



the Guiding Light

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

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From Pastor Stephen

On Wednesdays, in the season of Lent, starting on March 4th, we will gather at 7pm for Night Prayer (Compline) at Zion, which will include beautiful evening hymns that we rarely have the chance to sing, and during Lent, Lenten hymns and scripture readings, as well as a brief homily. During this year, the readings and the homily will focus on selected verses of the hymn, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus,” as we look at the remarkable abundance of biblical imagery in that lovely old Lenten hymn. If you wish to give a Lenten offering at Night Prayer, a basket will be set out to receive your gift. Please join us. Your presence will fill our hearts and heaven with joy.

Act of Contrition

O My God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended
you.
I beg pardon from your infinite kindness
for my ungrateful behavior.
Forgive me, Lord, and take pity on me;
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
Overcome the evil in what I have thought,
said, done and left undone,
And help me sincerely to mend my ways.

Amen.

A Note to Confirmation Youth and Their Families

Our Social Ministry Committee, Parish Council, and your pastor seek your assistance with our Lenten Dinners, which will start on Wednesday, March 4th and continue every Wednesday until Easter. We call them Lenten Dinners because they embrace our holy work of caring for the poor and the housebound, while also raising funds to help people in need and to support the work of our Church. They are now an established tradition at Zion and something we can truly celebrate. Perhaps this is something you could do together as a family. It is certainly an opportunity to grow in our devotion and service to Christ and his Church, which is one of the goals of our Confirmation program. Extra help is always needed, especially with clean-up and with serving.

The Confirmation students would not be expected to pay for their meals. Ellen and the Lenten Dinner group will help you find ways to help when you come, and you will be welcomed with open arms and joyous hearts.



Minutes

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

454 Miller Street, Pembroke, ON

Tuesday December 10, 2019

Present: Chair Susan Dupuis, Vice Chair Ellen Vandersleen

Members: Pastor Stephen Scheidt, Dan Dole, Rick Gerundin, Jill Kellough, Scott Lange, Diane Leeder, Cheryl Sack, Patricia Wegner, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), Wilmer Verch.

Secretary: Karen Gauthier.

Absent: Diana Wegner

Excused: Joel Nieman

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:15pm by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Cheryl Sack.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Additions: Social ministry.

Motion to approve agenda: Rick Gerundin.

Seconded: Ellen Vandersleen.

Minutes: The previous council meeting minutes of November 12, 2019 were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes: Cheryl Sack.

Seconded: Jill Kellough.

Finance Report: Gerry Vandersleen brought attention to the following items from the comparative income statement and balance statement:

- Total equity is up compared to the same period last year.
- Regular offerings are down; parish hall rental income is up.
- Total revenue is down compared to the same period last year.
- Benevolence payments will be met by the church for 2019.
- Donations to global hunger and the food bank are down.
- Committee expenses are up, utility expenses are down.
- Total operating expenses are up; payroll and benefit expenses are down.
- Net income is up compared to the same period last year.
- There was a brief discussion around parish hall rentals possibly being too busy; Susan discussed the importance of offering the church to outside community members/groups and the income which is generated via rental of the hall. Also, it's important to take advantage of these opportunities to welcome people to the church community and worship.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Stephen Scheidt gave the Pastors report as follows:

- Attended the ZLW Christmas Event on December 4.
- Will attend the Area Lutheran Clergy meeting and the Golden Age group Christmas

gathering on Thursday Dec 12.

- Attended the Pastoral Care Committee meeting and will attend their Christmas lunch on Dec 18.
- Celebrated Holy Communion at Marionhill and Heritage Manor and will celebrate Holy Communion at Pinewood on December 19.
- Will help with the parish youth activity on December 13 and procured supplies for the activity. Encouraging confirmation youth to attend.
- Funerals for Janet Baynham and Earl Hoelke (at Zion) and funeral for Ralph Baynham, which will be held December 14 at a funeral home.
- Met with Blaine and together made liturgy and hymn choices. We will meet again on December 11.
- Attended the Worship Committee meeting and the Learning Committee meeting. Met with Penny briefly regarding Sunday School Christmas program.
- Confirmation gatherings progressing with 9 first year youth and 6 second year youth. They appreciate the new study Bibles. The second-year youth will serve as lectors (readers) and greeters on Dec 15 and the first-year youth will serve as acolytes for the procession on Christmas Eve.
- Visits to some of our homebound parishioners with communion.
- Baptismal preparation and marriage preparation with several couples/families. Discussion around membership.
- Usual sermon/homily preparation.
- Wrote brief article for Guiding Light Newsletter (January).
- Will attend Christmas Day dinner. Would like to find ways to make people who arrive early feel welcome and comfortable as they wait to enter the Dining Hall at church.

