

the Guiding Light

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Monthly Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON
"Celebrating God As We Serve Others"

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

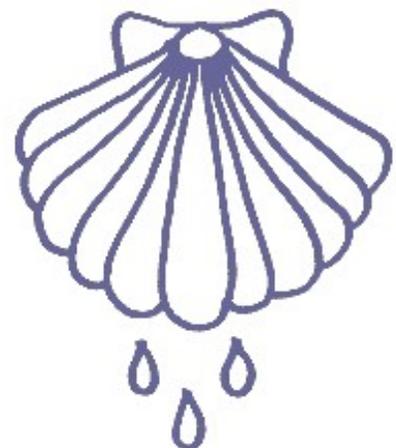
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

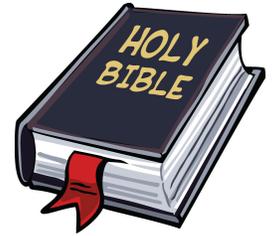
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

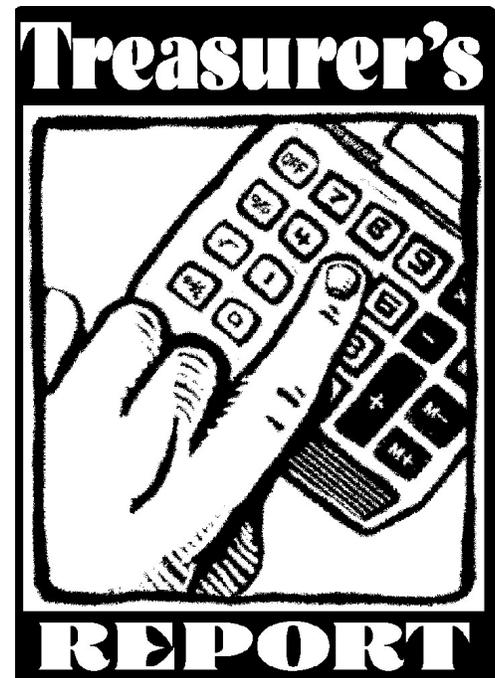
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

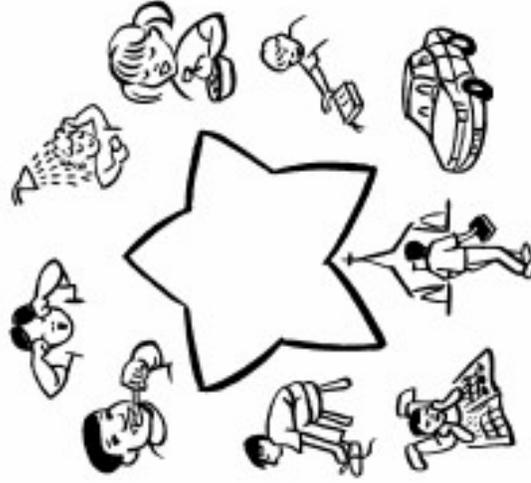
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

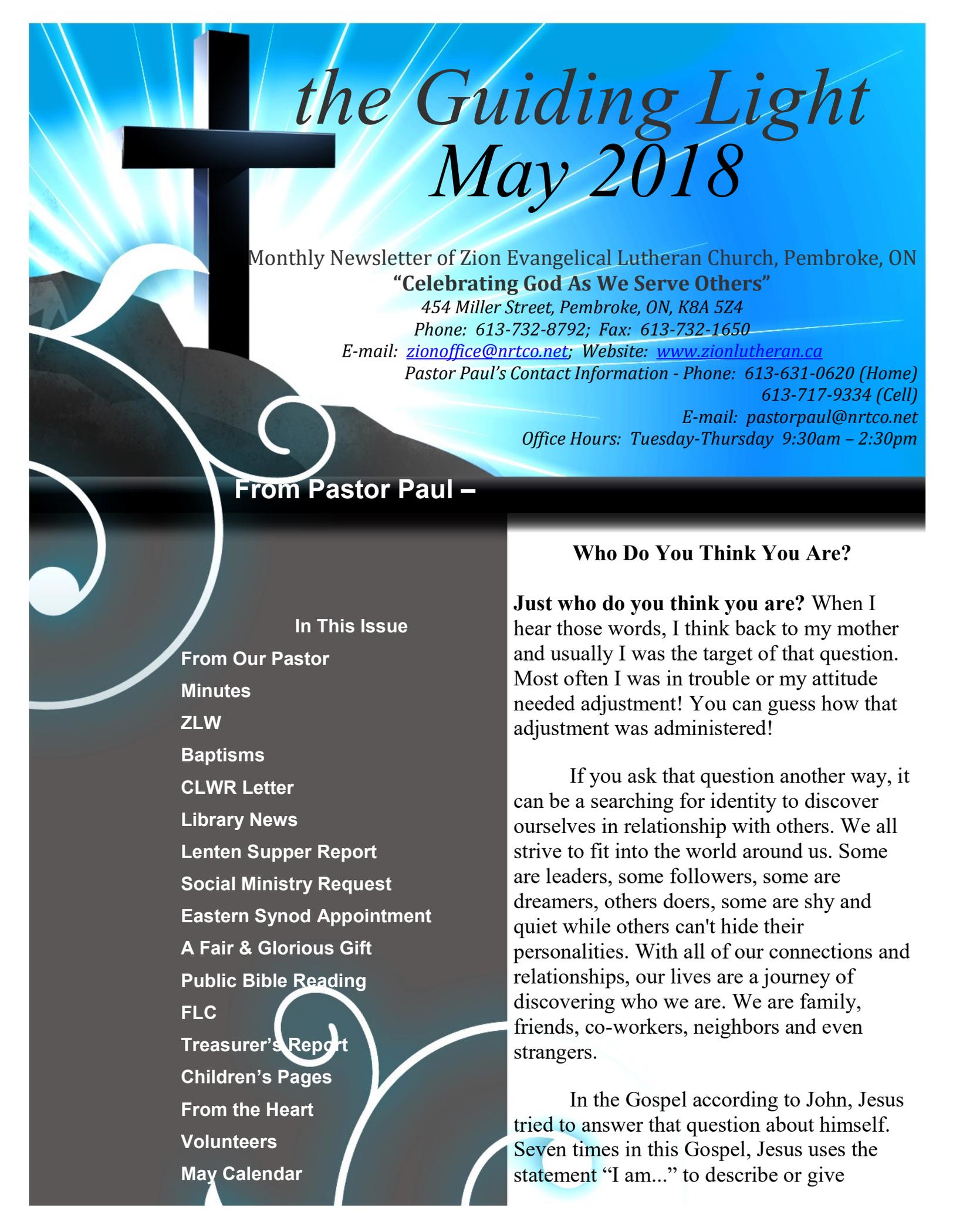




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

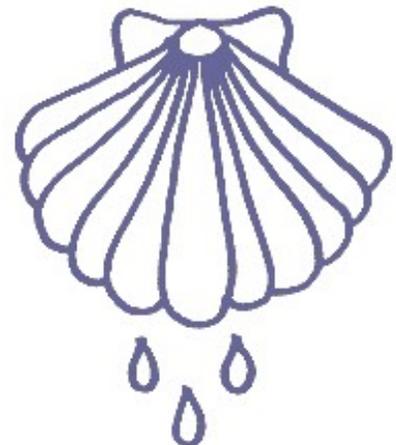
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

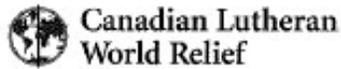
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

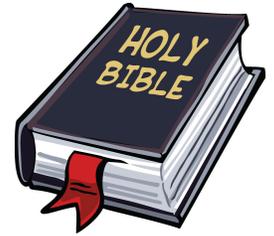
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

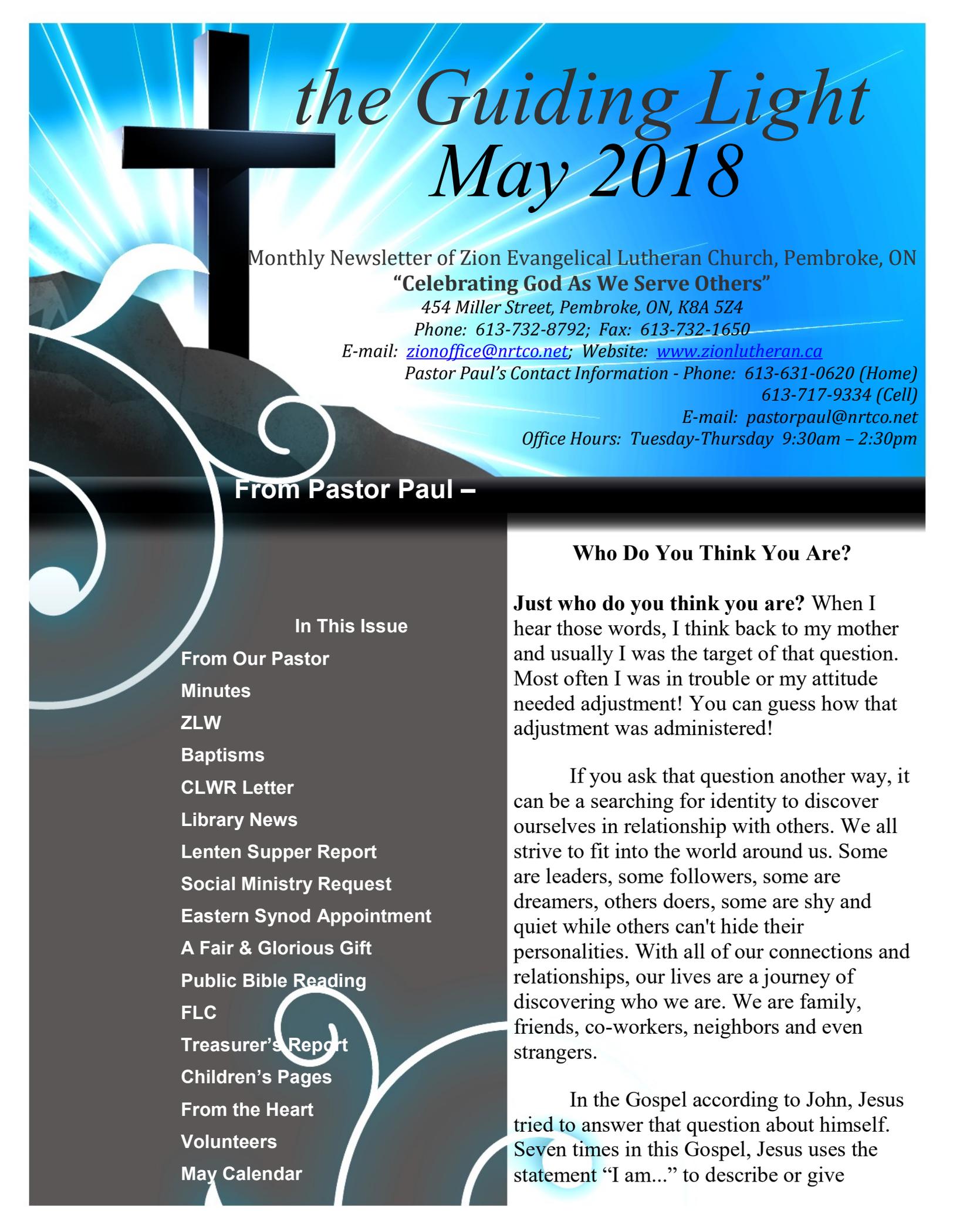




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

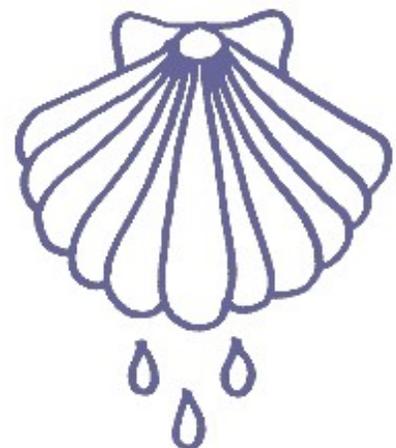
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

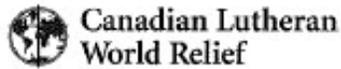
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

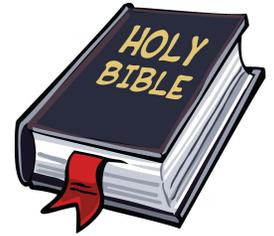
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

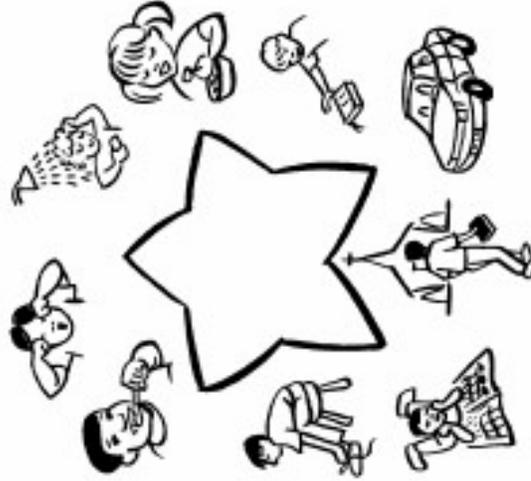
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

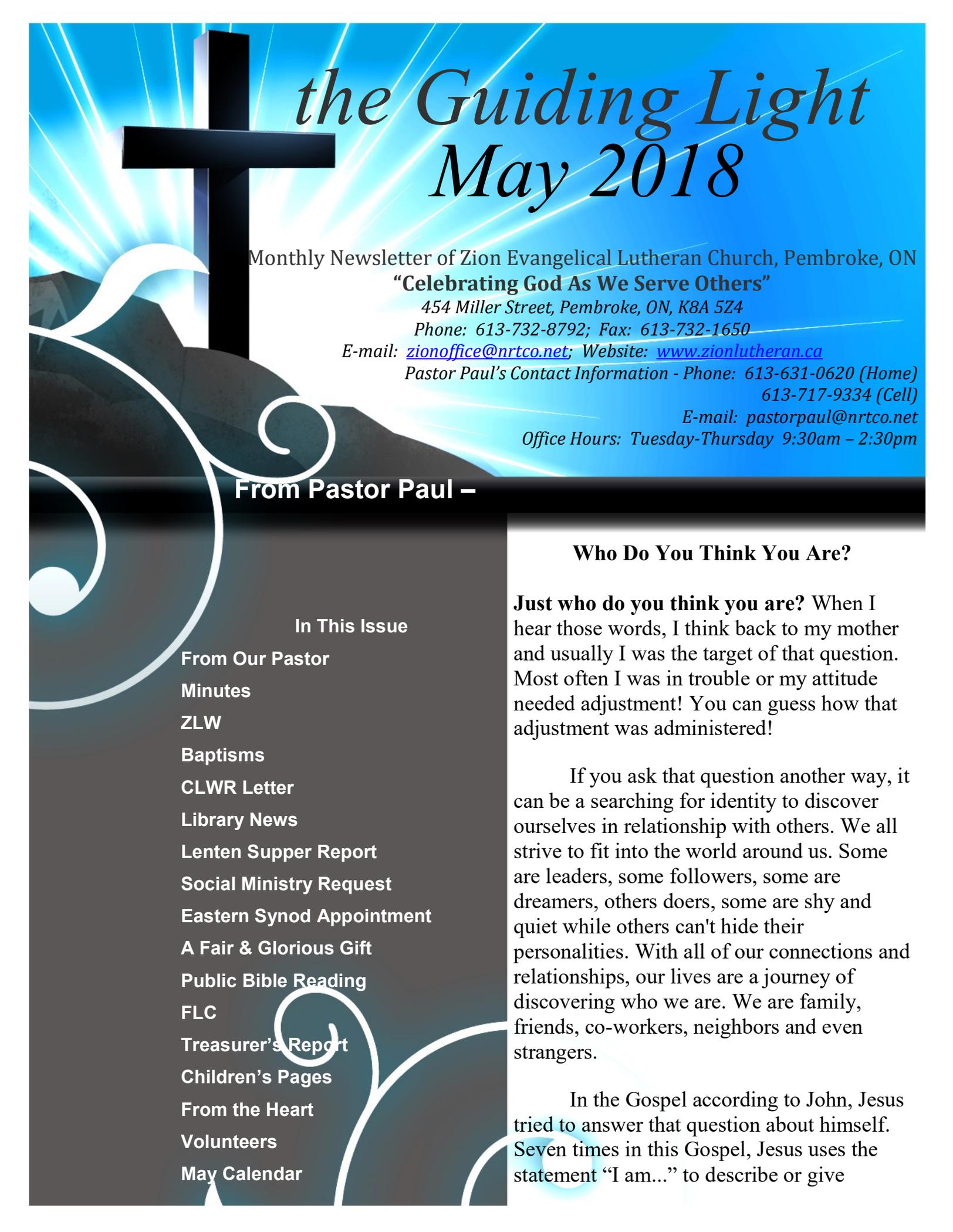




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

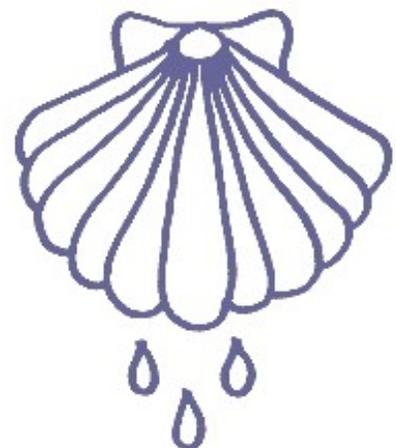
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

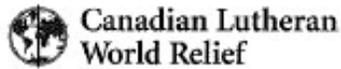
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

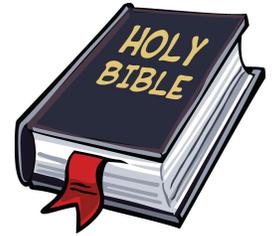
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

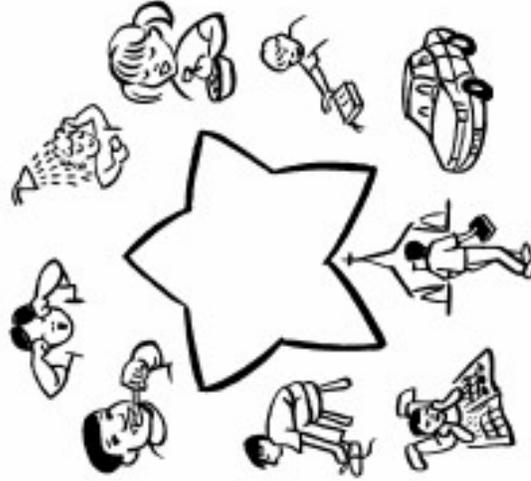
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

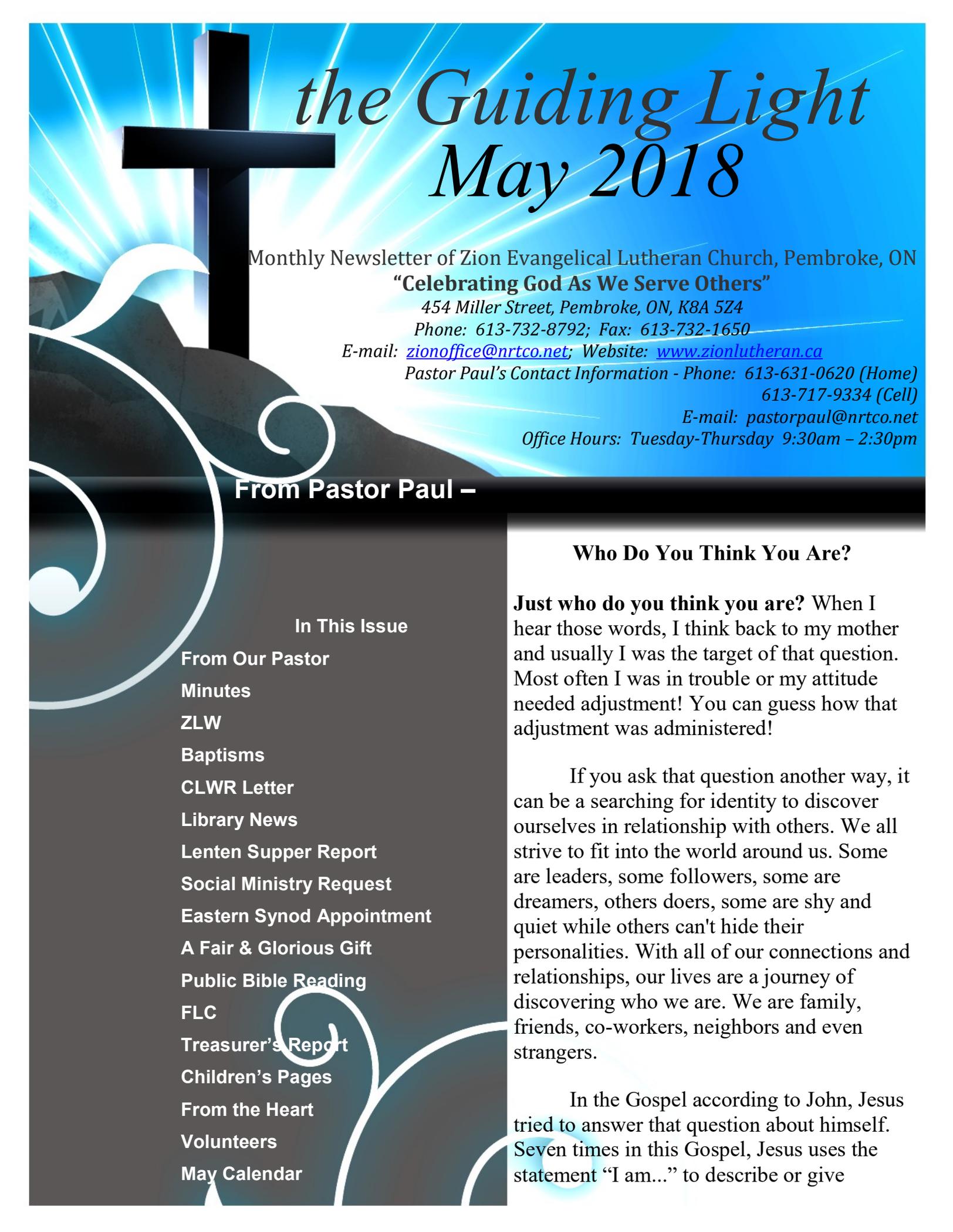




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

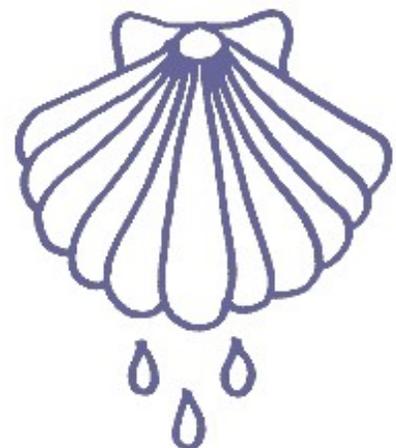
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

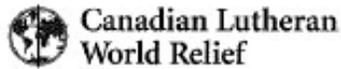
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

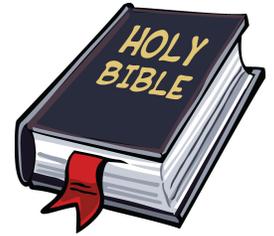
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin

May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

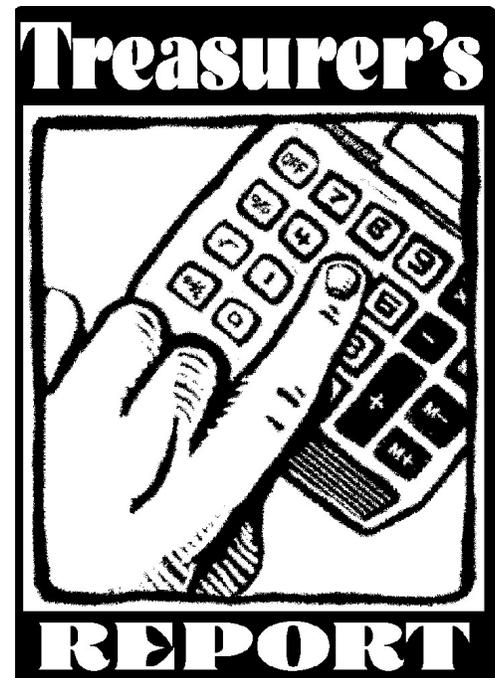
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

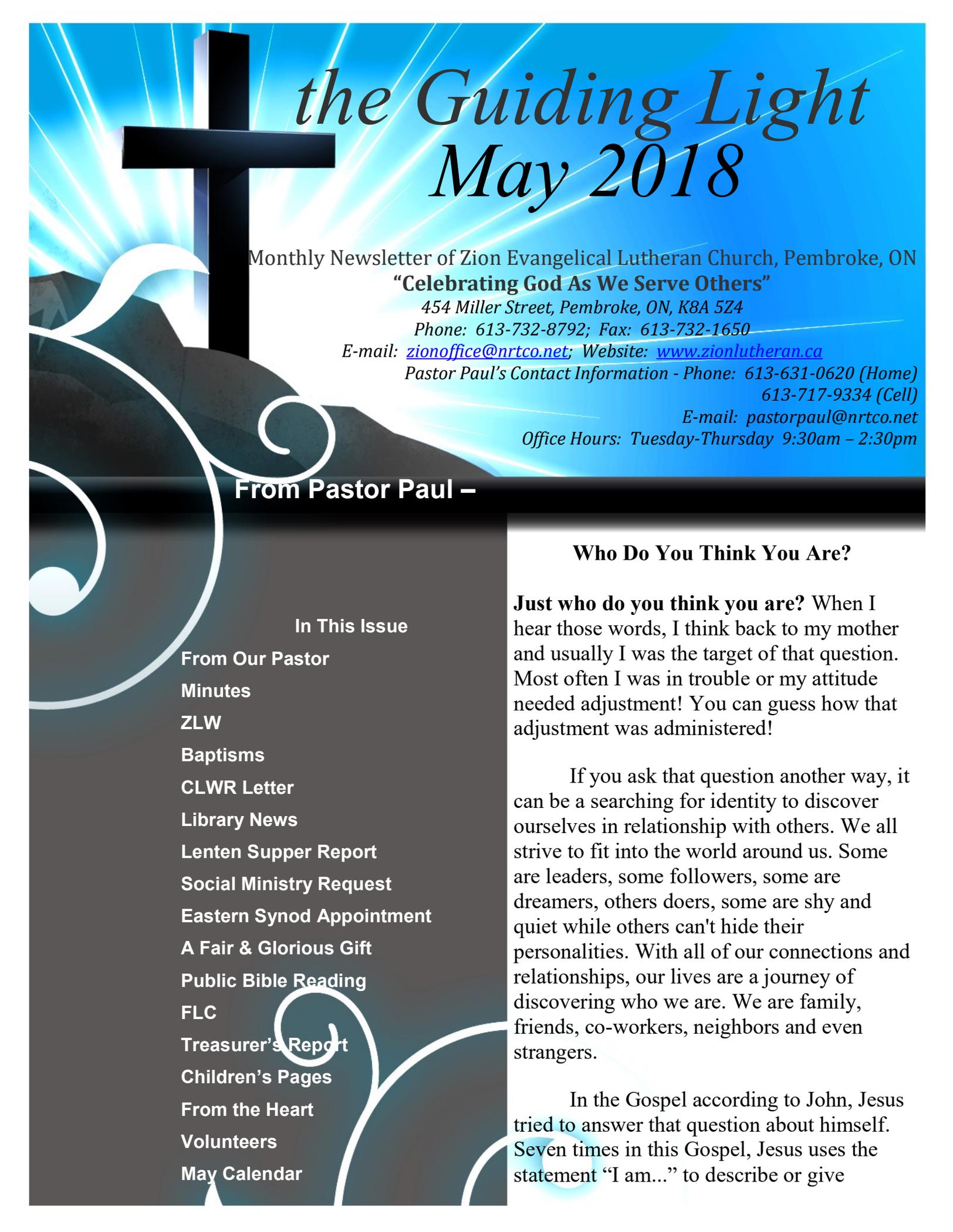




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

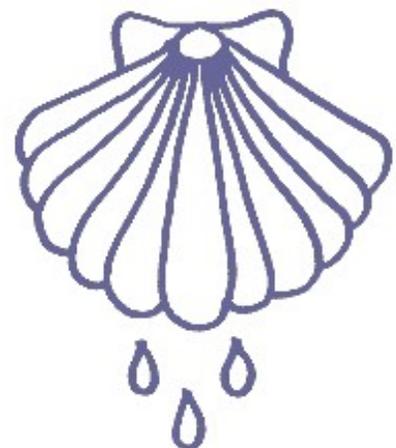
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

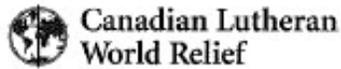
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

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PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

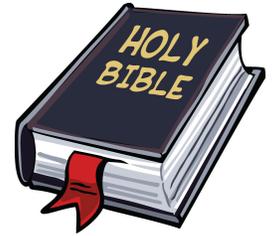
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

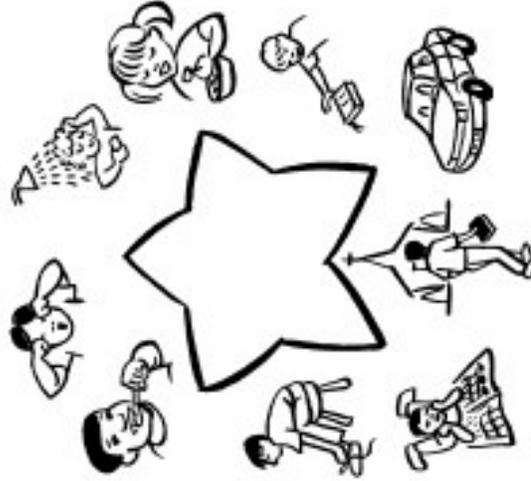
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Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

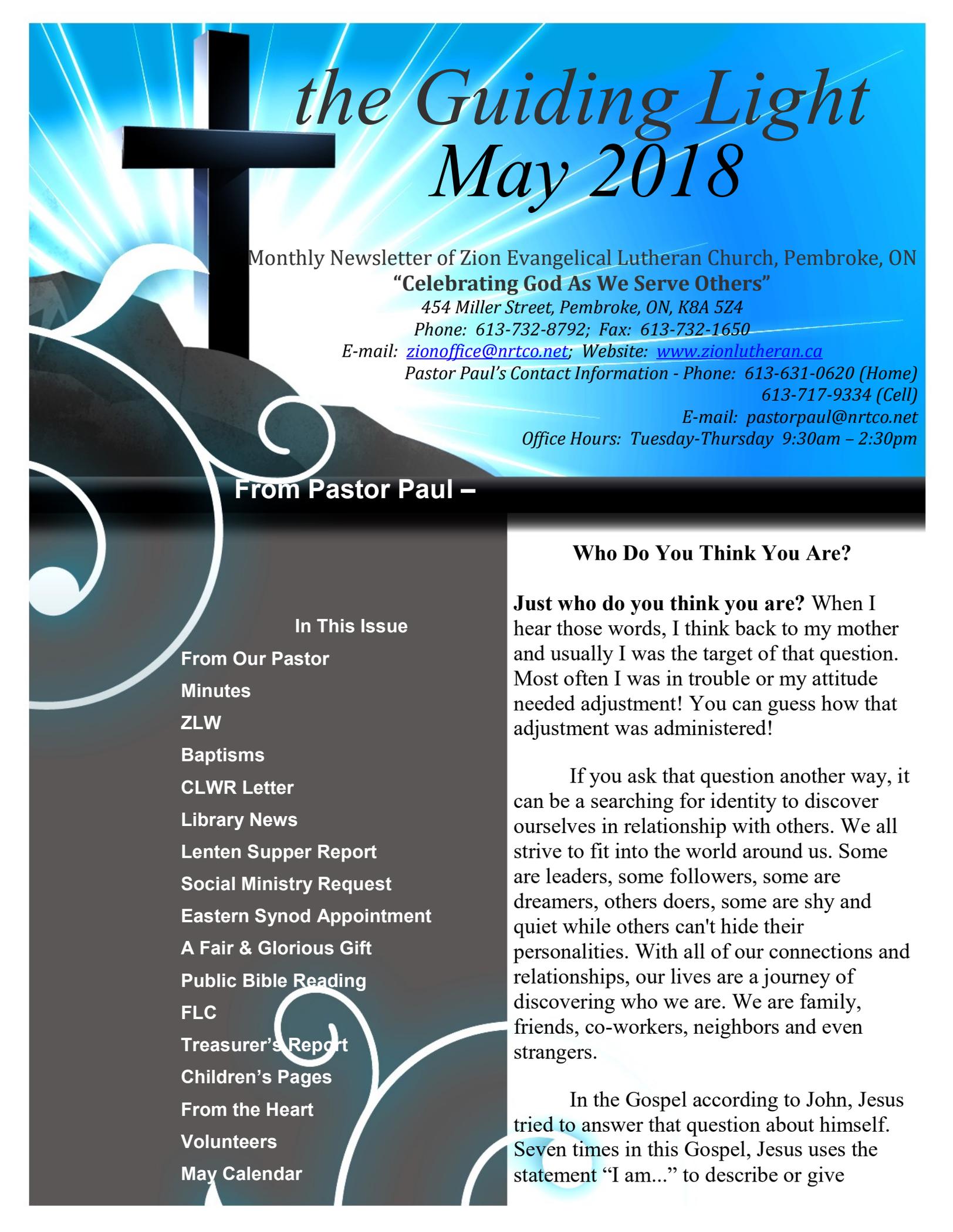




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

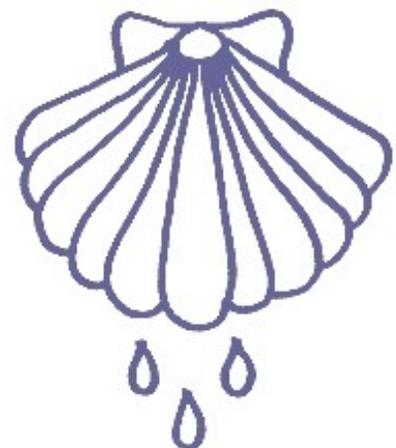
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

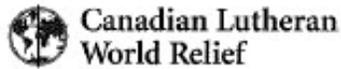
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

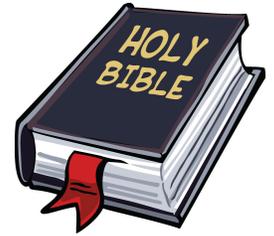
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

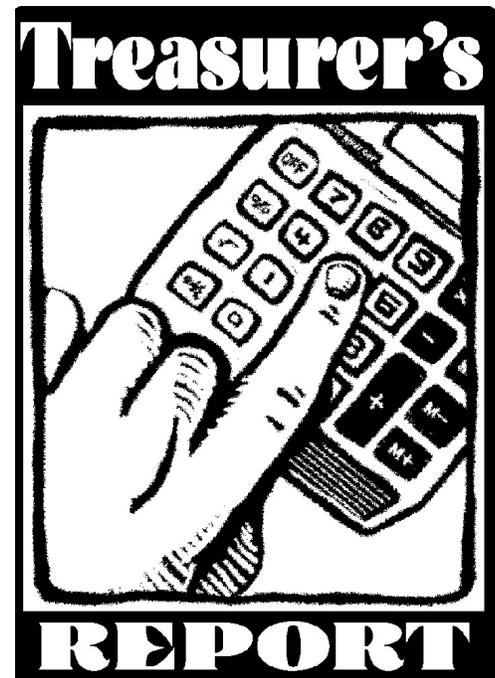
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

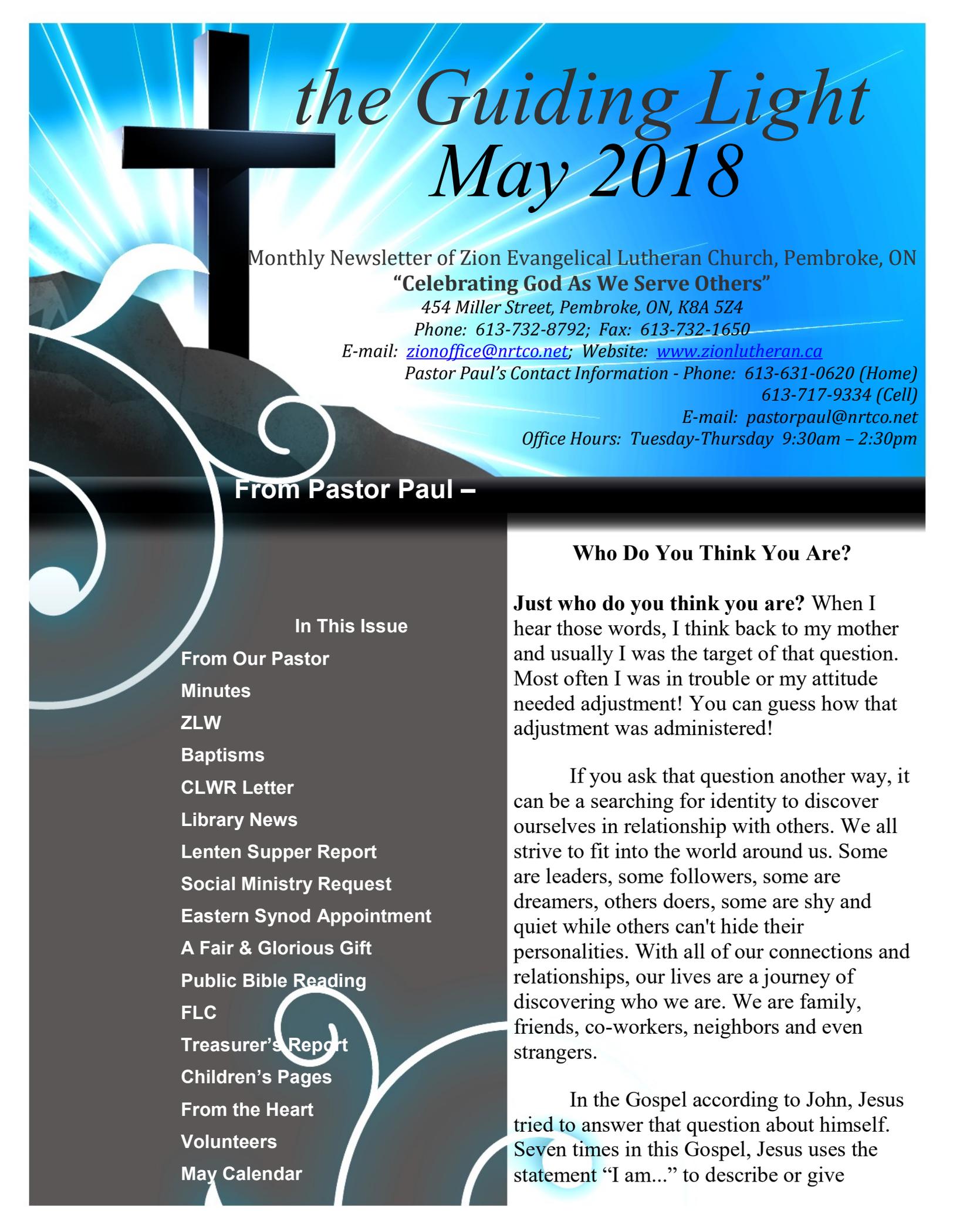




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

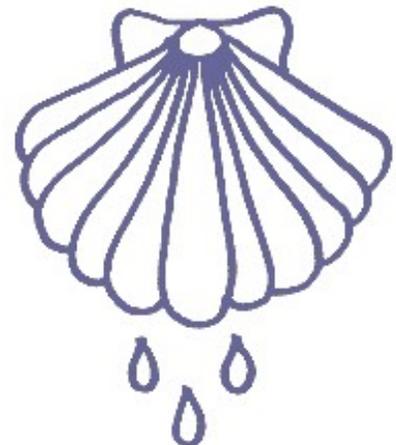
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

