

THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



Monthly Newsletter
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school
Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship

All Sunday morning services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: community channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Pen

I love questions.

Questions open us up, cause us to search and look deeper or wider than perhaps we would normally turn our gaze. They turn up the soil, they expand our horizons, and they open portals into new dimensions. Questions invite power sharing, honor the individual and are provocative and disarming. Questions send us on a quest. Jesus knew the transformative power of questions and utilized their incisive edges quite often. In fact, I've been told he asked at least, 325 questions, 236 of them were unique. "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to made well?" Which one of Jesus' questions is your favorite?

What questions are you asking in this season of your own life? What questions are you asking in this season of the life of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church?

How would you categorize the season of life that we are in? What do you long to see happen? What are you grieving, hoping for, and working towards? What part are you playing in helping live into the questions we are asking? How do you want to use your gifts, talents, and passions to envision and build the next chapter of ZELC?

Doubts are also a form of questions. Perhaps this is why I love Thomas? While Thomas never asked a



From the Pastor's Pen (cont.)

direct question, he was present to his doubts, grief, wonderings, and curiosities, all implicit questions. Perhaps he wondered: why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all, or how

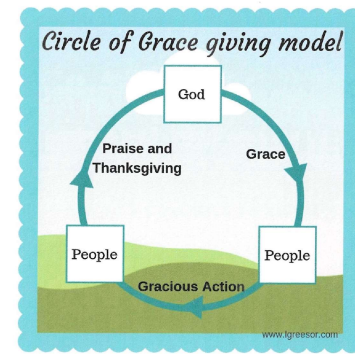
it was possible that Jesus was physically alive or if the others were lying, among a myriad of other questions. Regardless, he stayed present to his doubts and questions in the context of his community. He kept seeking and asking. What about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can help your unbelief about our current season?

Perhaps one of my all-time favorite quotes comes from the Ranier Marie Rilke, where he is offering advice to a young poet.

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

May God grant us the patience, creativity, and grace to live the questions of this season of our church and gradually live into their answers.

Pastor Scott



A Model of Stewardship – A Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace Giving Model is one introduced by Laura Guenther Reesor, author of *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*.

In discussing stewardship Reesor starts with this model. The Circle of Grace Model begins with God. Every good thing comes from God. I know that's not news to you.

We don't earn our salvation; it is freely given.

Each day is a new gift of life. Through grace, everyone in the church is equally rich. Not measured by money, but by grace, we are all equally rich. Because we are all rich in grace, we all have grace to share.

God's love grants us generosity. Generosity is a way of life. What can we hold back and not share? The church is a gathering of disciples, helping each other to love God and love our neighbours with our whole selves. Giving in this way is much more inspiring.

Christians give because we are grateful, not because our church has an emergency and definitely not just to meet the budget. We give in response to a generous God.

As a congregation, all of us are receivers of God's grace. As we are all his disciples, we must choose to offer gracious actions to others, whether in the form of love or money in mission for others. Hopefully, they will do the same.

So, things to remember about the Circle of Grace Giving Model:

- **God.** God doesn't change. God is faithful today, next Tuesday, next week and next year.
- **Worship.** Our congregation can gather to worship. Even online. Even without a building, strategies, programs or goals, we can worship.
- **Hope.** We have hope. God is faithful, we can worship, and we are not alone. We have hope.

FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia! Easter is still being celebrated! How long ago lent seems. I would like to offer a HUGE word of thanks to those who brought in soup, sandwiches, and desserts to our fasting midweek meals. The amazing offerings and creative recipes added to the fellowship we were able to experience before we gathered for worship.

There were several youth and parents from the confirmation class who helped to make clean up after the meal a breeze. It was a great way for them to learn about feeling included in the community and working together as a team.

Another word of thanks to the musicians who helped to make our worship time so special. The singing and instrumentalists were able to add a very prayerful element that helped us prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.

Most of all, thank you to those who participated in worship and meal during our mid week gatherings. We fasted, prayed, and gave offerings together in community. This opportunity gave us deeper meaning as we prepared our hearts for the resurrection celebration.

STEWARDSHIP

As the snow and ice finally finished melting, the truth of humankind was revealed. Garbage. Everywhere you go, you can see paper, plastic cans, and bottles peeking through the grass and bushes. It is an eyesore and fills me with sadness when I think of how beautiful our country and community can be.

We are called to be stewards, not just of the church and our homes but also of the earth. I know that many of us practice good recycling habits. This alone fills me with hope. For many and varied reasons, our garbage and recycling don't always make it to the right places. Sometimes, by no fault of our own garbage and recycling has been carried by the wind, by animals, or by carelessness to the streets, parks, and roadways in our town and surrounding areas.

What can we do? First and foremost, continue to recycle appropriately. Second, pray for the lakes and waterways, forests, and fields that you see and remember. Thirdly, take action. As the weather warms and you spend more time outside, pick up the debris you see. If there is no garbage-can close-by make a small pile and come back for it, or better yet, bring a bag with you on your walk to take home and dispose of it appropriately. Imagine how pleased God will be as God blesses us to be caretakers of creation.

My challenge to you this spring is to get out and find a spot where you can (safely) pick up debris and FILL a garbage bag! Take a picture of yourself with the full bag and send it to Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue.

See you at church!

Pastor Sue

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 30,2025

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	77,723.74
Missions and Outreach	493.00
Other Donations	2,240.00
Solar Income	2,790.66
Other Earned Income	5,685.36
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Apr.30	88,932.76
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	12,217.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	4,449.92
Other Operating Expense	18,009.03
Net Payroll	38,130.64
Benefits Expense	15,369.73
Expense Total to Apr.30	112,137.93
Net as of April 30,2025	(-23,205.17)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

We have paid our insurance of \$21,900.00. Please remember the church with your offerings to help reduce our growing deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. We have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Spring

Spring is the season of renewal and hope. Jesus has risen and the world is set to renew itself once again.

Winter is over. The last of the snow turns into life giving water so that the earth can begin a new life cycle. The robins sing their cheerful song each morning and night, the grass is a little greener each day, and the first shoots of new growth poke their heads from the ground.

Renewal and new growth take place everywhere and Zion is no exception. I see signs of new growth in the pews and I see signs of new growth in messy church. I see signs of new growth in the smiles at social hour and I hear signs of new growth in the laughter as we go about our business.

I have seen a tree growing on bare rock and I have seen grass growing out of pavement. They grow out of the pure belief that life is better in God's world. Think of what could happen to that tree and grass if it was supported by God's gardeners.

Many of us come from farming roots and many more are just natural gardeners' and I believe Jesus wants us to consider ourselves as the gardeners of his church and he wants us to tend to this new growth with water it so it grows strong.

Gardening is hard work, digging, hoeing, pruning, and everybody's favorite weeding. Watering is more fun as occasionally on a really hot day you might accidentally spray your spouse and then quickly beg forgiveness.

The tender care and nurturing of the new growth that we are doing today at Zion will reward us with a new crop that will sustain us going forward. Most importantly it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the hard work you have done by being one of God's gardeners has created something of immeasurable value.

Just to be clear in our household it is my spouse who is the gardener and I am the one who occasionally accidentally on purpose sprays her.

Terry Hoffman

Garage Sale

Saturday May 3, 2025

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 5:30pm.

**Next Date:
Monday May 5th**

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

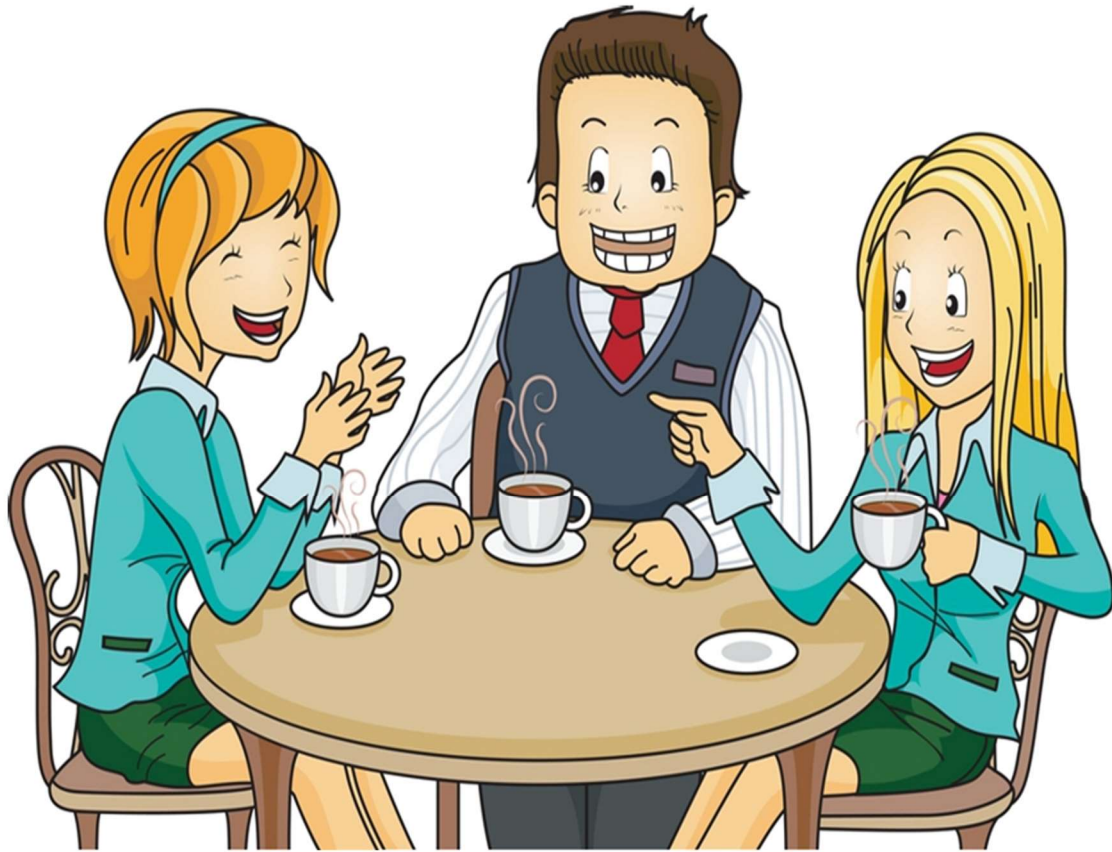
FRIDAY MAY 23 2025

6:30PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday May 7th & May 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. May 7, 2025

At 2:30 pm

Presentation by

Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue

Mothers in the Bible

Coffee and snacks to follow!

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church





2024 UPDATE



Programs Update!

- **Camp Lutherlyn** is now an “Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association”

We have received a 4-year accreditation. We are very proud of our volunteers and staff that demonstrate operating standards in the areas of safety, site, staff, and programs that meet the Ontario Camps Association high standards. This is a voluntary process but requires a commitment at all levels of the organization to be successful in meeting the standards.

We had our final site visit in July 2024-This is a huge achievement for Camp Lutherlyn!

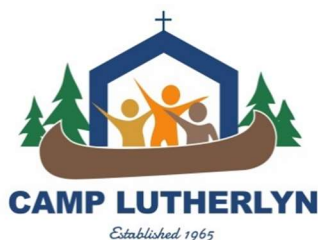
- **Confirmation Camp 2024** supported by the SYNOD Youth and Young Adult Ministry, organized by Pastor Scott Schellenberger. 23 confirmands and 4 pastors attended in 2024. **Confirmation Camp 2025 dates:** will run July 6-11 2025 please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger for registration information at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

- **Children's Overnight Camp 2024** we had 132 children attend camp over 3 weeks- a 26% increase over 2023 registrations.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for online registration and information

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.
- **CAMP BRAIN:** We are making the move to a new registration system for our 2025 registrations for Children's camp and Family Camp. We are aiming to have the site up and running by February 1st 2025 and will send some messages once it is live. We will send email communications to you from this new site, so just to let you know our messaging will look a bit different this year!
- **Summer Employment Opportunities:** We are currently taking applications for summer employment:
 - **Program Director and Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
 - **Assistant Program Director** June 23 to July 25 (5 weeks)
 - **Lifeguards** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
 - **Counselor** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
 - **Summer Maintenance/Cleaning** June 23-August 18 (8 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions between February 1st and March 1, 2025 through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SPRING CAMP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday May 10th 09:00-2:00

Lunch is provided, please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know you are coming, and how many people are in your group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

Saturday May 31st at 10:30 am- this will be a virtual meeting by Zoom

You must be registered as a corporation member to attend this event-documents are attached to this email

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting, now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Summer Employment Opportunities: We are still looking for a few key roles for our 2025 season

- **Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Lifeguard** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **2 male Counselors** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Kitchen staff, 1 cook and 2 kitchen assistants** June 23-August 1st (5 weeks)

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Like us on Facebook

Camp Lutherlyn



Follow us on Instagram **camp.lutherlyn**

Visit us at

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Board Opportunities:

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BOARD VACANCY





ARE YOU?