Correspondence:

- A letter of thanks was received from the Pembroke Horticultural Society for the use of the kitchen and lending of items used for their Christmas tea. A thank you was also extended for the use of the hall for the Society's banquet.

Committee Reports:

- Property report was given by Wilmer Verch. The pipe and ceiling repairs will continue as the contractor is available. The property committee donated the Christmas trees for the church.
- Social ministry will hold a soup and sandwich luncheon on January 12, 2020 with proceeds going to Renfrew Hospice.

Ongoing Business:

- Council members with expiring terms: Ellen Vandersleen and Dianne Leeder (2021).
- Confirmation of spring workshop dates for council: the workshop with Pastor Riitta will be held May 30, 2020. On May 31, Pastor Reble will be a part of the worship service.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Scott Lange. Seconded: Pat Wegner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Devotions will be given by: Susan Dupuis.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**Council Meeting**

454 Miller Street, Pembroke, ON

January 14, 2020

Present: Vice Chair Ellen Vandersleen.

Members: Pastor Stephen Scheidt, Dan Dole, Rick Gerundin, Jill Kellough, Scott Lange, Cheryl Sack, Patricia Wegner, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), Wilmer Verch.

Secretary: Karen Gauthier.

Absent: Diane Leeder, Diana Wegner**Excused:** Susan Dupuis, Joel Nieman.**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Ellen Vandersleen. Opening devotions were given by Ellen Vandersleen.**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: social ministry; endowment.

Motion to approve agenda: Wilmer Verch.

Seconded: Cheryl Sack.

Minutes: The previous council meeting minutes of December 10, 2019 were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes: Jill Kellough.

Seconded: Rick Gerundin.

Finance Report: Gerry Vandersleen brought attention to the following items from the comparative income statement and balance statement:

- The annual budget (2020) was discussed and agreed upon by council. The budget will be presented at the annual general meeting.
- The church ended up in a surplus situation at year end. Gerry is recommending the creation of a general reserve account on the balance sheet in order to have a back-up fund. Discussion amongst council members ensued. Motion reads: "We so move to create a general reserve account on the balance sheet. Funds can be used where needed and can be donated to and be free of any designations. Some or all surplus funds from year end will go to this account." Moved by: Wilmer Verch. Seconded by: Dan Dole. Approved unanimously by council.
- Endowment constitution requires a financial review to be performed every 5 years. This year a review is required. To this end, a motion to was presented by Gerry, which reads: "We so move to direct authorization to the treasurer to have a financial review completed for the endowment fund. Costs to be paid from the 2019 interest from the endowment. Work to be done by Kathy Hoffman and the firm of Dean Sinclair." Moved by: Rick Gerundin. Seconded by: Cheryl Sack. Approved unanimously by council. Draft endowment ballot needs identified, and internal and external needs were discussed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Stephen Scheidt gave the Pastors Report as follows:

- The Eucharist was celebrated at Heritage Manor and Pinewood, as part of the rotation for Anglican and Lutheran clergy.
- Visits, with communion, were made to homebound and palliative parishioners, and to the hospital.
- Funerals were held for Ralph Baynham, Audrey Lehman, and Grant Klawitter.
- Worship planning with Blaine.

- Assisted with December's youth/children's activities.
- Attended Ottawa Valley clergy meeting in Eganville and Petawawa, attended by Lutheran and Anglican clergy.
- Presided at our three Christmas Eve services.
- Helped out with morning preparations for the Community Christmas Dinner at Zion on Christmas day.
- Started bible study on Monday, January 13.
- Experimented with a simple Baptismal liturgy that replaces spoken text with music and lets the mages speak for themselves. It had been presented at the National Worship event last summer for Anglicans and Lutherans.
- Worked with confirmands on a few activities. Second year confirmands served as readers on the December 15 service; some first-year students served as processional acolytes on Christmas Eve at all celebrations.
- Pastor Stephen adds: "I battled a cold this past month, so I was probably not always at my best. It is a pesky, persistent little bug."