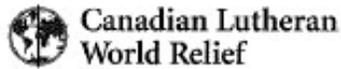
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

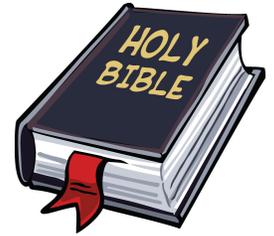
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

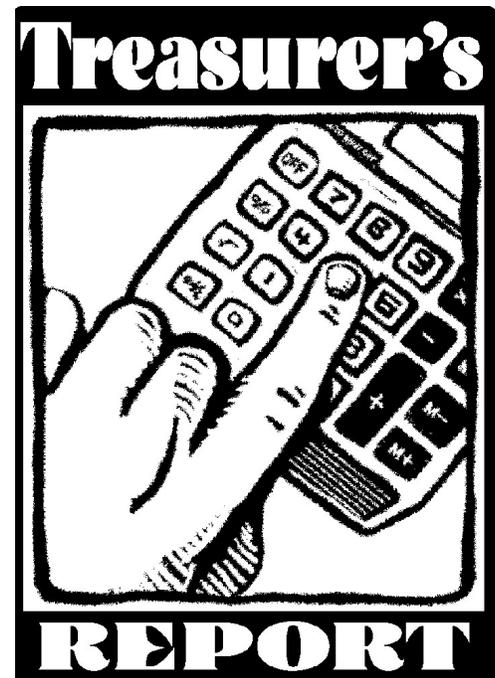
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

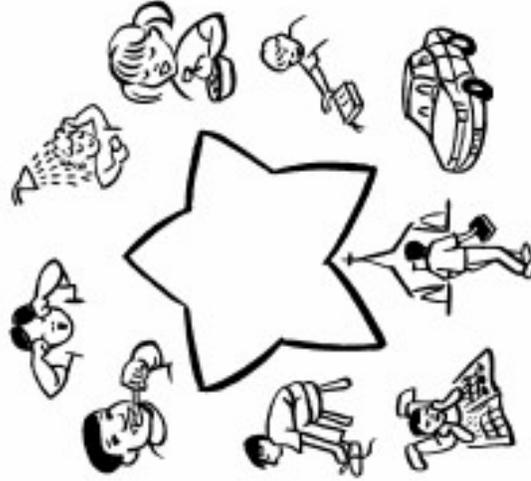
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
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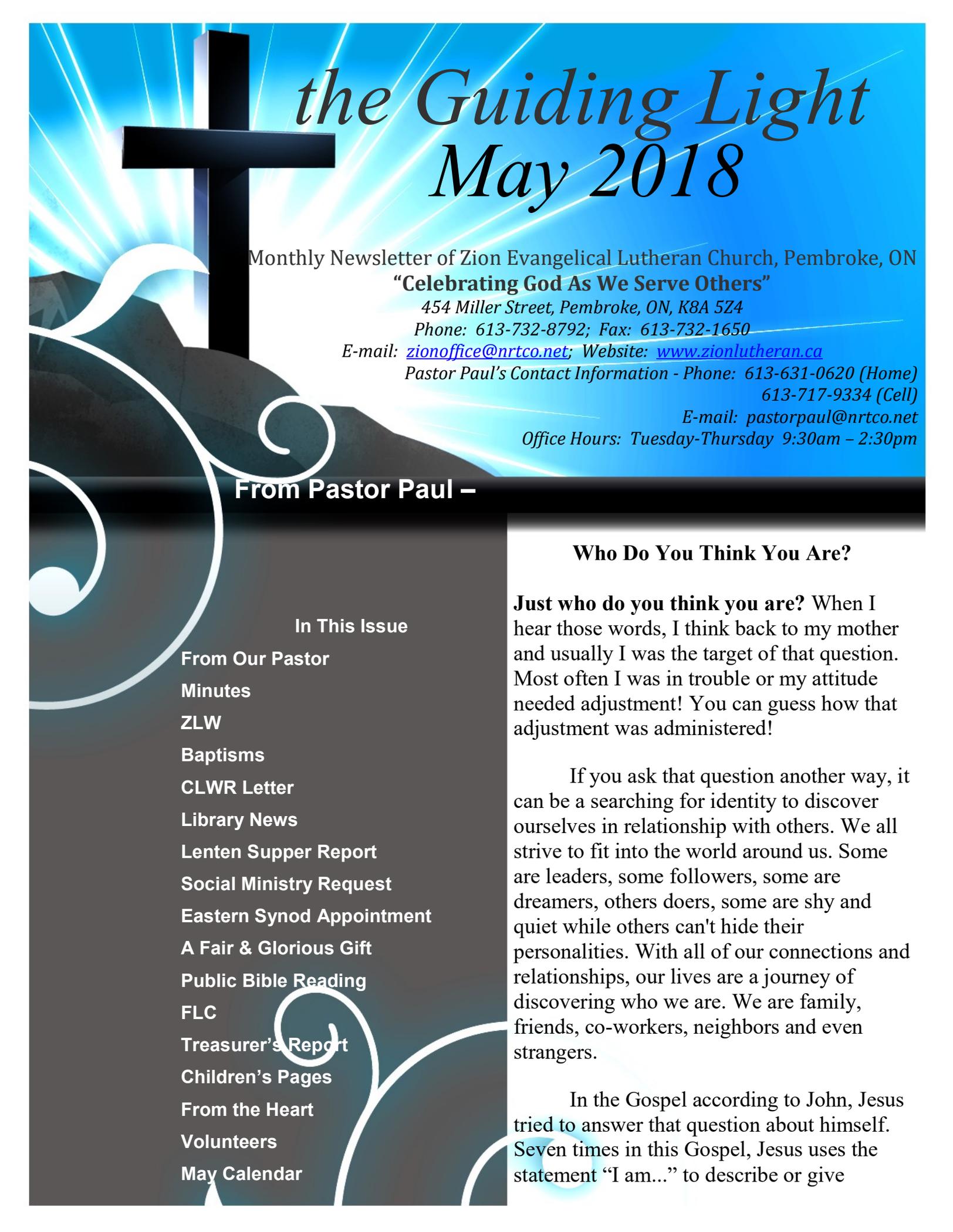




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

May 2018

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"Celebrating God As We Serve Others"

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

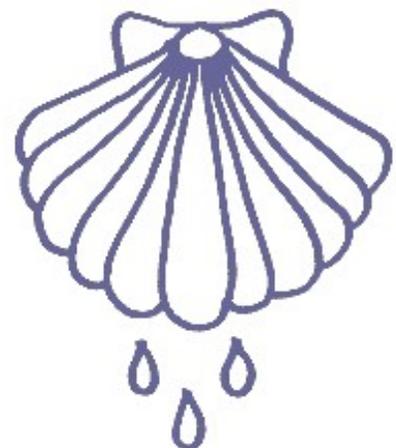
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

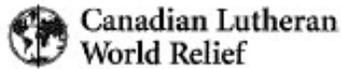
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

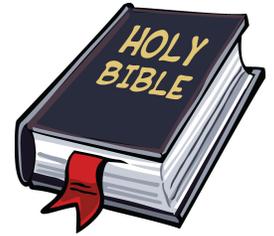
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

Annual Public Bible Reading Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018 1pm – 3pm



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

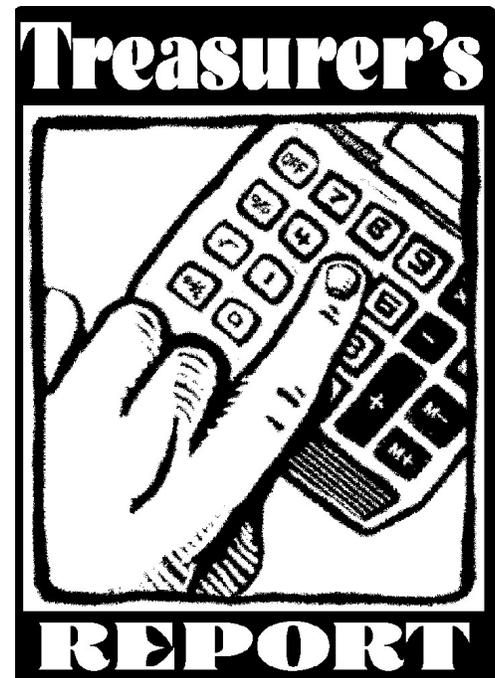
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

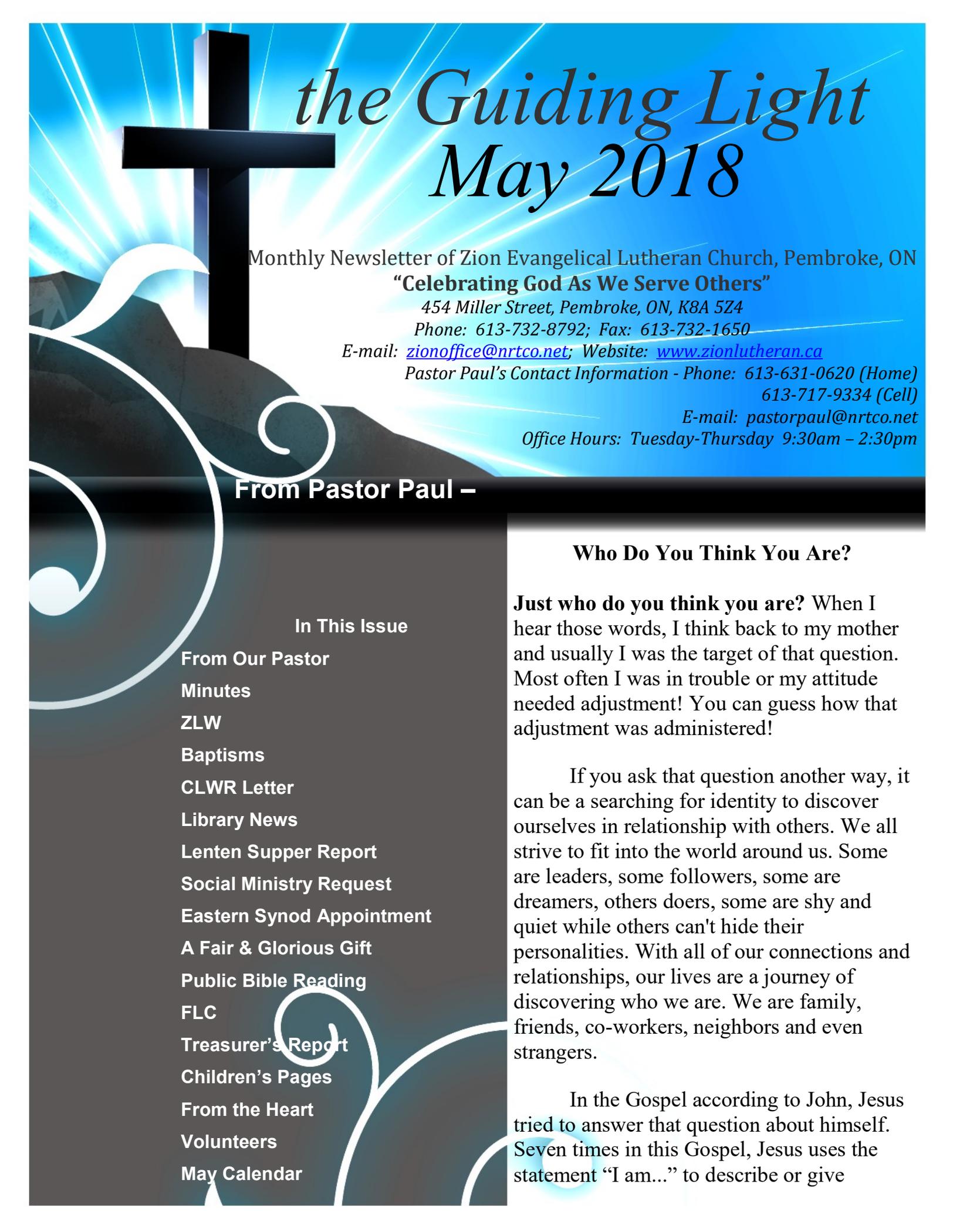




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

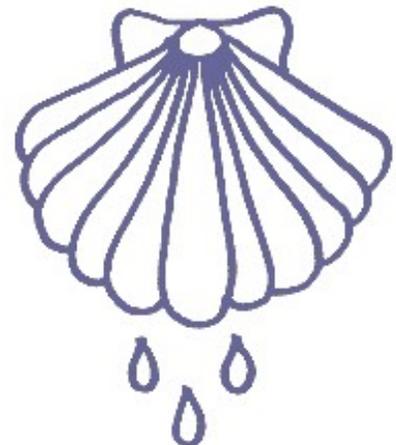
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

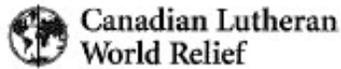
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

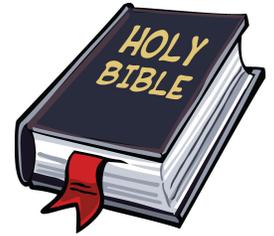
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

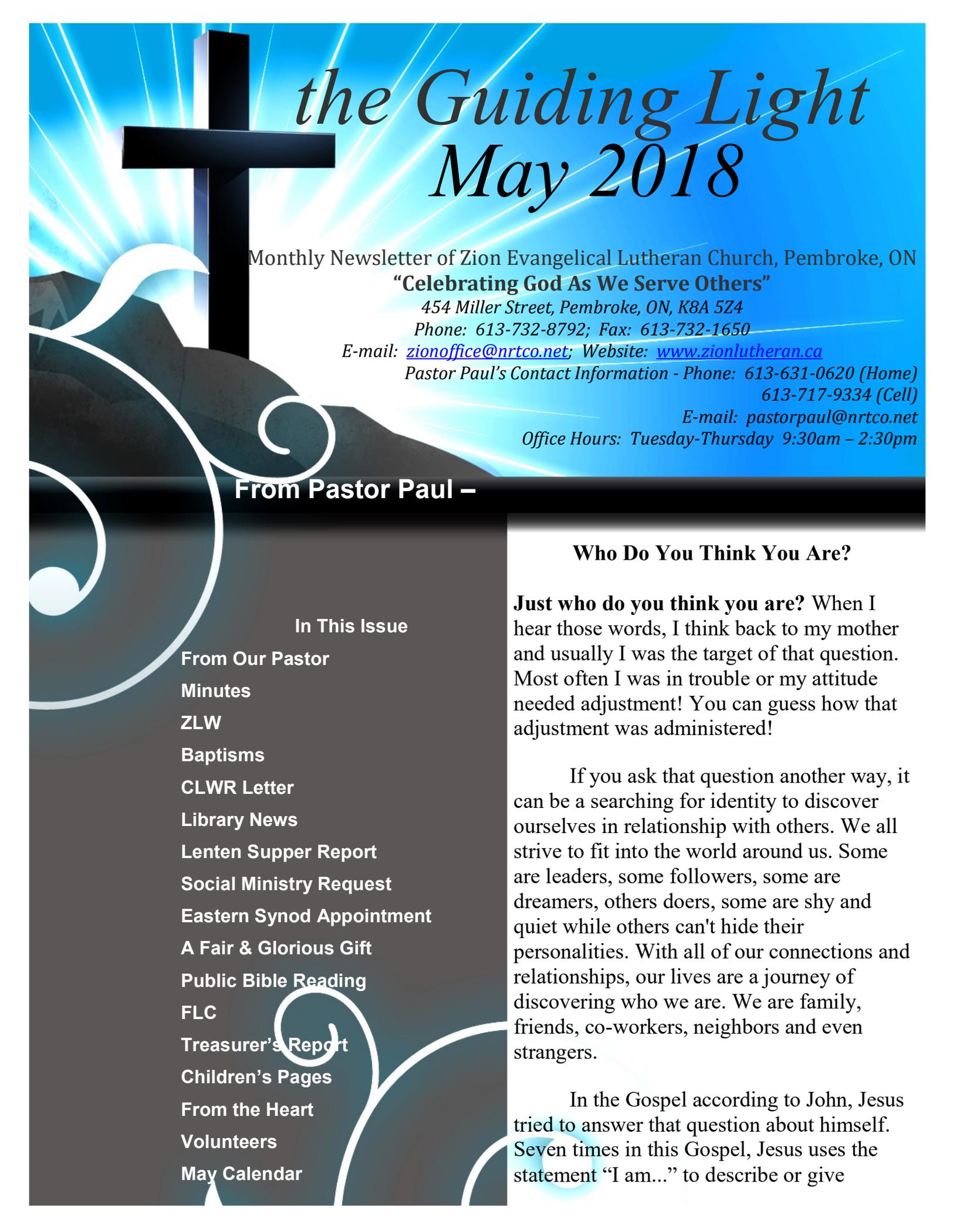




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

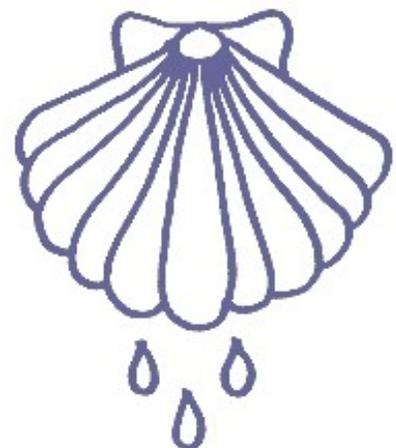
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

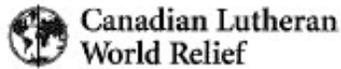
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

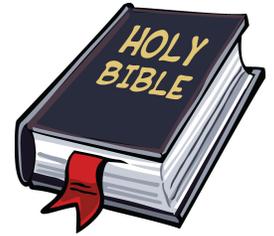
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

Annual Public Bible Reading Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018 1pm – 3pm



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin

May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

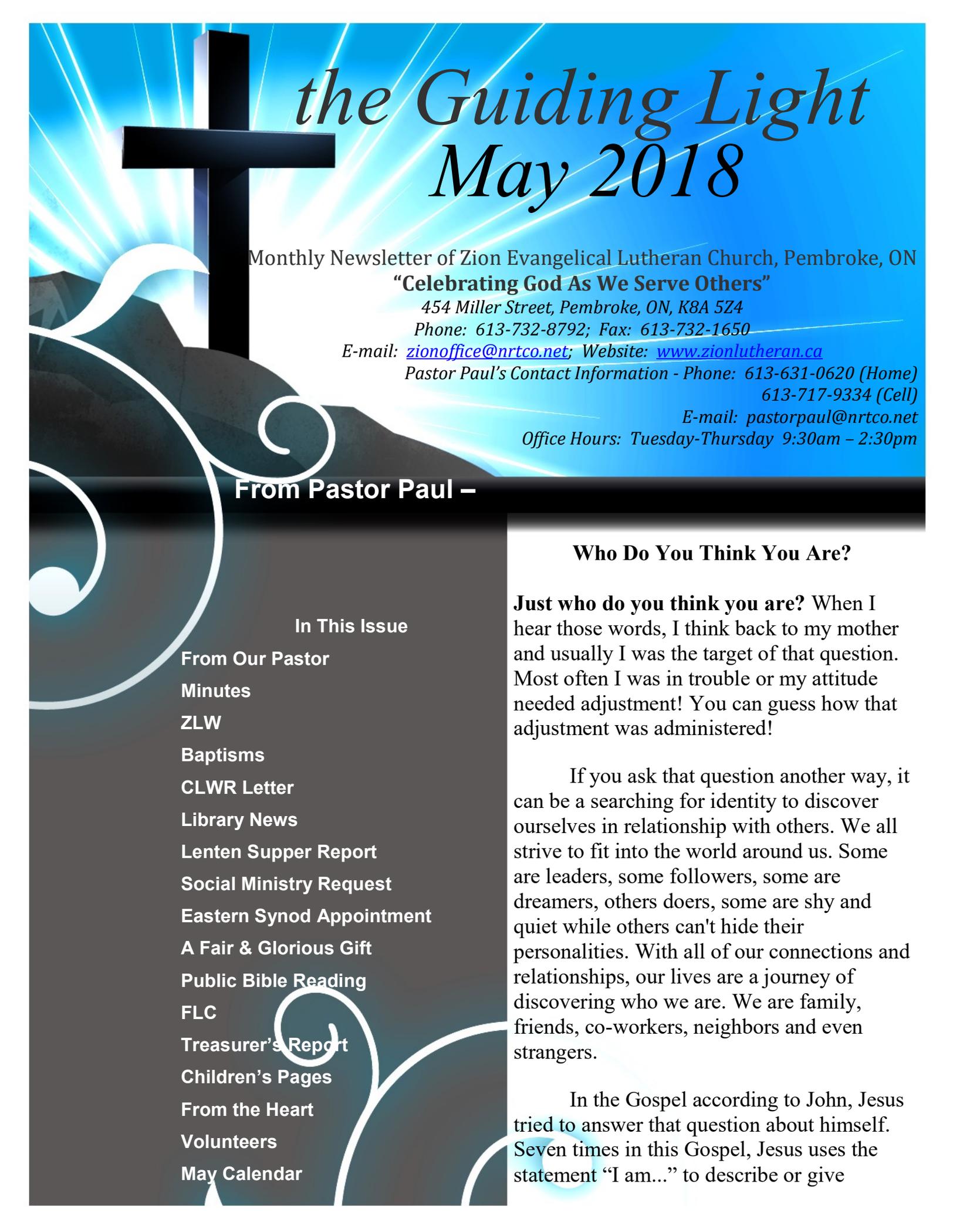




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

May 2018

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

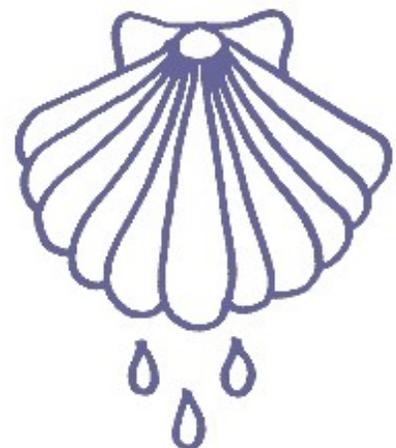
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

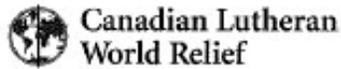
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

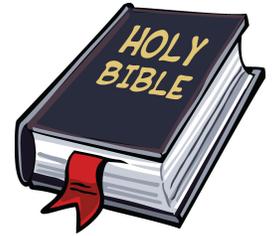
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin

May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

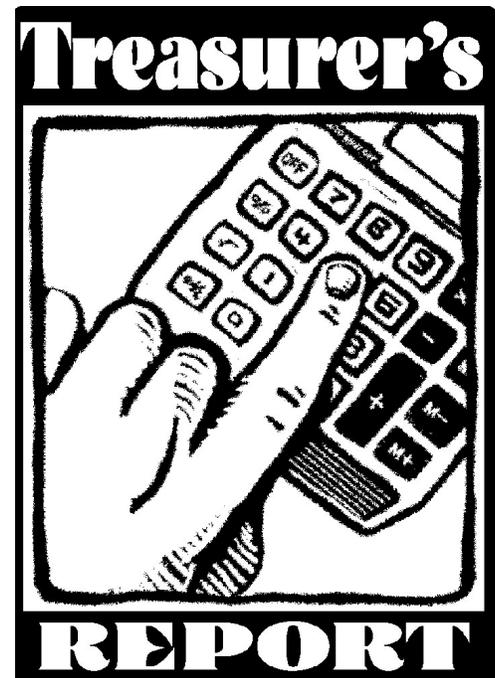
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

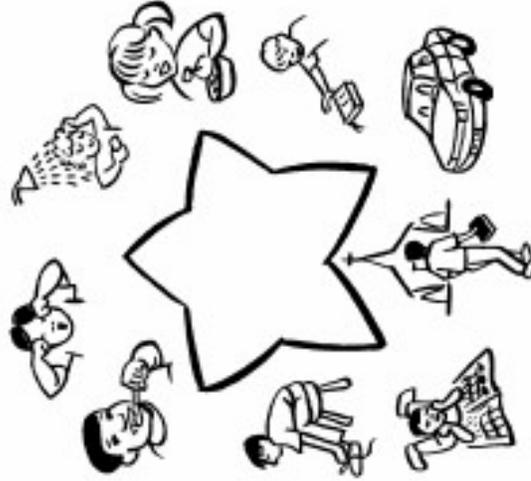
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

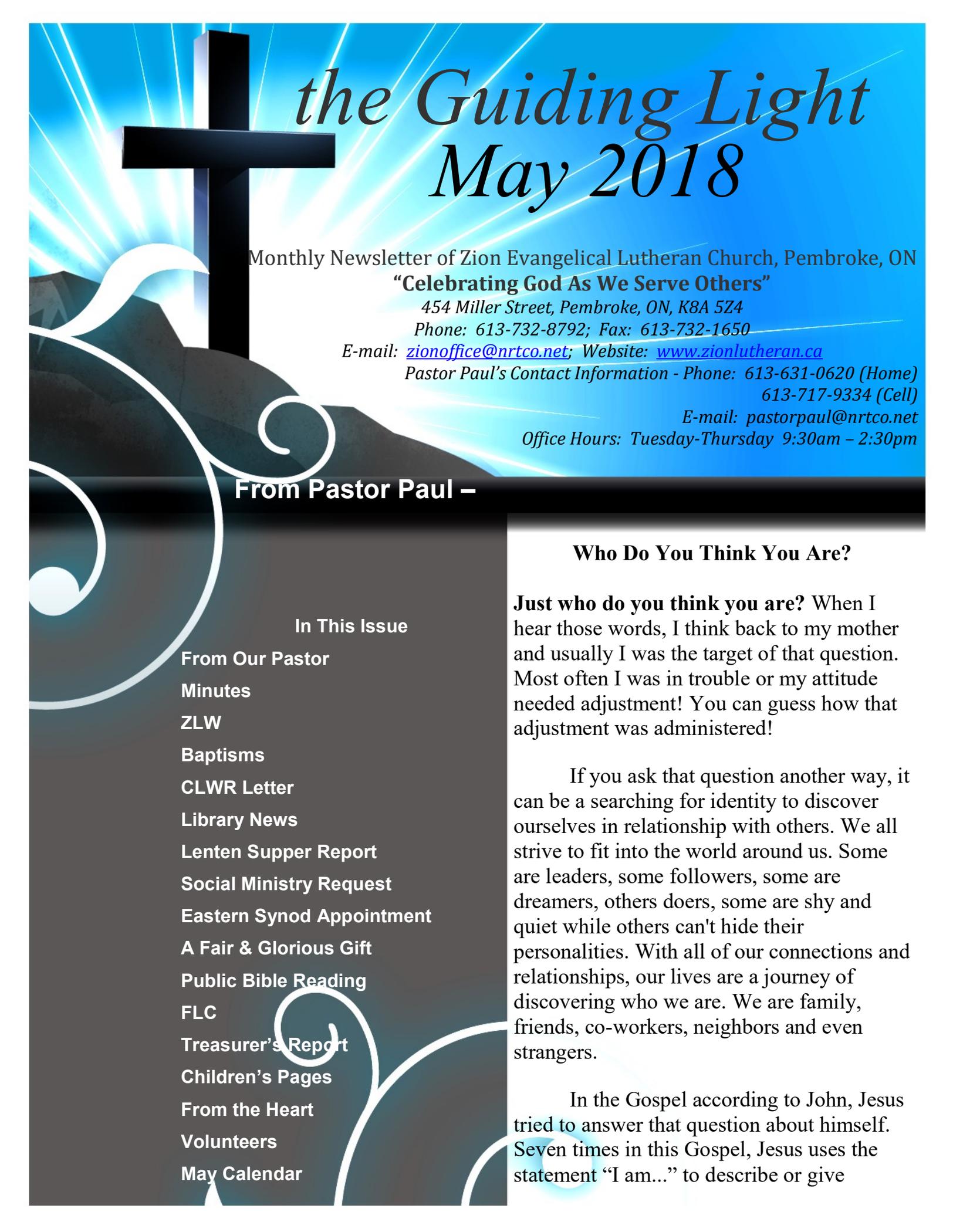




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

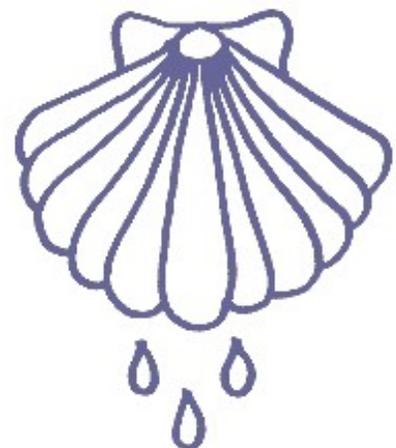
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

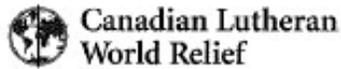
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

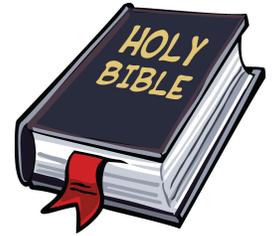
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

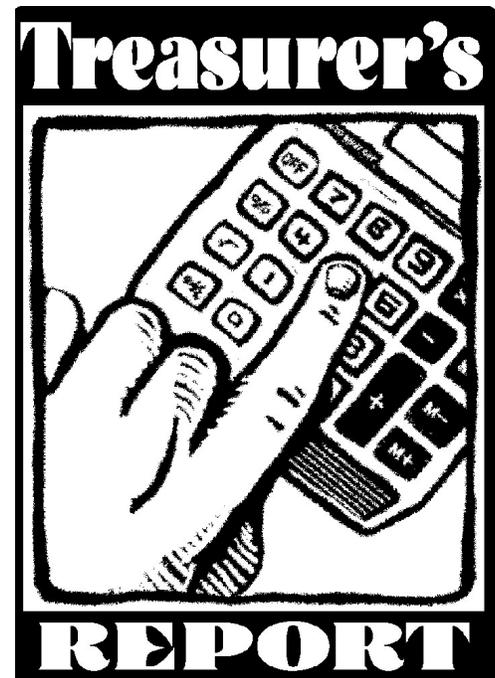
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

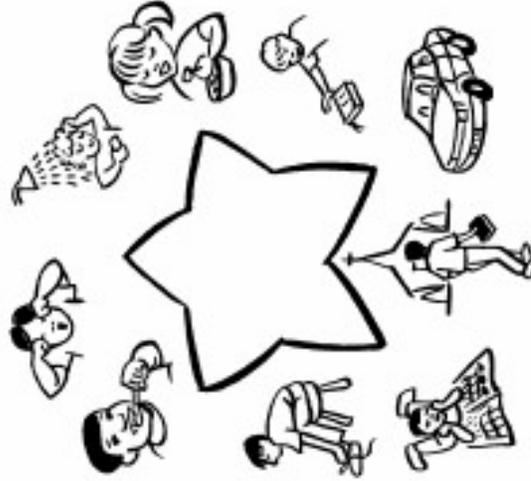
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

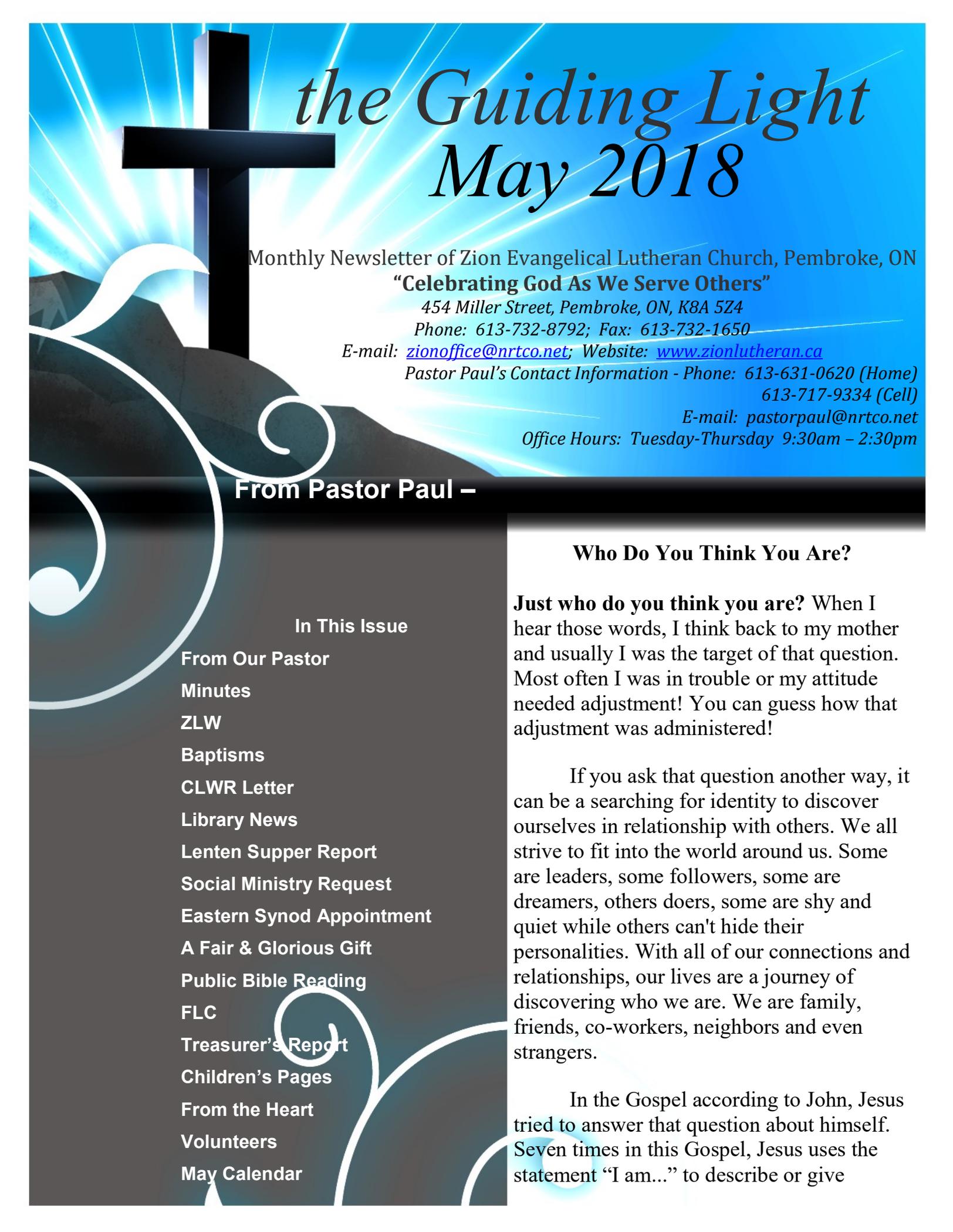




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

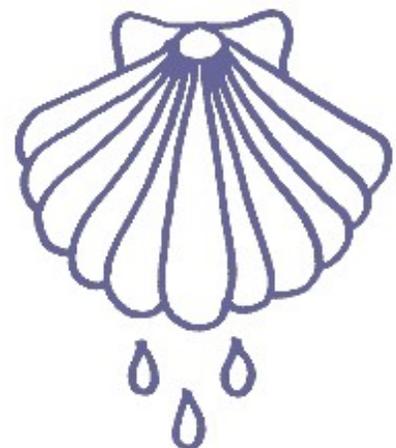
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

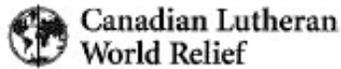
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

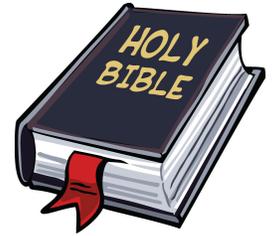
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