- Looking to give back
- A collaborative team player
- Organized and committed
- Caring and compassionate
- A positive person
- A big picture thinker
- Strategic and goal oriented
- A good listener

We are looking for a few special souls to join our 12-person board to fill existing vacancies. We generally meet monthly for a few hours electronically. Most of our work is done in committees. We value the contribution of all and welcome different perspectives and backgrounds.

Experience, interest or knowledge of the following would be a great compliment to our existing skill set and experience on the board:

- ✓ buildings, grounds, property and maintenance
- ✓ fundraising, grants, marketing and promotion
- ✓ rentals, events, and accommodations
- ✓ minutes, agendas and communications

You must be at least 18 years of age and a member. Membership involves completing a form and a \$20 annual fee.

Please send your
Expression of Interest to:
info@lutherlyncamp.ca



Find out more about us at
LutherlynCamp.ca or check us out
on Instagram or Facebook!

Rentals – featuring Shepherds Staff Cabin on Hoffman Beach!

- **Featuring Shepherd's Staff Cabin** on Hoffman Beach: is a newly-renovated three-bedroom cabin with a great room with kitchen and comfortable seating, and a private 3-piece washroom. The cabin is located on Hoffman Beach and has a large deck with a great view of the beach. It's a great space for a family of 6-7 people. Availability and pricing can be found at www.lutherlyncamp.ca or you can email us at lutherlyncamp.ca@gmail.com



- **Thanks** to a donation from Grace Lutheran Church Oakville, we have renovated the 1967 Schmieder Hall washrooms, purchased kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, and started an endowment fund that will fund camper registrations each year.



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CAMP LUTHERLYN

2025 CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I expect to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 31, 2025 ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or Anglican Church of Canada congregation ☐ YES ☐ NO

Camp Lutherlyn needs your help to continue to grow; to continue to be a place where life-long memories are made; where Outdoor Ministry is available to people of all ages, where children are free to experience Nature in a safe environment, and where the community gathers for retreat, nurturing and renewal.

I would like to become a member of Camp Lutherlyn Corporation. I recognize and support the mission and values of Camp Lutherlyn and understand my membership must be approved by the Board.

\$20.00 (renewed annually)

Mail completed form and cheque to:

Camp Lutherlyn

Attention: Secretary

PO Box 531, Stn. Main, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6X7

OR

e-transfer payment & email the completed form to:

lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

\$20 ANNUAL FEE PAID: date _____

e-transfer: _____ cheque#: _____



2024 CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY May 31st 2025 10:30 am

Virtual meeting sign-on information will be sent to all registered members.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come for some treasures, and enjoy our café!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship Service on Tuesday May 6th at 10:00 am and Supples Landing Worship Service on Wednesday May 22nd at 2:00 pm.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am and Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am. Come on out for fun and fellowship.


ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ISOBEL EDITH (EDIE) BRUMM Saturday May 10th at 1:00 pm graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group will be having a Karaoke and Sports Night! Bring a friend and stay for a good time!

 **MAY WEDDING** Kyle Verch & Angela Zekveld will be having a wedding rehearsal on Friday May 30th at 6:30 pm and will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony on Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church. Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

Pulse Ministry consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. **The next event is Monday May 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Pulse Youth Group Pulse Youth Group happens on two Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Please join us for our next event- A Karaoke and Sports Night - on **Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

The next **"Living Stones" worship** service is on **Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am.** ***The regular Holy Communion Services in the sanctuary will happen as well.*** The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share, please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank.



JUNE SNEAK PEEK:

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Jamie MacKinnon, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Denise Schizkoske, Tiffany Freeman, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli.

Excused Gerry Vandersleen

- 1. Opening:** Devotion was performed by Pastor Scott.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- 4. Financial Report:** Not Available

5. Pastor's Report:

Statistics

- Seniors Home Services – April 1 Miramichi Thank you Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment. The Living Stones band is also accompanying me to service May 5 and 22.
- Confirmation Classes
- In place of classes the youth will again be cleaning up the soup and sandwich dinner and then are required to attend worship. They will be participating as readers and in other ways as asked.
- Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.
- Stewardship – Currently, Steven Boland and Susan Dupuis are serving on this committee. Looking for one more. Currently reading, "Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church," by Lori Guenther Ressor.
- Worship – Maundy Thursday – April 17 700pm, Good Friday 10am April 18, Easter Morning – 8 and 10 am.
- Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.
- Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.
- Upcoming Holidays – April 21-27 2025 – Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away.
- Aside: Seizure response in worship. On April 2 during worship I had a petit mal or absence seizure while preaching. Thankfully Pastor Sue was there to help me through it. I realize however that I do not have a plan in place for what to do if something like that happens and Pastor Sue is not present. I will be meeting with people individually and together to teach them the right protocol. The best thing to remember is to always keep me safe and do not panic. Do not call an ambulance unless it goes on for five minutes or more.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:**

- Living Stones service at the marina will be held June 22 at 11:00, with a pot luck afterwards. If raining it will be held at church

- **Social Ministry:**

On April 4, 42 meals were made and delivered to seniors at their homes. The seniors greatly appreciated the meals.

- **Pulse Ministry :**

Messy Church on April 7 saw 21 kids and 22 adults. We would like to thank the volunteers who put on the supper, clean up afterwards, help with children's activities and the men who set up and take down the tables every week

- **Cemetery Board:**

They will be holding a meeting on May 6 to discuss the beautifying of the cemeteries.

8. **New Business:**

Council has decided to not offer the hall to "The Coldest Night of the Year" anymore. This is due to the wear and tear of our floors and the huge cost to repair them. We will however, continue to support them in other ways,

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie and second by Brent.

10. **Next Meeting:** May 13th at 7:00 PM

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 7, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Diane Hammel, Lorraine MacKenzie, Lisa Campitelli

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer. Gayle welcomed everyone afterwards.

Approval of Agenda: Technology was added.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been well attended considering the weather. The lowest Sunday was the Sunday of the ice storm with 40 people in attendance. Midweek services have floated around 40.
- April 9 - Midweek Quiet Communion Service at 10:30.
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - 10:00 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- No Living Stones service in April. The third Sunday falls on Easter.
- Thank you to the Living Stones Band for accompanying me to Miramichi for the monthly service. In May we will be visiting two more homes and they have agreed to join me.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ will be tuned Wednesday, April 16th.
- The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned Friday, May 2nd.
- Arrangements still have to be made with a local tuner to have the upright piano downstairs under the sanctuary tuned.
- Special thanks to Pastor David Metzger and members of the men's quartet who led the pre-service sing-a-long and shared an anthem during the service on March 23rd.
- Both choirs will be singing a lot over the next several weeks, beginning with Palm Sunday and through to Easter Sunday.
- On Sunday, April 27th the choirs will have a break and special music will be shared by a guest soloist.
- The liturgy will be changed to Setting Two on Easter Sunday and will continue through the Easter season.

- The next hymn sing will be Sunday, April 27th before the start of the service.
- Hymns and service music have been suggested/planned up to the end of April.

Miscellaneous:

Waterfront Service:

- The waterfront service has been booked for Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held at 11:00 am with a potluck to follow. The Living Stones band will lead the service.

Technology:

- At the present time everything is working well.
- Pastor Scott and Ellen had a meeting with most of the camera volunteers on Sunday, March 16th to provide guidance and give reasons why the cameras need to be on certain parts of the service. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 4 – Ella Smith
May 11- Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Wayne Kirk
May 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 4 – Koit Rull
May 11- Tyler Smith
May 18 – Don Boldt
May 25 – Hunter Denney

Counters

May 4 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,
Lori Crigger
May 11- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 18 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 25 – Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz

Ushers

May 4 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher
May 11- Kevin & Jean Rutz
May 18 – Peter & Patti Wegner
May 25 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

Altar Care

May 4 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 11- Sandra Graham
May 18 – June Popke
May 25 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Ellen Vandersleen
May 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
May 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

May 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 11- Ryan Schmidt
May 18 – Ty Phannenhour
May 25 – Korbin Smith


Sound Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Noah Schmidt
May 18 – Todd Phannenhour
May 25 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 4 – Jill & Al Kellough
May 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 25 – Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Exercise Class	3 8 am-12 Zion Garage Sale
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets 7:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6 10:00 am Heritage Manor Worship Service 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	7 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW “Mothers in the Bible” 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	8 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Ottawa Valley Clergy Meeting with Eastern Synod 7 pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Exercise Class	10 1 pm Graveside Service and Celebration of Life for Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm
11 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	12 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 6-8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	13 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	14 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	15 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Exercise Class GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	17
18 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Service	19 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	20 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	21 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	22 9:30 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Supplies Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 6-10 pm Lyra Ensemble Group	23 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke & Sports Night	24
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THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



Monthly Newsletter
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school
Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship

All Sunday morning services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: community channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Pen

I love questions.

Questions open us up, cause us to search and look deeper or wider than perhaps we would normally turn our gaze. They turn up the soil, they expand our horizons, and they open portals into new dimensions. Questions invite power sharing, honor the individual and are provocative and disarming. Questions send us on a quest. Jesus knew the transformative power of questions and utilized their incisive edges quite often. In fact, I've been told he asked at least, 325 questions, 236 of them were unique. "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to made well?" Which one of Jesus' questions is your favorite?

What questions are you asking in this season of your own life? What questions are you asking in this season of the life of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church?

How would you categorize the season of life that we are in? What do you long to see happen? What are you grieving, hoping for, and working towards? What part are you playing in helping live into the questions we are asking? How do you want to use your gifts, talents, and passions to envision and build the next chapter of ZELC?

Doubts are also a form of questions. Perhaps this is why I love Thomas? While Thomas never asked a



From the Pastor's Pen (cont.)

direct question, he was present to his doubts, grief, wonderings, and curiosities, all implicit questions. Perhaps he wondered: why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all, or how

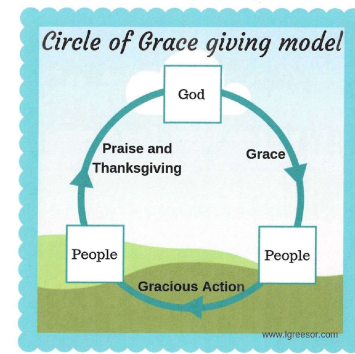
it was possible that Jesus was physically alive or if the others were lying, among a myriad of other questions. Regardless, he stayed present to his doubts and questions in the context of his community. He kept seeking and asking. What about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can help your unbelief about our current season?

Perhaps one of my all-time favorite quotes comes from the Ranier Marie Rilke, where he is offering advice to a young poet.

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

May God grant us the patience, creativity, and grace to live the questions of this season of our church and gradually live into their answers.

Pastor Scott



A Model of Stewardship – A Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace Giving Model is one introduced by Laura Guenther Reesor, author of *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*.

In discussing stewardship Reesor starts with this model. The Circle of Grace Model begins with God. Every good thing comes from God. I know that's not news to you.

We don't earn our salvation; it is freely given.

Each day is a new gift of life. Through grace, everyone in the church is equally rich. Not measured by money, but by grace, we are all equally rich. Because we are all rich in grace, we all have grace to share.

God's love grants us generosity. Generosity is a way of life. What can we hold back and not share? The church is a gathering of disciples, helping each other to love God and love our neighbours with our whole selves. Giving in this way is much more inspiring.

Christians give because we are grateful, not because our church has an emergency and definitely not just to meet the budget. We give in response to a generous God.

As a congregation, all of us are receivers of God's grace. As we are all his disciples, we must choose to offer gracious actions to others, whether in the form of love or money in mission for others. Hopefully, they will do the same.

So, things to remember about the Circle of Grace Giving Model:

- **God.** God doesn't change. God is faithful today, next Tuesday, next week and next year.
- **Worship.** Our congregation can gather to worship. Even online. Even without a building, strategies, programs or goals, we can worship.
- **Hope.** We have hope. God is faithful, we can worship, and we are not alone. We have hope.

FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia! Easter is still being celebrated! How long ago lent seems. I would like to offer a HUGE word of thanks to those who brought in soup, sandwiches, and desserts to our fasting midweek meals. The amazing offerings and creative recipes added to the fellowship we were able to experience before we gathered for worship.

There were several youth and parents from the confirmation class who helped to make clean up after the meal a breeze. It was a great way for them to learn about feeling included in the community and working together as a team.

Another word of thanks to the musicians who helped to make our worship time so special. The singing and instrumentalists were able to add a very prayerful element that helped us prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.

