Assets and to reduce expenses to the congregation, it is preferred that the transfer of the Net Assets to the Eastern Synod shall take place prior to the formal disbandment or dissolution of the congregation. However, the transfer of the Net Assets to the Eastern Synod may also take place at the time of, or after, disbandment or dissolution. The Eastern Synod will provide guidance concerning any legal or accounting advice that may be required.

This policy includes options available to a congregation to bestow a portion of this legacy to other ministries of the Eastern Synod/ELCIC or in the local community, as provided below:

Where the Net Assets exceed \$100,000.00, and subject to the applicable tax and other laws and regulations, the Net Assets shall be distributed as follows:

1. Although not obligated to do so, the congregation may transfer up to 10% (to a maximum of \$50,000) of congregational Net Assets remaining at closure to:
 - a. One or more congregations or other ministries of the Eastern Synod or ELCIC; or,
 - b. One or more local registered charities, as determined by a two-thirds majority of the then remaining members of the congregation in a vote taken at a meeting to be called for that purpose (which must be before or a part of the decision to disband, but may be decided at the same meeting), provided that the general intentions of the original donors are respected.
2. Although not obligated to do so, the congregation may transfer up to 40% (to a maximum of \$500,000) of congregational Net Assets remaining at closure to the Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada (ELFEC), (the "ELFEC Transfer"). ELFEC shall maintain a separate fund for the ELFEC Transfer for a five year period during which time ELFEC shall invest the principal and make the investment income available for disbursement to:
 - a. One or more ministries of the Eastern Synod or ELCIC; or,
 - b. One or more local registered charities.

This decision shall be determined by a two-thirds majority of the then remaining members of the congregation in a vote taken at a meeting to be called for that purpose (which must be before or a part of the decision to disband, but may be decided at the same meeting).

The congregation may appoint a local mission committee consisting of at least three and no more than five of the members of the congregation following the decision to disband who shall be elected by the then remaining members of the congregation at a meeting to be called for that purpose (which must be before or a part of the decision to disband, but may be decided at the same meeting) and shall serve for a period of five years. This committee shall be responsible for recommending recipients of grants to congregations, other ministries of the Eastern Synod or ELCIC or local ministries to the Eastern Synod's Mission Committee and respecting the general intentions of the original donors to the (by then disbanded) congregation. The Eastern Synod's Mission Committee shall be responsible for approving these recommendations and requesting ELFEC to make these grants after confirming that they comply with applicable regulatory, legal and policy requirements.

The ELFEC Transfer shall be transferred to the Eastern Synod for general use in accordance with its constitution, bylaws and enactments:

- a. If membership of the local mission committee decreases to less than three of the original members; or,
- b. At the end of the five year period.

Normally the Eastern Synod will allocate these funds to the principal of the Remembering for the Future Fund, the income of which is used to support the Eastern Synod's operating budget that funds its ongoing ministries.

3. All other congregational Net Assets remaining at closure shall be transferred to the Eastern Synod for general use in accordance with its constitution, bylaws and enactments. Normally the Eastern Synod will allocate these funds to the principal of the Remembering for the Future Fund, the income of which is used to support the synod's operating budget that funds its ongoing ministries.

Where the Net Assets do not exceed \$100,000.00, and subject to the applicable tax and laws and regulations, the Net Assets shall be distributed as follows:

1. The congregational Net Assets remaining before or at closure shall be transferred to the Eastern Synod for general use in accordance with its constitution, bylaws and enactments. Normally the Eastern Synod will allocate these funds to the principal of the Remembering for the Future Fund, the income of which is used to support the synod's operating budget that funds its ongoing ministries.

Congregations That Amalgamate, Merge or Consolidate³

For congregations that amalgamate, merge or consolidate with another Lutheran congregation, all assets belong to the amalgamated/merged/consolidated congregation.

Special Situations

1. Special considerations may be applied in the case of congregations that received a significant amount of funding from the Eastern Synod or national church in previous years (e.g. Canada Mission grants).
2. Special considerations may be required in the case of a specific purpose charitable trust fund or endowment fund is held by the congregation in order to ensure that trust or endowment requirements are satisfied.

Considerations

Congregations are encouraged to consider the following questions when determining which ministries to support (refer to items #1 and #2 in the section "Congregations That Are Planning to Disband" above:

- Has the congregation supported this cause during its existence?
- Would such a grant align with the mission of the congregation?
- What impact would such a grant have on the receiving organization?
- Are there existing Lutheran charities that do similar work? (e.g. CLWR)
- Would the relationship with the proposed recipient charity work in a reciprocal way? (i.e. if it was the recipient charity that was closing (and not the congregation), might it consider including the congregation as part of its legacy?)