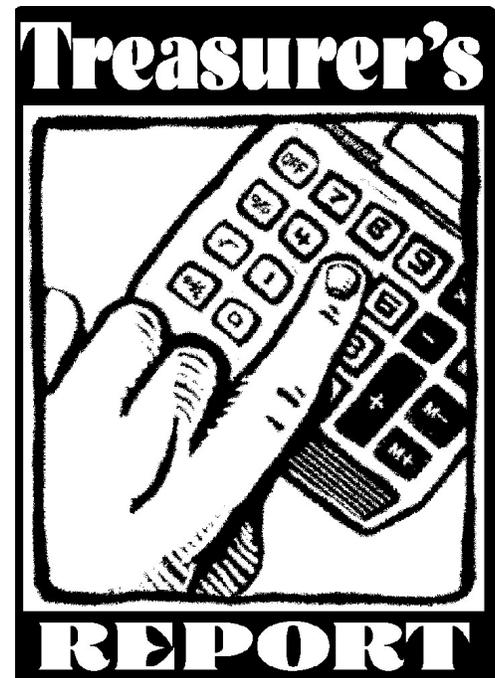
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

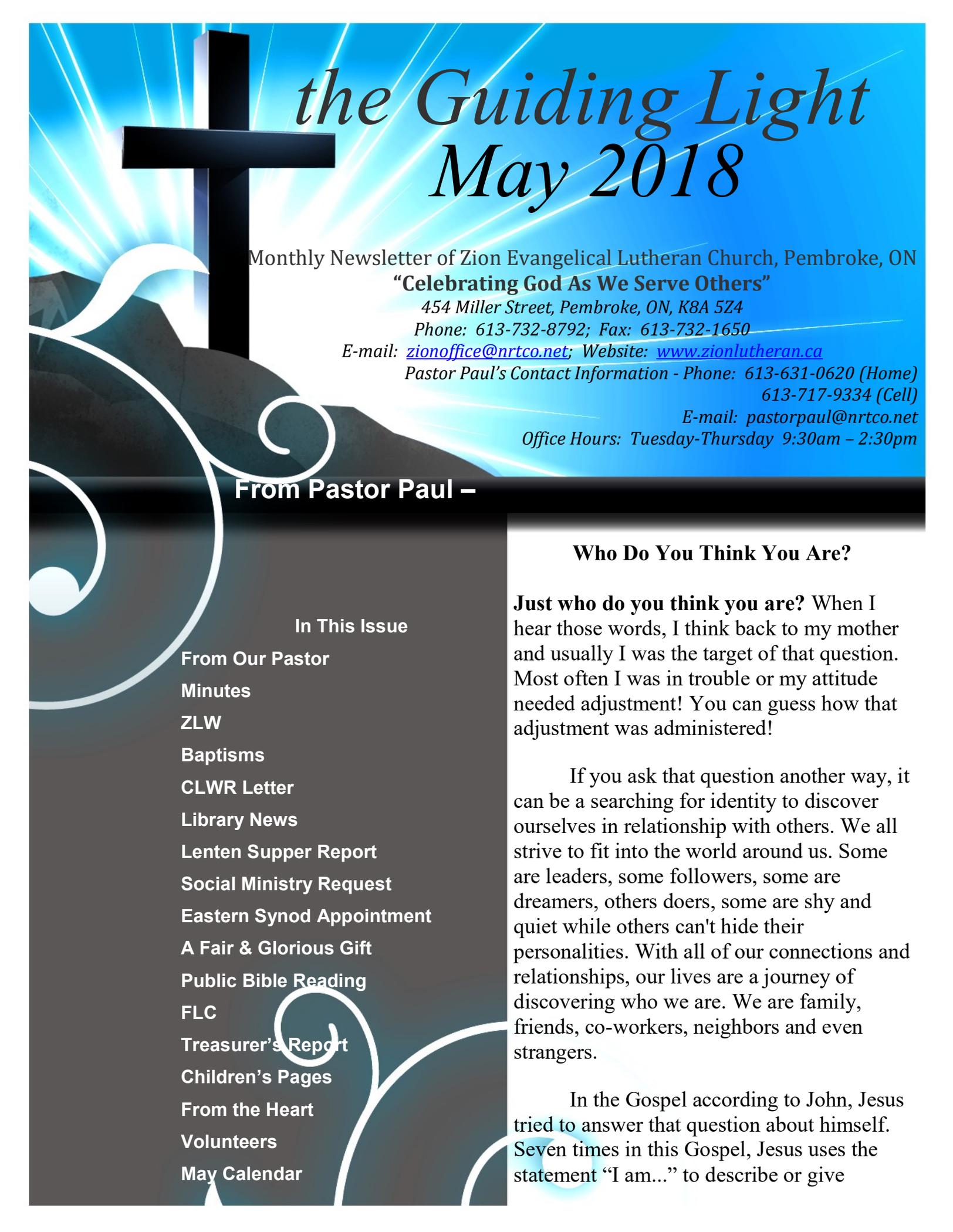




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

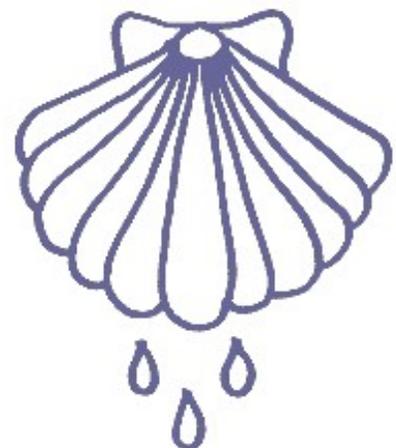
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

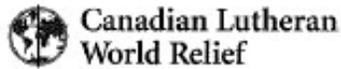
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

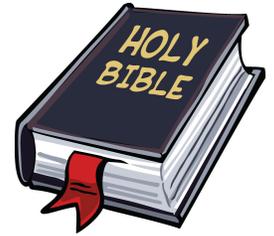
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

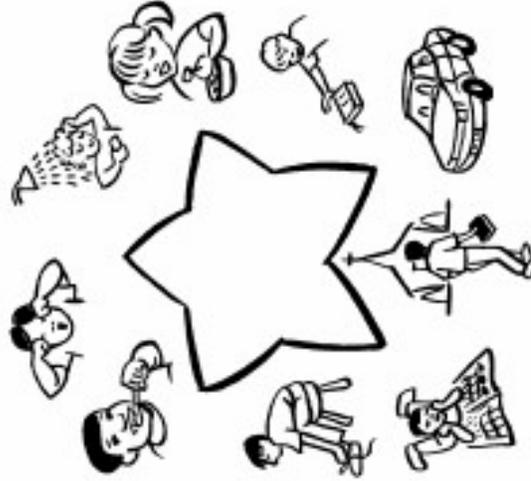
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

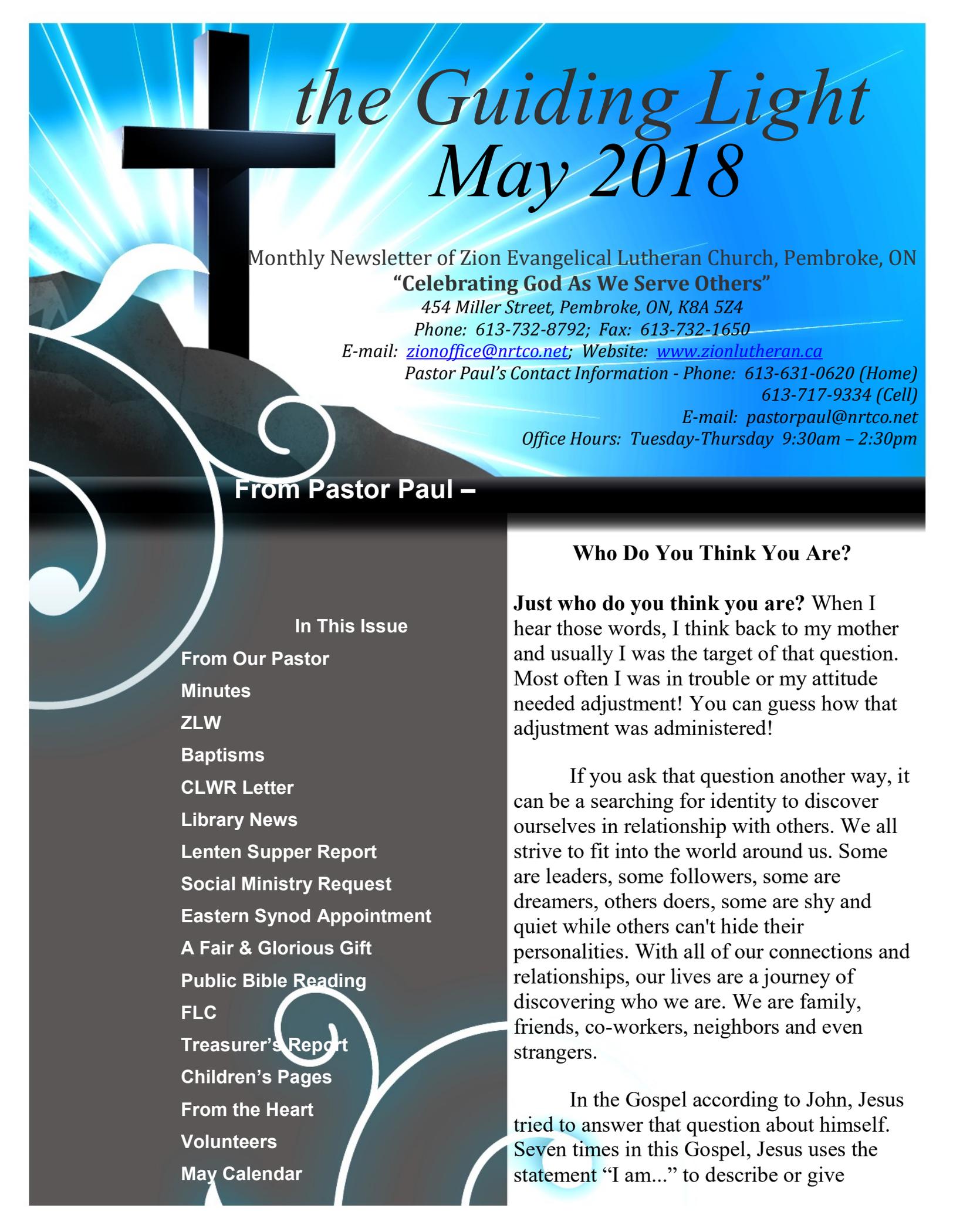




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

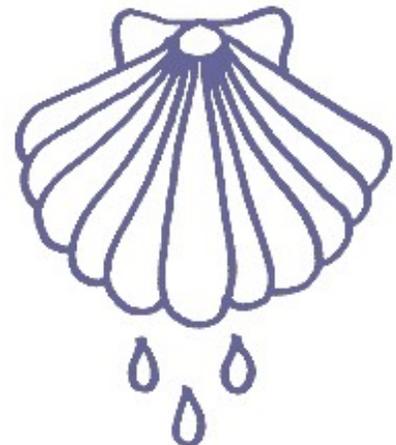
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

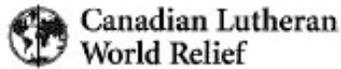
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

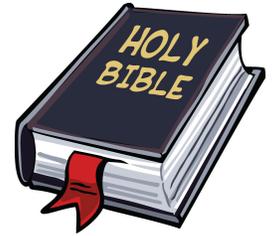
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

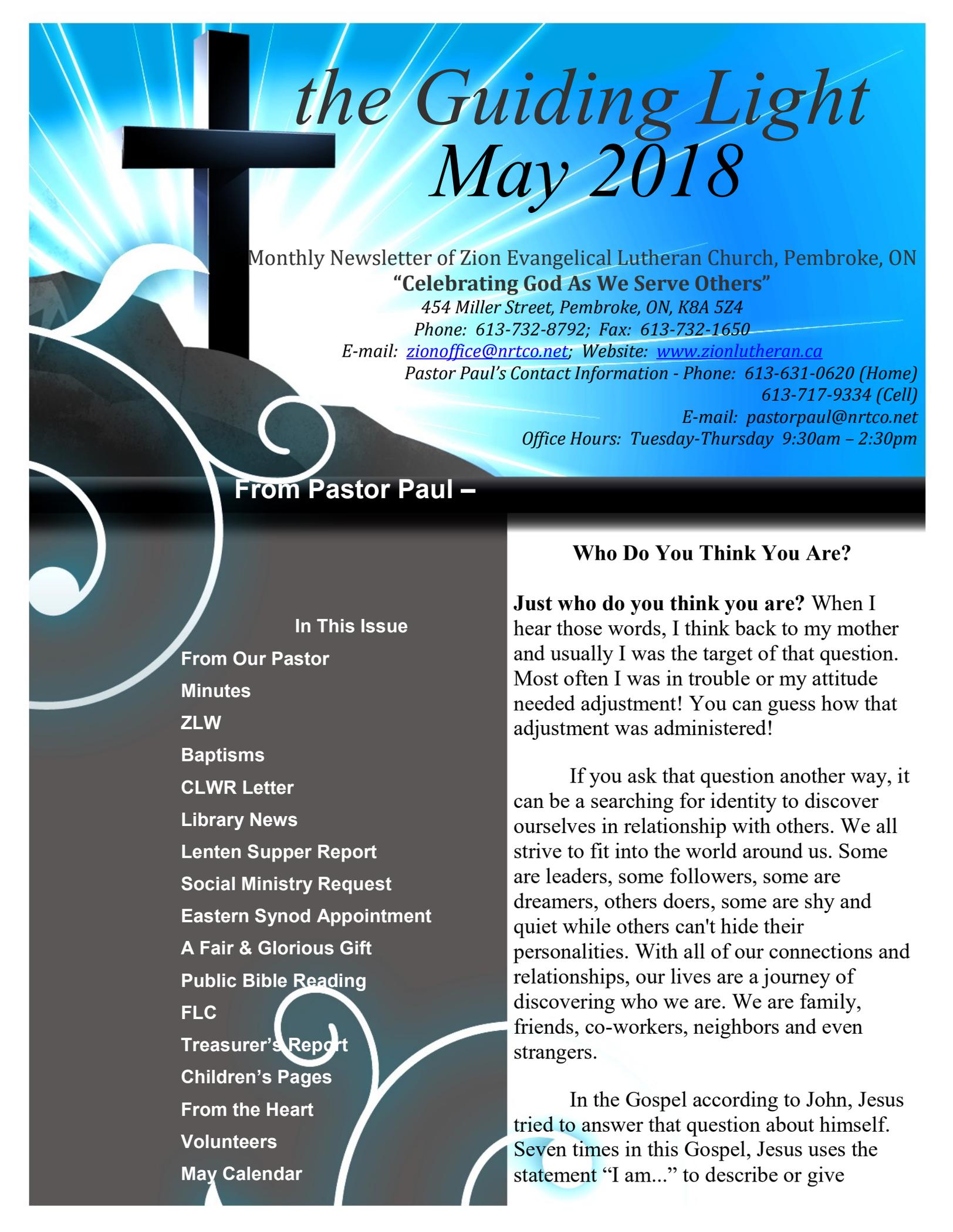




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

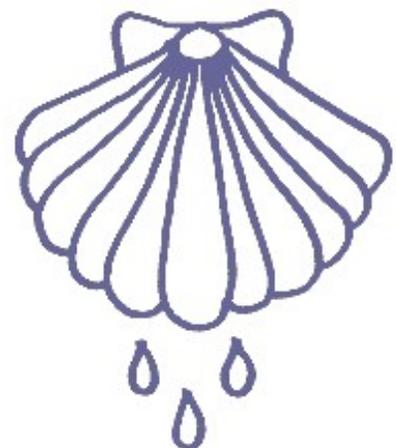
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

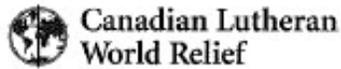
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

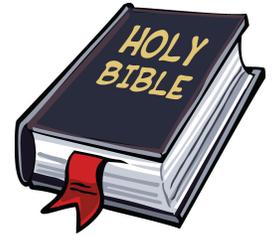
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

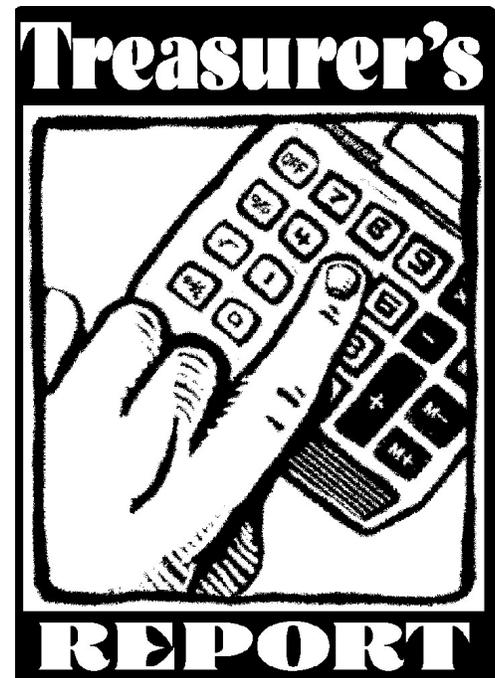
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

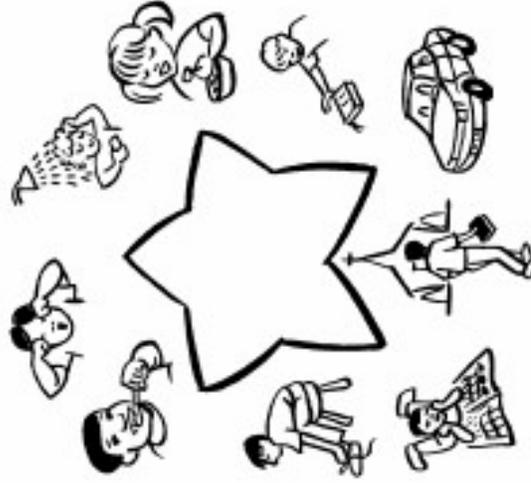
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

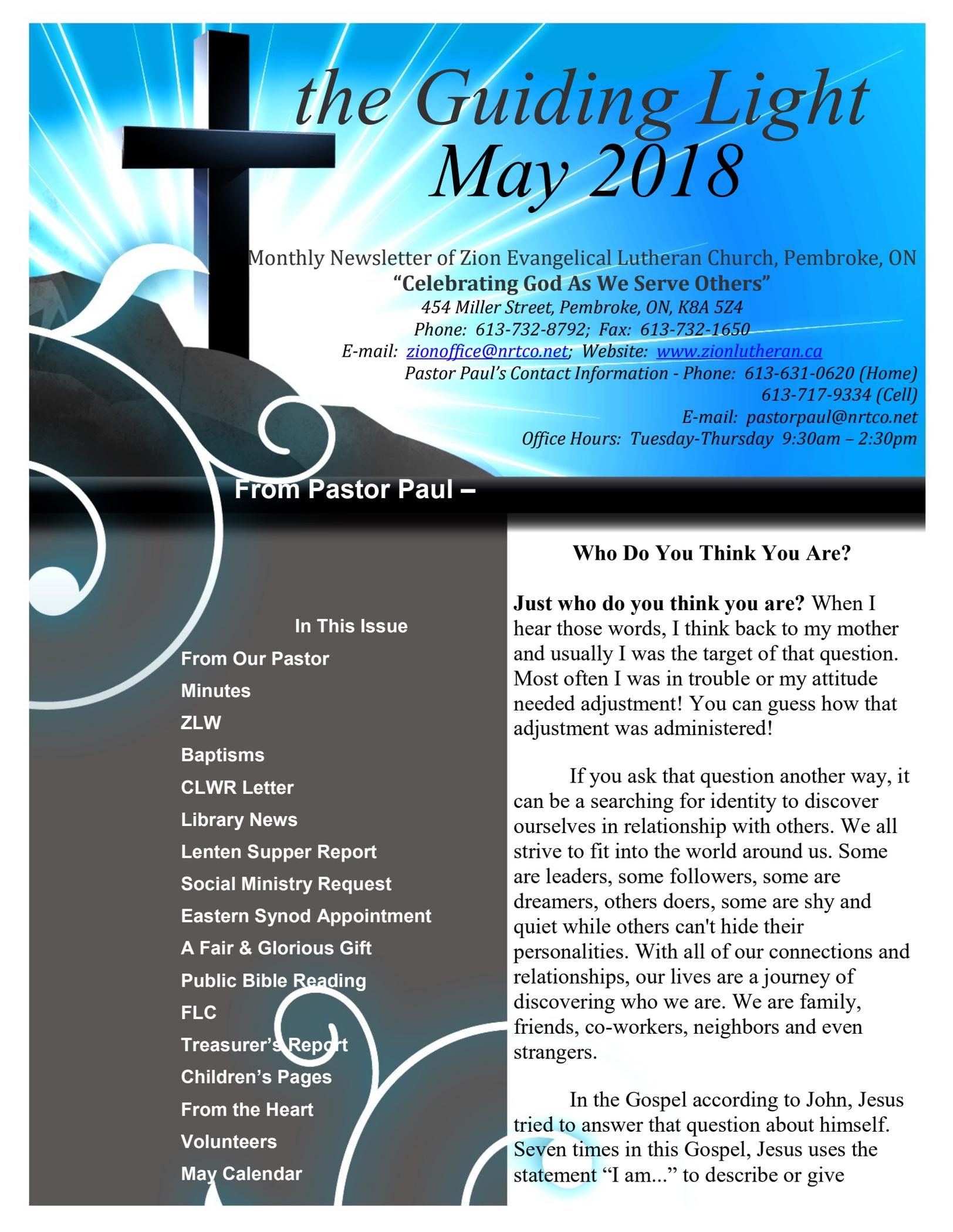




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

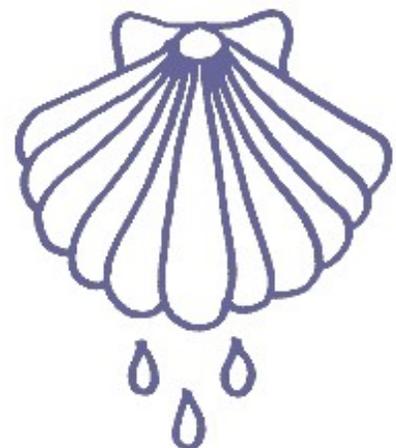
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

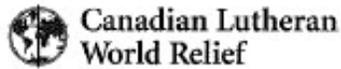
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

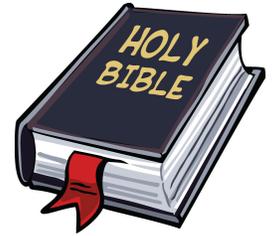
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

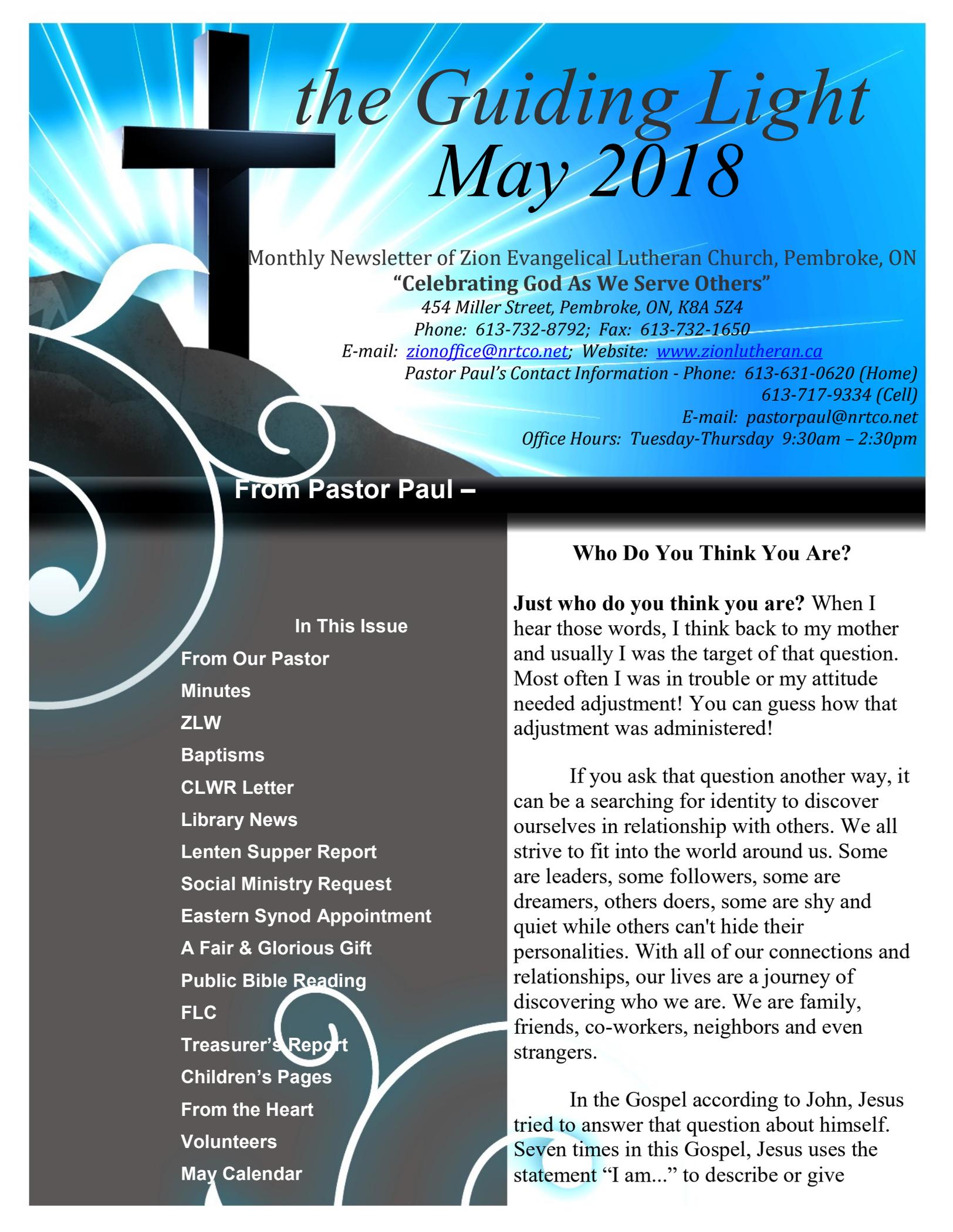




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

May 2018

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

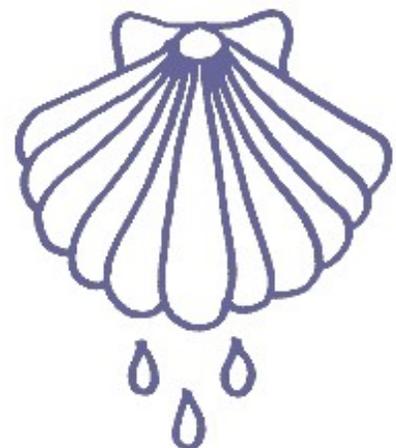
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

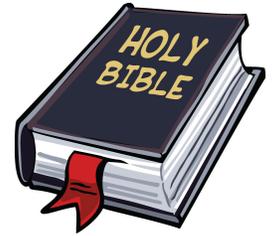
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

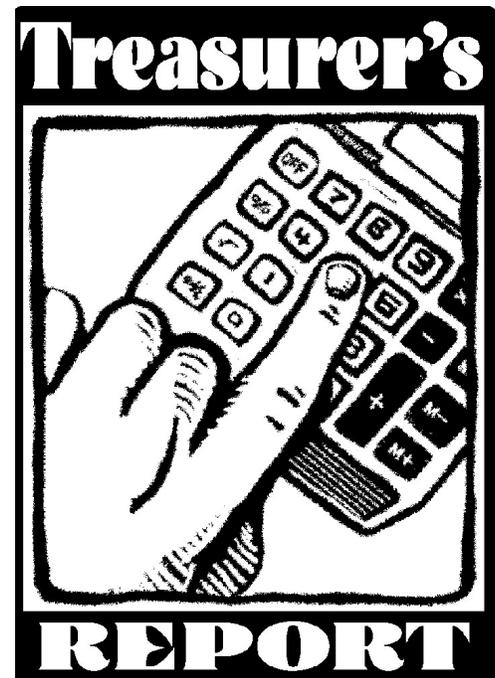
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

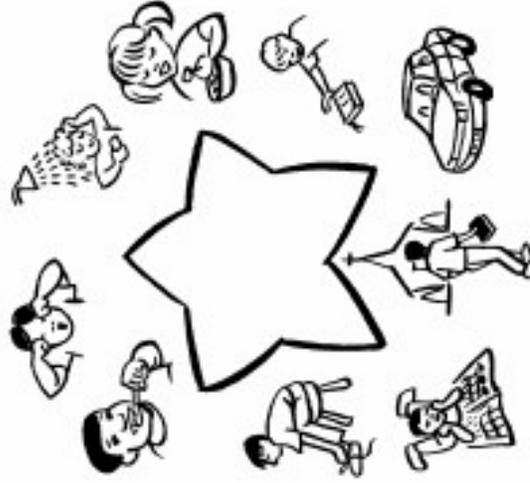
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

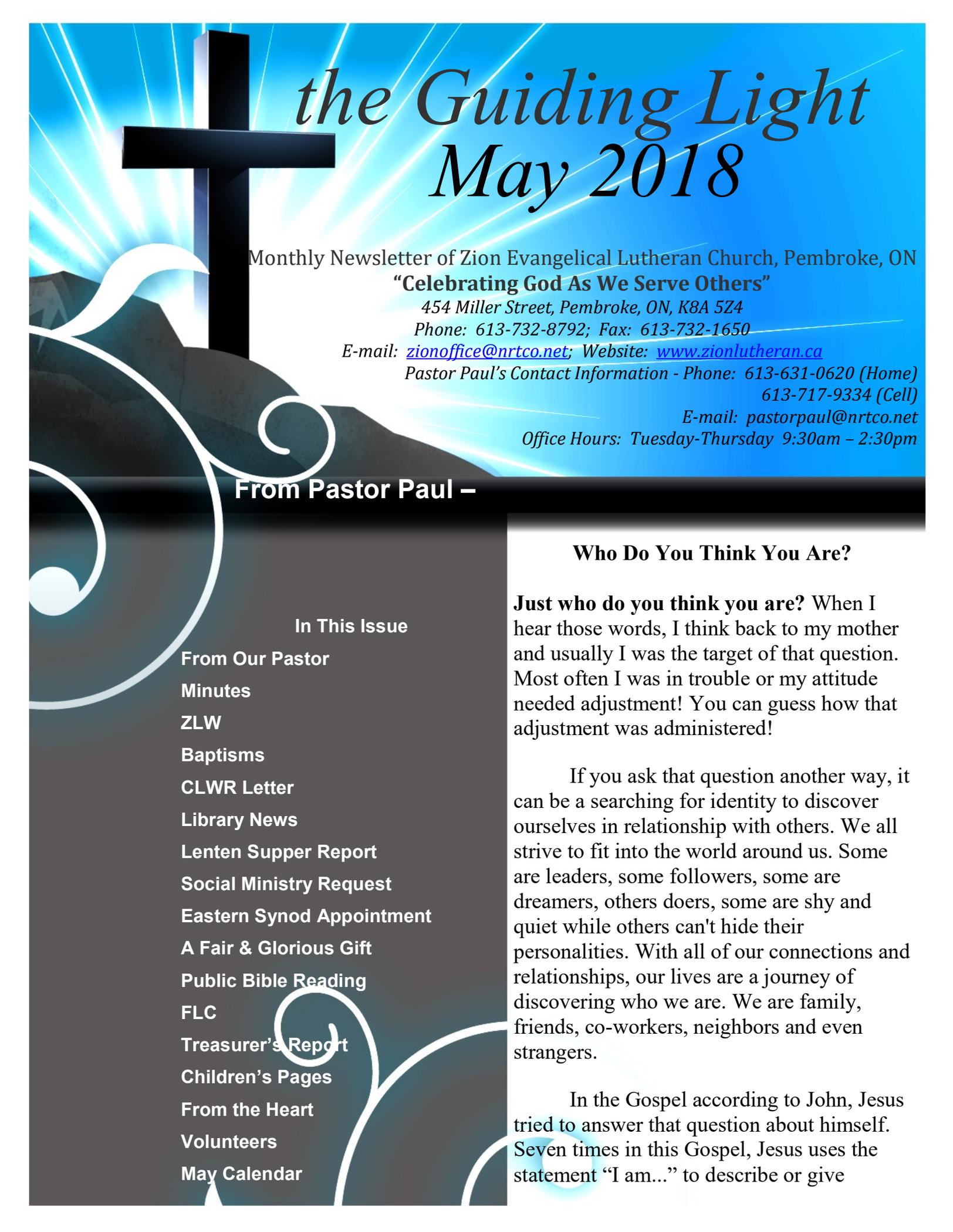




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

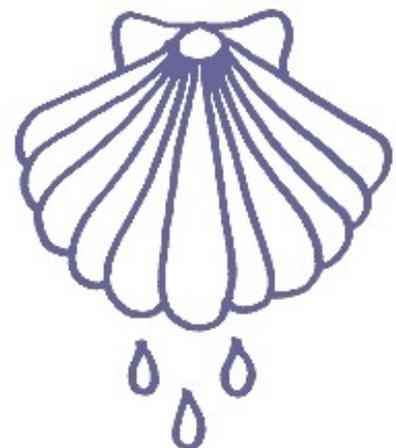
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

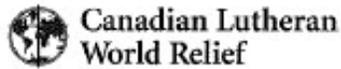
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

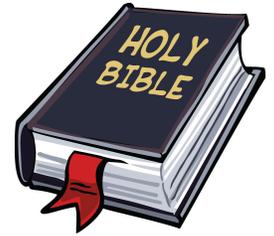
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

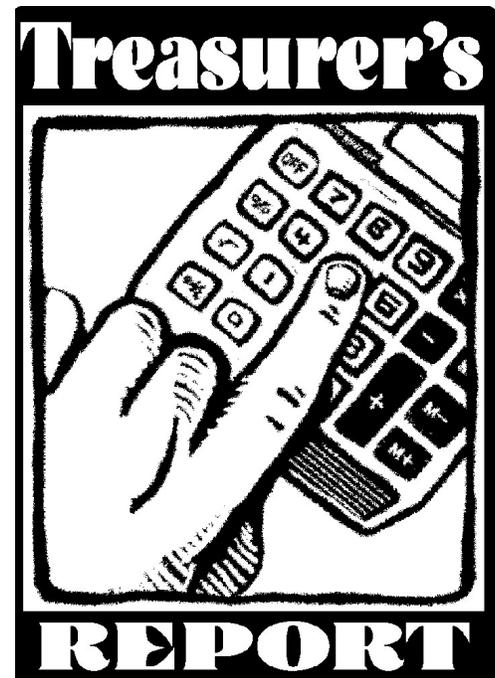
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

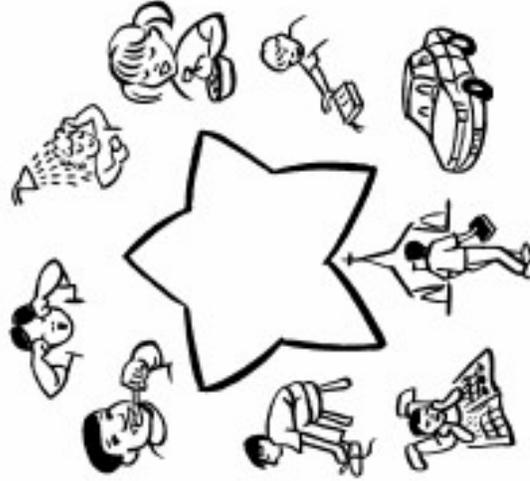
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

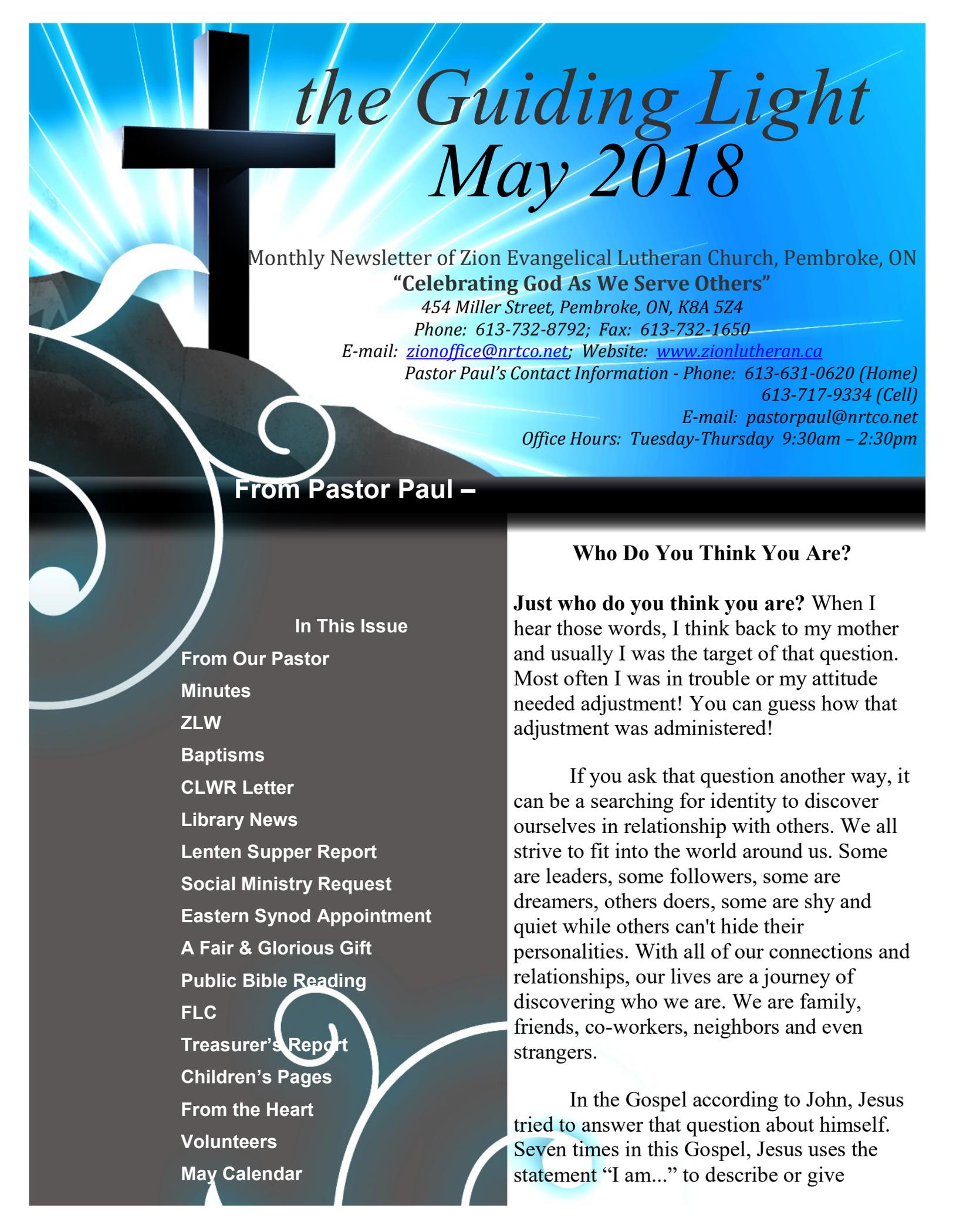




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

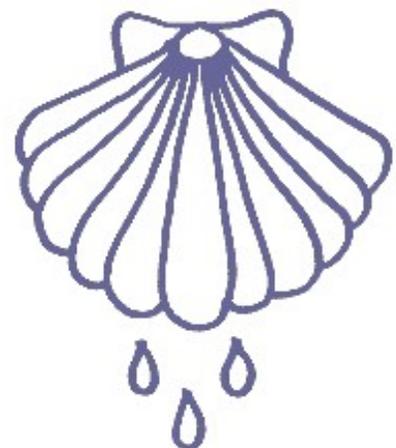
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

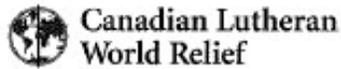
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

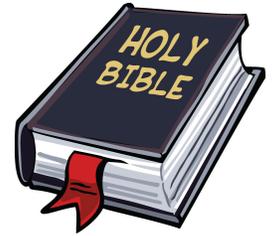
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

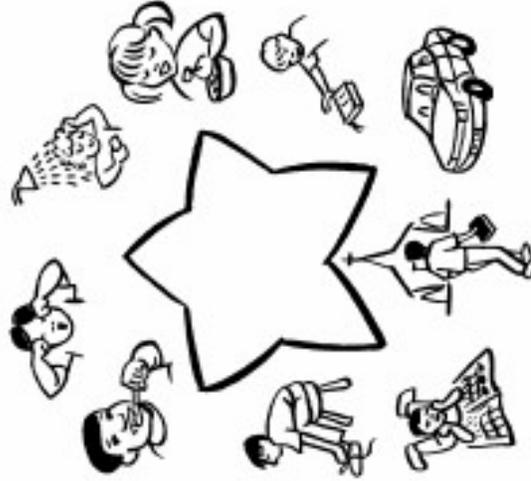
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

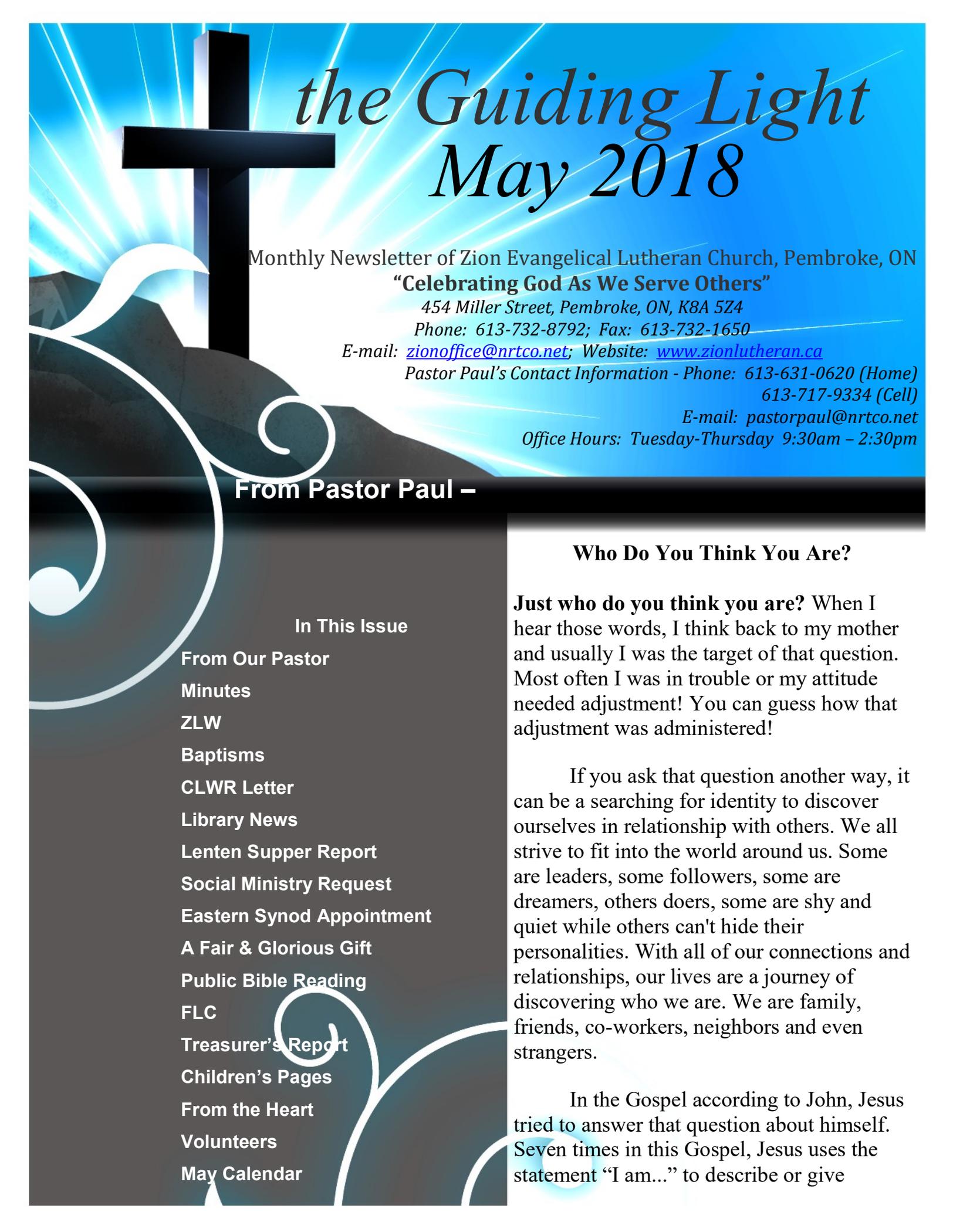




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

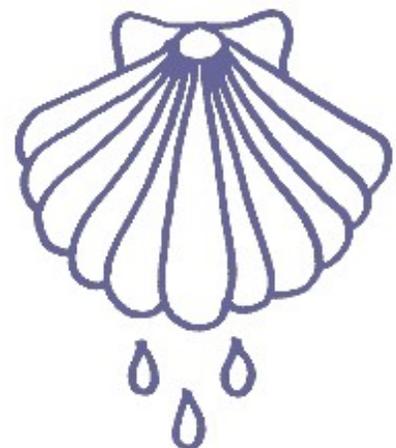
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

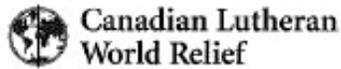
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
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Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

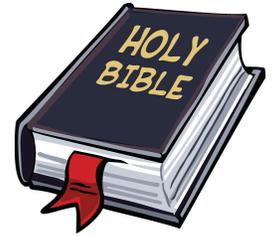
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

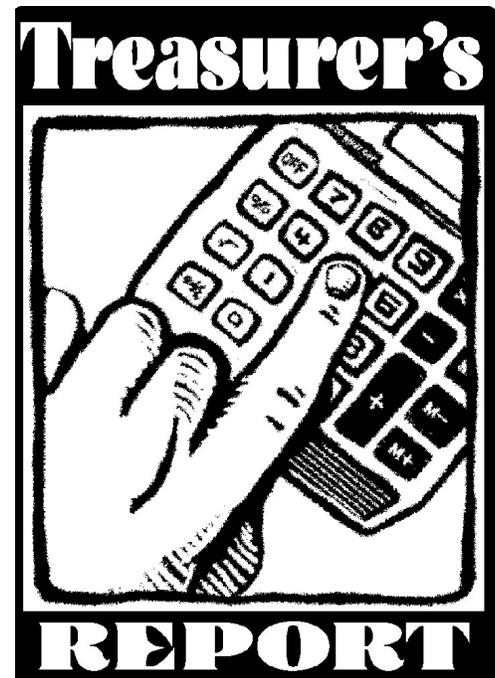
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

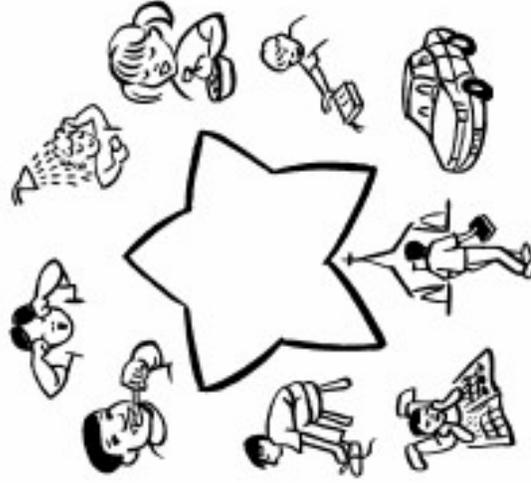
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Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

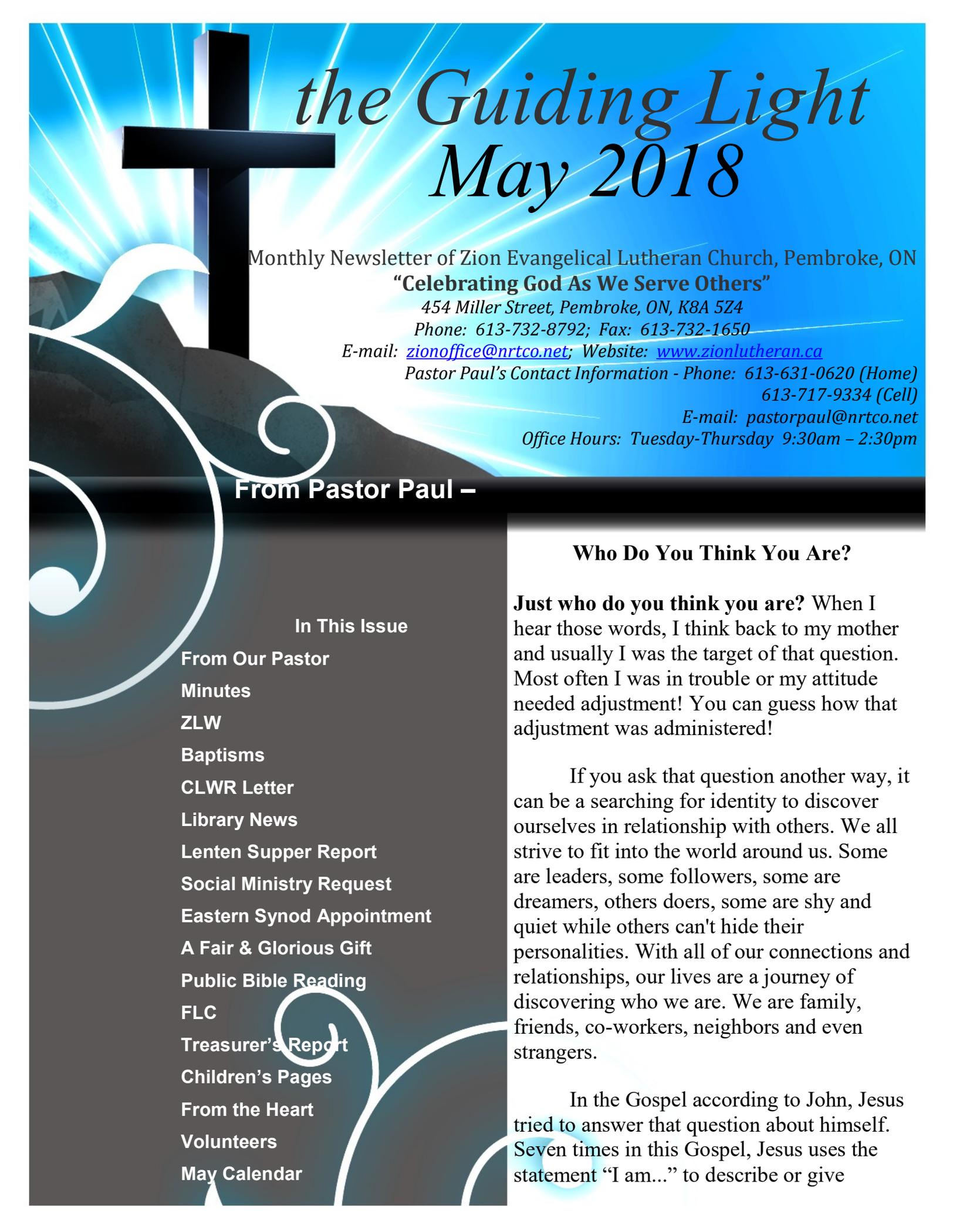




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

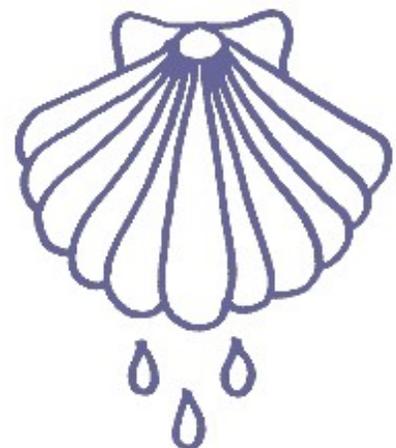
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

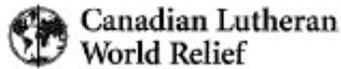
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

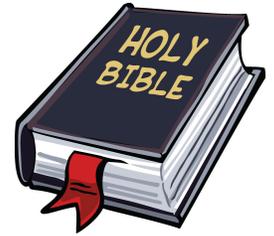
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

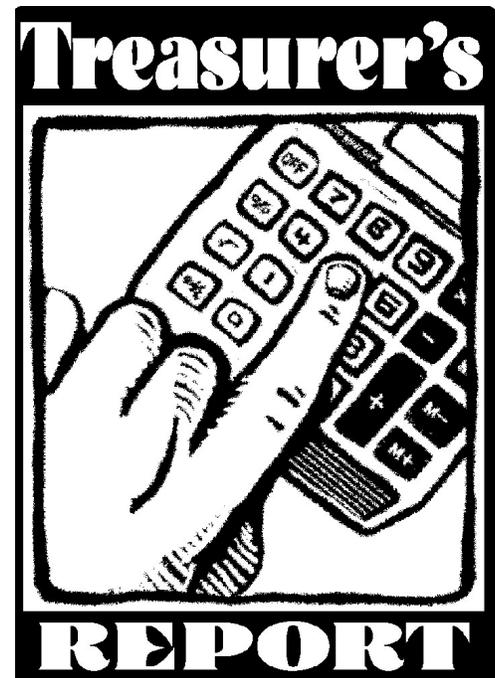
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

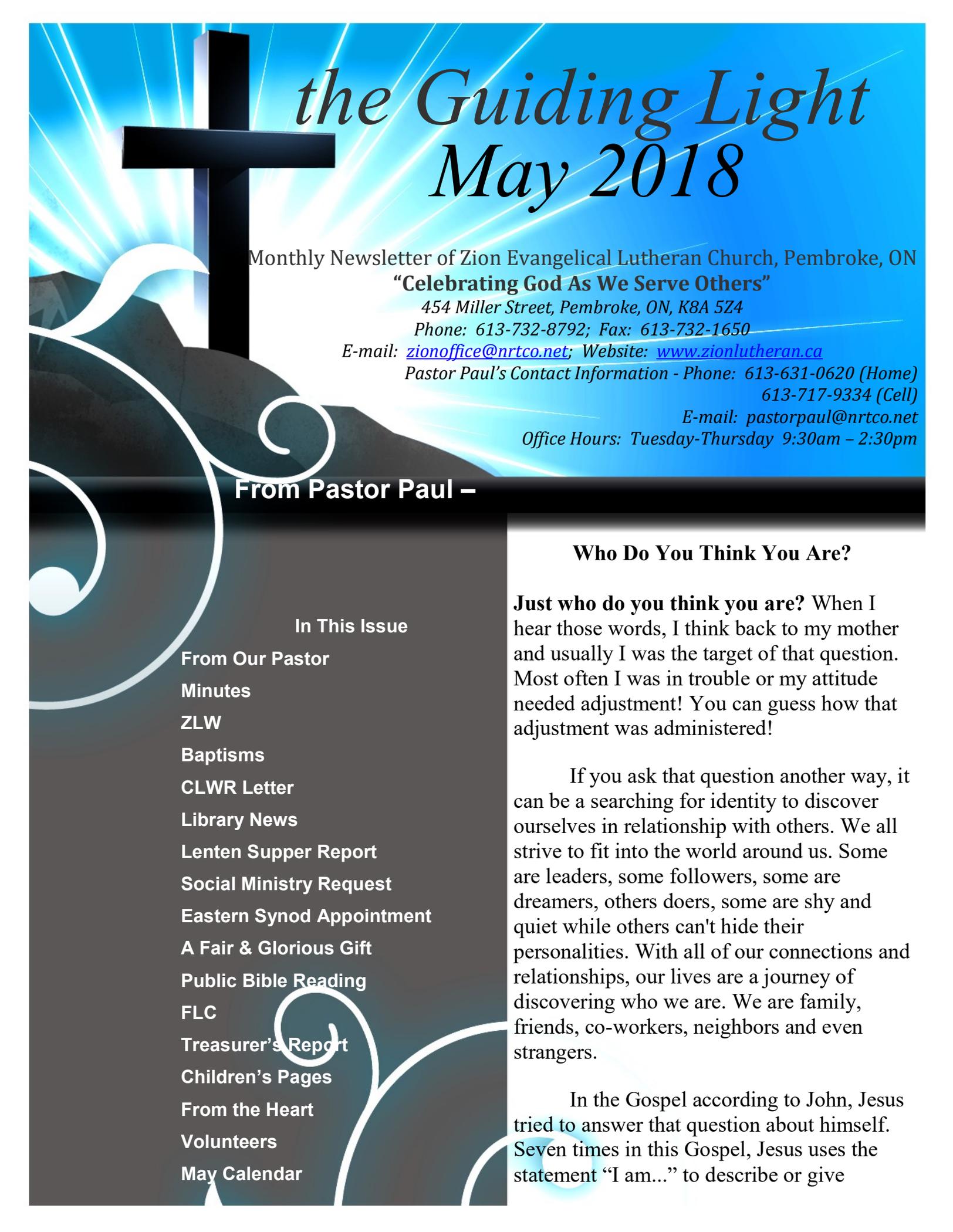




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

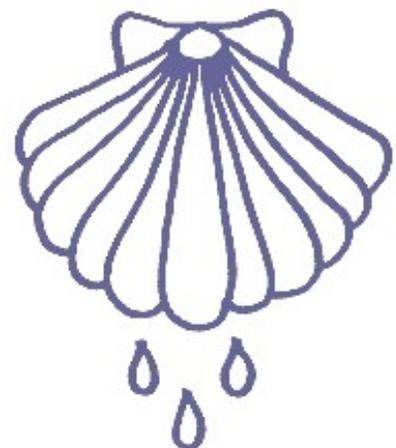
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

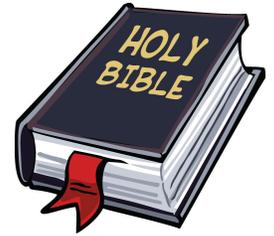
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

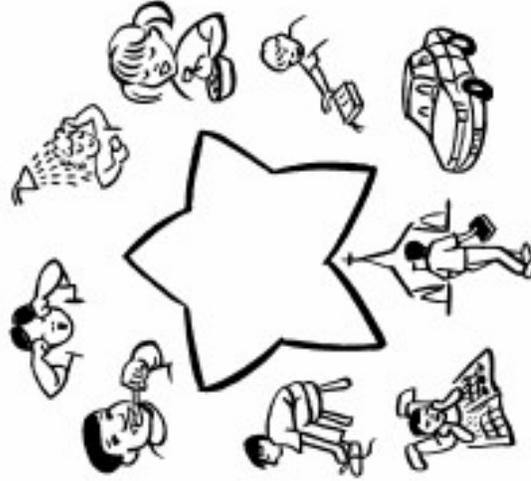
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

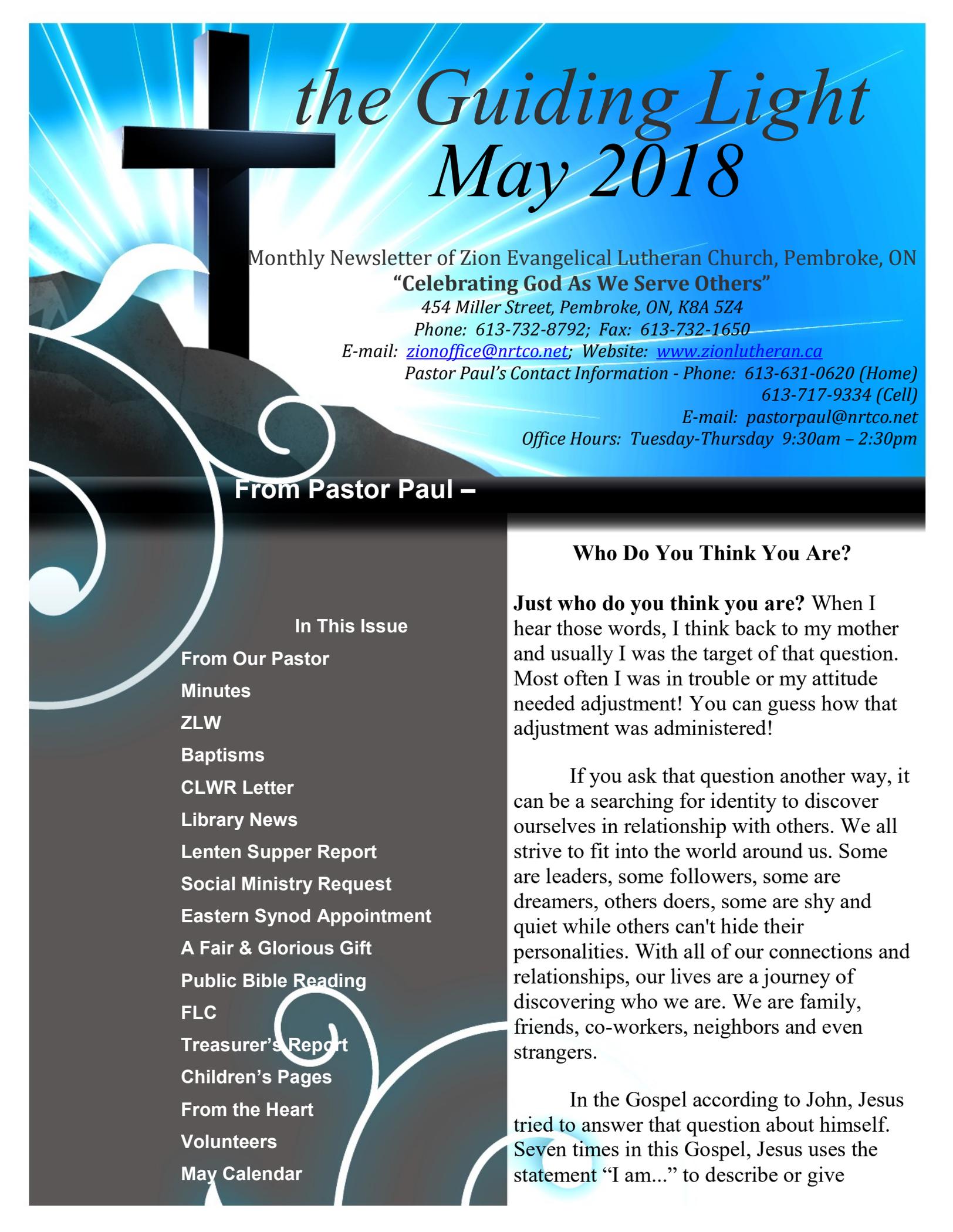




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

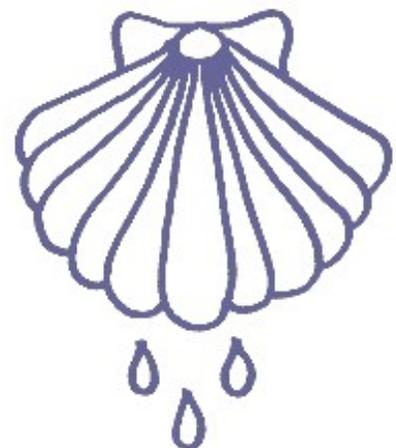
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

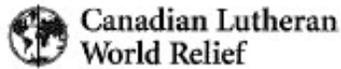
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
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Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

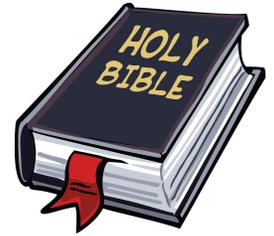
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

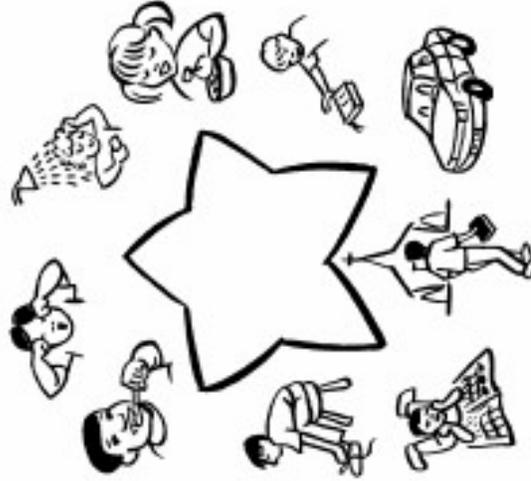
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

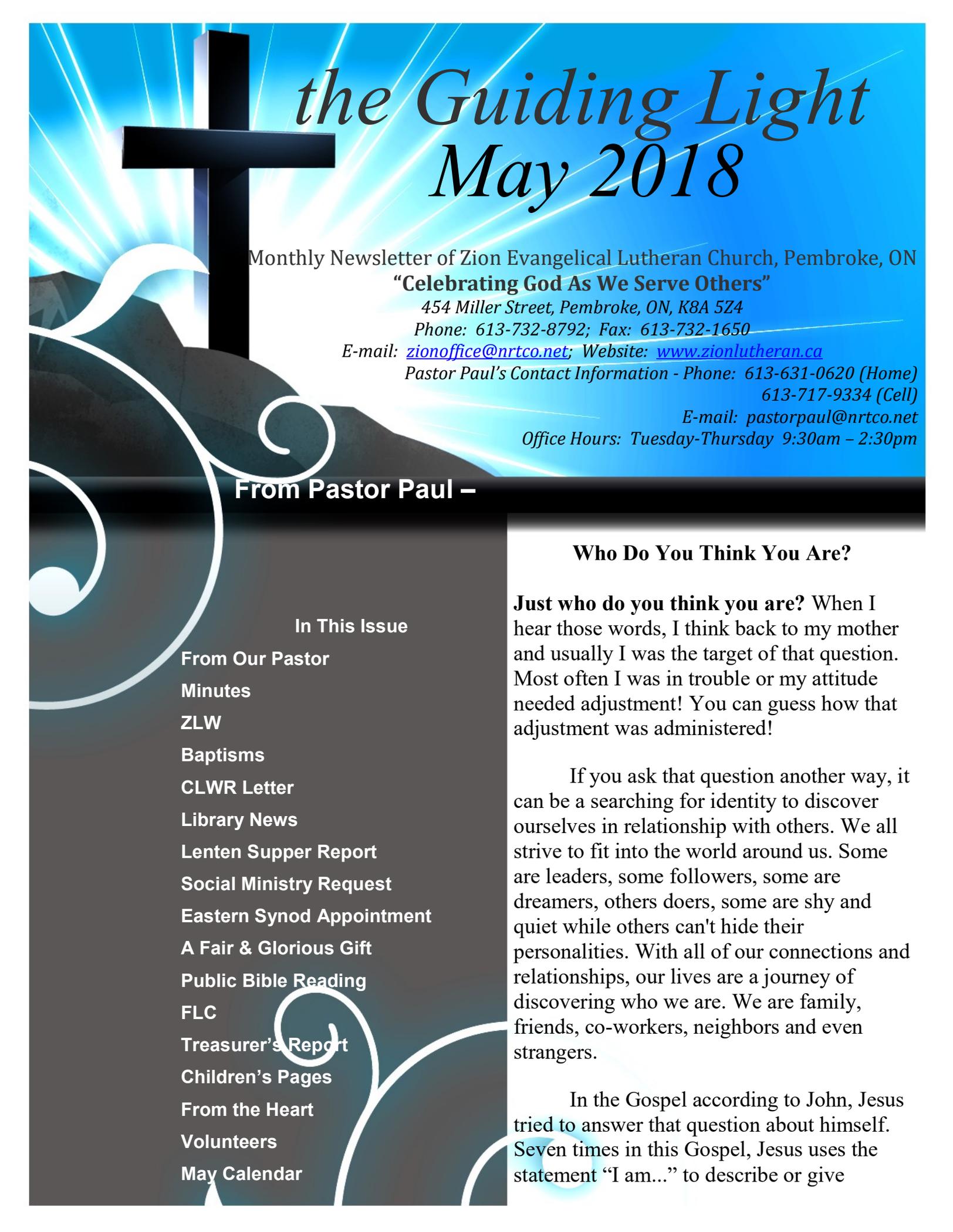




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

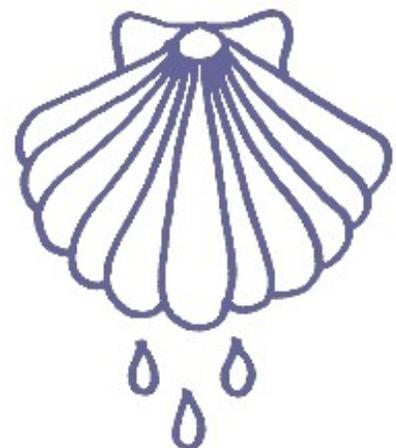
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

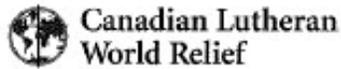
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

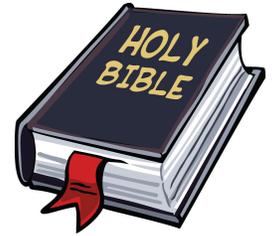
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin

May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

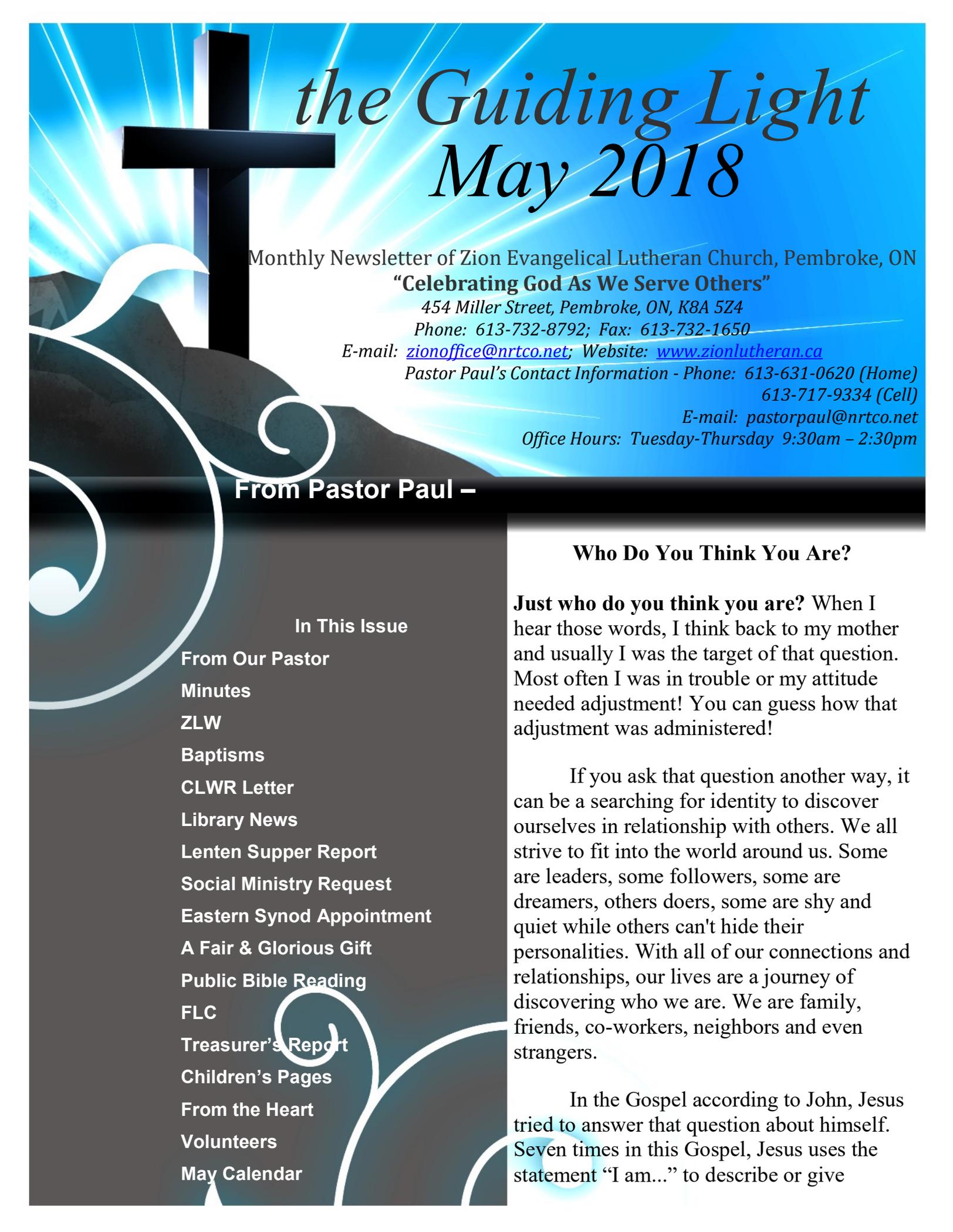




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

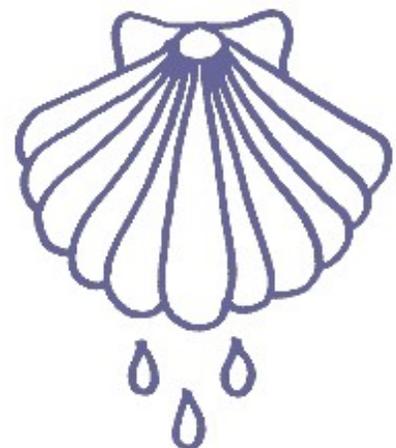
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

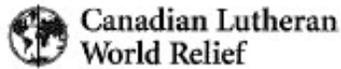
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

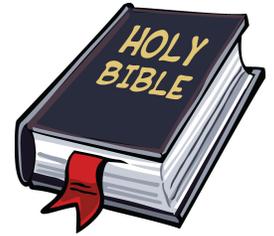
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

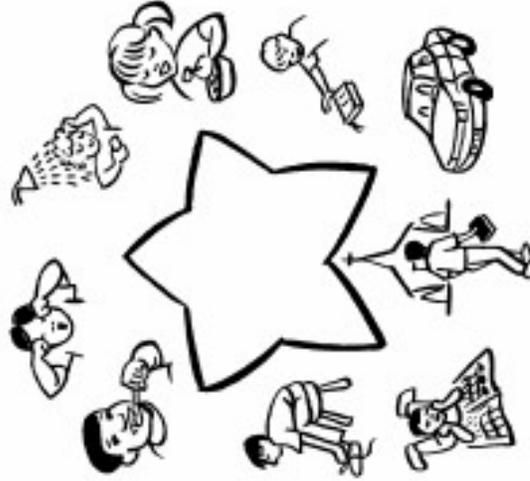
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

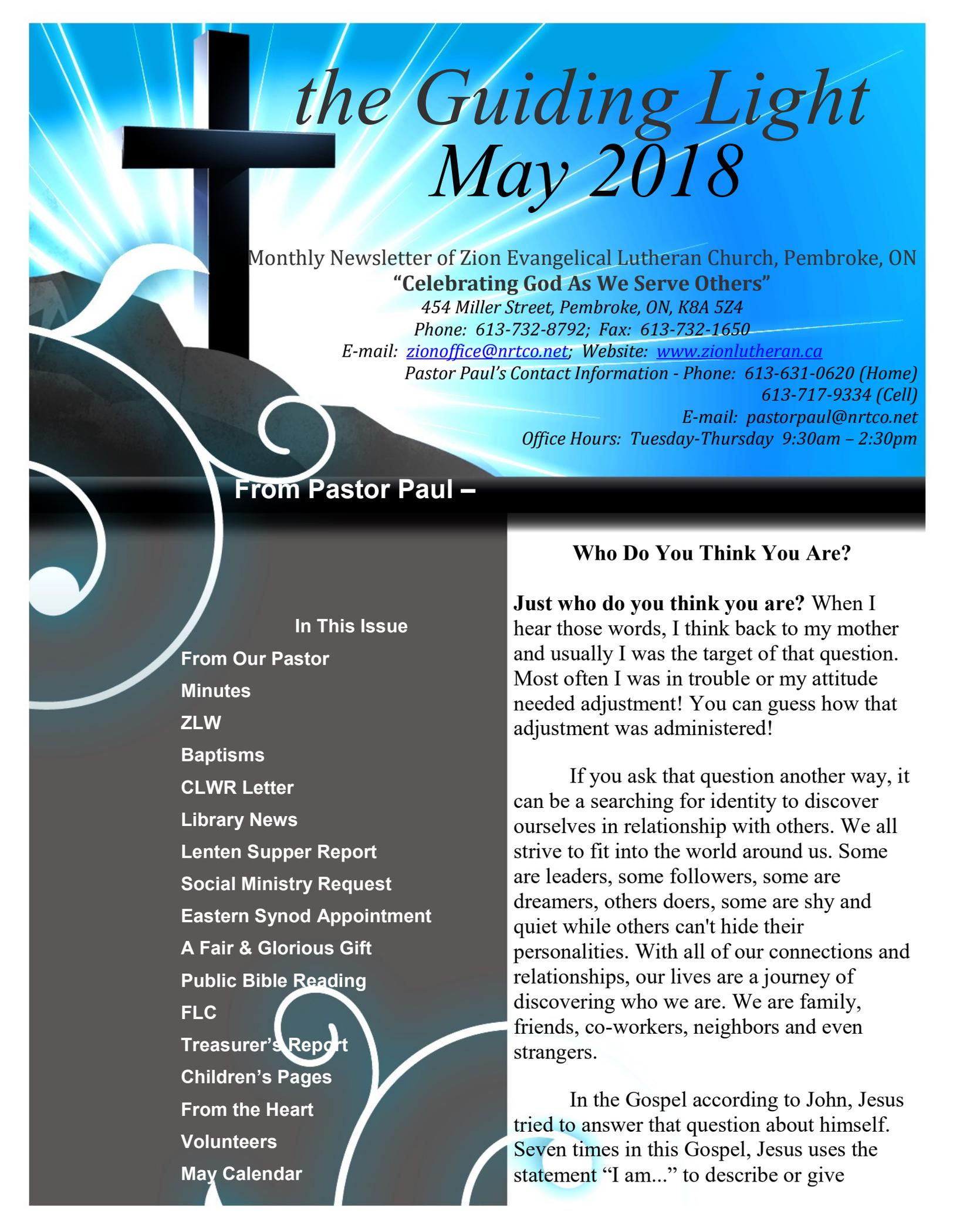




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

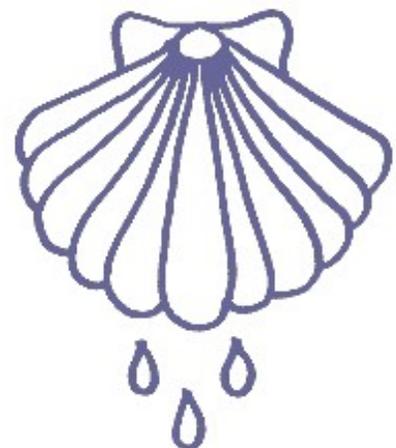
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

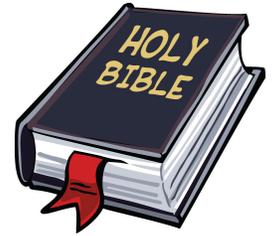
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

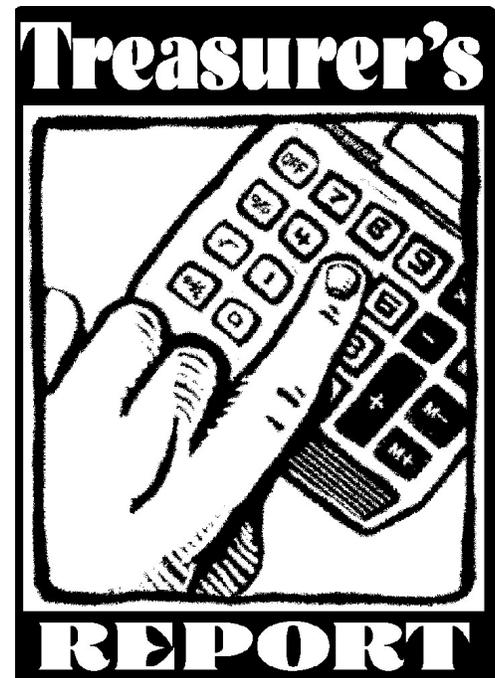
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

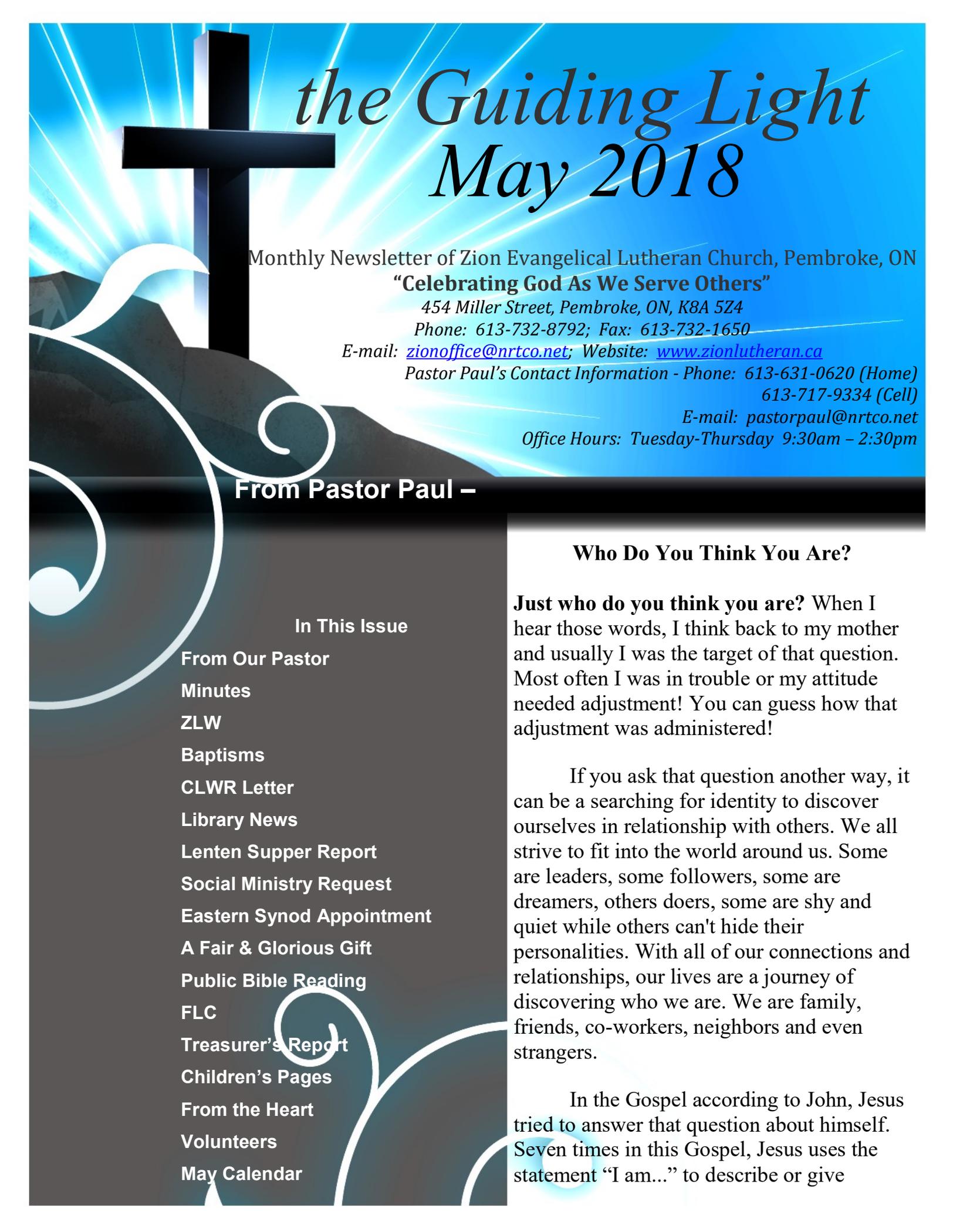




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

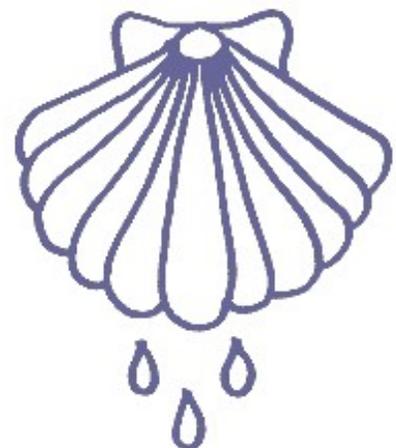
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

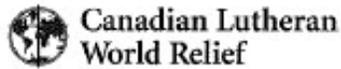
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

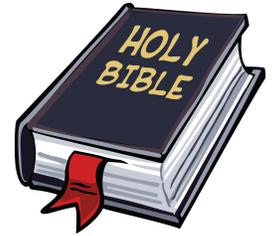
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

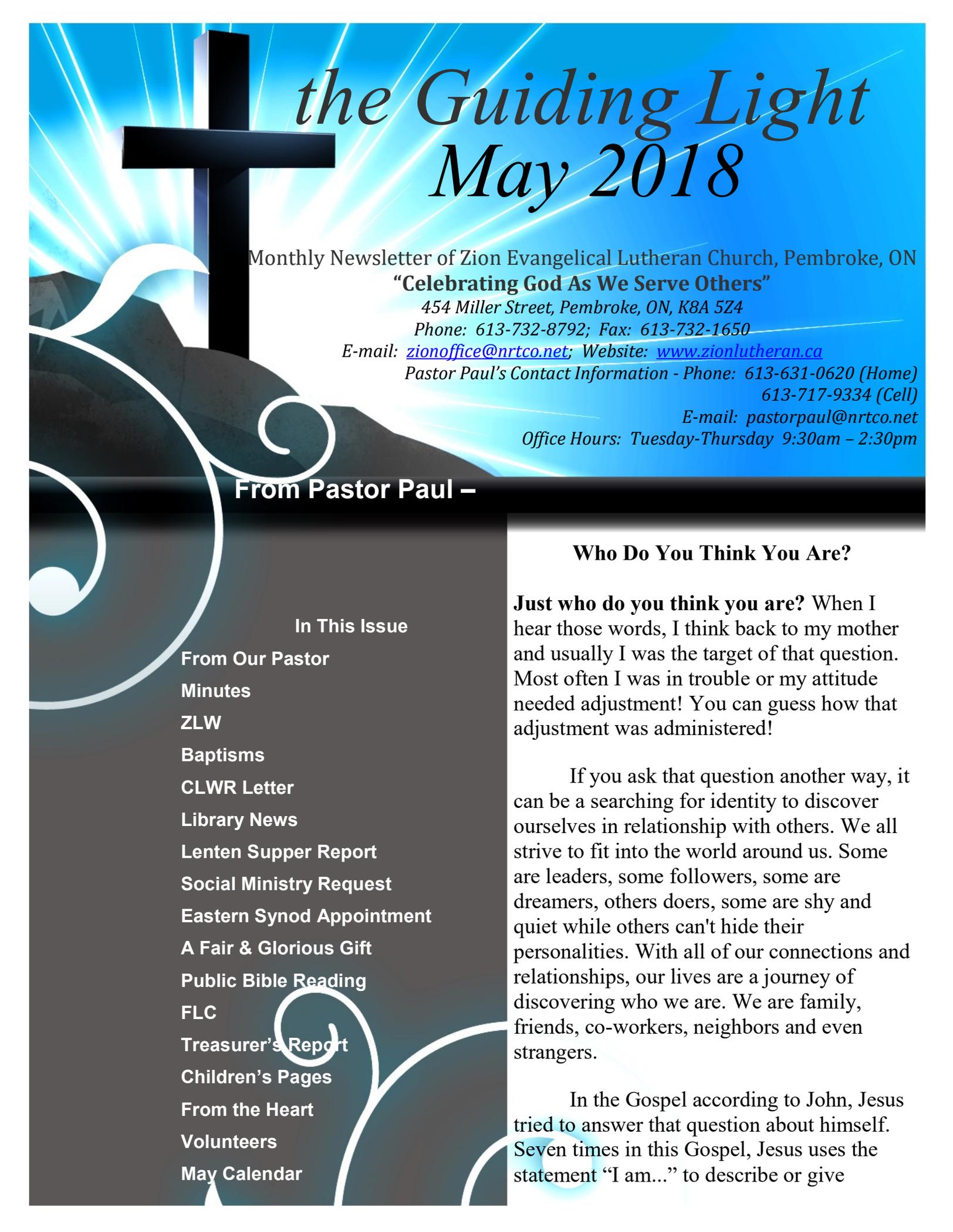




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

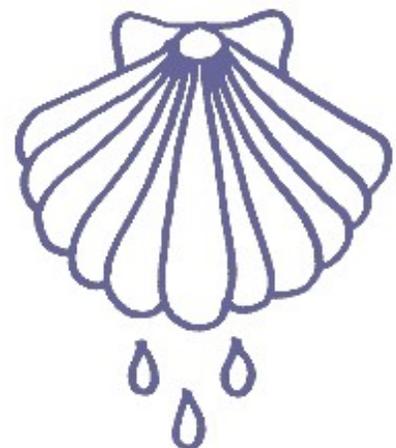
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

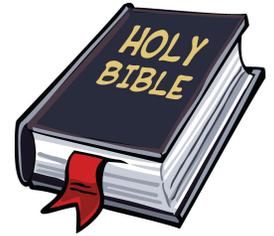
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

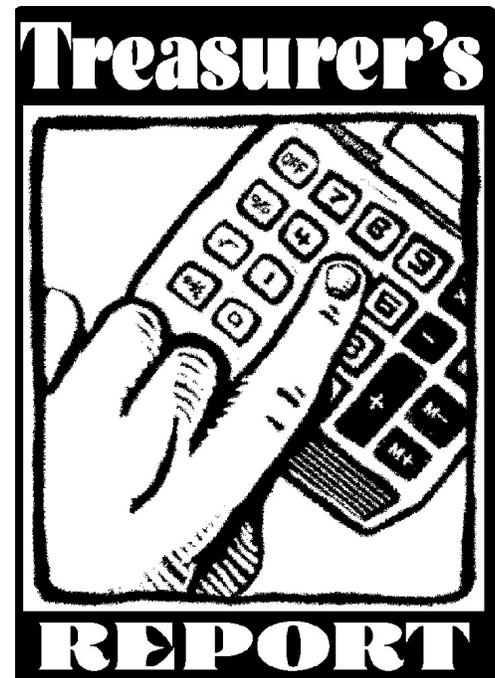
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

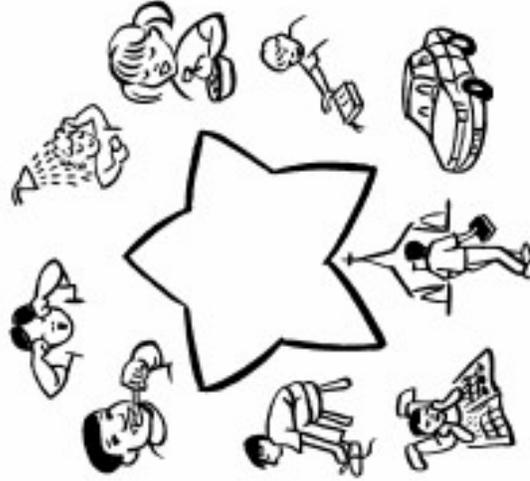
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Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
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May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

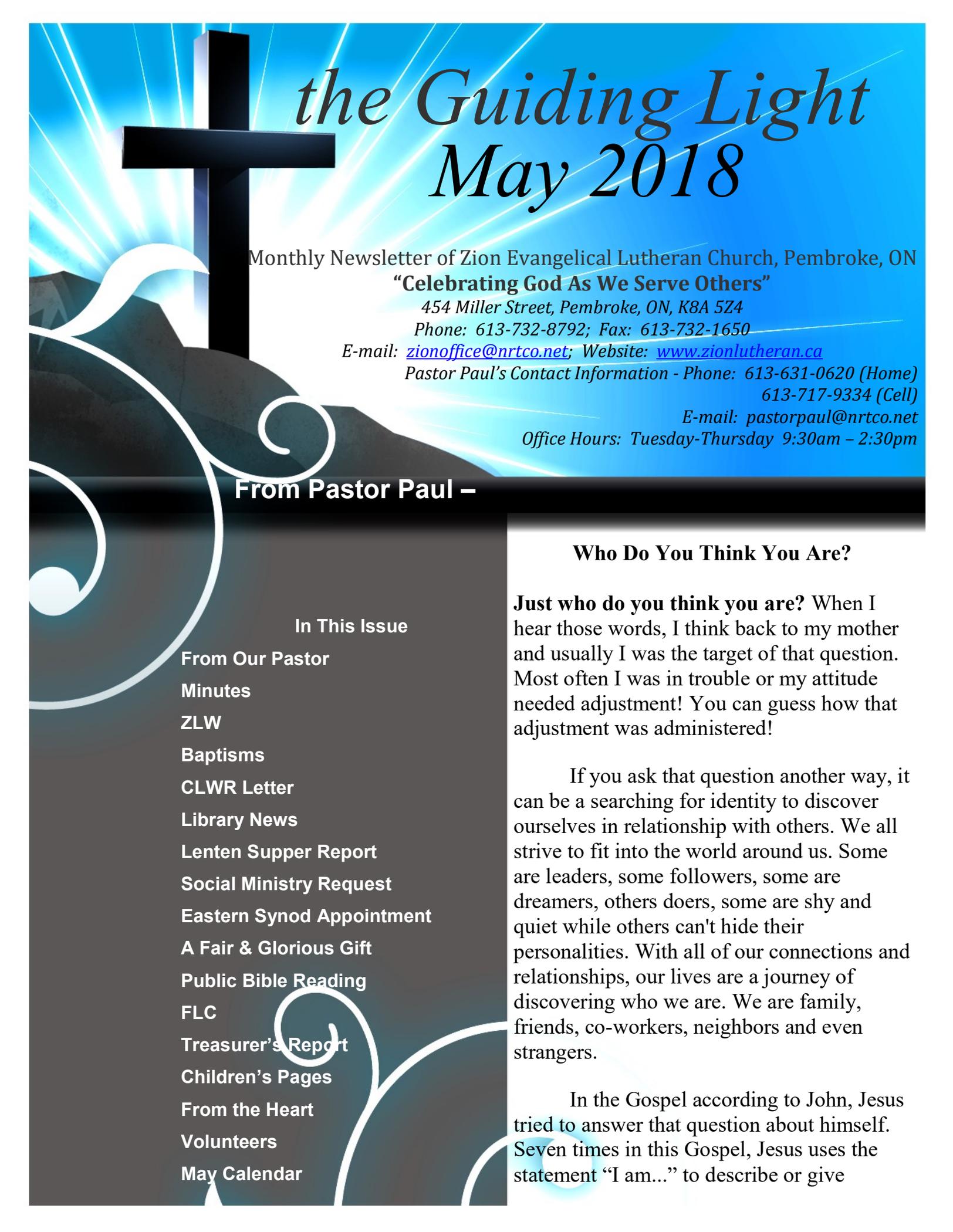




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

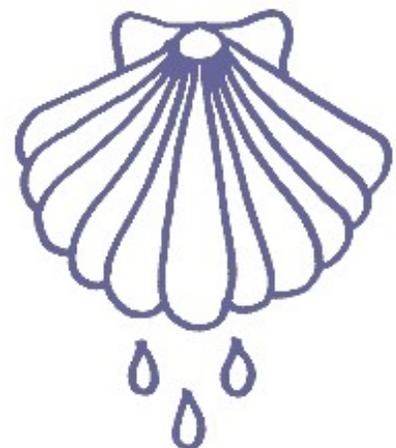
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

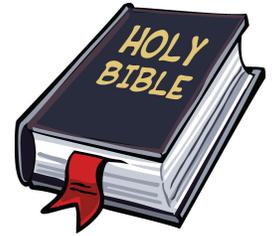
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

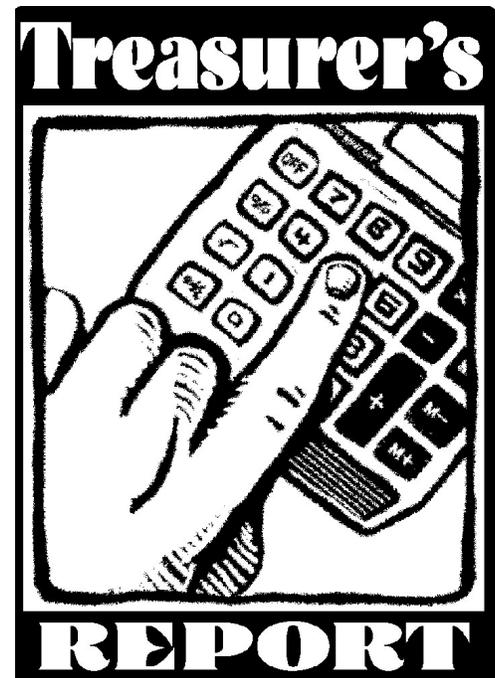
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

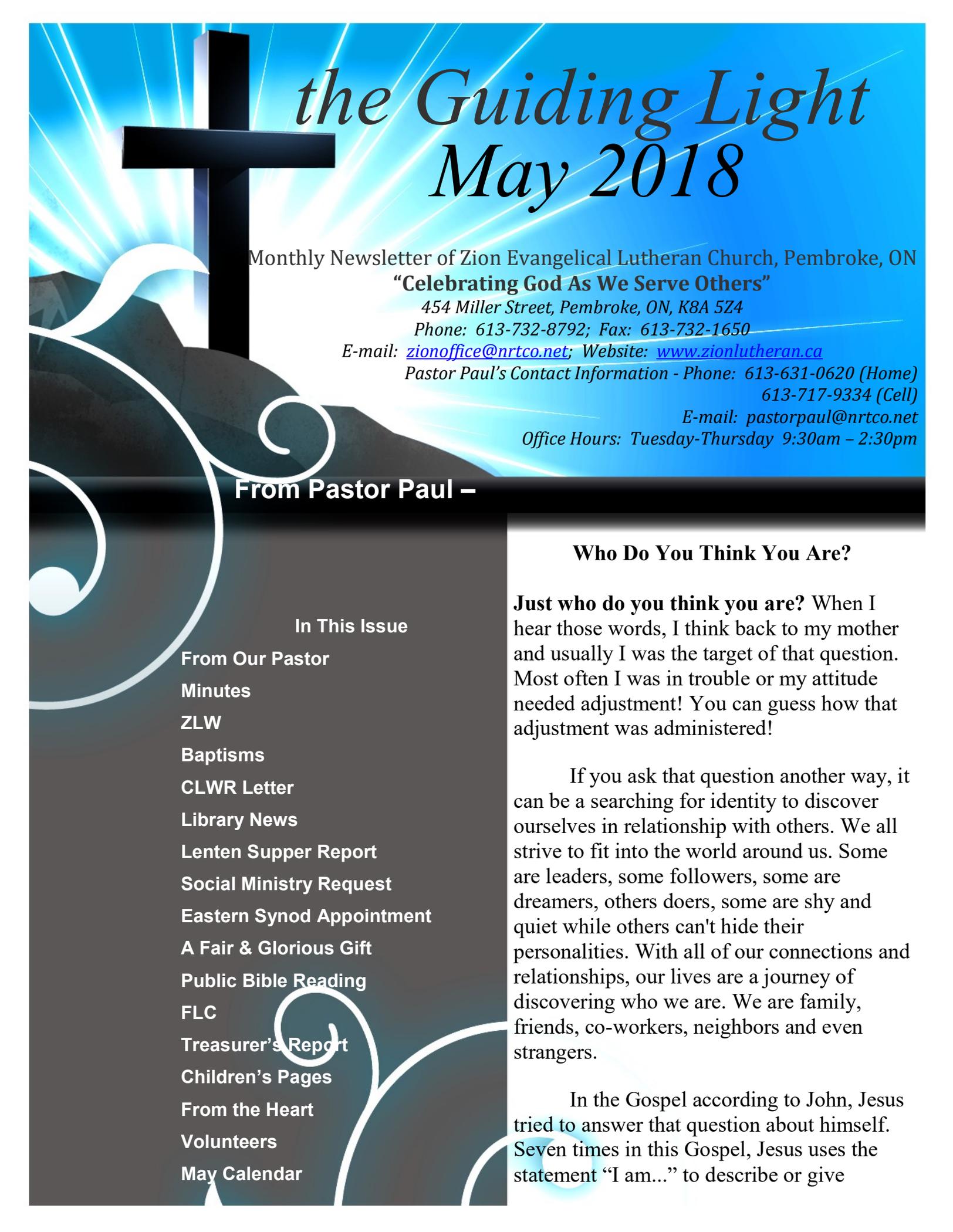




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

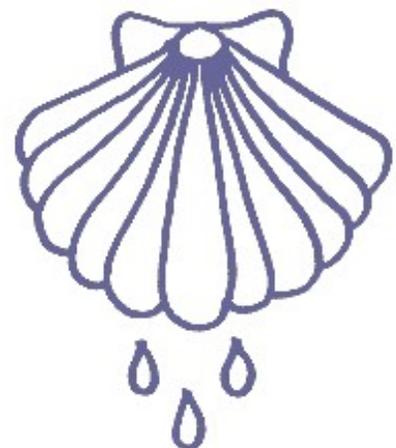
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

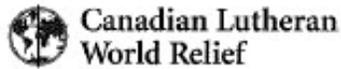
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9*



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

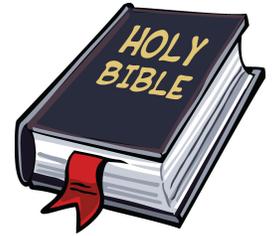
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

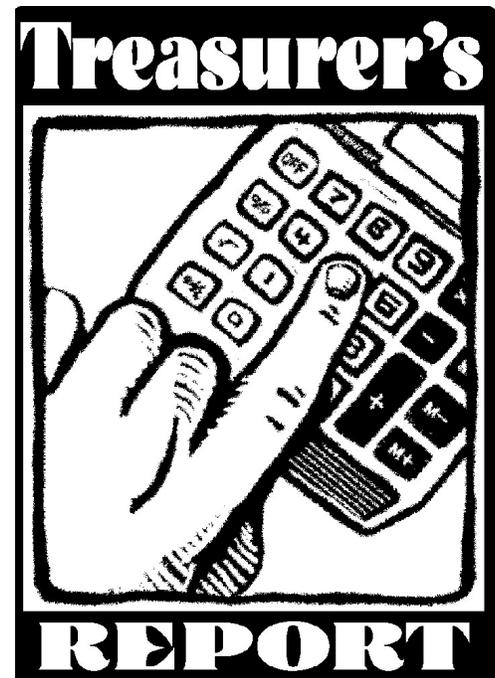
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

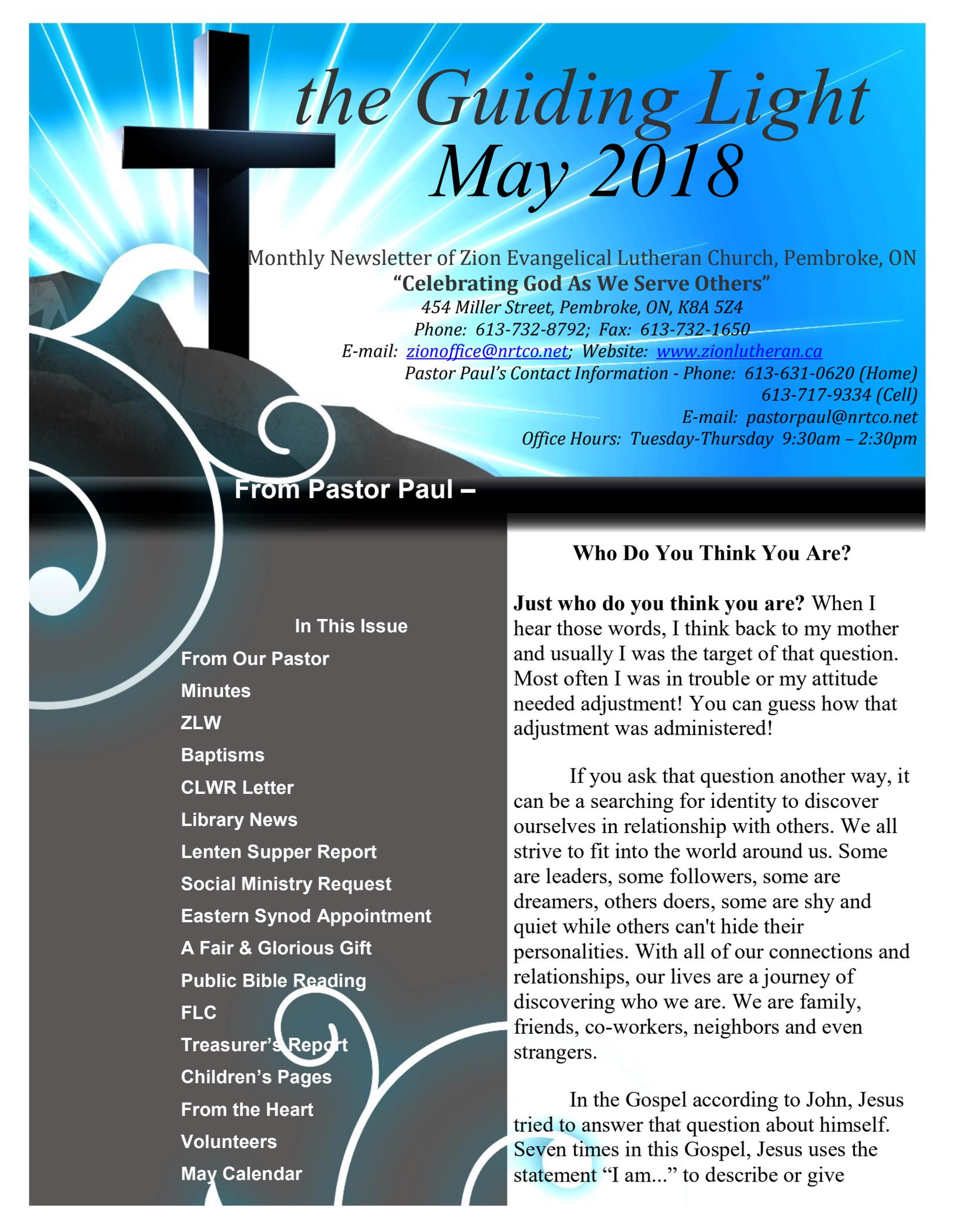




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
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20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

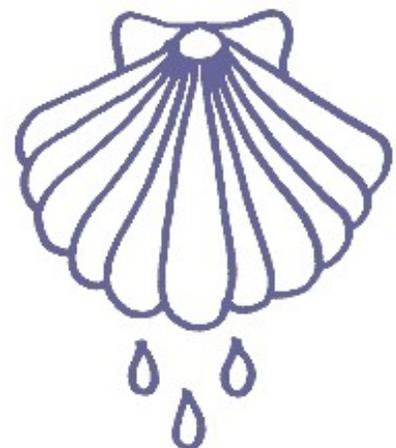
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

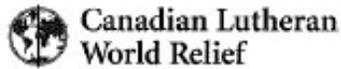
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

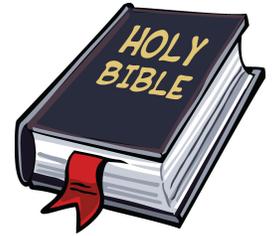
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin

May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

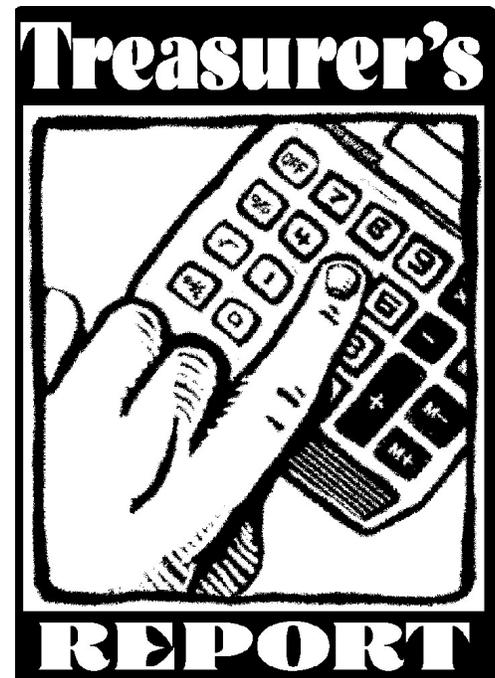
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

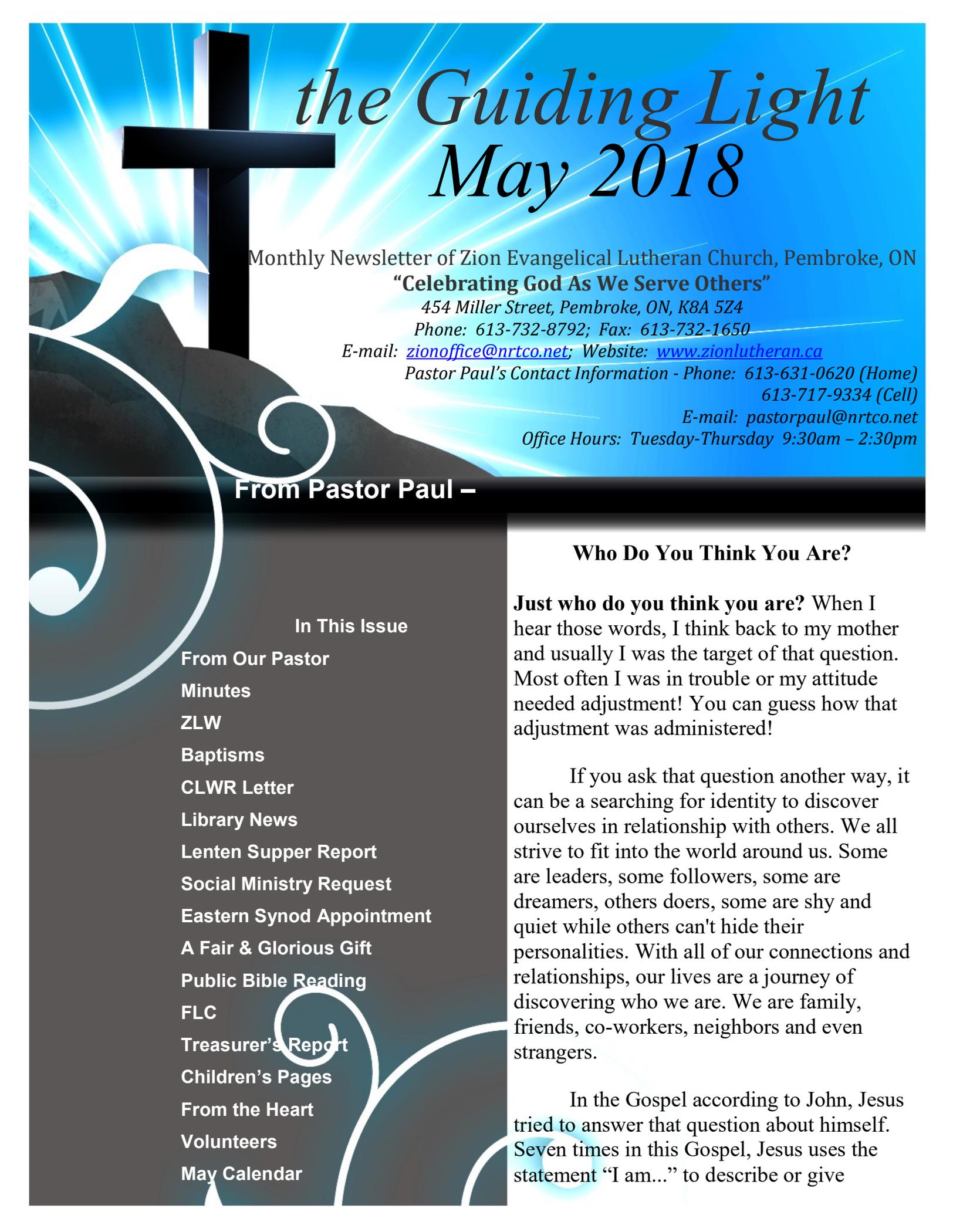




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
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the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

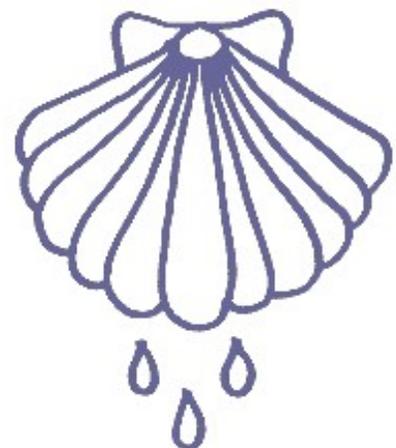
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

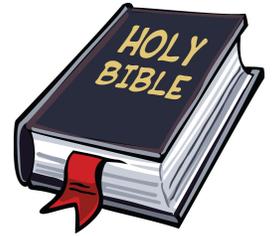
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

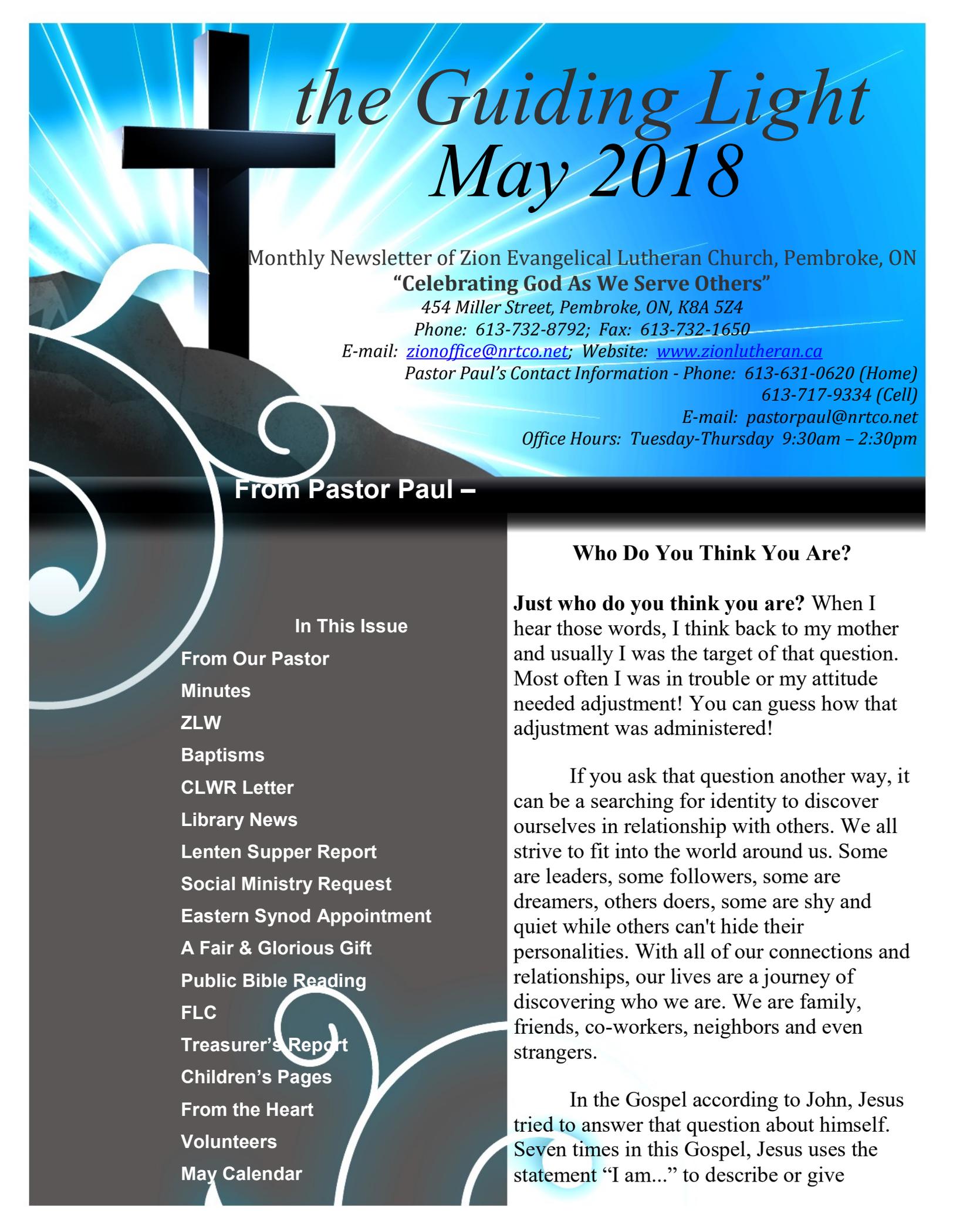




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

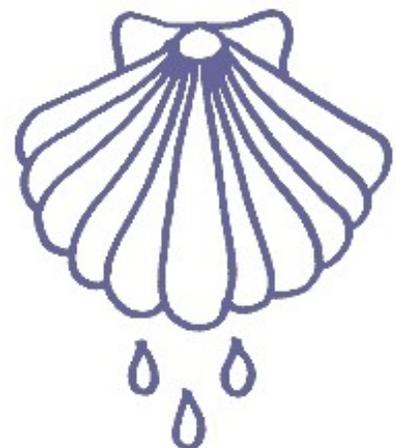
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

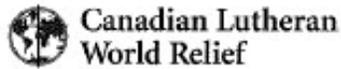
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

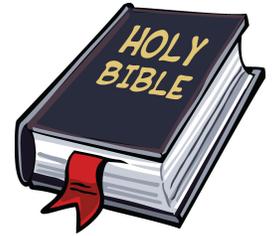
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

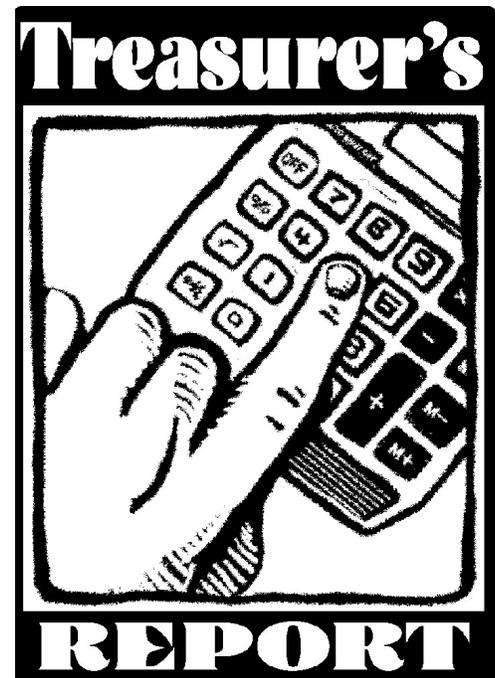
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

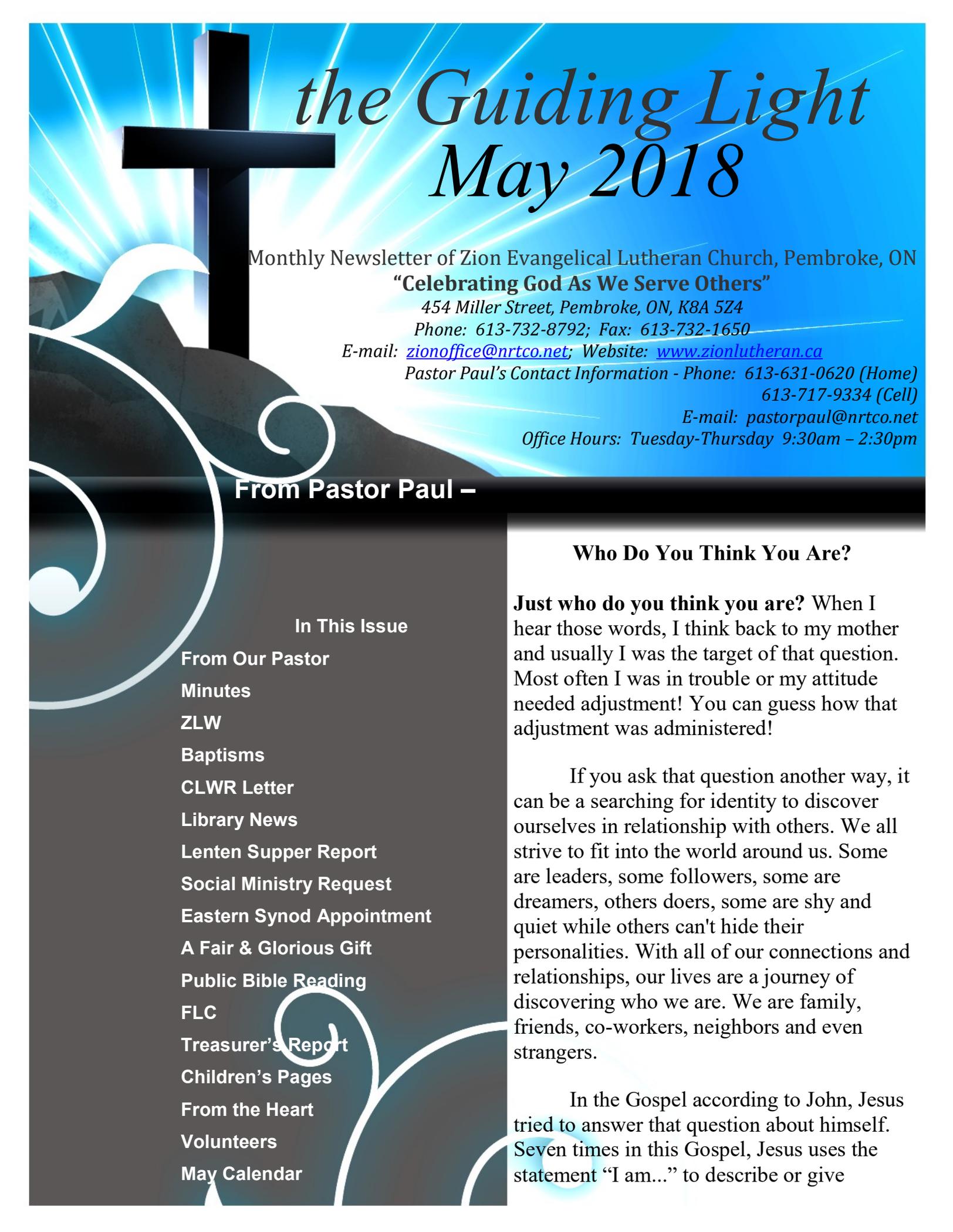




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

May 2018

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

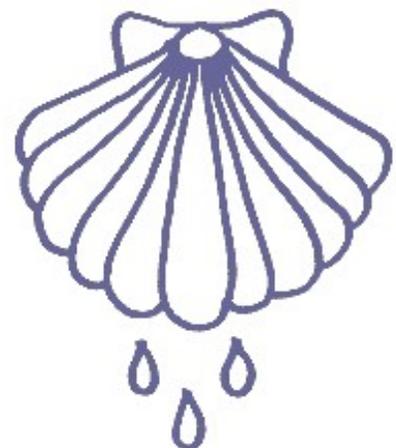
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

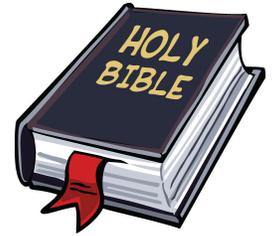
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

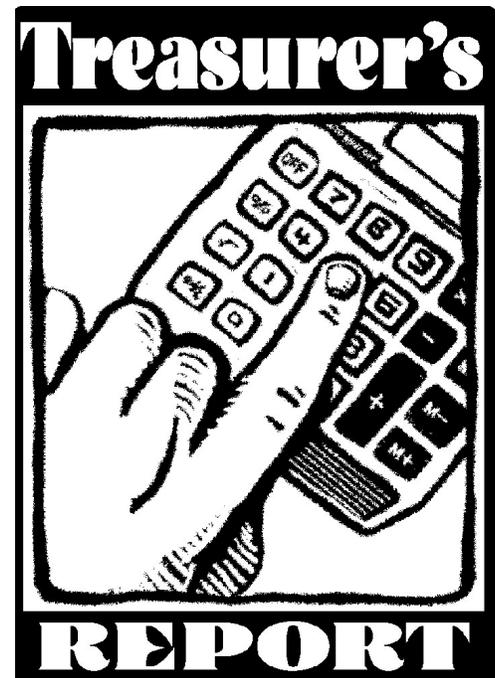
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

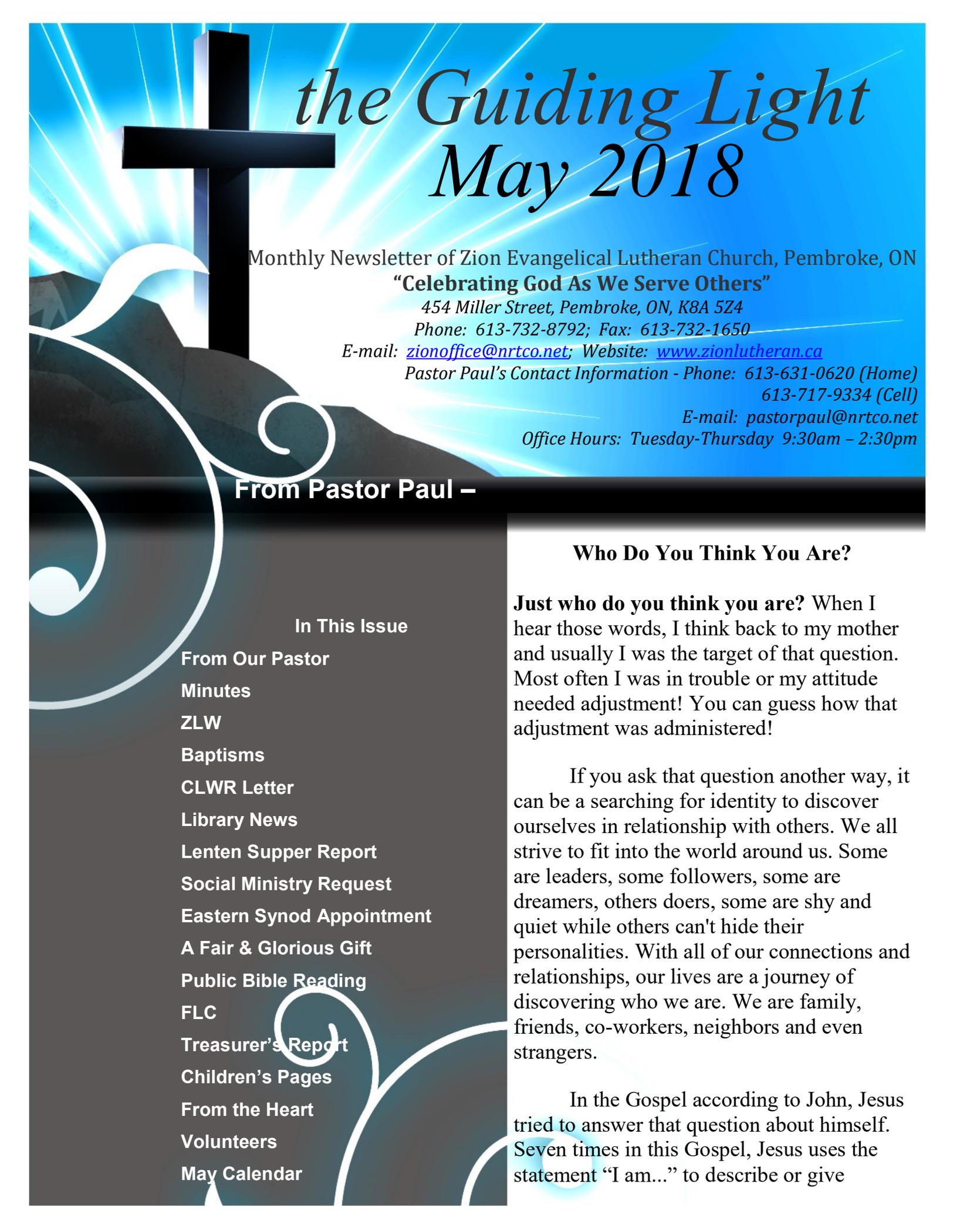




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

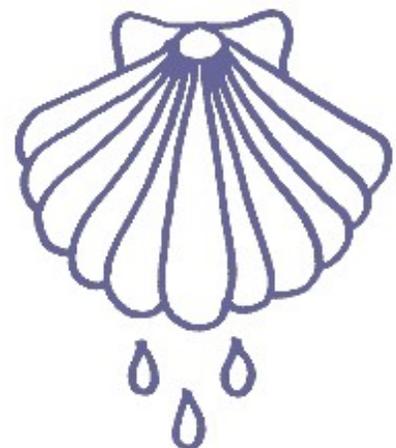
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

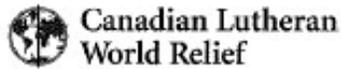
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

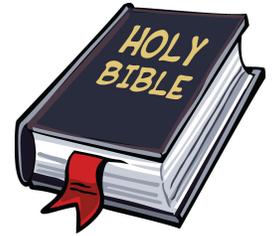
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

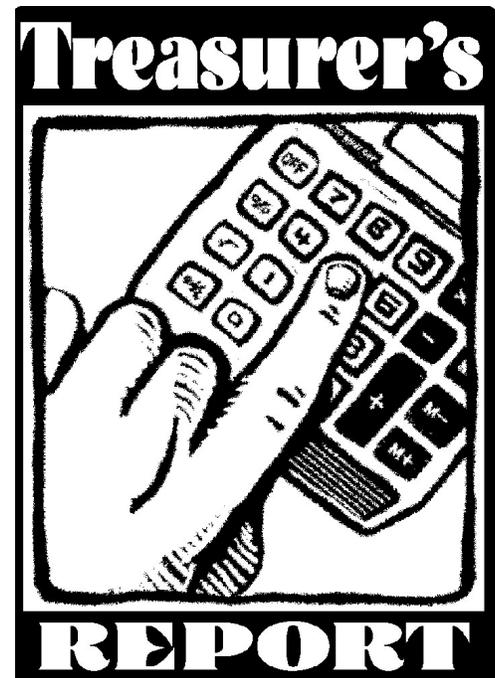
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

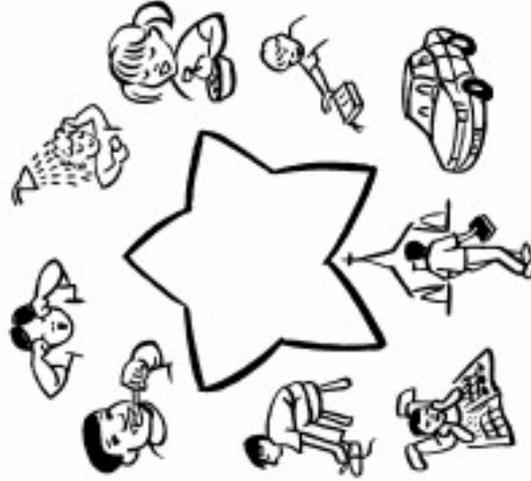
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

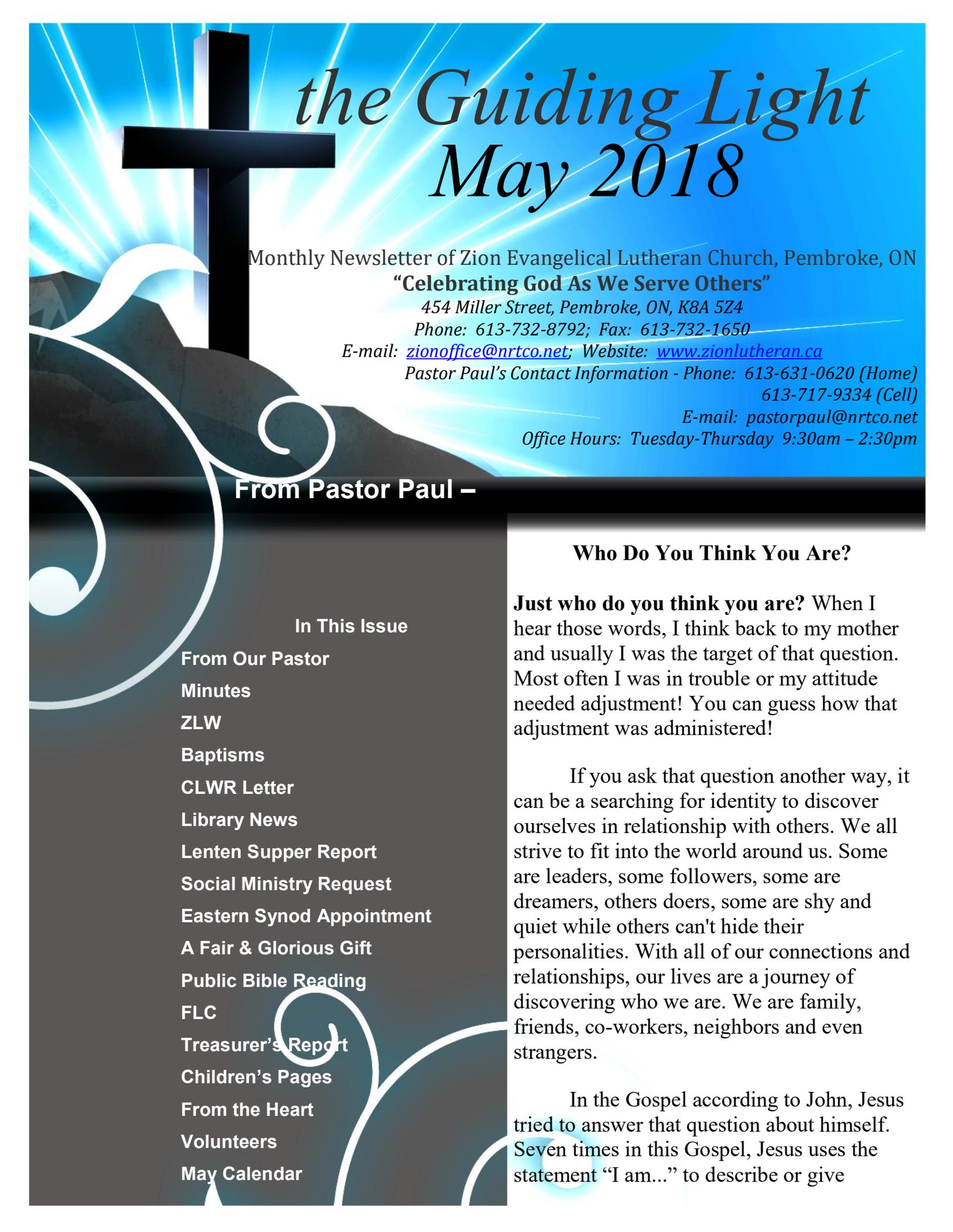




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

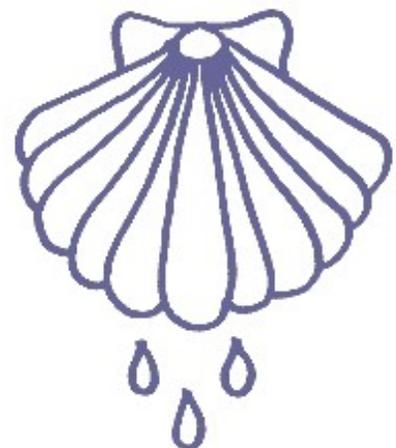
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
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Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

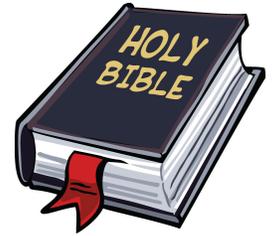
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

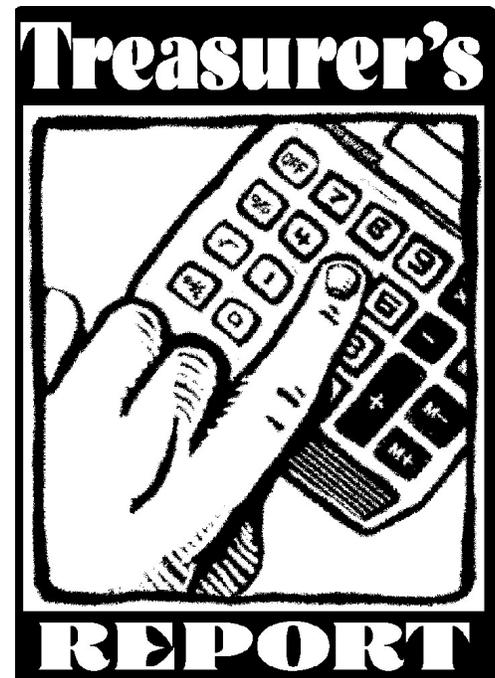
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

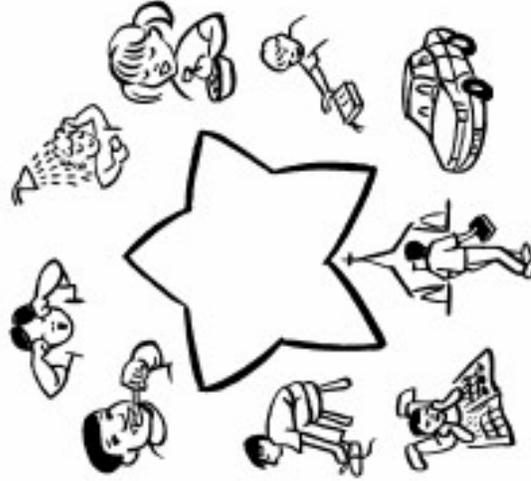
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
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May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

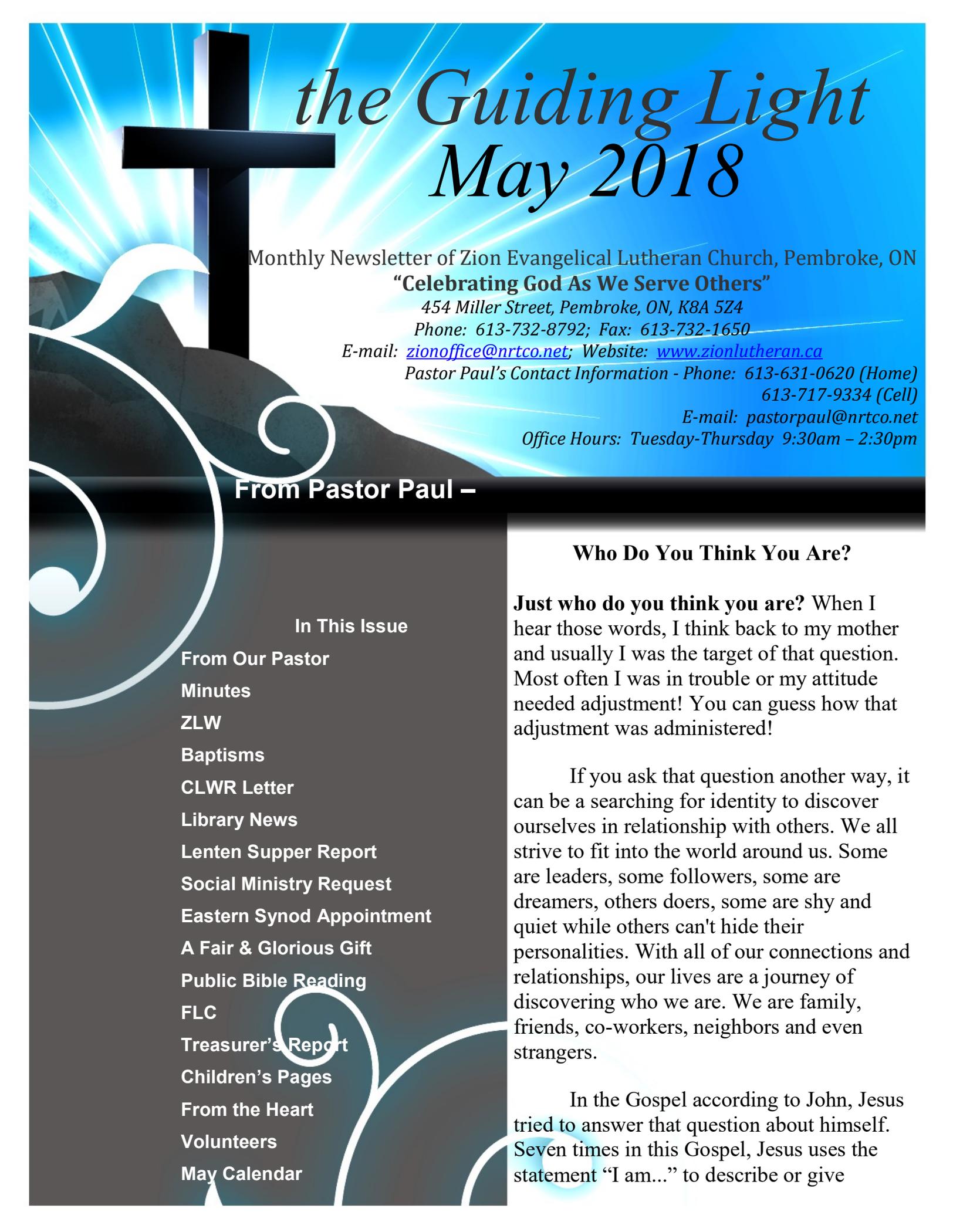




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

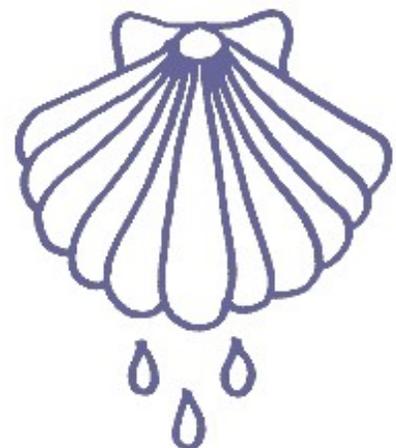
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

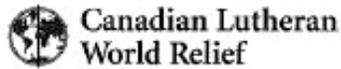
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

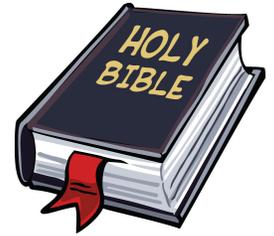
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

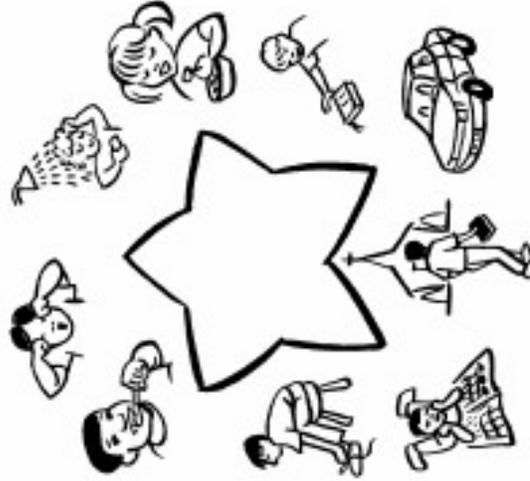
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

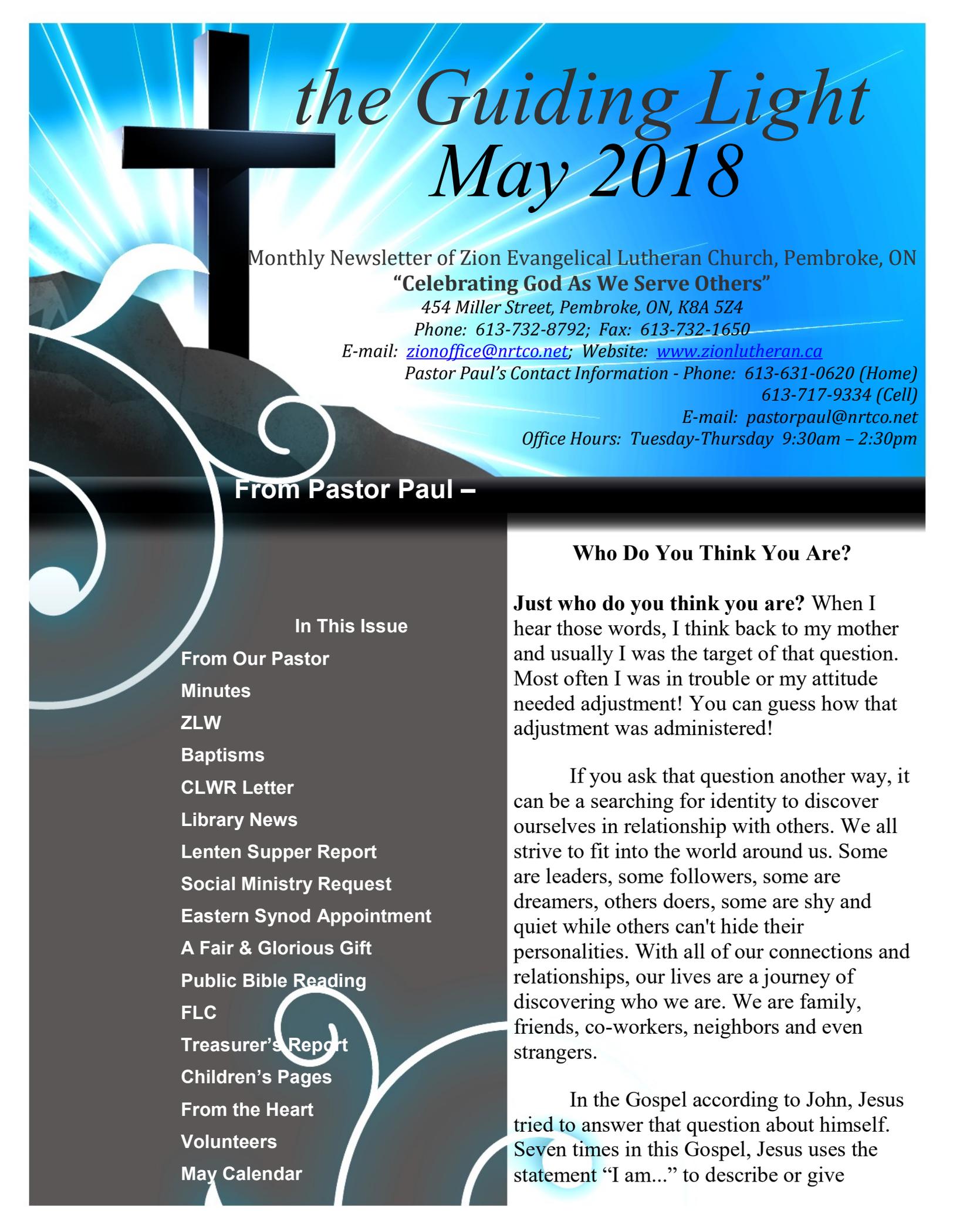




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

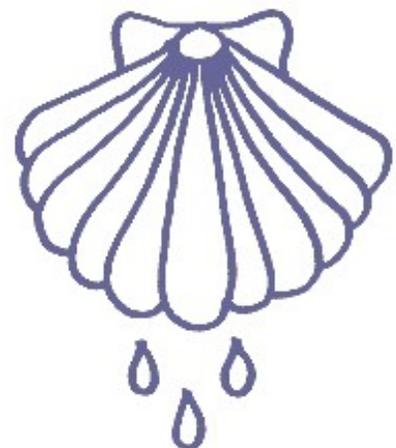
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

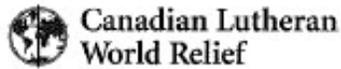
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

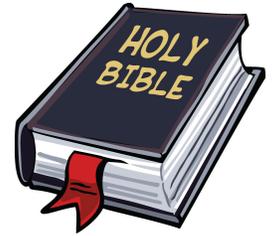
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

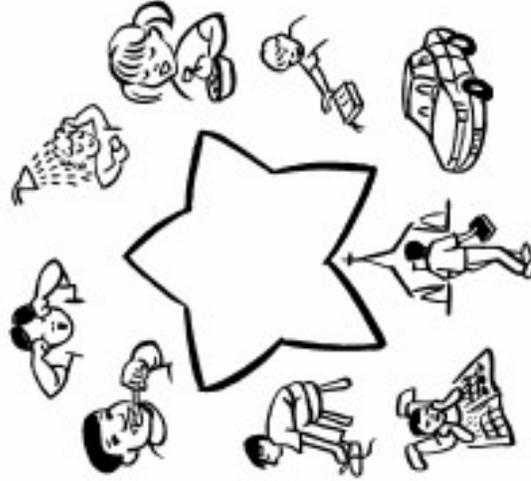
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

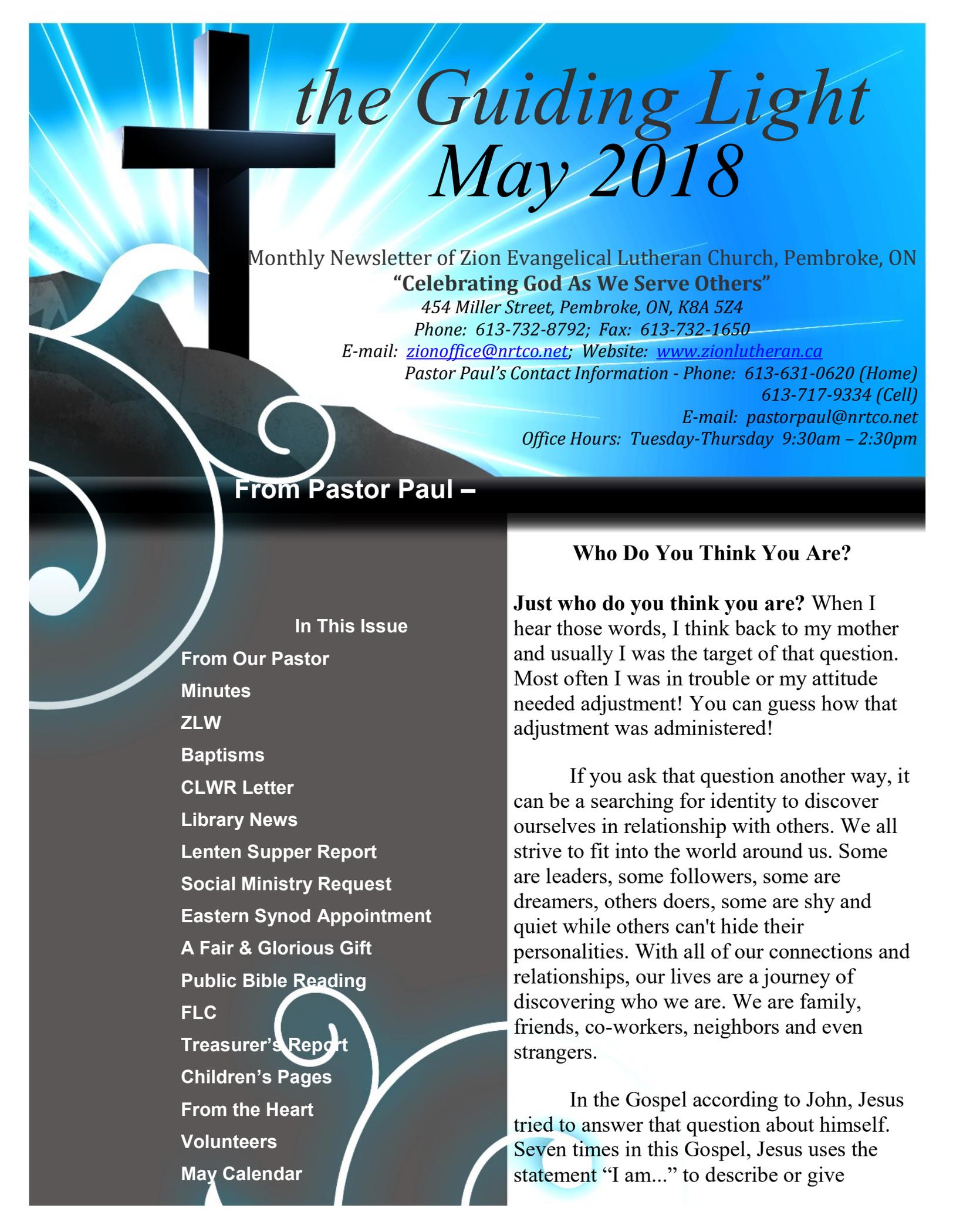




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

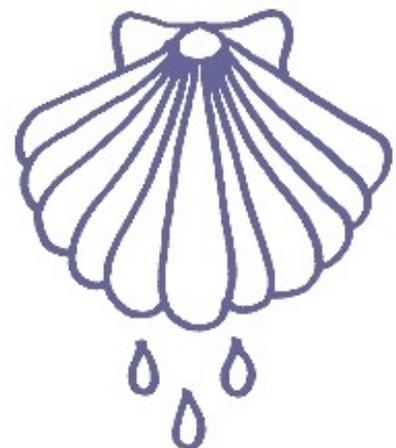
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