Most of all, thank you to those who participated in worship and meal during our mid week gatherings. We fasted, prayed, and gave offerings together in community. This opportunity gave us deeper meaning as we prepared our hearts for the resurrection celebration.

STEWARDSHIP

As the snow and ice finally finished melting, the truth of humankind was revealed. Garbage. Everywhere you go, you can see paper, plastic cans, and bottles peeking through the grass and bushes. It is an eyesore and fills me with sadness when I think of how beautiful our country and community can be.

We are called to be stewards, not just of the church and our homes but also of the earth. I know that many of us practice good recycling habits. This alone fills me with hope. For many and varied reasons, our garbage and recycling don't always make it to the right places. Sometimes, by no fault of our own garbage and recycling has been carried by the wind, by animals, or by carelessness to the streets, parks, and roadways in our town and surrounding areas.

What can we do? First and foremost, continue to recycle appropriately. Second, pray for the lakes and waterways, forests, and fields that you see and remember. Thirdly, take action. As the weather warms and you spend more time outside, pick up the debris you see. If there is no garbage-can close-by make a small pile and come back for it, or better yet, bring a bag with you on your walk to take home and dispose of it appropriately. Imagine how pleased God will be as God blesses us to be caretakers of creation.

My challenge to you this spring is to get out and find a spot where you can (safely) pick up debris and FILL a garbage bag! Take a picture of yourself with the full bag and send it to Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue.

See you at church!

Pastor Sue

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 30,2025

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	77,723.74
Missions and Outreach	493.00
Other Donations	2,240.00
Solar Income	2,790.66
Other Earned Income	5,685.36
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Apr.30	88,932.76
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	12,217.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	4,449.92
Other Operating Expense	18,009.03
Net Payroll	38,130.64
Benefits Expense	15,369.73
Expense Total to Apr.30	112,137.93
Net as of April 30,2025	(-23,205.17)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

We have paid our insurance of \$21,900.00. Please remember the church with your offerings to help reduce our growing deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. We have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Spring

Spring is the season of renewal and hope. Jesus has risen and the world is set to renew itself once again.

Winter is over. The last of the snow turns into life giving water so that the earth can begin a new life cycle. The robins sing their cheerful song each morning and night, the grass is a little greener each day, and the first shoots of new growth poke their heads from the ground.

Renewal and new growth take place everywhere and Zion is no exception. I see signs of new growth in the pews and I see signs of new growth in messy church. I see signs of new growth in the smiles at social hour and I hear signs of new growth in the laughter as we go about our business.

I have seen a tree growing on bare rock and I have seen grass growing out of pavement. They grow out of the pure belief that life is better in God's world. Think of what could happen to that tree and grass if it was supported by God's gardeners.

Many of us come from farming roots and many more are just natural gardeners' and I believe Jesus wants us to consider ourselves as the gardeners of his church and he wants us to tend to this new growth with water it so it grows strong.

Gardening is hard work, digging, hoeing, pruning, and everybody's favorite weeding. Watering is more fun as occasionally on a really hot day you might accidentally spray your spouse and then quickly beg forgiveness.

The tender care and nurturing of the new growth that we are doing today at Zion will reward us with a new crop that will sustain us going forward. Most importantly it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the hard work you have done by being one of God's gardeners has created something of immeasurable value.

Just to be clear in our household it is my spouse who is the gardener and I am the one who occasionally accidentally on purpose sprays her.

Terry Hoffman

Garage Sale

Saturday May 3, 2025

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 5:30pm.

**Next Date:
Monday May 5th**

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 23 2025

6:30PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday May 7th & May 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. May 7, 2025

At 2:30 pm

Presentation by

Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue

Mothers in the Bible

Coffee and snacks to follow!

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church





2024 UPDATE



Programs Update!

- **Camp Lutherlyn** is now an “Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association”

We have received a 4-year accreditation. We are very proud of our volunteers and staff that demonstrate operating standards in the areas of safety, site, staff, and programs that meet the Ontario Camps Association high standards. This is a voluntary process but requires a commitment at all levels of the organization to be successful in meeting the standards.

We had our final site visit in July 2024-This is a huge achievement for Camp Lutherlyn!

- **Confirmation Camp 2024** supported by the SYNOD Youth and Young Adult Ministry, organized by Pastor Scott Schellenberger. 23 confirmands and 4 pastors attended in 2024. **Confirmation Camp 2025 dates:** will run July 6-11 2025 please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger for registration information at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

- **Children's Overnight Camp 2024** we had 132 children attend camp over 3 weeks- a 26% increase over 2023 registrations.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for online registration and information

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.
- **CAMP BRAIN:** We are making the move to a new registration system for our 2025 registrations for Children's camp and Family Camp. We are aiming to have the site up and running by February 1st 2025 and will send some messages once it is live. We will send email communications to you from this new site, so just to let you know our messaging will look a bit different this year!
- **Summer Employment Opportunities:** We are currently taking applications for summer employment:

- **Program Director and Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Assistant Program Director** June 23 to July 25 (5 weeks)
- **Lifeguards** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Counselor** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Summer Maintenance/Cleaning** June 23-August 18 (8 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions between February 1st and March 1, 2025 through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SPRING CAMP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday May 10th 09:00-2:00

Lunch is provided, please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know you are coming, and how many people are in your group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

Saturday May 31st at 10:30 am- this will be a virtual meeting by Zoom

You must be registered as a corporation member to attend this event-documents are attached to this email

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting, now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Summer Employment Opportunities: We are still looking for a few key roles for our 2025 season

- **Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Lifeguard** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **2 male Counselors** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Kitchen staff, 1 cook and 2 kitchen assistants** June 23-August 1st (5 weeks)

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Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for prices and online registration and information. We have camperships available to offset part of the registration fees.

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.



Like us on Facebook **Camp Lutherlyn**



Follow us on Instagram **camp.lutherlyn**

Visit us at www.lutherlyncamp.ca

Board Opportunities:

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting in May 2025. Now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

BOARD VACANCY



ARE YOU?

- Looking to give back
- A collaborative team player
- Organized and committed
- Caring and compassionate
- A positive person
- A big picture thinker
- Strategic and goal oriented
- A good listener

We are looking for a few special souls to join our 12-person board to fill existing vacancies. We generally meet monthly for a few hours electronically. Most of our work is done in committees. We value the contribution of all and welcome different perspectives and backgrounds.

Experience, interest or knowledge of the following would be a great compliment to our existing skill set and experience on the board:

- ✓ buildings, grounds, property and maintenance
- ✓ fundraising, grants, marketing and promotion
- ✓ rentals, events, and accommodations
- ✓ minutes, agendas and communications

You must be at least 18 years of age and a member. Membership involves completing a form and a \$20 annual fee.

Please send your
Expression of Interest to:
info@lutherlyncamp.ca



Find out more about us at
LutherlynCamp.ca or check us out
on Instagram or Facebook!

Rentals – featuring Shepherds Staff Cabin on Hoffman Beach!

- **Featuring Shepherd's Staff Cabin** on Hoffman Beach: is a newly-renovated three-bedroom cabin with a great room with kitchen and comfortable seating, and a private 3-piece washroom. The cabin is located on Hoffman Beach and has a large deck with a great view of the beach. It's a great space for a family of 6-7 people. Availability and pricing can be found at www.lutherlyncamp.ca or you can email us at lutherlyncamp.ca@gmail.com



- **Thanks** to a donation from Grace Lutheran Church Oakville, we have renovated the 1967 Schmieder Hall washrooms, purchased kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, and started an endowment fund that will fund camper registrations each year.



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CAMP LUTHERLYN

2025 CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I expect to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 31, 2025 ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or Anglican Church of Canada congregation ☐ YES ☐ NO

Camp Lutherlyn needs your help to continue to grow; to continue to be a place where life-long memories are made; where Outdoor Ministry is available to people of all ages, where children are free to experience Nature in a safe environment, and where the community gathers for retreat, nurturing and renewal.

I would like to become a member of Camp Lutherlyn Corporation. I recognize and support the mission and values of Camp Lutherlyn and understand my membership must be approved by the Board.

\$20.00 (renewed annually)

Mail completed form and cheque to:

Camp Lutherlyn

Attention: Secretary

PO Box 531, Stn. Main, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6X7

OR

e-transfer payment & email the completed form to:

lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

\$20 ANNUAL FEE PAID: date _____

e-transfer: _____ cheque#: _____



2024 CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY May 31st 2025 10:30 am

Virtual meeting sign-on information will be sent to all registered members.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come for some treasures, and enjoy our café!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship Service on **Tuesday May 6th at 10:00 am** and Supples Landing Worship Service on **Wednesday May 22nd at 2:00 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall **Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am**. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on **Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm** for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ISOBEL EDITH (EDIE) BRUMM Saturday May 10th at 1:00 pm graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group will be having a Karaoke and Sports Night! Bring a friend and stay for a good time!

🔔 **MAY WEDDING** Kyle Verch & Angela Zekveld will be having a wedding rehearsal on **Friday May 30th at 6:30 pm** and will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony **on Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm** at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church. Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

Pulse Ministry consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. **The next event is Monday May 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Pulse Youth Group Pulse Youth Group happens on two Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Please join us for our next event- A Karaoke and Sports Night - on **Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

The next **"Living Stones" worship** service is on **Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am.** ***The regular Holy Communion Services in the sanctuary will happen as well.*** The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share, please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank.



JUNE SNEAK PEEK:

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Jamie MacKinnon, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Denise Schizkoske, Tiffany Freeman, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli.

Excused Gerry Vandersleen

- 1. Opening:** Devotion was performed by Pastor Scott.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- 4. Financial Report:** Not Available

5. Pastor's Report:

Statistics

- Seniors Home Services – April 1 Miramichi Thank you Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment. The Living Stones band is also accompanying me to service May 5 and 22.
- Confirmation Classes
- In place of classes the youth will again be cleaning up the soup and sandwich dinner and then are required to attend worship. They will be participating as readers and in other ways as asked.
- Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.
- Stewardship – Currently, Steven Boland and Susan Dupuis are serving on this committee. Looking for one more. Currently reading, “Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church,” by Lori Guenther Ressor.
- Worship – Maundy Thursday – April 17 700pm, Good Friday 10am April 18, Easter Morning – 8 and 10 am.
- Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.
- Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.
- Upcoming Holidays – April 21-27 2025 – Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away.
- Aside: Seizure response in worship. On April 2 during worship I had a petit mal or absence seizure while preaching. Thankfully Pastor Sue was there to help me through it. I realize however that I do not have a plan in place for what to do if something like that happens and Pastor Sue is not present. I will be meeting with people individually and together to teach them the right protocol. The best thing to remember is to always keep me safe and do not panic. Do not call an ambulance unless it goes on for five minutes or more.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:**

- Living Stones service at the marina will be held June 22 at 11:00, with a pot luck afterwards. If raining it will be held at church

- **Social Ministry:**

On April 4, 42 meals were made and delivered to seniors at their homes. The seniors greatly appreciated the meals.

- **Pulse Ministry :**

Messy Church on April 7 saw 21 kids and 22 adults. We would like to thank the volunteers who put on the supper, clean up afterwards, help with children's activities and the men who set up and take down the tables every week

- **Cemetery Board:**

They will be holding a meeting on May 6 to discuss the beautifying of the cemeteries.

8. **New Business:**

Council has decided to not offer the hall to "The Coldest Night of the Year" anymore. This is due to the wear and tear of our floors and the huge cost to repair them. We will however, continue to support them in other ways,

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie and second by Brent.

10. **Next Meeting:** May 13th at 7:00 PM

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 7, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Diane Hammel, Lorraine MacKenzie, Lisa Campitelli

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer. Gayle welcomed everyone afterwards.

Approval of Agenda: Technology was added.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been well attended considering the weather. The lowest Sunday was the Sunday of the ice storm with 40 people in attendance. Midweek services have floated around 40.
- April 9 - Midweek Quiet Communion Service at 10:30.
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - 10:00 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- No Living Stones service in April. The third Sunday falls on Easter.
- Thank you to the Living Stones Band for accompanying me to Miramichi for the monthly service. In May we will be visiting two more homes and they have agreed to join me.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ will be tuned Wednesday, April 16th.
- The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned Friday, May 2nd.
- Arrangements still have to be made with a local tuner to have the upright piano downstairs under the sanctuary tuned.
- Special thanks to Pastor David Metzger and members of the men's quartet who led the pre-service sing-a-long and shared an anthem during the service on March 23rd.
- Both choirs will be singing a lot over the next several weeks, beginning with Palm Sunday and through to Easter Sunday.
- On Sunday, April 27th the choirs will have a break and special music will be shared by a guest soloist.
- The liturgy will be changed to Setting Two on Easter Sunday and will continue through the Easter season.

- The next hymn sing will be Sunday, April 27th before the start of the service.
- Hymns and service music have been suggested/planned up to the end of April.