Adopted: Eastern Synod Council – April 2017

³ CRA defines these terms as follows on its website:

- Amalgamation - When charities amalgamate, they bring their memberships, assets, and liabilities into the entity that emerges. The original charities do not cease to exist or dissolve.
- Merger - In a merger, one or more entities wind up their affairs and transfer their assets to another registered charity.
- Consolidation - In a consolidation, all the original bodies dissolve and transfer their assets to a new entity. All the original bodies that wind up undergo a voluntary revocation of their registration.

September 2017 Volunteers

Altar Guild

Sept 3 – Diane Rull
 Sept 10 – Diane Rull
 Sept 16 –
 Sept 17 – Christine Booth
 Sept 23 – Kathy Godin
 Sept 24 – Cheryl Sack
 Sept 30 – Carol Boldt

Worship Assistants

Sept 3 – Ellen Vandersleen
 Sept 10 – Nancy Davis
 Sept 16 – Joan Roellchen-Pfohl
 Sept 17 – Debbie Wegner
 Sept 23 – Michael Lange
 Sept 24 – Brenda Dole
 Sept 30 – Erica Loevenmark

Sexton

Sept 3 – Don Boldt
 Sept 10 – Koit Rull
 Sept 16 – Don Boldt
 Sept 17 – Koit Rull
 Sept 23 – Joel Nieman
 Sept 24 – Vince Rabishaw
 Sept 30 – Vince Rabishaw

Counters

Sept 3 & 10 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
 Sept 17 & 24 – Andrew Zadow, Debbie Wegner, Richard Faught

Ushers

Sept 3 – Doug Malliff, Bill Kennedy, Bernie Schutt, Andrew Zadow
 Sept 10 – Stacey Levoy, Wendy Sullivan, Vince & Emma Rabishaw
 Sept 17 – Sonya Grife, Peter Wegner, Wilmer Verch, Chris Blackstock
 Sept 24 – Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis

Librarians

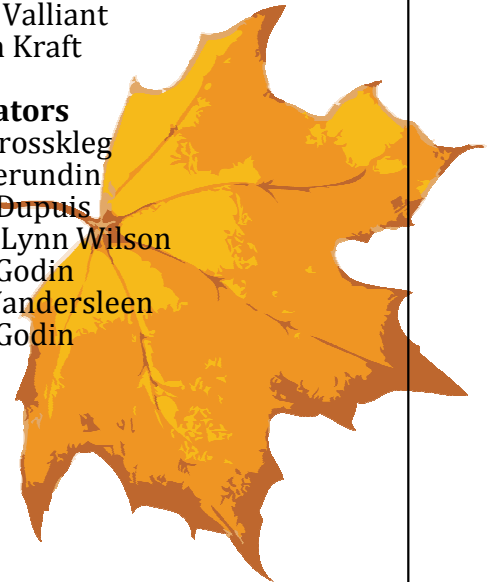
Sept 3 – Irene Kennedy
 Sept 10 – Dwyla Doran
 Sept 17 – Laurette Handke
 Sept 24 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

Sept 3 – Rosanne Campbell
 Sept 10 – Patricia Wegner
 Sept 16 – Marion Kraft
 Sept 17 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
 Sept 23 – Betty Hubert
 Sept 24 – Myrna Valliant
 Sept 30 – Marion Kraft

Projector Operators

Sept 3 – Krista Grosskleg
 Sept 10 – Rick Gerundin
 Sept 16 – Susan Dupuis
 Sept 17 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson
 Sept 23 – Kathy Godin
 Sept 24 – Ellen Vandersleen
 Sept 30 – Kathy Godin





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	4 Labour Day Pastor Paul on Holidays Until Sept. 12th	5 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Valley Ramblers Practice	6 6pm ZLW Cold Pot Luck Dinner/Mtg. 7pm Property Mtg.	7 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Guitars for Vets	8 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	9 2pm Marriage of Emma Nieman & Jordan Dombroskie
10 10am Worship Service	11 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	12 7pm Council Mtg. 7pm Valley Ramblers Practice	13 9:45am Staff Mtg.	14 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Guitars for Vets Guiding Light Deadline	15	16 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
17 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Rally Sunday	18 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	19 9:45am Staff Mtg. 6:30pm Legal Clinic Board Mtg. 7pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7pm Social Ministry Mtg. 7pm Valley Ramblers Practice	20 9:30am Bible Study	21 10am Pinewood Service 2:30pm Golden Age Group Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Guitars for Vets	22	23 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
24 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Sunday School	25 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	26 9:30am Tai Chi Demo 9:45am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Learning/Evangelism Mtg. 7pm Valley Ramblers Practice	27 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg.	28 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Guitars for Vets 1st Steps Options Dinner	29	30 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion