

- The sound of voices as we share coffee and sweets after service
- A beautiful parish hall where fellowship occurs on a regular basis
- The building is used by other organizations providing them with a safe place to come together
- ie: Legal aid, seniors exercise, Tai Chi, Music Healing Veterans etc.
- The beautiful voices of 2 wonderful choirs
- Ability to send Pastor and delegates to National and Synodical conventions
- We are a part of the Ottawa/St Lawrence conference area where we are able to come together with our neighboring congregations to celebrate and support one another
- Rally Sundays, when we celebrate a summer past and the beginning of the new Sunday School year
- Lenten dinners where we feed our neighbors and give the proceeds to areas of need
- Oktoberfest dinners...feeding our congregation and community and giving back with the proceeds
- Prelude to Christmas...a calm time in the midst of a busy season
- Members who have been with Zion all or most of their 80 – 90 years
- Baptism of new members
- Hearing the cries and voices of our babies during worship

## Counting Our Blessings

Throughout the season of Advent we wanted to recognize the many blessings that we, as a congregation, have here at Zion. The visioning committee decided to use these blessings to raise funds to support the Renfrew Hospice. It is so easy to look around and see that we have less people attending our worship services each weekend or to focus on reduced offerings or that our young people just aren't interested or.....

As we awaited the day when we celebrate the birth of our Lord we felt that it was important to thank him for all that he has blessed us with. The list below is not complete. So many more items can be added; however, it is a place to begin. A place to remember that we have been truly blessed at Zion and will continue to be for many years to come. Take a look at the list and then think about what you could add. It is good for the soul.

- Solar panels that bring income and help reduce our carbon foot print
- Our elevator provides access for the physically impaired
- 2 rental properties that provide housing to the community
- A beautiful sanctuary with seating for 300
- 2 worship services as well as a quiet communion
- We provide worship services in the nursing homes and senior residences
- A full-time pastor to lead us in our spiritual growth
- An active Sunday school providing Christian education to our children
- Confirmation class's preparing our youth for the future

- The ability to support the larger church through our benevolence offerings
- Worship books and Bibles in every pew
- The ability to project our announcements and service
- Communion to all who come forward
- Numerous committees that each take responsibility to make the operation of the church seamless
- A full council
- We work with the local food banks to feed our neighbors
- We work with the local soup kitchen to feed the hungry
- We have a vibrant Golden Age Group
- We have re-started our youth group to help them learn to work together, play together and worship together
- We are members of the Pembroke Area Clergy Association (PACA) enhancing communications with our neighboring congregations
- We support PACA- temporary emergency assistance ministry (TEAM) that help those in need
- Build and share the CLWR we care kits
- Our ladies quilting group provide blankets and baby bundles for developing countries
- We participate in World Day of Prayer
- We actively support Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Center
- We have children of our congregation attend Summer Camp at Lutherlyn Camp and Conference
- We provide leadership at Summer Camp at Lutherlyn Camp and Conference
- Our endowment ministry provides financial support to those in need in our community
- We have a vibrant women's ministry ZLW providing faith-based programs, opportunities to learn as well as social activities
- Our Pastoral Care Committee assists with visitations to those in need
- The organ...what more can I say
- We are blessed with a fabulous musician who's love of praising God with his talents are heard every time he plays
- Our premises are kept in perfect order by our custodian
- The office runs like clock work due to our church secretary and many office volunteers
- The property is kept up through the hard work of our property committee and many volunteers who get the work done
- The Sunday school staff make Christian learning fun
- Our beautiful altar is prepared prior to each worship service by the dedication of the Altar Care group
- Our hospitality committee helps to host our many special functions
- Our dedicated funeral luncheon committee take care of the necessities so that the grieving families can focus on what is important at a very difficult time
- Feeding hungry youth by cooking dinners for The Boys and Girls Club
- Helping our shut-ins and seniors by cooking and delivering meals
- The gift of giving...Christmas Gifts for the residents at Carefor