Correspondence:

- A thank you note was received from Kevin and Jean Rutz, expressing appreciation for the Christmas bonus.
- A thank you note was also received from Pastor Stephen and Jan for their Christmas gift.

Committee Reports:

- Property report was given by Wilmer Verch: the ceiling has been repaired; the snow removal contract is going fine; boilers are working well; and the new custodian is working out well.
- Social ministry held a soup and sandwich luncheon on January 12; despite the lower attendance due to the snowstorm, \$220 was raised for the Renfrew Hospice. Tuesday January 21 is the next boys and girls club dinner; a sign-up sheet is outside of the kitchen.

Ongoing Business:

- The annual general meeting will be held February 23, 2020. Alternate date for the AGM is March 1. A potluck luncheon will be held prior to the meeting. Ellen is suggesting that pictures of Zion be added to the booklet, at an additional cost. Council in agreement.
- The annual church garage sale is being planned for May 23.
- Snow day plan: Ellen will check with Jean on accessing the church answering machine remotely if services need to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Wilmer Verch. Seconded: Scott Lange.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Devotions will be given by: Pat Wegner.

W & M - Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Stephen, Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Scott Lange, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Carol Boldt, Debbie Wegner

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

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: Completed online

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Committee Reports:

Pastor Stephen's report:

- The National Anglican & Lutheran Worship Conference will be held in Ottawa this year from July 13-16th.
 - The theme is "Worship in an Age of Spectacle."
 - The cost for registration is \$380.00. Pastor Stephen will attend.
- The Christmas celebrations were well received.
- Pastor Stephen tried a simpler Baptismal Rite where music replaced some of the text.
 - Congregational members had positive comments about the change.
- It has been a busy month with funerals.
 - Pastor Stephen may explore other hymn selections that could be used in the services.
- Pastor Stephen is thankful for the reduction of clutter on the altar.
 - The offering plates can go on the credence shelf.
 - A credence table could be placed in the Vestry.
 - Gayle and Pastor Stephen will meet for further discussion.
- Pastor Stephen would like to see the Pastoral Care Committee involved in the distribution of the sacraments once they are blessed.

Blaine's Report:

- It's been busy with several funerals this past month.
- Choirs will begin practicing again on January 8 and 9th.
- The organ was tuned just before Christmas.
 - There were a lot of flies in the pipes which affected the notes.
 - Ways to reduce the fly problem were discussed.
- Blaine mentioned the possibility of doing a hymn sing before service begins.
- The committee will discuss this at the next meeting.
- Planning meetings with Pastor Stephen are going well.
- After the Christmas Eve Services there was a lot of wax on the floor and pews. Next year, the Pastor will make an announcement reminding people how to light their candles (tip unlit candles) in preparation for the singing of Silent Night.
- Blaine would like to use money that has been donated over the years to buy a set of anthem books for the choirs.

Grand Piano Update:

- The cost of the grand piano, dolly, cover and delivery is \$25,866.83. Many donations, of various amounts, have been received and we are delighted to announce that there is enough money in the Grand Piano Fund to cover all costs! Thank you to everyone for your contributions. Blaine will contact Carmen from Ottawa Pianos to confirm the purchase. The piano should be in the church by Easter, if not sooner.

Multi-directional Microphone:

- If hearing Pastor Stephen becomes an issue in the future, then the committee can explore the use of a multi-directional microphone.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

W & M - Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Stephen, Gayle Seegmiller, Emma Rabishaw, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Carol Boldt, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Scott Lange ,Debbie Wegner

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

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: Completed online

Approval of Agenda: An additional item added (Projection of songs)

Committee Reports:**Pastor Stephen's report:**

- Pastor Stephen reviewed past practices of Zion's Lenten Services.
- This Lenten season he would like to focus on Lenten hymns for his services looking at the texts and the images projected in them.
- The Night Prayer liturgy will be used.
- Pastor Stephen and Blaine will meet next week to plan the services.
- Gayle will contact Debbie Wegner to let her know that worship assistants are needed for Wednesday evening services.

Blaine's Report:

- Blaine spoke with an employee at Ottawa Pianos and confirmed the grand piano will be in the church by Easter.
- Since sufficient funds have been raised for the grand piano, the Lenten group has generously offered to donate the \$5,000 they originally earmarked for the grand piano to the organ fund. Approximately \$40,000 is needed to do the second phase of refurbishing the organ.
- Blaine continues to sort through old music keeping pieces that can be used again, archiving

some and discarding anything that can no longer be used.

- Blaine purchased some new anthems for the choir using funds that were donated for this purpose.

Altar Care:

- The committee discussed the need to purchase new candle holders for the Altar since the crystal ones are chipping. After some discussion it was agreed that the brass ones currently on the Altar suit the space and can be used for now.
- Carol will continue to look for new candle holders that would be appropriate for the church
- Since the middle-sized flagon is broken, the large flagon is being used and placed on the credence table.
- Ushers are reminded to add the guides to the candles to prevent them from burning down too quickly.
- Portable communion sets are needed for Pastoral Care and Pastor Stephen. Pastor Stephen found information that indicated several sets had been purchased in 2013. Gayle will speak with Suzanne Schultz to see if she has any information on where the sets can be found.

Miscellaneous

- Once Blaine starts playing, "Lamb of God", ushers should start getting people up for communion. The choirs will go first and the congregation will join in line behind them.
- When new or unfamiliar hymns are included in worship, the Pastor will make an announcement suggesting members use the hymn books. This will also be included in the bulletin. Since many people do not read music, having the words projected as well is helpful. The choirs can help lead the congregation when singing new pieces.
- During the children homily the Pastor will use the portable microphone.
- The Children's Song Books will be used again in the future, either biweekly or monthly before the children go to Sunday school.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.



NOTES & NEWS

Easter Donations

Anyone wishing to sponsor an Easter Lily or make any other Easter donations to the following funds (Stained Glass Window Repair, Building, Bulletins, Good Shepherding, etc) is asked to contact the church office. The deadline for the Easter lilies is Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and all other donations is Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Please note that due to the amount of donation requests received during this busy time, we request that bulletin announcements must be either e-mailed to the church office (zionoffice@nrtco.net), or legibly printed on the donation forms located at the entrances to the sanctuary, and dropped off at the office, or placed on the offering plate or in the office correspondence mailbox. In this way, your announcement will be placed in the Easter bulletin exactly the way you wish. *(Please check upcoming bulletins for the cost of the Easter Lilies)*

Lenten Dinner Menu – 2020

Wednesday, March 4 - Roasted Turkey with savory gravy; mashed potatoes; carrots; oven baked dressing. Dessert is Coconut Cream Pie or Tropical Fruit. Also being offered are cranberries, tomato juice, salads, pickles.

Wednesday, March 11 - Roast Beef with gravy; mashed potatoes; oven roasted vegetables. Dessert is Lemon Pie or Rice Pudding. Also being offered is horseradish, pickles, salads, deviled eggs.

Wednesday, March 18 - Turkey Pot Pie; gravy; mashed potatoes; vegetable. Dessert is Vanilla Pudding or Rhubarb Square. Also being offered is cranberry salad, sauerkraut salad, tomato juice, onion salad.

Wednesday, March 25 - Salisbury Steak; gravy; oven roasted potatoes; vegetable. Dessert is Carrot Cake or Tapioca Pudding. Also being offered is pickled eggs, salads.

Wednesday, April 1 - Bone in ham; hot pickle sauce; vegetable; scalloped potatoes. Dessert is Fruit Cocktail Cake or Rice Pudding. Also being offered is tomato juice, salads.

Dinner is Served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person

From Your Treasurer,

Zion's Income and Expenses as of February 18, 2020

The weekly amount of \$5,352.26 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,590.38 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$761.88 comes from hall rent, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$23,785.00
Missions and Outreach	\$431.51
Other Donations	\$730.00
Solar Income	\$360.93
Other Earned Income	\$2,595.00
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Feb.18	\$27,902.44
Benevolence Expense	\$2000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$401.51
Committees Expense	\$821.41
Utilities Expense	\$3,373.50
Church Insurance	0.00
Property Maintenance	\$2,115.31
Other Operating Expense	\$4,399.96
Payroll	\$11,132.06
Benefits Expense	\$4,454.48
Expense Total to Feb.18	\$28,698.23
Net Total for 2020	(-\$795.79)
Previous Surplus/Deficit	\$7,000.68
Net Equity to Feb.18,2020	\$6,204.89

Pre Authorized Givings (PAR) is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Your treasurer,

Gerry Vandersleen

Did You Know

In this issue of the Guiding Light and in future issues I will be sharing information with you regarding various institutions and groups that touch our lives in Renfrew County. I hope to provide an awareness of what they do. If you or someone you know is in a position to use the services they offer this article may be a starting point for you. Almost all of these groups need financial support as well as volunteer support, so you may want to consider that as well.

I have chosen Hospice Renfrew for my first report. My family has recently used the services offered by this wonderful facility and I want to share some information about them. If you would like more detail please talk to me. Susan Dupuis

Hospice care is a type of health care that focuses on the palliation of a terminally ill patient's pain and symptoms and attending to their emotional and spiritual needs. Hospice care has a palliative focus without curative intent. Usually, it is used for people with no further options for curing their disease or in people who have decided not to pursue further options that are arduous, likely to cause more symptoms, and not likely to succeed.



Hospice Renfrew is a six bed palliative care provides residence providing full time 24/7 nursing care. Our expert palliative team physical, emotional and spiritual comfort, free of charge, to all residents of Renfrew County and the nearby area.

In the home-like and tranquil environment at Hospice, families are part of a compassionate end-of-life care that celebrates life. We help our residents and families come home for final closure and as fully as possible live remaining precious moments without suffering. Hospice is a vital community hub for palliative and bereavement services. We are dedicated to improving the quality of living and dying.

Mission and Objectives

To assist terminally ill persons to live as fully as possible while maintaining their dignity and comfort, as well as providing support to family and friends.

- To provide pain and symptom management
- To improve the quality of life for people with advanced disease, and their families through the relief of concerns, whether physical, emotional, social or spiritual
- To preserve the quality of life, dignity and independence of the person
- To support family wellness and community involvement
- To affirm life and regard death as a normal process, and neither hasten or postpone death

- To assist the bereaved in dealing with grief
- To respect the work with all other disciplines and agencies, encouraging through education and good communication a wider knowledge base of palliative care

Funding Partners

Providing residential hospice care and support to individuals and their families is financially demanding. It takes many partners to make it all work and come together.

We gratefully acknowledge annual financial contributions by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). These contributions partially fund our nursing salaries.

Additionally, each year Hospice must **fundraise approximately** 60% of its annual operational budget. That means about **\$600,000** must come from local donors, community groups and volunteers in our community.

In 2015-16 Hospice Renfrew was able to complete several special projects thanks to the generous support of our many community partners including:

Local Lions Clubs in Arnprior, Calabogie, Denbeigh, Renfrew, Eganville and Griffith

The OutCare Foundation

Valley Heritage Radio 98.7 Holly Jolly Radiothon

RCAF Association Wing 433

Champlain LHIN

New Horizons for Seniors Grant (Government of Canada)

With this splendid support we were able to upgrade resident room furnishings, paint the main level of our facility and add new security equipment to our Hospice.

Hospice Renfrew services all of Renfrew County, the largest county in Ontario and also the poorest. There is no cost to the resident for their stay.



Victim Services of Renfrew County

Victim Services of Renfrew County Inc. is a non-profit volunteer-based organization that assists police and other emergency services in providing emotional and practical assistance to people who have experienced crime or tragic circumstances. Staff members and highly trained volunteers provide immediate crisis response, intervention, and prevention services, which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families, and communities, including specialized service delivery to domestic violence and other victims of serious violent crime.

Victim Services are always looking to build their volunteer team as they are a crucial part of the organization. Volunteer recruitment is completed two times each year in both the spring and the fall. As a Victim Services Crisis Response Volunteer, you will have an opportunity to:

- Be there for someone in a time of crisis;
- Offer a safe and comforting presence;
- Provide practical assistance;
- Learn more about resources in your community;
- Gain crisis intervention skills; and
- Be a part of a dedicated team in your community that is making a difference!

If you aren't interested in volunteering, but are still looking to help those victimized by crime or tragedy in your area, please know that you can make a measurable difference in the lives of those we serve by becoming either a Financial or Material Donor! Generous donations received by the community including clothing, blankets, toys, stuffed animals, and personal toiletry items are welcomed during times of need. Please note, both new and used items are accepted as long as they are in good usable condition (i.e. no rips/tears in clothing/stuffed animals). Additionally, Victim Services always have a need for and are grateful to receive financial donations, which are used for funding the direct client support services that are offered. An example of these services includes the preparation of responder kits for the highly skilled volunteers to have with them on scene during a time of crisis (these include community referral information, safety items, as well as comfort items such as blankets, teddy bears, and personal care products).