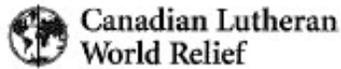
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

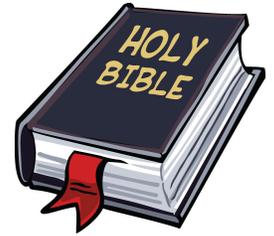
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

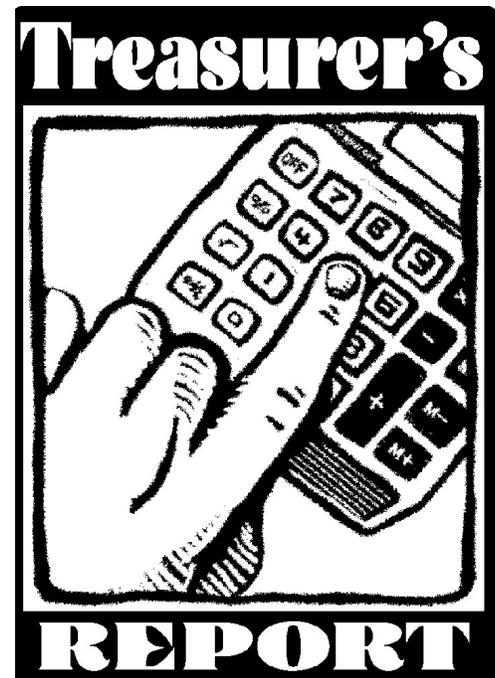
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

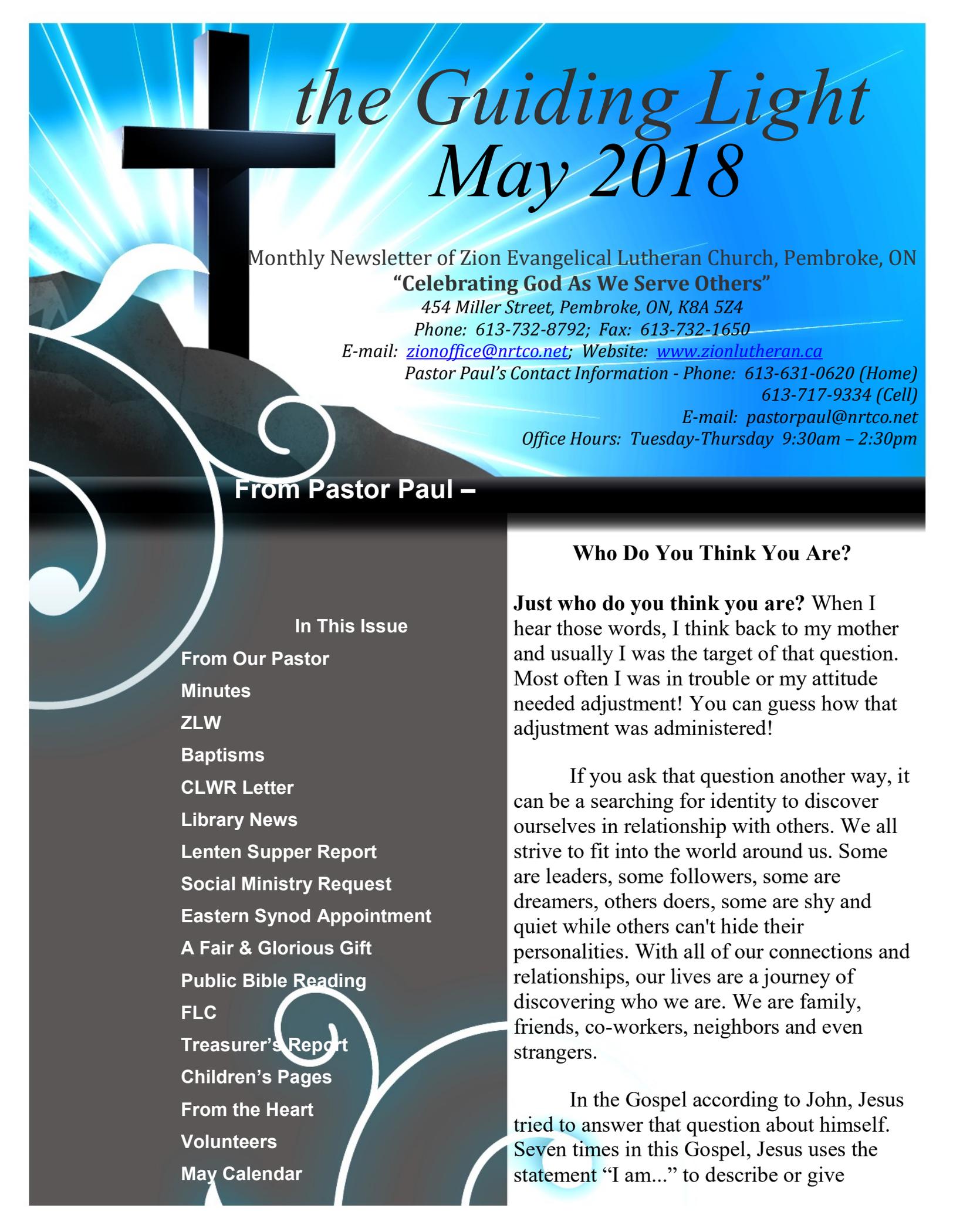




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

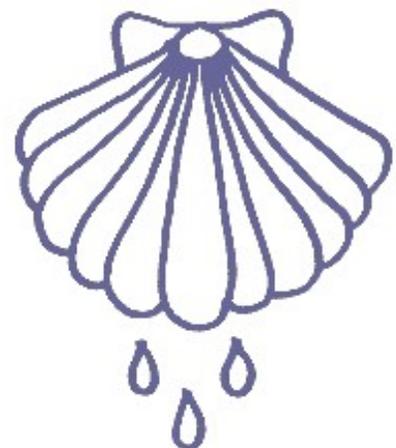
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

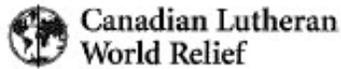
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

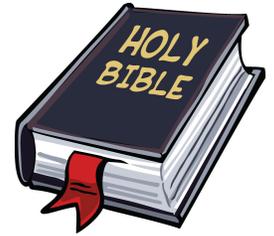
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

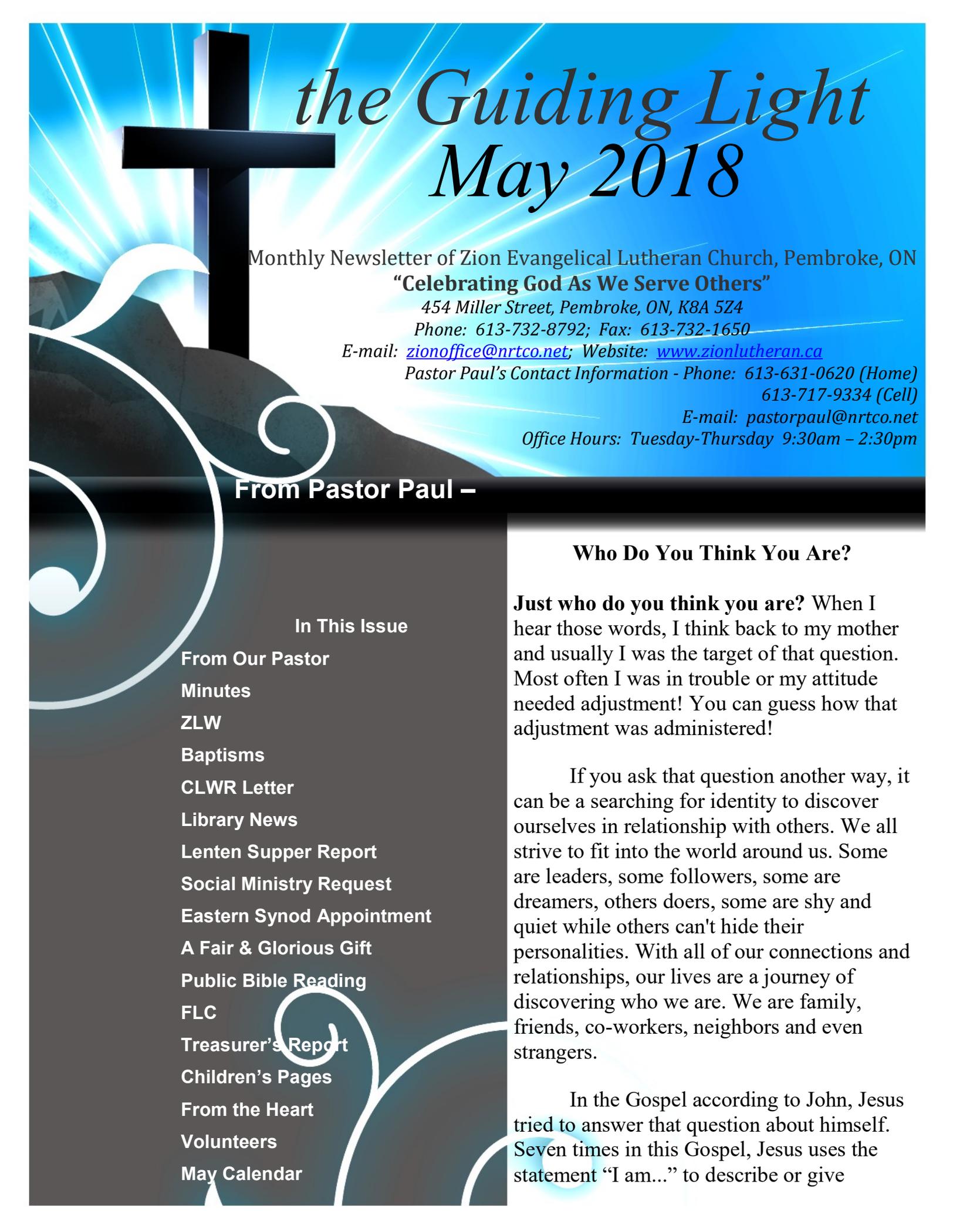




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

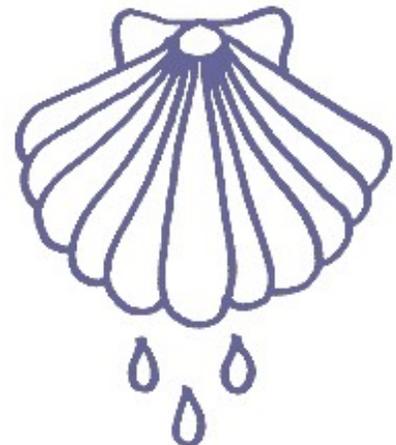
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

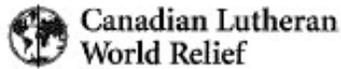
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

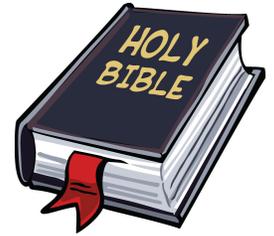
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

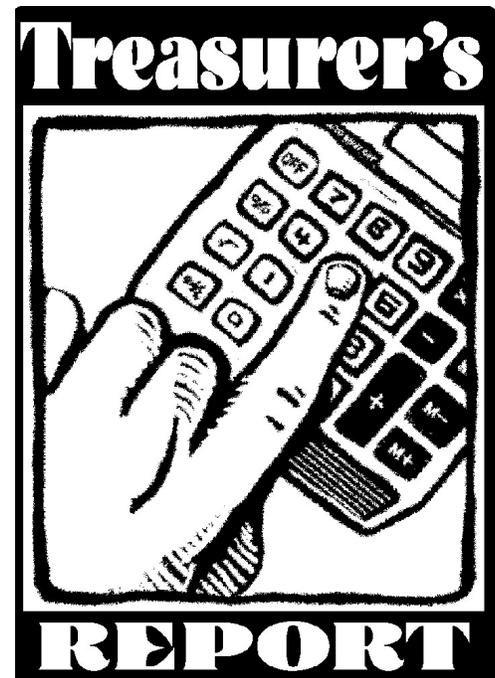
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

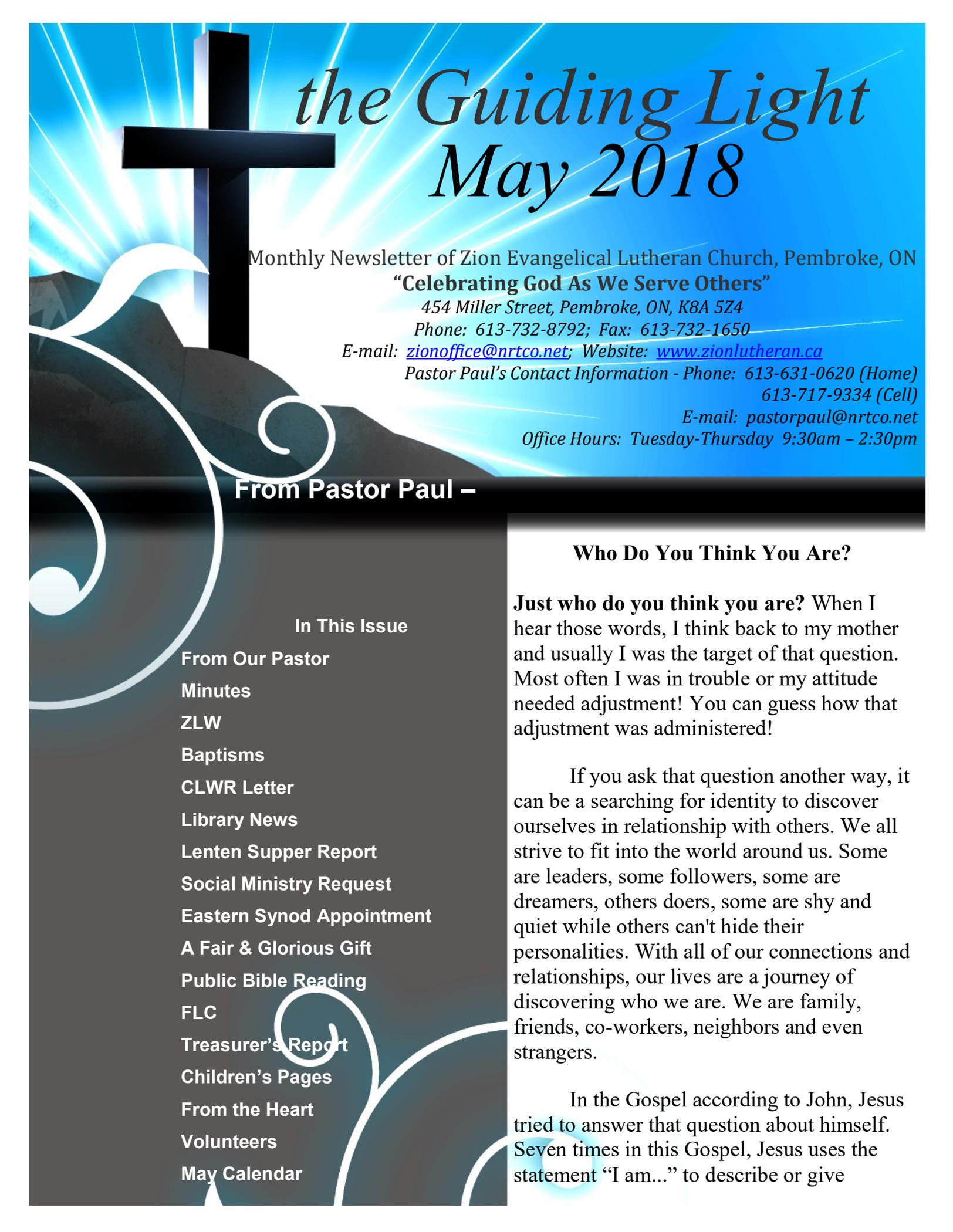




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

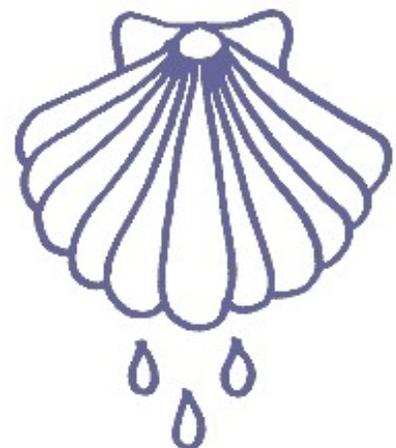
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

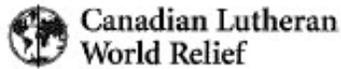
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

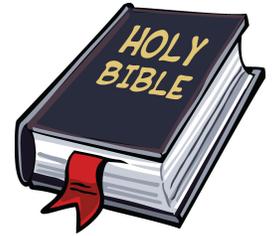
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

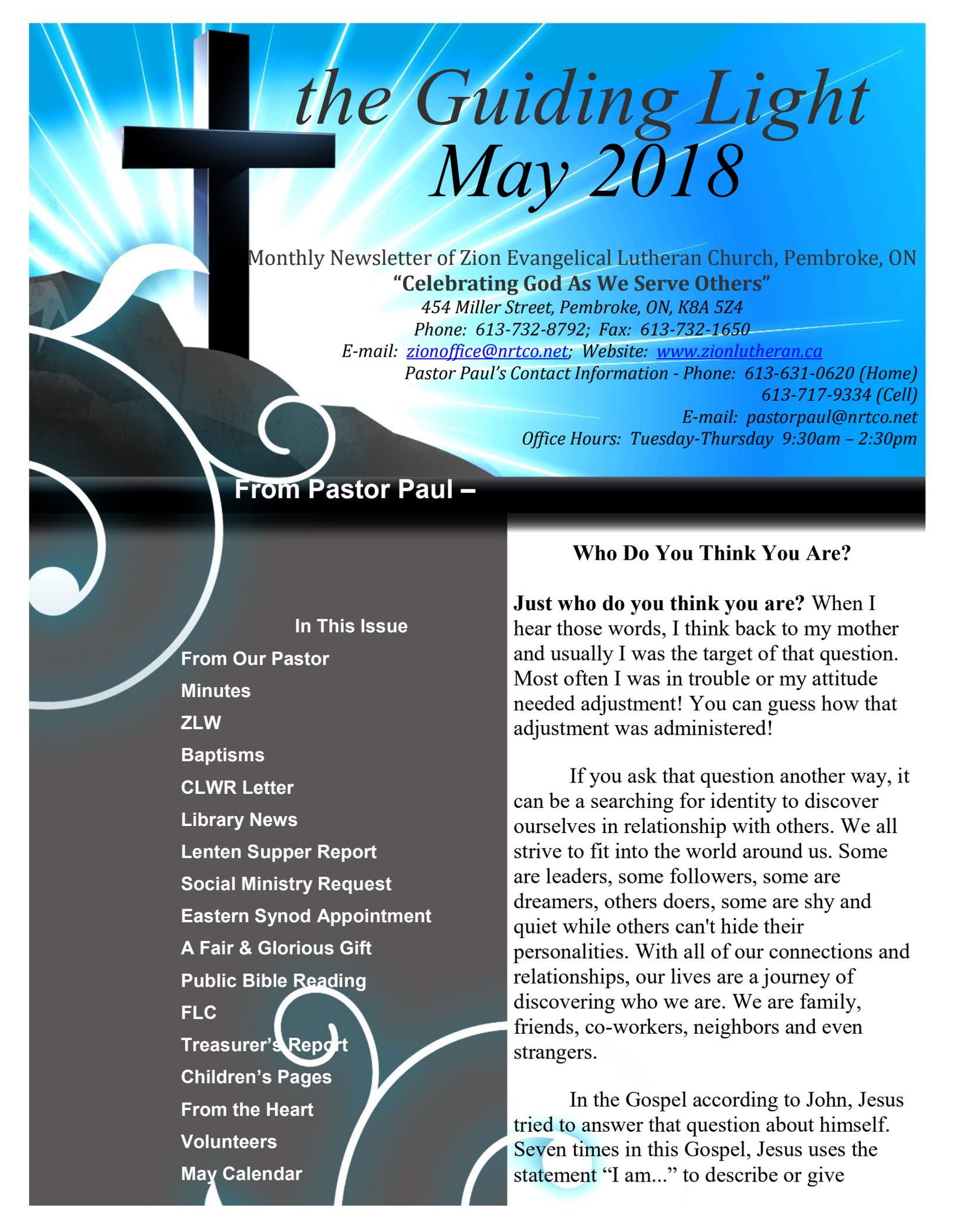




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

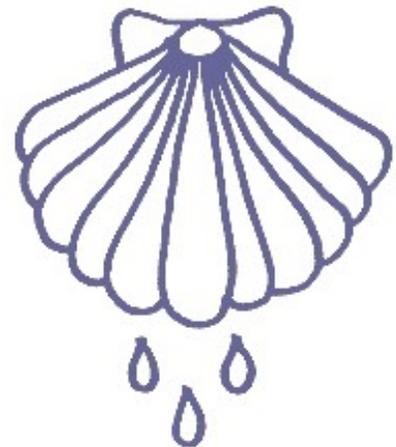
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

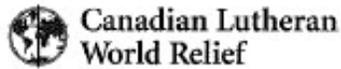
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

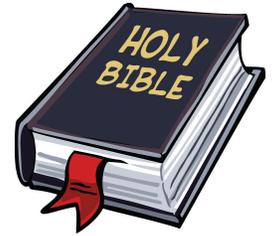
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

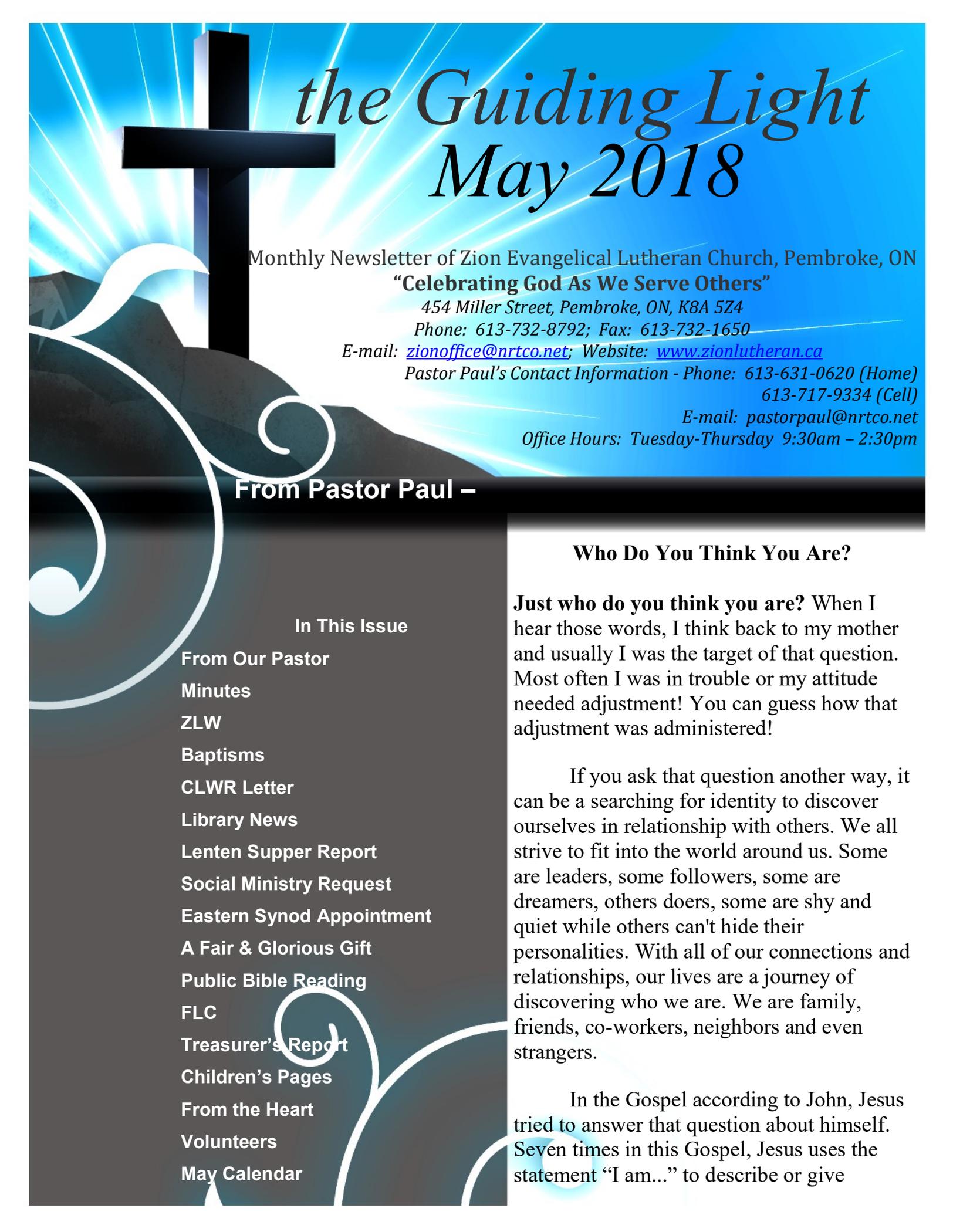




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



the Guiding Light

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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

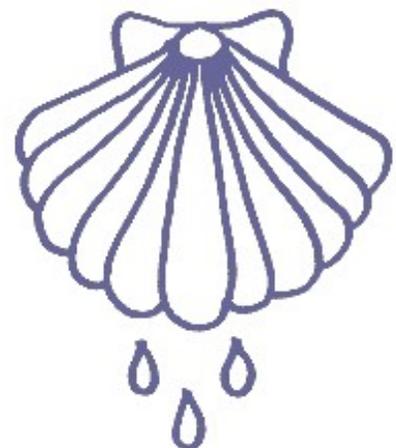
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

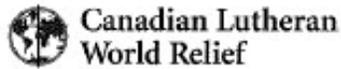
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

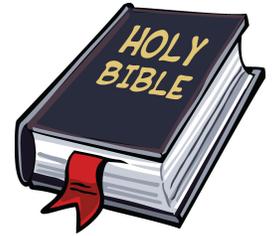
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

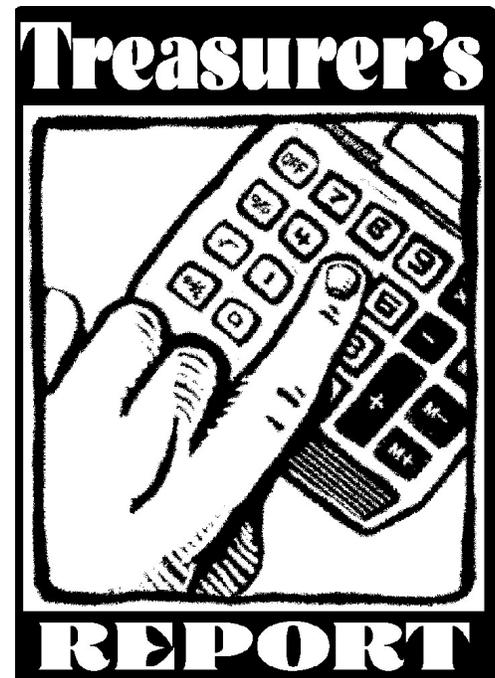
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

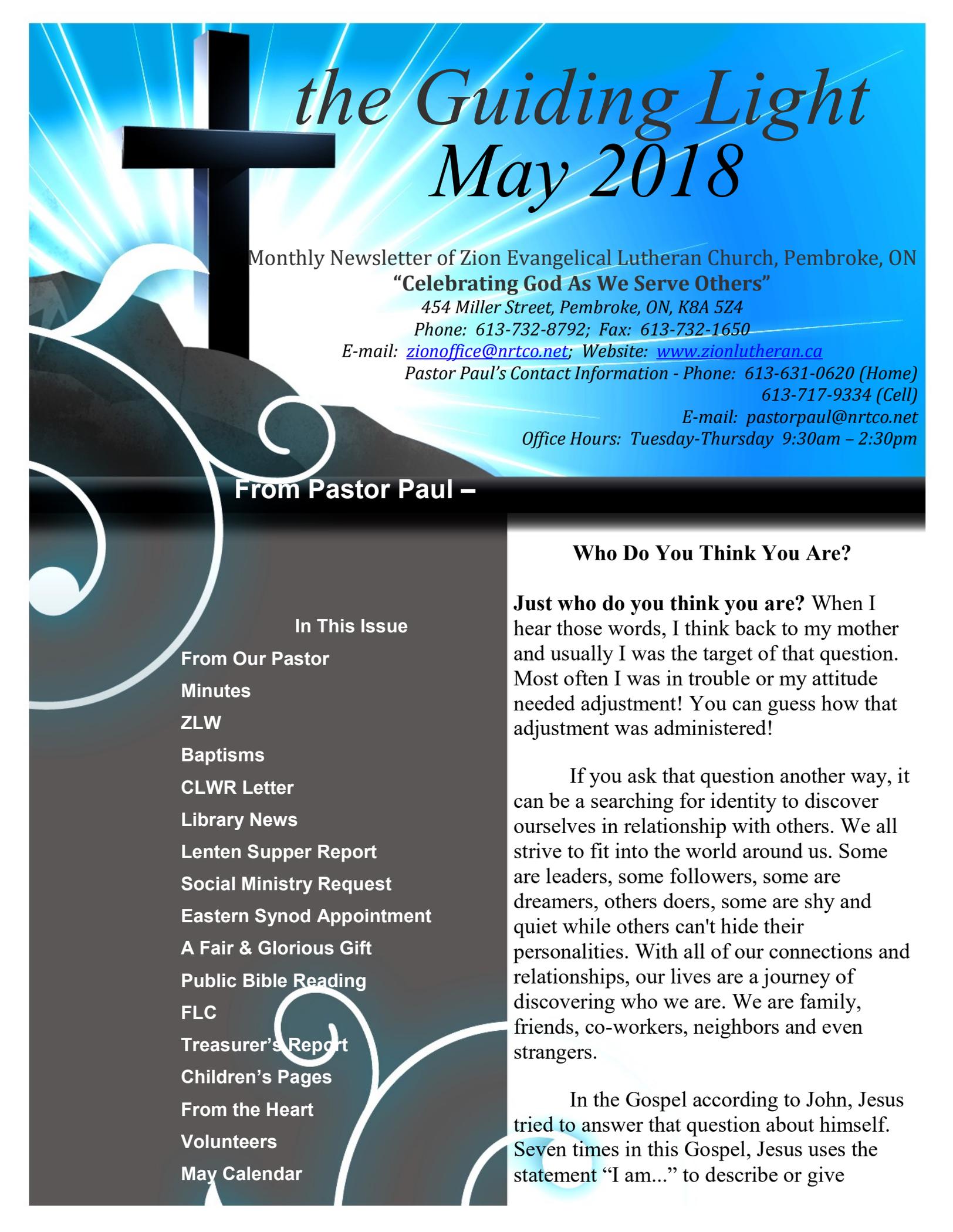




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

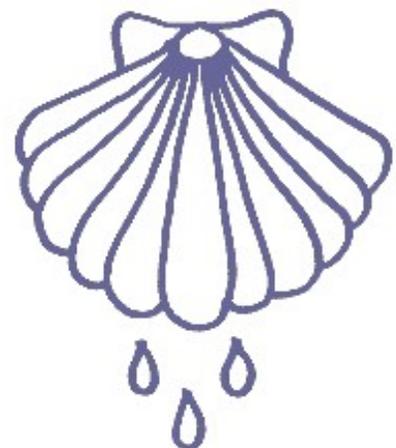
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

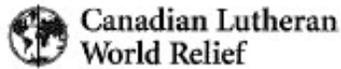
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

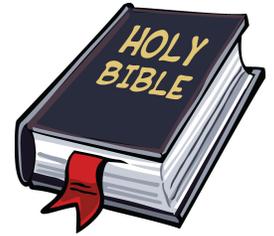
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

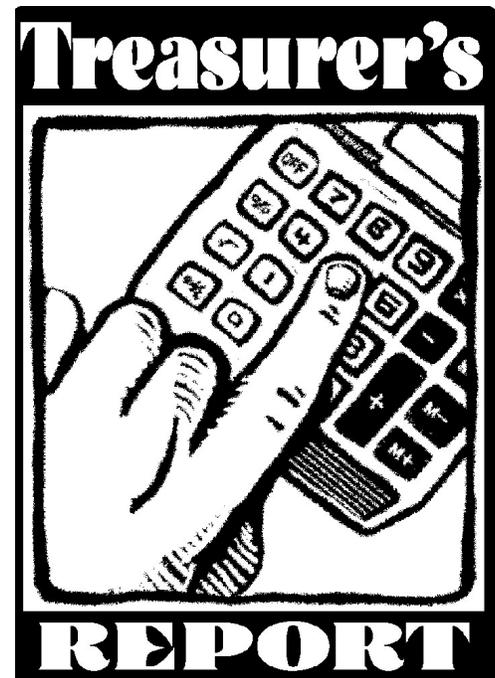
Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

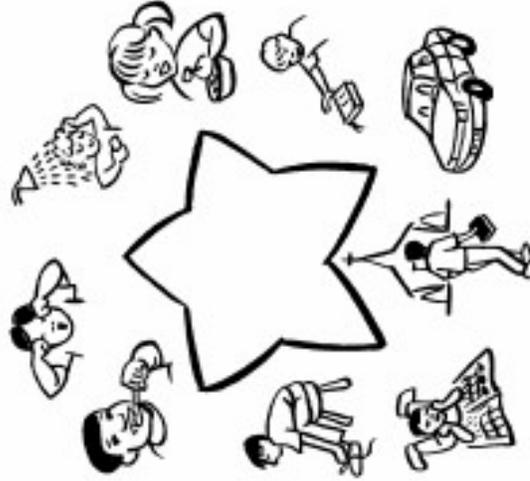
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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

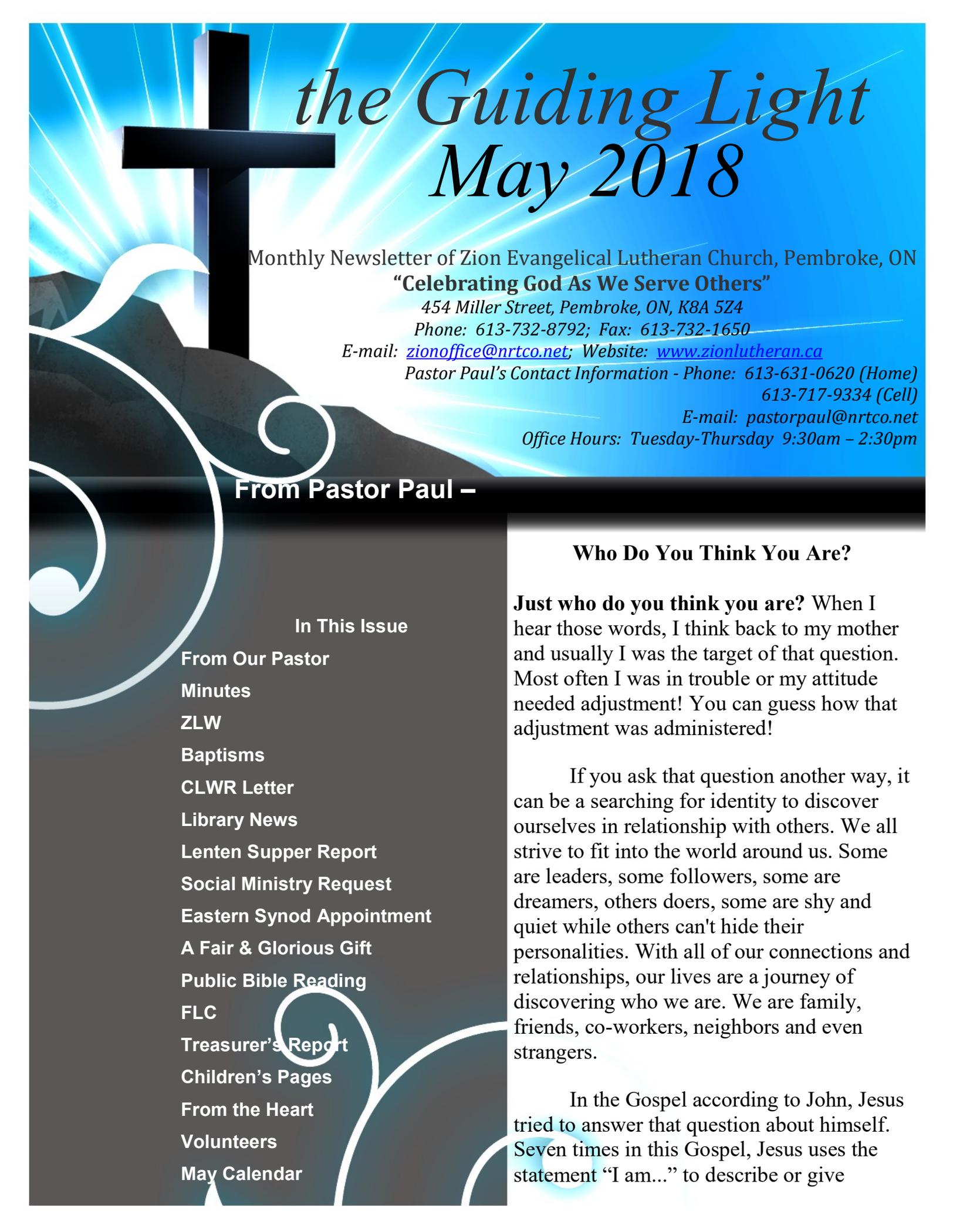




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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From Pastor Paul –