Miscellaneous:

Waterfront Service:

- The waterfront service has been booked for Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held at 11:00 am with a potluck to follow. The Living Stones band will lead the service.

Technology:

- At the present time everything is working well.
- Pastor Scott and Ellen had a meeting with most of the camera volunteers on Sunday, March 16th to provide guidance and give reasons why the cameras need to be on certain parts of the service. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 4 – Ella Smith
May 11- Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Wayne Kirk
May 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 4 – Koit Rull
May 11- Tyler Smith
May 18 – Don Boldt
May 25 – Hunter Denney

Counters

May 4 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,
Lori Crigger
May 11- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 18 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 25 – Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz

Ushers

May 4 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher
May 11- Kevin & Jean Rutz
May 18 – Peter & Patti Wegner
May 25 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

Altar Care

May 4 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 11- Sandra Graham
May 18 – June Popke
May 25 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Ellen Vandersleen
May 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
May 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

May 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 11- Ryan Schmidt
May 18 – Ty Phannenhour
May 25 – Korbin Smith


Sound Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Noah Schmidt
May 18 – Todd Phannenhour
May 25 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 4 – Jill & Al Kellough
May 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 25 – Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Exercise Class	3 8 am-12 Zion Garage Sale
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets 7:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6 10:00 am Heritage Manor Worship Service 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	7 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW “Mothers in the Bible” 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	8 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Ottawa Valley Clergy Meeting with Eastern Synod 7 pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Exercise Class	10 1 pm Graveside Service and Celebration of Life for Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm
11 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	12 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 6-8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	13 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	14 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	15 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Exercise Class GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	17
18 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Service	19 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	20 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	21 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	22 9:30 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Supplies Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 6-10 pm Lyra Ensemble Group	23 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke & Sports Night	24
25 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	26 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	27 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	28 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	29 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	30 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding Rehearsal	31  2:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding

THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school
Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship

All Sunday morning services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: community channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Pen

I love questions.

Questions open us up, cause us to search and look deeper or wider than perhaps we would normally turn our gaze. They turn up the soil, they expand our horizons, and they open portals into new dimensions. Questions invite power sharing, honor the individual and are provocative and disarming. Questions send us on a quest. Jesus knew the transformative power of questions and utilized their incisive edges quite often. In fact, I've been told he asked at least, 325 questions, 236 of them were unique. "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to made well?" Which one of Jesus' questions is your favorite?

What questions are you asking in this season of your own life? What questions are you asking in this season of the life of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church?

How would you categorize the season of life that we are in? What do you long to see happen? What are you grieving, hoping for, and working towards? What part are you playing in helping live into the questions we are asking? How do you want to use your gifts, talents, and passions to envision and build the next chapter of ZELC?

Doubts are also a form of questions. Perhaps this is why I love Thomas? While Thomas never asked a



From the Pastor's Pen (cont.)

direct question, he was present to his doubts, grief, wonderings, and curiosities, all implicit questions. Perhaps he wondered: why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all, or how

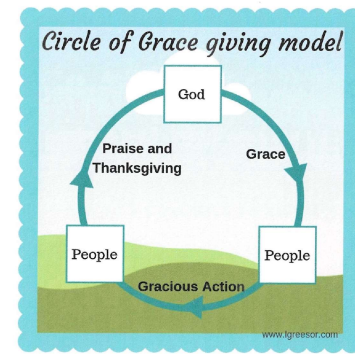
it was possible that Jesus was physically alive or if the others were lying, among a myriad of other questions. Regardless, he stayed present to his doubts and questions in the context of his community. He kept seeking and asking. What about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can help your unbelief about our current season?

Perhaps one of my all-time favorite quotes comes from the Ranier Marie Rilke, where he is offering advice to a young poet.

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

May God grant us the patience, creativity, and grace to live the questions of this season of our church and gradually live into their answers.

Pastor Scott



A Model of Stewardship – A Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace Giving Model is one introduced by Laura Guenther Reesor, author of *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*.

In discussing stewardship Reesor starts with this model. The Circle of Grace Model begins with God. Every good thing comes from God. I know that's not news to you.

We don't earn our salvation; it is freely given.

Each day is a new gift of life. Through grace, everyone in the church is equally rich. Not measured by money, but by grace, we are all equally rich. Because we are all rich in grace, we all have grace to share.

God's love grants us generosity. Generosity is a way of life. What can we hold back and not share? The church is a gathering of disciples, helping each other to love God and love our neighbours with our whole selves. Giving in this way is much more inspiring.

Christians give because we are grateful, not because our church has an emergency and definitely not just to meet the budget. We give in response to a generous God.

As a congregation, all of us are receivers of God's grace. As we are all his disciples, we must choose to offer gracious actions to others, whether in the form of love or money in mission for others. Hopefully, they will do the same.

So, things to remember about the Circle of Grace Giving Model:

- **God.** God doesn't change. God is faithful today, next Tuesday, next week and next year.
- **Worship.** Our congregation can gather to worship. Even online. Even without a building, strategies, programs or goals, we can worship.
- **Hope.** We have hope. God is faithful, we can worship, and we are not alone. We have hope.

FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia! Easter is still being celebrated! How long ago lent seems. I would like to offer a HUGE word of thanks to those who brought in soup, sandwiches, and desserts to our fasting midweek meals. The amazing offerings and creative recipes added to the fellowship we were able to experience before we gathered for worship.

There were several youth and parents from the confirmation class who helped to make clean up after the meal a breeze. It was a great way for them to learn about feeling included in the community and working together as a team.

Another word of thanks to the musicians who helped to make our worship time so special. The singing and instrumentalists were able to add a very prayerful element that helped us prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.

Most of all, thank you to those who participated in worship and meal during our mid week gatherings. We fasted, prayed, and gave offerings together in community. This opportunity gave us deeper meaning as we prepared our hearts for the resurrection celebration.

STEWARDSHIP

As the snow and ice finally finished melting, the truth of humankind was revealed. Garbage. Everywhere you go, you can see paper, plastic cans, and bottles peeking through the grass and bushes. It is an eyesore and fills me with sadness when I think of how beautiful our country and community can be.

We are called to be stewards, not just of the church and our homes but also of the earth. I know that many of us practice good recycling habits. This alone fills me with hope. For many and varied reasons, our garbage and recycling don't always make it to the right places. Sometimes, by no fault of our own garbage and recycling has been carried by the wind, by animals, or by carelessness to the streets, parks, and roadways in our town and surrounding areas.

What can we do? First and foremost, continue to recycle appropriately. Second, pray for the lakes and waterways, forests, and fields that you see and remember. Thirdly, take action. As the weather warms and you spend more time outside, pick up the debris you see. If there is no garbage-can close-by make a small pile and come back for it, or better yet, bring a bag with you on your walk to take home and dispose of it appropriately. Imagine how pleased God will be as God blesses us to be caretakers of creation.

My challenge to you this spring is to get out and find a spot where you can (safely) pick up debris and FILL a garbage bag! Take a picture of yourself with the full bag and send it to Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue.

See you at church!

Pastor Sue

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 30,2025

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	77,723.74
Missions and Outreach	493.00
Other Donations	2,240.00
Solar Income	2,790.66
Other Earned Income	5,685.36
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Apr.30	88,932.76
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	12,217.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	4,449.92
Other Operating Expense	18,009.03
Net Payroll	38,130.64
Benefits Expense	15,369.73
Expense Total to Apr.30	112,137.93
Net as of April 30,2025	(-23,205.17)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

We have paid our insurance of \$21,900.00. Please remember the church with your offerings to help reduce our growing deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. We have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Spring

Spring is the season of renewal and hope. Jesus has risen and the world is set to renew itself once again.

Winter is over. The last of the snow turns into life giving water so that the earth can begin a new life cycle. The robins sing their cheerful song each morning and night, the grass is a little greener each day, and the first shoots of new growth poke their heads from the ground.

Renewal and new growth take place everywhere and Zion is no exception. I see signs of new growth in the pews and I see signs of new growth in messy church. I see signs of new growth in the smiles at social hour and I hear signs of new growth in the laughter as we go about our business.

I have seen a tree growing on bare rock and I have seen grass growing out of pavement. They grow out of the pure belief that life is better in God's world. Think of what could happen to that tree and grass if it was supported by God's gardeners.

Many of us come from farming roots and many more are just natural gardeners' and I believe Jesus wants us to consider ourselves as the gardeners of his church and he wants us to tend to this new growth with water it so it grows strong.

Gardening is hard work, digging, hoeing, pruning, and everybody's favorite weeding. Watering is more fun as occasionally on a really hot day you might accidentally spray your spouse and then quickly beg forgiveness.

The tender care and nurturing of the new growth that we are doing today at Zion will reward us with a new crop that will sustain us going forward. Most importantly it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the hard work you have done by being one of God's gardeners has created something of immeasurable value.

Just to be clear in our household it is my spouse who is the gardener and I am the one who occasionally accidentally on purpose sprays her.

Terry Hoffman

Garage Sale

Saturday May 3, 2025

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 5:30pm.

**Next Date:
Monday May 5th**

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 23 2025

6:30PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday May 7th & May 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. May 7, 2025

At 2:30 pm

Presentation by

Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue

Mothers in the Bible

Coffee and snacks to follow!

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church





2024 UPDATE



Programs Update!

- **Camp Lutherlyn** is now an “Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association”

We have received a 4-year accreditation. We are very proud of our volunteers and staff that demonstrate operating standards in the areas of safety, site, staff, and programs that meet the Ontario Camps Association high standards. This is a voluntary process but requires a commitment at all levels of the organization to be successful in meeting the standards.

We had our final site visit in July 2024-This is a huge achievement for Camp Lutherlyn!

- **Confirmation Camp 2024** supported by the SYNOD Youth and Young Adult Ministry, organized by Pastor Scott Schellenberger. 23 confirmands and 4 pastors attended in 2024. **Confirmation Camp 2025 dates:** will run July 6-11 2025 please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger for registration information at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

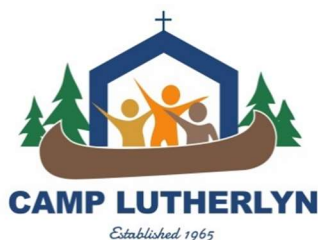
- **Children's Overnight Camp 2024** we had 132 children attend camp over 3 weeks- a 26% increase over 2023 registrations.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for online registration and information

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.
- **CAMP BRAIN:** We are making the move to a new registration system for our 2025 registrations for Children's camp and Family Camp. We are aiming to have the site up and running by February 1st 2025 and will send some messages once it is live. We will send email communications to you from this new site, so just to let you know our messaging will look a bit different this year!
- **Summer Employment Opportunities:** We are currently taking applications for summer employment:

- **Program Director and Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Assistant Program Director** June 23 to July 25 (5 weeks)
- **Lifeguards** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Counselor** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Summer Maintenance/Cleaning** June 23-August 18 (8 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions between February 1st and March 1, 2025 through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SPRING CAMP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday May 10th 09:00-2:00

Lunch is provided, please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know you are coming, and how many people are in your group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

Saturday May 31st at 10:30 am- this will be a virtual meeting by Zoom

You must be registered as a corporation member to attend this event-documents are attached to this email

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting, now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Summer Employment Opportunities: We are still looking for a few key roles for our 2025 season

- **Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Lifeguard** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **2 male Counselors** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Kitchen staff, 1 cook and 2 kitchen assistants** June 23-August 1st (5 weeks)

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Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for prices and online registration and information. We have camperships available to offset part of the registration fees.

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.



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www.lutherlyncamp.ca

Board Opportunities:

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BOARD VACANCY





ARE YOU?

- Looking to give back
- A collaborative team player
- Organized and committed
- Caring and compassionate
- A positive person
- A big picture thinker
- Strategic and goal oriented
- A good listener

We are looking for a few special souls to join our 12-person board to fill existing vacancies. We generally meet monthly for a few hours electronically. Most of our work is done in committees. We value the contribution of all and welcome different perspectives and backgrounds.

Experience, interest or knowledge of the following would be a great compliment to our existing skill set and experience on the board:

- ✓ buildings, grounds, property and maintenance
- ✓ fundraising, grants, marketing and promotion
- ✓ rentals, events, and accommodations
- ✓ minutes, agendas and communications

You must be at least 18 years of age and a member. Membership involves completing a form and a \$20 annual fee.

Please send your
Expression of Interest to:
info@lutherlyncamp.ca



Find out more about us at
LutherlynCamp.ca or check us out
on Instagram or Facebook!

Rentals – featuring Shepherds Staff Cabin on Hoffman Beach!

- **Featuring Shepherd's Staff Cabin** on Hoffman Beach: is a newly-renovated three-bedroom cabin with a great room with kitchen and comfortable seating, and a private 3-piece washroom. The cabin is located on Hoffman Beach and has a large deck with a great view of the beach. It's a great space for a family of 6-7 people. Availability and pricing can be found at www.lutherlyncamp.ca or you can email us at lutherlyncamp.ca@gmail.com



- **Thanks** to a donation from Grace Lutheran Church Oakville, we have renovated the 1967 Schmieder Hall washrooms, purchased kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, and started an endowment fund that will fund camper registrations each year.



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CAMP LUTHERLYN

2025 CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I expect to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 31, 2025 ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or Anglican Church of Canada congregation ☐ YES ☐ NO

Camp Lutherlyn needs your help to continue to grow; to continue to be a place where life-long memories are made; where Outdoor Ministry is available to people of all ages, where children are free to experience Nature in a safe environment, and where the community gathers for retreat, nurturing and renewal.

I would like to become a member of Camp Lutherlyn Corporation. I recognize and support the mission and values of Camp Lutherlyn and understand my membership must be approved by the Board.

\$20.00 (renewed annually)

Mail completed form and cheque to:

Camp Lutherlyn

Attention: Secretary

PO Box 531, Stn. Main, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6X7

OR

e-transfer payment & email the completed form to:

lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

\$20 ANNUAL FEE PAID: date _____

e-transfer: _____ cheque#: _____



2024 CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY May 31st 2025 10:30 am

Virtual meeting sign-on information will be sent to all registered members.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come for some treasures, and enjoy our café!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship Service on **Tuesday May 6th at 10:00 am** and Supples Landing Worship Service on **Wednesday May 22nd at 2:00 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall **Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am**. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on **Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm** for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ISOBEL EDITH (EDIE) BRUMM Saturday May 10th at 1:00 pm graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group will be having a Karaoke and Sports Night! Bring a friend and stay for a good time!

🔔 **MAY WEDDING** Kyle Verch & Angela Zekveld will be having a wedding rehearsal on **Friday May 30th at 6:30 pm** and will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony **on Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm** at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church. Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

Pulse Ministry consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. **The next event is Monday May 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Pulse Youth Group Pulse Youth Group happens on two Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Please join us for our next event- A Karaoke and Sports Night - on **Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

The next **"Living Stones" worship** service is on **Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am.** ***The regular Holy Communion Services in the sanctuary will happen as well.*** The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share, please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank.



JUNE SNEAK PEEK:

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Jamie MacKinnon, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Denise Schizkoske, Tiffany Freeman, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli.

Excused Gerry Vandersleen

- 1. Opening:** Devotion was performed by Pastor Scott.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- 4. Financial Report:** Not Available

5. Pastor's Report:

Statistics

- Seniors Home Services – April 1 Miramichi Thank you Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment. The Living Stones band is also accompanying me to service May 5 and 22.
- Confirmation Classes
- In place of classes the youth will again be cleaning up the soup and sandwich dinner and then are required to attend worship. They will be participating as readers and in other ways as asked.
- Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.
- Stewardship – Currently, Steven Boland and Susan Dupuis are serving on this committee. Looking for one more. Currently reading, "Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church," by Lori Guenther Ressor.
- Worship – Maundy Thursday – April 17 700pm, Good Friday 10am April 18, Easter Morning – 8 and 10 am.
- Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.
- Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.
- Upcoming Holidays – April 21-27 2025 – Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away.
- Aside: Seizure response in worship. On April 2 during worship I had a petit mal or absence seizure while preaching. Thankfully Pastor Sue was there to help me through it. I realize however that I do not have a plan in place for what to do if something like that happens and Pastor Sue is not present. I will be meeting with people individually and together to teach them the right protocol. The best thing to remember is to always keep me safe and do not panic. Do not call an ambulance unless it goes on for five minutes or more.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:**

- Living Stones service at the marina will be held June 22 at 11:00, with a pot luck afterwards. If raining it will be held at church

- **Social Ministry:**

On April 4, 42 meals were made and delivered to seniors at their homes. The seniors greatly appreciated the meals.

- **Pulse Ministry :**

Messy Church on April 7 saw 21 kids and 22 adults. We would like to thank the volunteers who put on the supper, clean up afterwards, help with children's activities and the men who set up and take down the tables every week

- **Cemetery Board:**

They will be holding a meeting on May 6 to discuss the beautifying of the cemeteries.

8. **New Business:**

Council has decided to not offer the hall to "The Coldest Night of the Year" anymore. This is due to the wear and tear of our floors and the huge cost to repair them. We will however, continue to support them in other ways,

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie and second by Brent.

10. **Next Meeting:** May 13th at 7:00 PM

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 7, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Diane Hammel, Lorraine MacKenzie, Lisa Campitelli

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer. Gayle welcomed everyone afterwards.

Approval of Agenda: Technology was added.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been well attended considering the weather. The lowest Sunday was the Sunday of the ice storm with 40 people in attendance. Midweek services have floated around 40.
- April 9 - Midweek Quiet Communion Service at 10:30.
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - 10:00 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- No Living Stones service in April. The third Sunday falls on Easter.
- Thank you to the Living Stones Band for accompanying me to Miramichi for the monthly service. In May we will be visiting two more homes and they have agreed to join me.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ will be tuned Wednesday, April 16th.
- The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned Friday, May 2nd.
- Arrangements still have to be made with a local tuner to have the upright piano downstairs under the sanctuary tuned.
- Special thanks to Pastor David Metzger and members of the men's quartet who led the pre-service sing-a-long and shared an anthem during the service on March 23rd.
- Both choirs will be singing a lot over the next several weeks, beginning with Palm Sunday and through to Easter Sunday.
- On Sunday, April 27th the choirs will have a break and special music will be shared by a guest soloist.
- The liturgy will be changed to Setting Two on Easter Sunday and will continue through the Easter season.

- The next hymn sing will be Sunday, April 27th before the start of the service.
- Hymns and service music have been suggested/planned up to the end of April.

Miscellaneous:

Waterfront Service:

- The waterfront service has been booked for Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held at 11:00 am with a potluck to follow. The Living Stones band will lead the service.

Technology:

- At the present time everything is working well.
- Pastor Scott and Ellen had a meeting with most of the camera volunteers on Sunday, March 16th to provide guidance and give reasons why the cameras need to be on certain parts of the service. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 4 – Ella Smith
May 11- Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Wayne Kirk
May 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 4 – Koit Rull
May 11- Tyler Smith
May 18 – Don Boldt
May 25 – Hunter Denney

Counters

May 4 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,
Lori Crigger
May 11- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 18 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 25 – Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz

Ushers

May 4 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher
May 11- Kevin & Jean Rutz
May 18 – Peter & Patti Wegner
May 25 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

Altar Care

May 4 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 11- Sandra Graham
May 18 – June Popke
May 25 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Ellen Vandersleen
May 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
May 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

May 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 11- Ryan Schmidt
May 18 – Ty Phannenhour
May 25 – Korbin Smith


Sound Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Noah Schmidt
May 18 – Todd Phannenhour
May 25 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 4 – Jill & Al Kellough
May 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 25 – Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Exercise Class	3 8 am-12 Zion Garage Sale
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets 7:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6 10:00 am Heritage Manor Worship Service 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	7 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW “Mothers in the Bible” 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	8 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Ottawa Valley Clergy Meeting with Eastern Synod 7 pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Exercise Class	10 1 pm Graveside Service and Celebration of Life for Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm
11 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	12 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 6-8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	13 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	14 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	15 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Exercise Class GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	17
18 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Service	19 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	20 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	21 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	22 9:30 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Supples Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 6-10 pm Lyra Ensemble Group	23 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke & Sports Night	24
25 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	26 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	27 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	28 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	29 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	30 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding Rehearsal	31  2:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding

THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school
Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship

All Sunday morning services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: community channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Pen

I love questions.

Questions open us up, cause us to search and look deeper or wider than perhaps we would normally turn our gaze. They turn up the soil, they expand our horizons, and they open portals into new dimensions. Questions invite power sharing, honor the individual and are provocative and disarming. Questions send us on a quest. Jesus knew the transformative power of questions and utilized their incisive edges quite often. In fact, I've been told he asked at least, 325 questions, 236 of them were unique. "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to made well?" Which one of Jesus' questions is your favorite?

What questions are you asking in this season of your own life? What questions are you asking in this season of the life of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church?

How would you categorize the season of life that we are in? What do you long to see happen? What are you grieving, hoping for, and working towards? What part are you playing in helping live into the questions we are asking? How do you want to use your gifts, talents, and passions to envision and build the next chapter of ZELC?

Doubts are also a form of questions. Perhaps this is why I love Thomas? While Thomas never asked a



From the Pastor's Pen (cont.)

direct question, he was present to his doubts, grief, wonderings, and curiosities, all implicit questions. Perhaps he wondered: why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all, or how

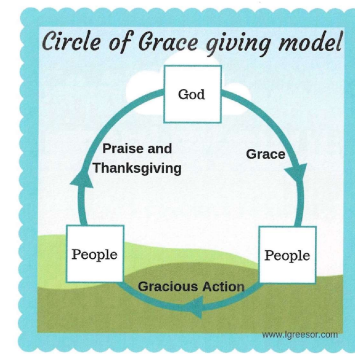
it was possible that Jesus was physically alive or if the others were lying, among a myriad of other questions. Regardless, he stayed present to his doubts and questions in the context of his community. He kept seeking and asking. What about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can help your unbelief about our current season?

Perhaps one of my all-time favorite quotes comes from the Ranier Marie Rilke, where he is offering advice to a young poet.

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

May God grant us the patience, creativity, and grace to live the questions of this season of our church and gradually live into their answers.

Pastor Scott



A Model of Stewardship – A Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace Giving Model is one introduced by Laura Guenther Reesor, author of *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*.

In discussing stewardship Reesor starts with this model. The Circle of Grace Model begins with God. Every good thing comes from God. I know that's not news to you.

We don't earn our salvation; it is freely given.

Each day is a new gift of life. Through grace, everyone in the church is equally rich. Not measured by money, but by grace, we are all equally rich. Because we are all rich in grace, we all have grace to share.

God's love grants us generosity. Generosity is a way of life. What can we hold back and not share? The church is a gathering of disciples, helping each other to love God and love our neighbours with our whole selves. Giving in this way is much more inspiring.

Christians give because we are grateful, not because our church has an emergency and definitely not just to meet the budget. We give in response to a generous God.

As a congregation, all of us are receivers of God's grace. As we are all his disciples, we must choose to offer gracious actions to others, whether in the form of love or money in mission for others. Hopefully, they will do the same.

So, things to remember about the Circle of Grace Giving Model:

- **God.** God doesn't change. God is faithful today, next Tuesday, next week and next year.
- **Worship.** Our congregation can gather to worship. Even online. Even without a building, strategies, programs or goals, we can worship.
- **Hope.** We have hope. God is faithful, we can worship, and we are not alone. We have hope.

FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia! Easter is still being celebrated! How long ago lent seems. I would like to offer a HUGE word of thanks to those who brought in soup, sandwiches, and desserts to our fasting midweek meals. The amazing offerings and creative recipes added to the fellowship we were able to experience before we gathered for worship.

There were several youth and parents from the confirmation class who helped to make clean up after the meal a breeze. It was a great way for them to learn about feeling included in the community and working together as a team.

Another word of thanks to the musicians who helped to make our worship time so special. The singing and instrumentalists were able to add a very prayerful element that helped us prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.

Most of all, thank you to those who participated in worship and meal during our mid week gatherings. We fasted, prayed, and gave offerings together in community. This opportunity gave us deeper meaning as we prepared our hearts for the resurrection celebration.

STEWARDSHIP

As the snow and ice finally finished melting, the truth of humankind was revealed. Garbage. Everywhere you go, you can see paper, plastic cans, and bottles peeking through the grass and bushes. It is an eyesore and fills me with sadness when I think of how beautiful our country and community can be.

We are called to be stewards, not just of the church and our homes but also of the earth. I know that many of us practice good recycling habits. This alone fills me with hope. For many and varied reasons, our garbage and recycling don't always make it to the right places. Sometimes, by no fault of our own garbage and recycling has been carried by the wind, by animals, or by carelessness to the streets, parks, and roadways in our town and surrounding areas.

What can we do? First and foremost, continue to recycle appropriately. Second, pray for the lakes and waterways, forests, and fields that you see and remember. Thirdly, take action. As the weather warms and you spend more time outside, pick up the debris you see. If there is no garbage-can close-by make a small pile and come back for it, or better yet, bring a bag with you on your walk to take home and dispose of it appropriately. Imagine how pleased God will be as God blesses us to be caretakers of creation.

My challenge to you this spring is to get out and find a spot where you can (safely) pick up debris and FILL a garbage bag! Take a picture of yourself with the full bag and send it to Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue.

See you at church!

Pastor Sue

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 30,2025

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	77,723.74
Missions and Outreach	493.00
Other Donations	2,240.00
Solar Income	2,790.66
Other Earned Income	5,685.36
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Apr.30	88,932.76
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	12,217.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	4,449.92
Other Operating Expense	18,009.03
Net Payroll	38,130.64
Benefits Expense	15,369.73
Expense Total to Apr.30	112,137.93
Net as of April 30,2025	(-23,205.17)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

We have paid our insurance of \$21,900.00. Please remember the church with your offerings to help reduce our growing deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. We have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Spring

Spring is the season of renewal and hope. Jesus has risen and the world is set to renew itself once again.

Winter is over. The last of the snow turns into life giving water so that the earth can begin a new life cycle. The robins sing their cheerful song each morning and night, the grass is a little greener each day, and the first shoots of new growth poke their heads from the ground.

Renewal and new growth take place everywhere and Zion is no exception. I see signs of new growth in the pews and I see signs of new growth in messy church. I see signs of new growth in the smiles at social hour and I hear signs of new growth in the laughter as we go about our business.

I have seen a tree growing on bare rock and I have seen grass growing out of pavement. They grow out of the pure belief that life is better in God's world. Think of what could happen to that tree and grass if it was supported by God's gardeners.

Many of us come from farming roots and many more are just natural gardeners' and I believe Jesus wants us to consider ourselves as the gardeners of his church and he wants us to tend to this new growth with water it so it grows strong.

Gardening is hard work, digging, hoeing, pruning, and everybody's favorite weeding. Watering is more fun as occasionally on a really hot day you might accidentally spray your spouse and then quickly beg forgiveness.

The tender care and nurturing of the new growth that we are doing today at Zion will reward us with a new crop that will sustain us going forward. Most importantly it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the hard work you have done by being one of God's gardeners has created something of immeasurable value.

Just to be clear in our household it is my spouse who is the gardener and I am the one who occasionally accidentally on purpose sprays her.

Terry Hoffman

Garage Sale

Saturday May 3, 2025

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 5:30pm.

**Next Date:
Monday May 5th**

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 23 2025

6:30PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday May 7th & May 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. May 7, 2025

At 2:30 pm

Presentation by

Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue

Mothers in the Bible

Coffee and snacks to follow!

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church





2024 UPDATE



Programs Update!

- **Camp Lutherlyn** is now an “Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association”

We have received a 4-year accreditation. We are very proud of our volunteers and staff that demonstrate operating standards in the areas of safety, site, staff, and programs that meet the Ontario Camps Association high standards. This is a voluntary process but requires a commitment at all levels of the organization to be successful in meeting the standards.

We had our final site visit in July 2024-This is a huge achievement for Camp Lutherlyn!

- **Confirmation Camp 2024** supported by the SYNOD Youth and Young Adult Ministry, organized by Pastor Scott Schellenberger. 23 confirmands and 4 pastors attended in 2024. **Confirmation Camp 2025 dates:** will run July 6-11 2025 please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger for registration information at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

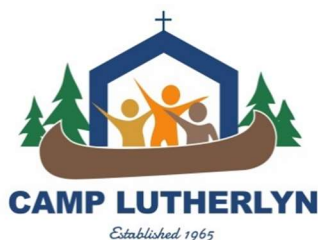
- **Children's Overnight Camp 2024** we had 132 children attend camp over 3 weeks- a 26% increase over 2023 registrations.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for online registration and information

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.
- **CAMP BRAIN:** We are making the move to a new registration system for our 2025 registrations for Children's camp and Family Camp. We are aiming to have the site up and running by February 1st 2025 and will send some messages once it is live. We will send email communications to you from this new site, so just to let you know our messaging will look a bit different this year!
- **Summer Employment Opportunities:** We are currently taking applications for summer employment:

- **Program Director and Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Assistant Program Director** June 23 to July 25 (5 weeks)
- **Lifeguards** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Counselor** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Summer Maintenance/Cleaning** June 23-August 18 (8 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions between February 1st and March 1, 2025 through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SPRING CAMP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday May 10th 09:00-2:00

Lunch is provided, please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know you are coming, and how many people are in your group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

Saturday May 31st at 10:30 am- this will be a virtual meeting by Zoom

You must be registered as a corporation member to attend this event-documents are attached to this email

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting, now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Summer Employment Opportunities: We are still looking for a few key roles for our 2025 season

- **Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Lifeguard** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **2 male Counselors** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Kitchen staff, 1 cook and 2 kitchen assistants** June 23-August 1st (5 weeks)

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Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for prices and online registration and information. We have camperships available to offset part of the registration fees.

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.



Like us on Facebook

Camp Lutherlyn



Follow us on Instagram **camp.lutherlyn**

Visit us at

www.lutherlyncamp.ca

Board Opportunities:

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BOARD VACANCY





ARE YOU?

- Looking to give back
- A collaborative team player
- Organized and committed
- Caring and compassionate
- A positive person
- A big picture thinker
- Strategic and goal oriented
- A good listener

We are looking for a few special souls to join our 12-person board to fill existing vacancies. We generally meet monthly for a few hours electronically. Most of our work is done in committees. We value the contribution of all and welcome different perspectives and backgrounds.

Experience, interest or knowledge of the following would be a great compliment to our existing skill set and experience on the board:

- ✓ buildings, grounds, property and maintenance
- ✓ fundraising, grants, marketing and promotion
- ✓ rentals, events, and accommodations
- ✓ minutes, agendas and communications

You must be at least 18 years of age and a member. Membership involves completing a form and a \$20 annual fee.

Please send your
Expression of Interest to:
info@lutherlyncamp.ca



Find out more about us at
LutherlynCamp.ca or check us out
on Instagram or Facebook!

Rentals – featuring Shepherds Staff Cabin on Hoffman Beach!

- **Featuring Shepherd's Staff Cabin** on Hoffman Beach: is a newly-renovated three-bedroom cabin with a great room with kitchen and comfortable seating, and a private 3-piece washroom. The cabin is located on Hoffman Beach and has a large deck with a great view of the beach. It's a great space for a family of 6-7 people. Availability and pricing can be found at www.lutherlyncamp.ca or you can email us at lutherlyncamp.ca@gmail.com



- **Thanks** to a donation from Grace Lutheran Church Oakville, we have renovated the 1967 Schmieder Hall washrooms, purchased kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, and started an endowment fund that will fund camper registrations each year.



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CAMP LUTHERLYN

2025 CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I expect to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 31, 2025 ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or Anglican Church of Canada congregation ☐ YES ☐ NO

Camp Lutherlyn needs your help to continue to grow; to continue to be a place where life-long memories are made; where Outdoor Ministry is available to people of all ages, where children are free to experience Nature in a safe environment, and where the community gathers for retreat, nurturing and renewal.

I would like to become a member of Camp Lutherlyn Corporation. I recognize and support the mission and values of Camp Lutherlyn and understand my membership must be approved by the Board.

\$20.00 (renewed annually)

Mail completed form and cheque to:

Camp Lutherlyn

Attention: Secretary

PO Box 531, Stn. Main, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6X7

OR

e-transfer payment & email the completed form to:

lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

\$20 ANNUAL FEE PAID: date _____

e-transfer: _____ cheque#: _____



2024 CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY May 31st 2025 10:30 am

Virtual meeting sign-on information will be sent to all registered members.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come for some treasures, and enjoy our café!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship Service on **Tuesday May 6th at 10:00 am** and Supples Landing Worship Service on **Wednesday May 22nd at 2:00 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall **Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am**. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on **Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm** for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ISOBEL EDITH (EDIE) BRUMM Saturday May 10th at 1:00 pm graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group will be having a Karaoke and Sports Night! Bring a friend and stay for a good time!

🔔 **MAY WEDDING** Kyle Verch & Angela Zekveld will be having a wedding rehearsal on **Friday May 30th at 6:30 pm** and will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony **on Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm** at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church. Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

Pulse Ministry consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. **The next event is Monday May 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Pulse Youth Group Pulse Youth Group happens on two Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Please join us for our next event- A Karaoke and Sports Night - on **Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

The next **"Living Stones" worship** service is on **Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am.** ***The regular Holy Communion Services in the sanctuary will happen as well.*** The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share, please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank.



JUNE SNEAK PEEK:

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Jamie MacKinnon, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Denise Schizkoske, Tiffany Freeman, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli.

Excused Gerry Vandersleen

- 1. Opening:** Devotion was performed by Pastor Scott.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- 4. Financial Report:** Not Available

5. Pastor's Report:

Statistics

- Seniors Home Services – April 1 Miramichi Thank you Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment. The Living Stones band is also accompanying me to service May 5 and 22.
- Confirmation Classes
- In place of classes the youth will again be cleaning up the soup and sandwich dinner and then are required to attend worship. They will be participating as readers and in other ways as asked.
- Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.
- Stewardship – Currently, Steven Boland and Susan Dupuis are serving on this committee. Looking for one more. Currently reading, "Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church," by Lori Guenther Ressor.
- Worship – Maundy Thursday – April 17 700pm, Good Friday 10am April 18, Easter Morning – 8 and 10 am.
- Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.
- Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.
- Upcoming Holidays – April 21-27 2025 – Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away.
- Aside: Seizure response in worship. On April 2 during worship I had a petit mal or absence seizure while preaching. Thankfully Pastor Sue was there to help me through it. I realize however that I do not have a plan in place for what to do if something like that happens and Pastor Sue is not present. I will be meeting with people individually and together to teach them the right protocol. The best thing to remember is to always keep me safe and do not panic. Do not call an ambulance unless it goes on for five minutes or more.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:**

- Living Stones service at the marina will be held June 22 at 11:00, with a pot luck afterwards. If raining it will be held at church

- **Social Ministry:**

On April 4, 42 meals were made and delivered to seniors at their homes. The seniors greatly appreciated the meals.

- **Pulse Ministry :**

Messy Church on April 7 saw 21 kids and 22 adults. We would like to thank the volunteers who put on the supper, clean up afterwards, help with children's activities and the men who set up and take down the tables every week

- **Cemetery Board:**

They will be holding a meeting on May 6 to discuss the beautifying of the cemeteries.

8. **New Business:**

Council has decided to not offer the hall to "The Coldest Night of the Year" anymore. This is due to the wear and tear of our floors and the huge cost to repair them. We will however, continue to support them in other ways,

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie and second by Brent.

10. **Next Meeting:** May 13th at 7:00 PM

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 7, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Diane Hammel, Lorraine MacKenzie, Lisa Campitelli

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer. Gayle welcomed everyone afterwards.

Approval of Agenda: Technology was added.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been well attended considering the weather. The lowest Sunday was the Sunday of the ice storm with 40 people in attendance. Midweek services have floated around 40.
- April 9 - Midweek Quiet Communion Service at 10:30.
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - 10:00 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- No Living Stones service in April. The third Sunday falls on Easter.
- Thank you to the Living Stones Band for accompanying me to Miramichi for the monthly service. In May we will be visiting two more homes and they have agreed to join me.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ will be tuned Wednesday, April 16th.
- The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned Friday, May 2nd.
- Arrangements still have to be made with a local tuner to have the upright piano downstairs under the sanctuary tuned.
- Special thanks to Pastor David Metzger and members of the men's quartet who led the pre-service sing-a-long and shared an anthem during the service on March 23rd.
- Both choirs will be singing a lot over the next several weeks, beginning with Palm Sunday and through to Easter Sunday.
- On Sunday, April 27th the choirs will have a break and special music will be shared by a guest soloist.
- The liturgy will be changed to Setting Two on Easter Sunday and will continue through the Easter season.

- The next hymn sing will be Sunday, April 27th before the start of the service.
- Hymns and service music have been suggested/planned up to the end of April.

Miscellaneous:

Waterfront Service:

- The waterfront service has been booked for Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held at 11:00 am with a potluck to follow. The Living Stones band will lead the service.