If you are interested in additional information about becoming a volunteer or about making a donation to help people in your community, please contact the Victim Services office by telephone at 613-649-2852 (Toll Free at 1-877-568-5730) or by e-mail at info@victimservicesrenfrewcounty.ca!

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Every Victim Matters ~ Chaque Victim est importante.

Helping those victimized by crime and tragedy take those first steps forward. Aider les victimes d'actes criminels et de circonstances tragiques entreprendre ces premiers pas pour aller de l'avant.



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

January 21, 2020

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our organization, our partners, and the thousands of people we serve, I want to thank you for your recent gift. I want you to know that your gift will make a **real difference** for someone like Maombi Babonye.



We heard Maombi's story recently from our partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to flee her home and then abandoned by her husband, Maombi was struggling to take care of her young children on her own, **going hungry and sick herself so her children could eat**, when things took a turn for the worse. Maombi had already lost a child to malnutrition, so when her daughter Dorcas fell ill, she was terrified that she'd lose another. **But today, with your support, Dorcas is a happy, healthy 4-year-old**, and Maombi is not only healthy, but running a small business and providing for the whole family.

Today, your gifts are helping us respond to emergencies in Central African Republic and South Sudan. Though neither crisis has made much news here in Canada, millions of people have been displaced and are desperate for emergency assistance. **Thanks to your gifts, we've been able to respond quickly.** Your support is truly changing lives in these two countries, just like it did for Maombi.

Your support is changing lives. Thank you for your generosity, and for your trust!

Blessings,

Karin Achtelstetter
Executive Director

P.S. We would love to share more about how your church's gifts are making a difference and how we can support each other in partnership – please contact our office anytime!





Canadian Lutheran World Relief

CLWR Day in the Valley

Saturday March 28th – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church - Pembroke

Presenter

Rev. Carla Blakely

Director of Community Relations

Please confirm your attendance by contacting one of the
Ottawa Valley Ministry Leadership Team Members

Susan Autio – 613-584-9022
Irene Churchill – 613-628-1272
Susan Dupuis – 343-369-2057
Dennis Jensen – 613-631-1082
Delores Lemkay – 613-649-2616
Evelyn Swanson – 613-735-5642
Randy Zimmerling – 613-623-9733
Rev. Norine Gullons – 613-282-5032
Rev. Bruce Thompson – 613-735-5631

Lunch provided ----- See you there!

Eastern Synod News

Your congregation might be eligible for a grant from a charitable foundation or government program, but there's an art to writing a successful grant application.

The Eastern Synod and Anglican Diocese of Ottawa are jointly sponsoring a grant-writing workshop in Ottawa on Saturday, May 2. The presenter will be Jody Orr, a skilled facilitator who has decades of experience as a grant-writer. She will explain where to look for grants, what funders expect in an application, and how to present your case in the most effective way.

Participants in 2019 rated the program very highly; 98% said they would "definitely" or "probably" recommend it to a colleague. A typical comment on the evaluation form said, "Content and presenter were fantastic -- I feel like I have come away with a good amount of info that is extremely helpful."

Participants at previous events have included pastors, council chairs, treasurers and other congregational leaders with an interest in finding funding for ministry projects.

In a few weeks we will send a flyer with details of time and place and a link to the registration form. In the meantime, why not mark the date in your calendar and pass this information along to anyone else you think might be interested?

I hope to see you on May 2 in Ottawa.