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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

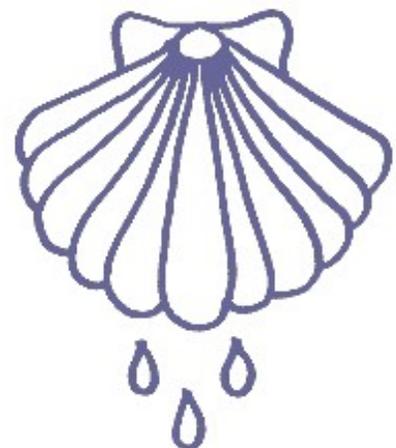
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

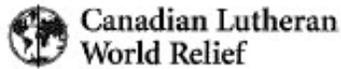
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

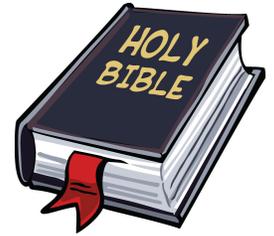
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

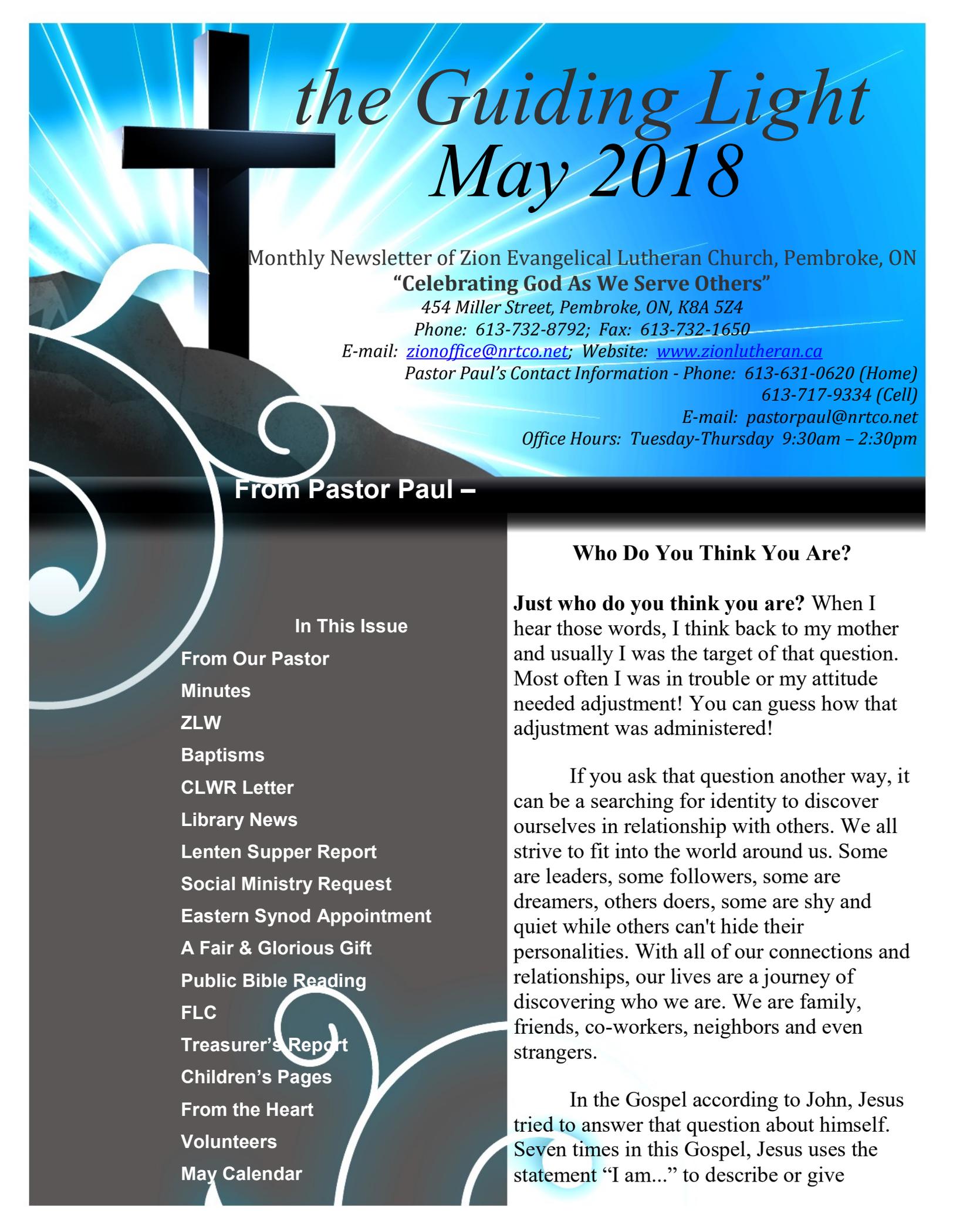




May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

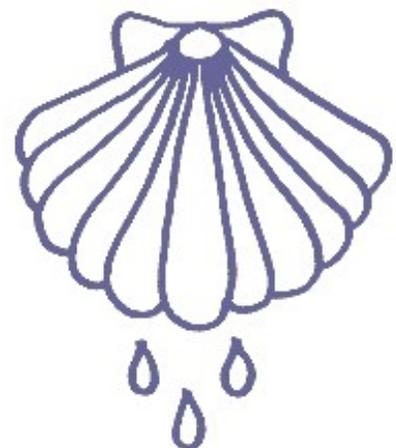
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

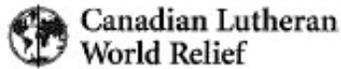
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

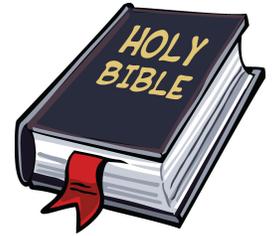
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



Send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

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gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
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May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson

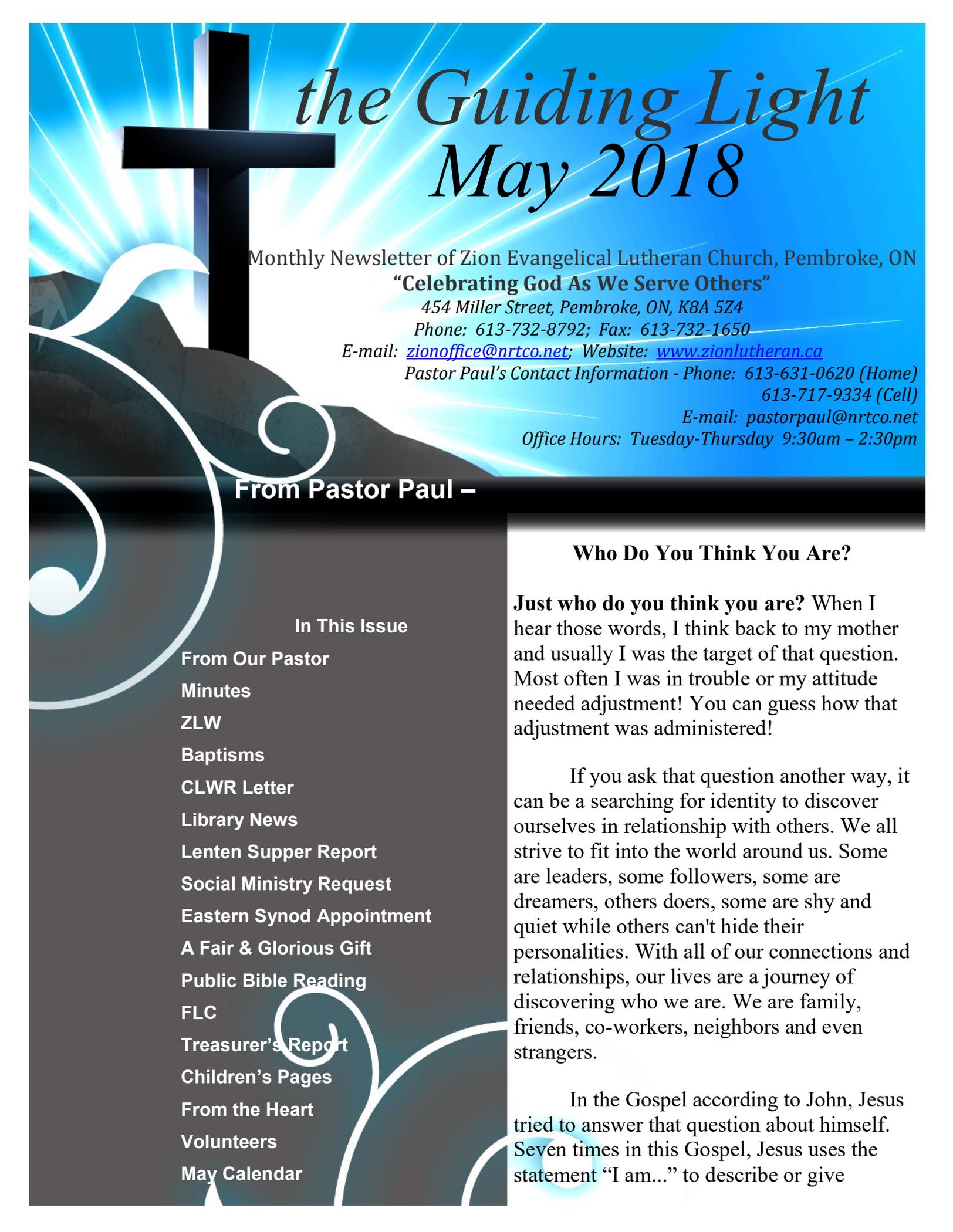




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		



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Who Do You Think You Are?

Just who do you think you are? When I hear those words, I think back to my mother and usually I was the target of that question. Most often I was in trouble or my attitude needed adjustment! You can guess how that adjustment was administered!

If you ask that question another way, it can be a searching for identity to discover ourselves in relationship with others. We all strive to fit into the world around us. Some are leaders, some followers, some are dreamers, others doers, some are shy and quiet while others can't hide their personalities. With all of our connections and relationships, our lives are a journey of discovering who we are. We are family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and even strangers.

In the Gospel according to John, Jesus tried to answer that question about himself. Seven times in this Gospel, Jesus uses the statement "I am..." to describe or give



meaning to himself and his ministry among us. In chapter 6 as Jesus feeds the 5,000, he calls himself the bread of life. Jesus offers himself as nourishment and ultimate source of life in God's name, not only our physical life, our spiritual emotional and mental life as well. Jesus as our bread sustains and preserves our whole selves. In chapter 8, Jesus calls himself the light of the world. In the darkness of this world and our own sinful lives, Jesus shines as a beacon of hope and salvation in every and all circumstances in which we find ourselves. John 10 has Jesus describing himself both as a door or gate and a good shepherd. Jesus offers these images to remind us of the protection and the gift of eternal life offered through his death and resurrection. The proclamation of Jesus as the resurrection and the life in chapter 11 tells us boldly that Jesus is the lord of both death and life and nothing separates from him. We often are anxious and uncertain in the troubled moments of our lives. The 14th chapter, has Jesus speaking to the disciples and us that he is the way, the truth, and the life, in all of life's uncertainty, Jesus is the way to the Father, eternal life, and our heavenly home. The last

reference that Jesus uses is that he is the vine and we are the branches. It tells us of the intimate relationship that faith in Jesus offers. He gives us his life so that we may bear fruit serving and loving God and others.

So, who do I think I am? I am a child of God, baptized in water and the word, nurtured in the faith by the Holy Spirit, and redeemed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And so are you!

Knowingly yours,
Pastor Paul R-P

Minutes

Worship & Music - Meeting Minutes - Thursday April 5, 2018

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Paul, Don Boldt, Carol Boldt, Blaine Sack, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Scott Lange (Council rep.), Joan Lehman

Welcome and Devotions: Gayle welcomed everyone and Pastor Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Completed online

Correspondence: None

Review of Outstanding Business:

Caregrams

Caregrams have been removed from the pews.

Church brochure

How we will redo the church brochures and where they should be placed to meet the needs of the greater community will be discussed at the May W & M meeting.

Committee members will take the month of April to think about the best and most effective way to update the brochure.

Altar Guild Manual

Information needing to be included in the manual was discussed. It was decided the manual should contain as much detail as possible including set-up, flowers, ordering of wafers etc.

New Business:

Review of Marriage Manual

The Marriage Manual will be updated to reflect the increase in the organist's fee to \$150.00. Jean will be informed of this change.

Is there a need for a Funeral Manual?

After some discussion it was agreed that a Funeral Manual is not necessary. The Pastor makes the liturgical decisions about funerals and there is already a write up about the role and responsibilities of the sexton. This is left at the back of the church for easy reference.

Licences for music for guest musicians (e.g. Valley Ramblers)

Blaine explained that guest musicians are covered under the church licensing so additional licencing is not required. However, there needs to be an acknowledgement

of the music performed. This could be done by including the licence # in the bulletin.

Synod Assembly

Both Blaine and Debbie have been nominated to attend the Synod Assembly. Blaine has expressed interest. Debbie will make her decision by May 1st. Pastor Paul will also be attending.

Greeter Co-ordinator

Diana Wegner has agreed to be the greeter co-ordinator. Thank you Diana!

Ushers for holidays

The committee discussed concerns about scheduling ushers for holidays. It was noted once the schedule is made, it is up to the individual to find a replacement if he/she is unable to usher on the scheduled Sunday. This does not always happen. After discussion it was decided that on holidays the sexton will ask congregational members attending the service if they would volunteer to usher. This has happened already on several occasions and seems to work well.

Passing of the collection plate

At services during holidays the Pastor will announce how the collection plates will be passed. This will help clarify the process and avoid confusion since it differs from regular Sunday services. It will also be noted in the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Pastor Paul

Pastor Paul noted the following dates:

- He will be attending the Dean's Meeting in Toronto April 16-18
- He will be on holidays from May 14 - May 30th. Supply Pastors will be arranged for Saturday May 19 and 26 and Sunday May 20 and 27
- **Last Saturday Worship Service** - May 26
- Confirmation - June 3
- **First Wednesday Service** - June 6
- Pembroke Marina Service - June 10
- Synod Assembly - June 21 - 24. The Bishop will prepare the sermon for June 24th
- Camp Pastor - July 4 - 6. A supply Pastor will be needed for Wednesday, July 4
- **Last Wednesday Service** - August 29
- **First Saturday Service** - September 8
- **Baptisms** - April 15 and May 6
- **Weddings** - June 2, June 30 and July 7

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- After the busyness leading up to Easter the choirs took a week break from practicing.
- The Lenten and Easter services were well attended.

- Since there were no major concerns with the organ, it was decided that tuning could be done in late April rather than before Easter.
- The piano in the church will also be tuned in April.
- Blaine is teaching piano at the church Tuesday - Thursday. Things are going well. Church business will take precedence if there is a conflict.
- The Suggestion Box is being used and input from the congregation is appreciated.
- Blaine will take holidays on the May long weekend. Lillian Michel has agreed to play for the Saturday and Sunday services.
- Blaine is interested in doing a spring afternoon concert. The committee felt more discussion is needed before a final decision is made.

Other:

Scott shared several ideas with the committee.

- He asked if confirmation students are involved in volunteering at the church. He felt this would give them a sense of purpose.
- He suggested we revisit the idea of having individuals give testimonials because they can have a powerful impact.
- In the past, the choirs visited other churches to share their music. This is something Blaine has considered starting again.
- Scott suggested using music and song as an outreach to youth in our area. He has some ideas and will discuss them with Pastor Paul. The committee felt the Marina Service may be a good place to do this outreach.
- He would also like to explore the idea of using Facebook as a way to reach more people. He will discuss this with council at their next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 1,
2018



Notes and News

ZLW MEETING

May 2, 2018

7pm

Parish Hall



Program:

“Camino Pilgrimage in Spain”

Presenter: Pastor Albert Romkena

Everyone Welcome

Baptisms

Name: Clark Michael Deloughery

Date of Birth: January 2, 2018

Date of Baptism: April 1, 2018

Parents: Erica & Colin Deloughery

Sponsors: Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor

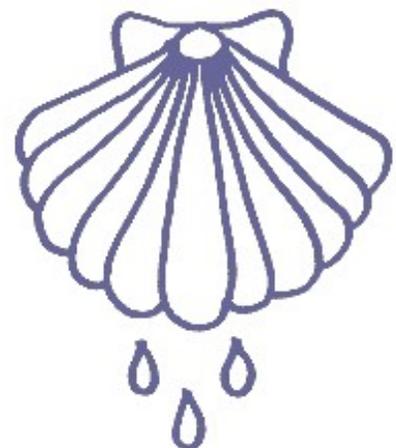
Name: Maddison-Rayne Schnurfeil

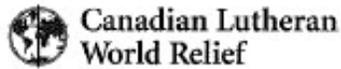
Date of Birth: February 26, 2016

Date of Baptism: April 15, 2018

Parents: Erin Dupuis & Mike Schnurfeil

Sponsors: Leslie & Daniel Burke, Oscar Flores





A Letter from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Imagine if you turned on the tap and no water came out?

What if the lakes and streams in your province dried up? Can you picture the ripple effects a lack of water would have on your family and community?

For Emagne, this situation became her reality.

Imagine how worried she must have been when the rains didn't come to northern Ethiopia year after year. The persistent drought meant that she wasn't able to grow enough food to feed her family.



Last year, many of our caring friends provided crucial support to help Emagne.

We are truly blessed to have the support of people just like you. Together, we were able to provide Emagne with the life-giving water she and her family need. An irrigation canal was built that connects directly to her plot of land.

For the first time in a long time, Emagne has access to enough water to grow and cook the healthy food her family needs.

People just like you made that possible.

"With the training I have received, I will intensify the practice and produce more vegetables," she says. "Water is life, and yes, I now believe water is life for me too."

She and her family now have enough food to eat. **Thanks to people like you.**

please turn over

Today, I am writing to ask for your help once more. Other farmers who live in the same region as Emagne, have also found it hard to produce enough food for themselves and their families. With limited rains, other ways of watering crops are needed. **They need help now.** And they can't wait.

Will you give a gift to support farmers like Emagne?

Your gift will provide farmers with the water they need to grow healthy and nutritious food. An irrigation canal will be built and connected to their plots of land.

Your gift today will help farmers just like Emagne survive tomorrow.

Once the irrigation canal is constructed, these small-scale farmers will be able to feed their families long-term. Imagine the peace of mind they will feel knowing that they have enough food and income. This security is what every parent wants for their children.

We will be able to build a canal that will provide water for farmers in northern Ethiopia today, tomorrow and years to come.

I'm excited to let you know that **your gift will be matched on a three-to-one basis,** thanks to CLWR's membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the support of the Government of Canada. This means your gift will have three times the impact!

The positive changes that will happen because of this access to water will help farmers like Emagne, their families and the rest of their community. Building irrigation canals will provide them with the life-giving water they need.

You make this happen with your generous gift today.



Blessings in this Lenten season,

Rev. Carla Blakley

Rev. Carla Blakley

PS: Please help farmers in northern Ethiopia build irrigation canals so they can have enough water to grow their crops. Your gift will make this possible. Thank you!

About the Letter from CLWR...

Twenty-two years ago I met a women working on a LWF-sponsored irrigation canal project in Zimbabwe. What she told me I have not forgotten. She said that her country often experienced droughts that left her family and other villagers without enough food to eat. Can you imagine being in that situation? With the construction of the irrigation canal she told me she would not only have enough food to feed her family, but would have some extra food to sell and so would have the funds to send her children to school. The construction of the irrigation canal was a life-changing project for her and everyone in that village.

The letter from CLWR in this issue of "The Guiding Light" (*on the previous 2 pages*) tells us about another life-changing project taking place, this one in Ethiopia. After reading the letter I contacted Carla Blakley, CLWR's Community Relations Director, for more information about the project. CLWR is partnering with LWF (Lutheran World Federation) to build the irrigation canals. The project's ultimate goal is to increase food security. In addition to constructing the canals there will be other activities organized such as training on environmentally sustainable farming practices to improve yield sizes, establishing and training Water Users' Committees to manage the irrigation sites and organizing farmer field days to encourage knowledge sharing. The canals will irrigate 102.4 hectares of land. Approximately 240 households will benefit from this project.

A copy of the letter from CLWR, along with photos, is posted on the Social Ministry bulletin board near the Food Bank box.

The total budget for this project is CDN\$1,527,863.00. Your gift to this project will be matched on a three-to-one basis by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. You can make a donation to this project by marking your special envelope "Irrigation Canals in Ethiopia" or by contacting CLWR directly at 1-800-661-2597 or online at www.clwr.org.

~ Submitted by Nancy Davis

**HUMANITARIAN
AID**

Library News

Recently some "readers" gathered in the Founders Lounge and shared some thoughts about books they would recommend to others. Here is a list of the books that were shared - and they're all part of Zion's library collection.

When Lightning Struck, by Danika Cooley

Category: Martin Luther **Spine Label: ML/COO**

This book about Martin Luther's life and the Reformation was written for teens. It is also a good read for adults wanting to review some interesting history.

Me to We: Turning Self-Help on its Head, by Craig & Marc Kielburger

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/KIE**

At age 12, Craig Kielburger of Richmond Hill, ON, read of the murder in Southeast Asia of a 12 year old boy who had been a child labourer since the age of 4. Craig approached his classmates and friends to raise money to help child labourers. Eventually Craig and his brother Marc founded "Free the Children" and later "Me to We", the largest international network of children helping children. An inspiring read!

Footprints, by Margaret Fishback Powers

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/POW**

Composed in 1964 and originally titled "I Had a Dream", the poem closes with the well-known words of the Lord: "When you saw only one set of footprints it was then I carried you." This book describes the loss of the poem and its astonishing re-discovery intertwined with Margaret's life full of challenge, adversity and joy. A very positive read!

Out-of-Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke

Category: Miscellaneous **Spine Label: M/VAN**

Published in 1908, this is Van Dyke's fascinating account of his travels in the Holy Land and what life was like there more than 100 years ago.

The Spirit of Canada: 101 Stories of Love & Gratitude, A. Newmark & J. Matthews (Eds)

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NEW**

Published in 2017, Canada's sesquicentennial, the stories "celebrate who we are as Canadians". Story 48, "Four Seasons in Moosonee", was written by someone many of you know, Elizabeth Kranz.

Heaven is for Real, by Todd Burpo

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/BUR**

This is the story of four-year-old Colton Burpo and his trip to heaven and back during a surgery. The book has become a bestseller. In 2014 the movie version, also titled "Heaven is for Real", was released.

Letters to Marc About Jesus, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

Category: Spiritual Growth **Spine Label: SG/NOU**

Nouwen, a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian, wrote seven letters to his nephew Marc with the hope of bringing him, and readers of the book, closer to Jesus by living a spiritual life. He shares his spiritual journey with the reader and offers suggestions for our own spiritual journeys. After living in the Netherlands, the USA and Latin America, he moved to Richmond Hill, Ontario, to become pastor for the L'Arche community of Daybreak. L'Arche, founded by Jean Vanier, is the international movement of communities that welcomes people with disabilities.

Submitted by Nancy Davis

Lenten Supper Report

We had a very successful year with our Lenten Suppers. We here at Zion “take up” rather than “give something up” during lent. The Lenten Dinners are not just a fundraiser but a service of hospitality to the community and those in need.

This years Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner had an attendance of 45 people.

The proceeds will be our first fruits giving and will be sent to First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The profit was \$249.07 plus a \$300.00 grant from Faith Life. Therefore \$549.07 will go to this worthy cause. Thank you to all who donated items to keep the costs of the dinner to a minimum. For the Baked beans: Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw and Susan Dupuis. For the Maple Syrup: Pat and Peter Wegner, Desi Schrie, Jill and Al Kellough, Lois O’Brien and Ellen and Gerry Vandersleen

Total Profit of 5 Lenten Dinners: \$6,514.63

+ \$1,000.00 to come from Social Ministry Synod Grant

+ \$266.00 from Lisa Cundal of Exit Realty: 19 redeemed coupons from soup kitchen for 3 of the dinners. Lisa has been participating in the Music for Healing Program and wished to give back. We are most thankful for her generous donation.

Grand Total: \$7,780.63 will be designated as follows:

- Zion’s furnace fund: \$3,640.32
- Zion’s Kitchen Fund: \$3,640.31
- Carefor Kitchen: \$500.00

We wish to thank everyone for supporting us by coming out to enjoy these meals. Zion is promoting hospitality to the community by welcoming everyone. An enormous thank you to our hard working clean up team. We could not have done this without you! There were always mountains (quite literally) of dishes. Our most humble thanks for volunteering. A huge thank you to our Lenten Dinner Team for the tireless work; not to mention their expertise at creating such delicious and nutritious food! We worked hard, built friendships and had fun. Thanks be to God!

Not only did we raise substantial funds; we reached out to our shut-ins and had some great visits along the way. Every week Diane Rull (of social ministry) would package up 10 meals and then deliver or arrange to have the meals delivered to various members. We also invite guests who attend the soup kitchen (10 coupons are given out each week for a total of 50 meals) to come join us. This program is growing; Lisa Cundal sponsored 10 coupons for the soup kitchen participants for the last 3 dinners of which 19 of those coupons were redeemed. Lisa then wrote a cheque to pay for those meals. Awesome! Generosity is contagious. It is so exciting. What a win win for everyone. Social Ministry receives a grant from Synod to help cover the costs of the outreach meals. Praise and Thanks!

Lenten Dinner Team Members:

- Emma and Vince Rabishaw
- Joan Schimmens
- Arlene and Barry Grosskleg
- Al and Jill Kellough
- Larry Seegmiller
- Peter and Pat Wegner
- Jan Vandersleen and Ellen Vandersleen

There is the initial planning of the menu followed by the shopping. There is usually a 1/2-day work on Tuesday to prepare for Wednesday. Then Wednesday morning between 8:00 -9:00 am we all work until everything is cleaned up by 8:00pm. We make notes and recommendations for improvements, track our expenses just to name a few of the things done to make the dinners a success.

Clean Up Crew

- Pamela and Dan Duplessis
- Erin Dupuis and Oscar Flores
- Brenda Dole
- Debbie and Richard Faught
- Kathy & Joel Nieman
- Jane Ann Kirk and Alex Lefave
- Krista Grosskleg
- Denise Schizkoske
- Allastier Schultz
- Sandra and Terry Hoffman and their granddaughters, Mollie and Shelby Hoffman
- Gayle Seegmiller
- Jamie and Erica MacKinnon
- Brent and Diane Wolfgram
- Debbie Sitkiewicz
- Lorraine MacKenzie
- Carol Boldt
- Penny Stalkie
- Michael Lange
- Kevin & Jean Rutz
- Scott Lange
- Philip Vandersleen
- Todd and Sherry Phannenhour
- Karen Gauthier
- Susan Dupuis and Kevin Hoffman
- Wilmer Verch

Thank you for all your support and help. Amazing things happen when we work together.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



Social Ministry Request

I volunteer at both St. Joseph's Food Bank and Carefor Civic Complex.

While the food bank gets many food donations which we are so thankful for, we also have a need for personal items. There is a great need for these items at Carefor too as many of these people do not have the resources to go out and get them and also have a very limited income after paying their rent.

I wish to ask your help in supplying any of the following items. There will be a separate box for these items next to the food bank box. I will divide these things up so that we may share the bounty with both organizations.

Here is a list of items which are needed:

Shampoo and Conditioner

Deodorant (Men's and Women's)

Kleenix

Body Wash and Bars of Soap

Shavers

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

We also give out dish soap, laundry soap and toilet paper at the food bank. We divide these items into smaller containers and packages.

Thank you so much for your help and God's blessings to each and every one of you.

Debbie Sitkiewicz
Social Ministry





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New Appointment Announcement

On behalf of the Eastern Synod Council, Bishop Michael Pryse is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Joel Crouse, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ottawa as the Eastern Synod's Director of Property Transformation. In this part-time role, Pastor Crouse will serve as a resource to congregations contemplating a re-purposing or disposition of physical assets. "For some, this will mean redevelopment. For many, it will mean a joint venture or dissolution. For all, it will mean benefitting from a specially trained pastoral presence throughout a process of transformation centered on the understanding that this is not our church, it is Christ's church."

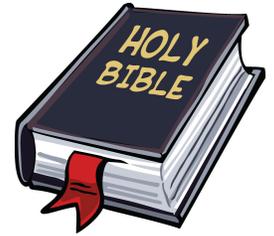
In establishing this new position, the Eastern Synod Council is building upon the expertise and experience gained through the work of the Rev. Guenter Dahle who served as the Eastern Synod's Property Consultant from 2010 until April of this year. Bishop Pryse comments, "I am very grateful for Pastor Dahle's faithful and committed efforts on behalf of the Eastern Synod and its congregations and I look forward to entering into this new work relationship with Pastor Crouse."

A Fair and Glorious Gift

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art that can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God. – Martin Luther

Submitted by Blaine Sack

**Annual Public Bible Reading
Ampitheatre – May 27, 2018
1pm – 3pm**



Waterfront Amphitheatre

“Symphony of God’s Word”

The whole Bible to be read in one hour (or so) concurrently by 77 voices will take place at the Waterfront Amphitheatre, congregational sites, nursing homes/retirement homes, homes, cottages or your choice.

Having such a public display of faith and witness can do much to encourage people to begin having questions about life, values and purpose. Individual discussions can take place, invitations can be made to come to church. Relationships can be forged in which study and understanding will take place.

You may want to bring the whole family, and have the younger ones read a few verses.

Zion, be present and actively engaged.

Contact Persons: Dwyla Doran (613-732-7580) and Lois Wilson (613-687-4906 – Resurrection)

We need your voice.

Submitted by Dwyla Doran

Fellowship of the Least Coin May 2018 - Mothers Midwifery

Anna Jarvis, in 1908, was successful in her quest to set aside a day to honour all mothers. She conceived an idea whereby people would honour their mothers with a visit, a handwritten note expressing gratitude, love. However, in his article “Mother’s Day’s Dark History” for National Geographic News, Brian Hadwerk reports the forgotten fact that Anna’s mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers and created Mother’s Day work clubs to address public health issue such as infant mortality. Mother’s Day was not purely personal; the Jarvis legacy reflected a broad societal concern.

In 2016, a World Day of Prayer grant supported Horizons of Friendship’s project in Totonicapan, Guatemala, “Maternal, Newborn and Child Health” to supplement the traditional knowledge of Indigenous midwives in remote areas of Guatemala with training in Western medical techniques. Totonicapan is located in the western highlands of Guatemala. For Indigenous women there, an emergency during labour might require a two day journey, carried by her family in a blanket sling, just to get to a road.

With few technological aids, the midwives offer women and babies culturally safe and accessible care. A mother can ask questions and get answers in the comfort of her own language. The traditional midwives have markedly increased maternal, newborn and child health and reduced infant mortality. They have also been able to visit Canada to exchange their knowledge with midwives here.

Pray for those we honour as our mothers and for those dedicated to life-bringing care for others.

*June James, Winnipeg, MB
WICC Secretary-Treasurer and Council Member*

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



From Your Treasurers

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 16, 2018

The average weekly offerings of \$4,712.00 will cover our budgeted amount for regular offerings.

Offerings	\$72,031.65
Missions and Outreach	\$791.00
Other Donations	\$1,190.00
Solar Income	\$1,428.99
Other Earned Income	\$3,100.59
Total Income to April 16	\$78,542.23
Benevolence Expense	\$4,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$234.00
Committees Expense	\$836.61
Utilities Expense	\$7,039.31
Church Insurance	\$13,518.36
Property Maintenance	\$4,630.75
Other Operating Expense	\$11,363.41
Payroll	\$26,816.91
Benefits Expense	\$12,047.98
Expense Total to April 16	\$80,687.33
Net Total for 2018	(-\$2,145.10)
2017 Surplus/Deficit	\$5,000.00
Net Equity to April 16	\$2,854.90

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurers,
Gerry Vandersleen and Michael Lange



send

Ways to love

Congregations of people everywhere share Jesus' love in all kinds of ways. Offerings are given, food and clothing collected, quilts are made, prayers said, and homes are built.

Circle all the ways your congregation shares Jesus' love.



How else does your congregation share Jesus' love? Draw a picture of it here.



Jesus, thank you for loving us so we can love too!

Amen

This week

Love a neighbor by surprising them with a plate of homemade cookies!

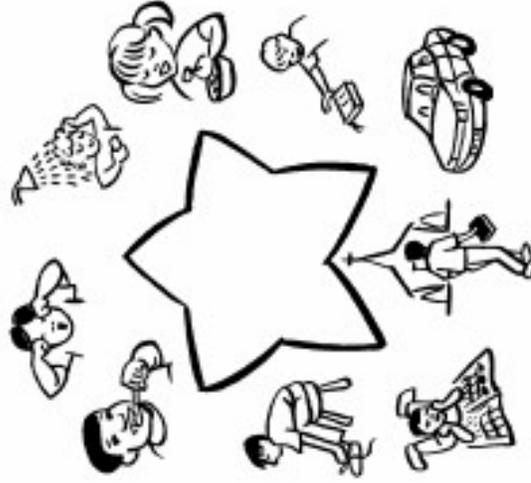
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Welcome to worship. Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All of us get ready for worship in different ways, and our families celebrate Sundays differently.

What did you do to get ready for church this morning? What will you do after church?



Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship, and inside the star, draw a picture of something your family usually does together after worship.

From the Heart

Submitted by Jean Rutz - A Little Humor for All Mothers



*If you give a mom a muffin,
She'll want a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate to go with it.
She'll pour herself some.
Her three-year-old will come and spill the coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Mom will wipe it up.
Wiping the floor, she will find some dirty socks.
She'll remember she has to do the laundry.
When she puts the laundry in the washer,
She'll trip over the shoes and bump into the freezer.
Bumping into the freezer will remind her she has to plan supper.
She will get out a pound of hamburger.
She'll look for her cookbook.
(How to Make 101 Things with a Pound of Hamburger)
The cookbook is sitting under a pile of mail.
She will see the phone bill, which is due tomorrow.
She will look for her checkbook.
The checkbook is in her purse,
Which is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
Then she'll smell something funny.
She'll change the two-year-old.
While she is changing her two-year-old, the phone will ring.
Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
She'll remember she was supposed to phone a friend
To come over for coffee/tea or hot chocolate.
Thinking of coffee/tea or hot chocolate will remind her she was going to have a cup.
She will pour herself some more.
And chances are,
If she has a cup of coffee/tea or hot chocolate,
Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went with it.*

Happy Mother's Day!

May Volunteers

Sexton

May 5 – Al Kellough
May 6 – Don Boldt
May 12 – Joel Nieman
May 13 – Al Kellough
May 19 – Arnold Kruschenske
May 20 – Debbie Wegner
May 26 – Joel Nieman
May 27 – Al Kellough

Worship Assistants

May 5 – Susan Dupuis
May 6 – Nancy Davis
May 12 – Andrew Zadow
May 13 – Anne Blackstock
May 19 – Debbie Wegner
May 20 – Brenda Dole
May 26 – Heidi Bova
May 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Librarians

May 6 – Irene Kennedy
May 13 – Dwyla Doran
May 20 – Lauretta Handke
May 27 – Marlene Schleen

Greeters

May 5 – Betty Hubert
May 6 – Debbie Wegner
May 12 – Marion Kraft
May 13 – Diana Wegner
May 19 – Waveney Kenny
May 20 – Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 26 – Betty Hubert
May 27 – Roseanne Campbell

Altar Guild

May 5 – June Popke
May 6 – Carol Boldt
May 12 – Jill Kellough
May 13 – Arlene Grosskleg
May 19 – Kathy Godin
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Erica MacKinnon
May 27 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

May 6 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Richard Faught, Debbie Wegner
May 13 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Bill Kennedy, Cheryl Sack
May 20 – Andrew Zadow, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis, Chris Blackstock
May 27 – Barry & Krista Grosskleg, Wilmer Verch, Al Kellough

Counters

May 6 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Barbara Walsh
May 13/20 – Andrew Zadow, Karen & Rachael Gauthier
May 27 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Projector Operators

May 5 – Diane Hammel
May 6 – Krista Grosskleg
May 12 – Susan Dupuis
May 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 19 – Susan Dupuis
May 20 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 26 – Kathy Godin
May 27 – Kerrie Lynn Wilson





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Heritage Manor Service 1pm Learning Committee Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2 5pm Sr. Confirmation 7pm ZLW 7pm Men's Choir Practice	3 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	4	5 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
6 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation	7 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	8 11am Staff Mtg. 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 7pm Council Mtg.	9 9:30am Bible Study 7pm Men's Choir Practice	10 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	11	12 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
13 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Mother's Day	14 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 7pm Cemetery Committee Mtg. Pastor Paul on Holidays Until May 30th	15 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice 6:30pm Legal Clinic Mtg. Guiding Light Deadline	16 7pm Men's Choir Practice	17 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	18	19 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion
20 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	21 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	22 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	23 9:30am Pastoral Care Mtg. 7pm Men's Choir Practice	24 2:30pm Golden Age Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	25	26 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion <i>(Last Saturday Service until September)</i>
27 9:45am Sunday School 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion Annual Bible Reading	28 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class	29 1:30pm Valley Ramblers Band Practice	30 7pm Men's Choir Practice	31 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		