Technology:

- At the present time everything is working well.
- Pastor Scott and Ellen had a meeting with most of the camera volunteers on Sunday, March 16th to provide guidance and give reasons why the cameras need to be on certain parts of the service. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 4 – Ella Smith
May 11- Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Wayne Kirk
May 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 4 – Koit Rull
May 11- Tyler Smith
May 18 – Don Boldt
May 25 – Hunter Denney

Counters

May 4 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,
Lori Crigger
May 11- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 18 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 25 – Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz

Ushers

May 4 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher
May 11- Kevin & Jean Rutz
May 18 – Peter & Patti Wegner
May 25 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

Altar Care

May 4 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 11- Sandra Graham
May 18 – June Popke
May 25 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Ellen Vandersleen
May 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
May 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

May 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 11- Ryan Schmidt
May 18 – Ty Phannenhour
May 25 – Korbin Smith


Sound Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Noah Schmidt
May 18 – Todd Phannenhour
May 25 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 4 – Jill & Al Kellough
May 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 25 – Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Exercise Class	3 8 am-12 Zion Garage Sale
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets 7:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6 10:00 am Heritage Manor Worship Service 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	7 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW “Mothers in the Bible” 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	8 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Ottawa Valley Clergy Meeting with Eastern Synod 7 pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Exercise Class	10 1 pm Graveside Service and Celebration of Life for Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm
11 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	12 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 6-8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	13 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	14 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	15 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Exercise Class GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	17
18 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Service	19 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	20 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	21 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	22 9:30 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Supplies Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 6-10 pm Lyra Ensemble Group	23 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke & Sports Night	24
25 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	26 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	27 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	28 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	29 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	30 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding Rehearsal	31  2:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding

THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school
Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship

All Sunday morning services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: community channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Pen

I love questions.

Questions open us up, cause us to search and look deeper or wider than perhaps we would normally turn our gaze. They turn up the soil, they expand our horizons, and they open portals into new dimensions. Questions invite power sharing, honor the individual and are provocative and disarming. Questions send us on a quest. Jesus knew the transformative power of questions and utilized their incisive edges quite often. In fact, I've been told he asked at least, 325 questions, 236 of them were unique. "What do you want me to do for you?" "What do you think?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Do you love me?" "Do you want to made well?" Which one of Jesus' questions is your favorite?

What questions are you asking in this season of your own life? What questions are you asking in this season of the life of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church?

How would you categorize the season of life that we are in? What do you long to see happen? What are you grieving, hoping for, and working towards? What part are you playing in helping live into the questions we are asking? How do you want to use your gifts, talents, and passions to envision and build the next chapter of ZELC?

Doubts are also a form of questions. Perhaps this is why I love Thomas? While Thomas never asked a



From the Pastor's Pen (cont.)

direct question, he was present to his doubts, grief, wonderings, and curiosities, all implicit questions. Perhaps he wondered: why Jesus left them or how God could have let Jesus' death happen at all, or how

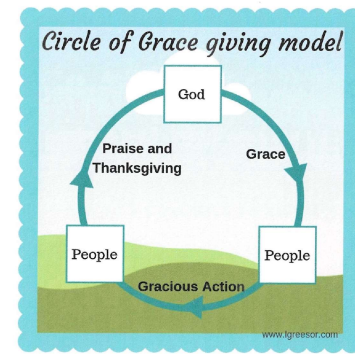
it was possible that Jesus was physically alive or if the others were lying, among a myriad of other questions. Regardless, he stayed present to his doubts and questions in the context of his community. He kept seeking and asking. What about you? What doubts do you have? What do you need to "touch and see" so that God can help your unbelief about our current season?

Perhaps one of my all-time favorite quotes comes from the Ranier Marie Rilke, where he is offering advice to a young poet.

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue. Do not seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

May God grant us the patience, creativity, and grace to live the questions of this season of our church and gradually live into their answers.

Pastor Scott



A Model of Stewardship – A Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace Giving Model is one introduced by Laura Guenther Reesor, author of *Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church*.

In discussing stewardship Reesor starts with this model. The Circle of Grace Model begins with God. Every good thing comes from God. I know that's not news to you.

We don't earn our salvation; it is freely given.

Each day is a new gift of life. Through grace, everyone in the church is equally rich. Not measured by money, but by grace, we are all equally rich. Because we are all rich in grace, we all have grace to share.

God's love grants us generosity. Generosity is a way of life. What can we hold back and not share? The church is a gathering of disciples, helping each other to love God and love our neighbours with our whole selves. Giving in this way is much more inspiring.

Christians give because we are grateful, not because our church has an emergency and definitely not just to meet the budget. We give in response to a generous God.

As a congregation, all of us are receivers of God's grace. As we are all his disciples, we must choose to offer gracious actions to others, whether in the form of love or money in mission for others. Hopefully, they will do the same.

So, things to remember about the Circle of Grace Giving Model:

- **God.** God doesn't change. God is faithful today, next Tuesday, next week and next year.
- **Worship.** Our congregation can gather to worship. Even online. Even without a building, strategies, programs or goals, we can worship.
- **Hope.** We have hope. God is faithful, we can worship, and we are not alone. We have hope.

FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Halleluia! Easter is still being celebrated! How long ago lent seems. I would like to offer a HUGE word of thanks to those who brought in soup, sandwiches, and desserts to our fasting midweek meals. The amazing offerings and creative recipes added to the fellowship we were able to experience before we gathered for worship.

There were several youth and parents from the confirmation class who helped to make clean up after the meal a breeze. It was a great way for them to learn about feeling included in the community and working together as a team.

Another word of thanks to the musicians who helped to make our worship time so special. The singing and instrumentalists were able to add a very prayerful element that helped us prepare for the upcoming feast of Easter.

Most of all, thank you to those who participated in worship and meal during our mid week gatherings. We fasted, prayed, and gave offerings together in community. This opportunity gave us deeper meaning as we prepared our hearts for the resurrection celebration.

STEWARDSHIP

As the snow and ice finally finished melting, the truth of humankind was revealed. Garbage. Everywhere you go, you can see paper, plastic cans, and bottles peeking through the grass and bushes. It is an eyesore and fills me with sadness when I think of how beautiful our country and community can be.

We are called to be stewards, not just of the church and our homes but also of the earth. I know that many of us practice good recycling habits. This alone fills me with hope. For many and varied reasons, our garbage and recycling don't always make it to the right places. Sometimes, by no fault of our own garbage and recycling has been carried by the wind, by animals, or by carelessness to the streets, parks, and roadways in our town and surrounding areas.

What can we do? First and foremost, continue to recycle appropriately. Second, pray for the lakes and waterways, forests, and fields that you see and remember. Thirdly, take action. As the weather warms and you spend more time outside, pick up the debris you see. If there is no garbage-can close-by make a small pile and come back for it, or better yet, bring a bag with you on your walk to take home and dispose of it appropriately. Imagine how pleased God will be as God blesses us to be caretakers of creation.

My challenge to you this spring is to get out and find a spot where you can (safely) pick up debris and FILL a garbage bag! Take a picture of yourself with the full bag and send it to Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue.

See you at church!

Pastor Sue

FROM YOUR TREASURER

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 30,2025

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	77,723.74
Missions and Outreach	493.00
Other Donations	2,240.00
Solar Income	2,790.66
Other Earned Income	5,685.36
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Apr.30	88,932.76
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	12,217.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	4,449.92
Other Operating Expense	18,009.03
Net Payroll	38,130.64
Benefits Expense	15,369.73
Expense Total to Apr.30	112,137.93
Net as of April 30,2025	(-23,205.17)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

We have paid our insurance of \$21,900.00. Please remember the church with your offerings to help reduce our growing deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. We have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Spring

Spring is the season of renewal and hope. Jesus has risen and the world is set to renew itself once again.

Winter is over. The last of the snow turns into life giving water so that the earth can begin a new life cycle. The robins sing their cheerful song each morning and night, the grass is a little greener each day, and the first shoots of new growth poke their heads from the ground.

Renewal and new growth take place everywhere and Zion is no exception. I see signs of new growth in the pews and I see signs of new growth in messy church. I see signs of new growth in the smiles at social hour and I hear signs of new growth in the laughter as we go about our business.

I have seen a tree growing on bare rock and I have seen grass growing out of pavement. They grow out of the pure belief that life is better in God's world. Think of what could happen to that tree and grass if it was supported by God's gardeners.

Many of us come from farming roots and many more are just natural gardeners' and I believe Jesus wants us to consider ourselves as the gardeners of his church and he wants us to tend to this new growth with water it so it grows strong.

Gardening is hard work, digging, hoeing, pruning, and everybody's favorite weeding. Watering is more fun as occasionally on a really hot day you might accidentally spray your spouse and then quickly beg forgiveness.

The tender care and nurturing of the new growth that we are doing today at Zion will reward us with a new crop that will sustain us going forward. Most importantly it will give you the satisfaction of knowing that the hard work you have done by being one of God's gardeners has created something of immeasurable value.

Just to be clear in our household it is my spouse who is the gardener and I am the one who occasionally accidentally on purpose sprays her.

Terry Hoffman

Garage Sale

Saturday May 3, 2025

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

We welcome donations of tools, household items, toys, furniture, baking, etc. Please no clothing

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General fund.



Food Crafts Story Games Fun. Free!

Join us

**The first Monday
every month.**

We begin each night with a meal at 5:30pm.

**Next Date:
Monday May 5th**

**Come for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

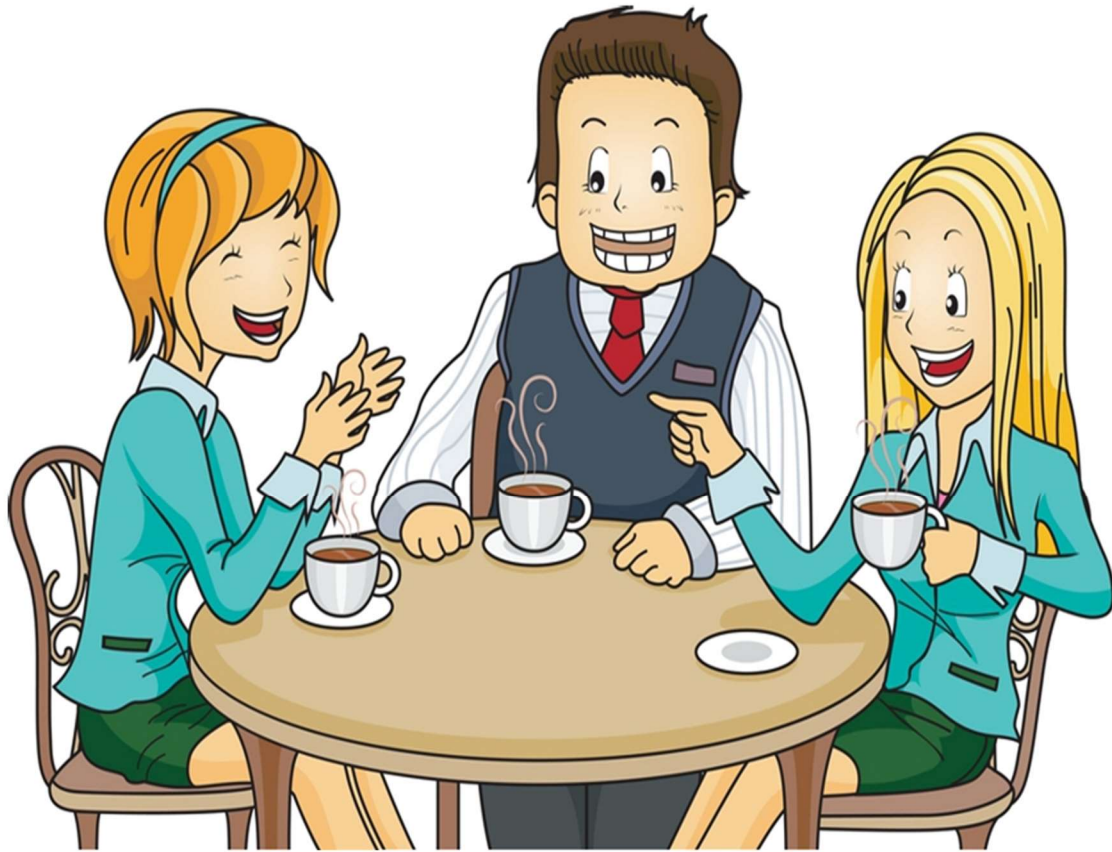
FRIDAY MAY 23 2025

6:30PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:
Wednesday May 7th & May 21st at 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. May 7, 2025

At 2:30 pm

Presentation by

Sandra Graham & Pastor Sue

Mothers in the Bible

Coffee and snacks to follow!

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22 2025

START TIME: 11:00am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church





2024 UPDATE



Programs Update!

- **Camp Lutherlyn** is now an “Accredited Member of the Ontario Camps Association”

We have received a 4-year accreditation. We are very proud of our volunteers and staff that demonstrate operating standards in the areas of safety, site, staff, and programs that meet the Ontario Camps Association high standards. This is a voluntary process but requires a commitment at all levels of the organization to be successful in meeting the standards.

We had our final site visit in July 2024-This is a huge achievement for Camp Lutherlyn!

- **Confirmation Camp 2024** supported by the SYNOD Youth and Young Adult Ministry, organized by Pastor Scott Schellenberger. 23 confirmands and 4 pastors attended in 2024. **Confirmation Camp 2025 dates:** will run July 6-11 2025 please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger for registration information at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

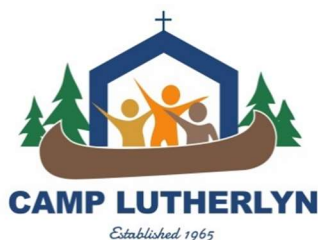
- **Children's Overnight Camp 2024** we had 132 children attend camp over 3 weeks- a 26% increase over 2023 registrations.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for online registration and information

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.
- **CAMP BRAIN:** We are making the move to a new registration system for our 2025 registrations for Children's camp and Family Camp. We are aiming to have the site up and running by February 1st 2025 and will send some messages once it is live. We will send email communications to you from this new site, so just to let you know our messaging will look a bit different this year!
- **Summer Employment Opportunities:** We are currently taking applications for summer employment:

- **Program Director and Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Assistant Program Director** June 23 to July 25 (5 weeks)
- **Lifeguards** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Counselor** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Summer Maintenance/Cleaning** June 23-August 18 (8 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions between February 1st and March 1, 2025 through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SPRING CAMP CLEANUP DAY

Saturday May 10th 09:00-2:00

Lunch is provided, please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca to let us know you are coming, and how many people are in your group

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION

Saturday May 31st at 10:30 am- this will be a virtual meeting by Zoom

You must be registered as a corporation member to attend this event-documents are attached to this email

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting, now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

Summer Employment Opportunities: We are still looking for a few key roles for our 2025 season

- **Waterfront Director** June 23 to August 1 (6 weeks)
- **Lifeguard** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **2 male Counselors** July 1-25 (4 weeks)
- **Kitchen staff, 1 cook and 2 kitchen assistants** June 23-August 1st (5 weeks)

Job Descriptions are posted on our website. Please submit your application for any of the positions through the Employment link at www.lutherlyncamp.ca.

Children's Overnight Camp 2025 dates: July 6-11, July 13-18, and July 20-25 visit our website at www.lutherlyncamp.ca for prices and online registration and information. We have camperships available to offset part of the registration fees.

- **Family Camp** is growing every year! If you haven't been to our Family Camp, we suggest you try it out in 2025. Family Camp will be July 27th to August 1st, Visit our website for pricing and registration details.



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Visit us at

www.lutherlyncamp.ca

Board Opportunities:

We will be filling four board vacancies at our Annual Meeting in May 2025. Now is your chance to join us at Camp Lutherlyn!

BOARD VACANCY





ARE YOU?

- Looking to give back
- A collaborative team player
- Organized and committed
- Caring and compassionate
- A positive person
- A big picture thinker
- Strategic and goal oriented
- A good listener

We are looking for a few special souls to join our 12-person board to fill existing vacancies. We generally meet monthly for a few hours electronically. Most of our work is done in committees. We value the contribution of all and welcome different perspectives and backgrounds.

Experience, interest or knowledge of the following would be a great compliment to our existing skill set and experience on the board:

- ✓ buildings, grounds, property and maintenance
- ✓ fundraising, grants, marketing and promotion
- ✓ rentals, events, and accommodations
- ✓ minutes, agendas and communications

You must be at least 18 years of age and a member. Membership involves completing a form and a \$20 annual fee.

Please send your
Expression of Interest to:
info@lutherlyncamp.ca



Find out more about us at
LutherlynCamp.ca or check us out
on Instagram or Facebook!

Rentals – featuring Shepherds Staff Cabin on Hoffman Beach!

- **Featuring Shepherd's Staff Cabin** on Hoffman Beach: is a newly-renovated three-bedroom cabin with a great room with kitchen and comfortable seating, and a private 3-piece washroom. The cabin is located on Hoffman Beach and has a large deck with a great view of the beach. It's a great space for a family of 6-7 people. Availability and pricing can be found at www.lutherlyncamp.ca or you can email us at lutherlyncamp.ca@gmail.com



- **Thanks** to a donation from Grace Lutheran Church Oakville, we have renovated the 1967 Schmieder Hall washrooms, purchased kayaks, paddles and new lifejackets, and started an endowment fund that will fund camper registrations each year.



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CAMP LUTHERLYN

2025 CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

I expect to attend the Annual Meeting on Saturday May 31, 2025 ☐ YES ☐ NO

I am a member of an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or Anglican Church of Canada congregation ☐ YES ☐ NO

Camp Lutherlyn needs your help to continue to grow; to continue to be a place where life-long memories are made; where Outdoor Ministry is available to people of all ages, where children are free to experience Nature in a safe environment, and where the community gathers for retreat, nurturing and renewal.

I would like to become a member of Camp Lutherlyn Corporation. I recognize and support the mission and values of Camp Lutherlyn and understand my membership must be approved by the Board.

\$20.00 (renewed annually)

Mail completed form and cheque to:

Camp Lutherlyn

Attention: Secretary

PO Box 531, Stn. Main, Pembroke, ON, K8A 6X7

OR

e-transfer payment & email the completed form to:

lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



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CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP 2025

\$20 ANNUAL FEE PAID: date _____

e-transfer: _____ cheque#: _____



2024 CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING:

SATURDAY May 31st 2025 10:30 am

Virtual meeting sign-on information will be sent to all registered members.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION GARAGE SALE Saturday May 3 2025 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Come for some treasures, and enjoy our café!

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Heritage Manor Worship Service on **Tuesday May 6th at 10:00 am** and Supples Landing Worship Service on **Wednesday May 22nd at 2:00 pm**.

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on and in the Parish Hall **Wednesday May 7th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday May 21st at 10:00 am**. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW Please join the ZLW at Zion on **Wednesday May 7th, 2:30 pm** for “Mothers in the Bible” with Sandra Graham and Pastor Sue.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ISOBEL EDITH (EDIE) BRUMM Saturday May 10th at 1:00 pm graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at Zion Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 5th at 7:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Friday May 23rd at 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group will be having a Karaoke and Sports Night! Bring a friend and stay for a good time!

🔔 **MAY WEDDING** Kyle Verch & Angela Zekveld will be having a wedding rehearsal on **Friday May 30th at 6:30 pm** and will be united in the bonds of holy matrimony **on Saturday May 31st at 2:30 pm** at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church. Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

Pulse Ministry consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called "Living Stones".

Messy Church is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School (not in place of), that is held in the evening once a month. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for all individuals young and old. **The next event is Monday May 5th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Pulse Youth Group Pulse Youth Group happens on two Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Please join us for our next event- A Karaoke and Sports Night - on **Thursday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.**

The next **"Living Stones" worship** service is on **Sunday May 18th at 10:00 am.** ***The regular Holy Communion Services in the sanctuary will happen as well.*** The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team. If you have musical gifts you would like to share, please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Please bring a canned good to support the food bank.



JUNE SNEAK PEEK:

ZION WATERFRONT SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 22 at 11:00 AM

Join Zion Lutheran Church at the Pembroke waterfront amphitheatre for our Sunday Worship Service and potluck, led by Living Stones Band. Bring yourself, a chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be at Zion Lutheran Church.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Jamie MacKinnon, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Denise Schizkoske, Tiffany Freeman, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli.

Excused Gerry Vandersleen

- 1. Opening:** Devotion was performed by Pastor Scott.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- 4. Financial Report:** Not Available

5. Pastor's Report:

Statistics

- Seniors Home Services – April 1 Miramichi Thank you Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment. The Living Stones band is also accompanying me to service May 5 and 22.
- Confirmation Classes
- In place of classes the youth will again be cleaning up the soup and sandwich dinner and then are required to attend worship. They will be participating as readers and in other ways as asked.
- Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.
- Stewardship – Currently, Steven Boland and Susan Dupuis are serving on this committee. Looking for one more. Currently reading, "Growing a Generous Church: A Year in the Life of Peach Blossom Church," by Lori Guenther Ressor.
- Worship – Maundy Thursday – April 17 700pm, Good Friday 10am April 18, Easter Morning – 8 and 10 am.
- Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.
- Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.
- Upcoming Holidays – April 21-27 2025 – Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away.
- Aside: Seizure response in worship. On April 2 during worship I had a petit mal or absence seizure while preaching. Thankfully Pastor Sue was there to help me through it. I realize however that I do not have a plan in place for what to do if something like that happens and Pastor Sue is not present. I will be meeting with people individually and together to teach them the right protocol. The best thing to remember is to always keep me safe and do not panic. Do not call an ambulance unless it goes on for five minutes or more.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. **Correspondence:** None

7. **Committee Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:**

- Living Stones service at the marina will be held June 22 at 11:00, with a pot luck afterwards. If raining it will be held at church

- **Social Ministry:**

On April 4, 42 meals were made and delivered to seniors at their homes. The seniors greatly appreciated the meals.

- **Pulse Ministry :**

Messy Church on April 7 saw 21 kids and 22 adults. We would like to thank the volunteers who put on the supper, clean up afterwards, help with children's activities and the men who set up and take down the tables every week

- **Cemetery Board:**

They will be holding a meeting on May 6 to discuss the beautifying of the cemeteries.

8. **New Business:**

Council has decided to not offer the hall to "The Coldest Night of the Year" anymore. This is due to the wear and tear of our floors and the huge cost to repair them. We will however, continue to support them in other ways,

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie and second by Brent.

10. **Next Meeting:** May 13th at 7:00 PM

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 7, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Diane Hammel, Lorraine MacKenzie, Lisa Campitelli

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer. Gayle welcomed everyone afterwards.

Approval of Agenda: Technology was added.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been well attended considering the weather. The lowest Sunday was the Sunday of the ice storm with 40 people in attendance. Midweek services have floated around 40.
- April 9 - Midweek Quiet Communion Service at 10:30.
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - 10:00 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
- No Living Stones service in April. The third Sunday falls on Easter.
- Thank you to the Living Stones Band for accompanying me to Miramichi for the monthly service. In May we will be visiting two more homes and they have agreed to join me.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ will be tuned Wednesday, April 16th.
- The piano in the sanctuary will be tuned Friday, May 2nd.
- Arrangements still have to be made with a local tuner to have the upright piano downstairs under the sanctuary tuned.
- Special thanks to Pastor David Metzger and members of the men's quartet who led the pre-service sing-a-long and shared an anthem during the service on March 23rd.
- Both choirs will be singing a lot over the next several weeks, beginning with Palm Sunday and through to Easter Sunday.
- On Sunday, April 27th the choirs will have a break and special music will be shared by a guest soloist.
- The liturgy will be changed to Setting Two on Easter Sunday and will continue through the Easter season.

- The next hymn sing will be Sunday, April 27th before the start of the service.
- Hymns and service music have been suggested/planned up to the end of April.

Miscellaneous:

Waterfront Service:

- The waterfront service has been booked for Sunday, June 22nd. It will be held at 11:00 am with a potluck to follow. The Living Stones band will lead the service.

Technology:

- At the present time everything is working well.
- Pastor Scott and Ellen had a meeting with most of the camera volunteers on Sunday, March 16th to provide guidance and give reasons why the cameras need to be on certain parts of the service. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 7:15 p.m.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 4 – Ella Smith
May 11- Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Wayne Kirk
May 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 4 – Koit Rull
May 11- Tyler Smith
May 18 – Don Boldt
May 25 – Hunter Denney

Counters

May 4 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,
Lori Crigger
May 11- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 18 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,
Christine Booth
May 25 – Gerry Vandersleen, Jean & Kevin Rutz

Ushers

May 4 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher
May 11- Kevin & Jean Rutz
May 18 – Peter & Patti Wegner
May 25 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack

Altar Care

May 4 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 11- Sandra Graham
May 18 – June Popke
May 25 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Ellen Vandersleen
May 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
May 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

May 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 11- Ryan Schmidt
May 18 – Ty Phannenhour
May 25 – Korbin Smith


Sound Operators

May 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 11- Noah Schmidt
May 18 – Todd Phannenhour
May 25 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 4 – Jill & Al Kellough
May 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
May 18 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 25 – Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Exercise Class	3 8 am-12 Zion Garage Sale
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets 7:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	6 10:00 am Heritage Manor Worship Service 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	7 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW “Mothers in the Bible” 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	8 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Ottawa Valley Clergy Meeting with Eastern Synod 7 pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Exercise Class	10 1 pm Graveside Service and Celebration of Life for Isobel Edith “Edie” Brumm
11 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	12 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 6-8 pm Lyra Ensemble Practice 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	13 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	14 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	15 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Exercise Class GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	17
18 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Service	19 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	20 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	21 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	22 9:30 am Tai Chi 2:00 pm Supplies Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 6-10 pm Lyra Ensemble Group	23 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke & Sports Night	24
25 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	26 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	27 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	28 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men’s Choir	29 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	30 1 pm Exercise Class 6:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding Rehearsal	31  2:30 pm Verch & Zekveld Wedding