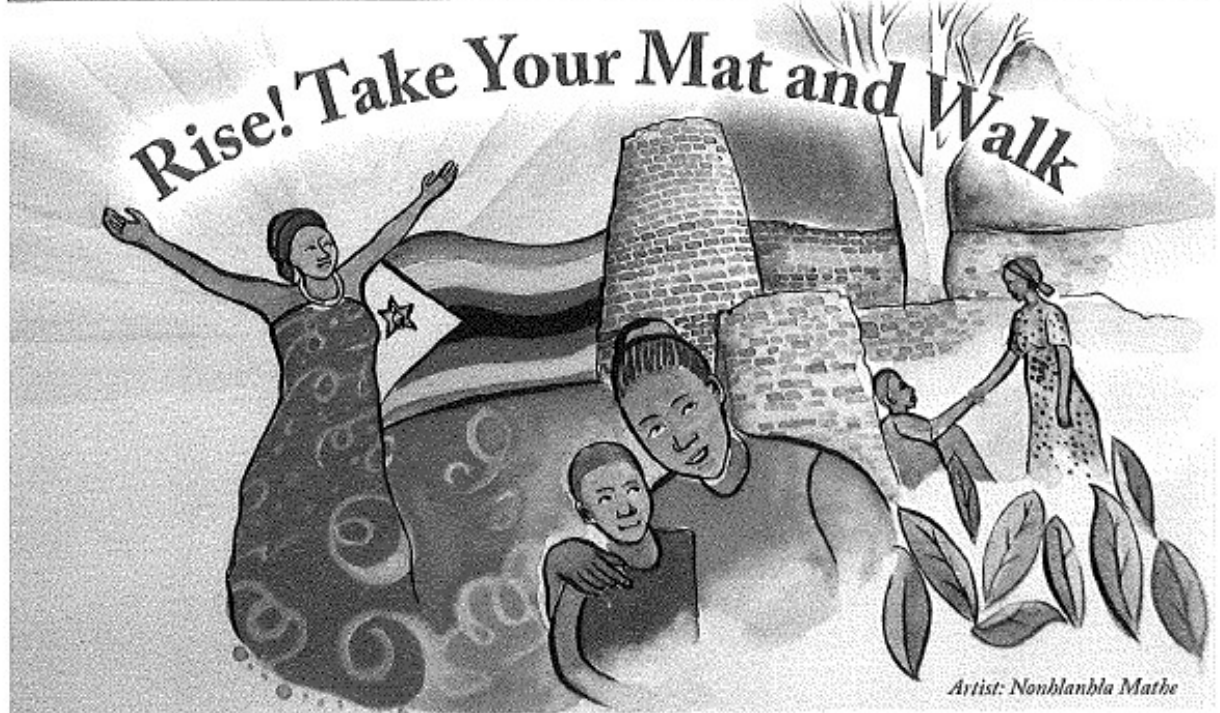
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Martin Luther University College (\$316,000)

- Previously known as Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
- Martin Luther University College:
 - Prepares and provides ongoing training to pastors and other leaders for ministry
 - Trains students for careers in counselling where they strengthen the health and well-being of our neighbours in hospitals, long-term-care homes, hospices, and of people seeking help from counselling agencies and private psychotherapy practices.
 - Operates the Delton Glebe Counselling Centre that provides affordable counselling services to students and those in the community and serves as a resource to pastors and congregations for mental health issues.
 - Provides youth with the opportunity to grow their faith as they pursue a university education through an undergraduate Christian Studies and Global Citizenship program, we provide Lutheran
 - Experiments with new forms of worship in changing times (e.g. thirdspace_)
 - Builds community and understanding across faiths and cultures (e.g. through the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song, and the Abrahamic Faiths Forum)
 - Practises reconciliation with our First Nations neighbours and serves as a resource for congregations that also want to foster reconciliation.
 - Demonstrates the fact that religion — and people of faith — have a legitimate place in the public square through the Centre for Public Ethics

Thank you for your benevolence offerings!


World Day of Prayer
Journée mondiale de la prière **2020**



Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday, March 6th @ 2:00pm only

Day/la date

@ Holy Name

Location/l'endroit

Corner of Trafalgar and Front St.

Guest speaker: Rev. Tiina Cote

Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
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March Volunteers

Worship Assistants

March 1 – Erin Dupuis
March 8 – Michael Lange
March 15 – Lorraine MacKenzie
March 22 – Sandra Sell
March 29 – Brenda Dole

Sexton

March 1 – Al Kellough
March 4 – Michael Lange
March 8 – Diane Hammel
March 11 – Koit Rull
March 15 – Oscar Flores
March 18 – Michael Lange
March 22 – Rebecca Bittner
March 25 – Koit Rull
March 29 – Don Boldt

Projector Operators

March 1 – Krista Grosskleg
March 8 – Rick Gerundin
March 15 – Ellen Vandersleen
March 22 – Oscar Flores
March 29 – Philip Vandersleen

Altar Guild

March 1 – Sandra & Murray Sell
March 8 – Mona Zadow, Sheila Purdy
March 15 – Wendy Schutt
March 22 – Cheryl Sack
March 29 – Cheryl Sack

Ushers

March 1 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis
March 8 – The Grosskleg Family
March 15 – Sonya Grife, Cheryl Sack, Al Kellough, Robbie Tremblay
March 22 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw, Kevin & Jean Rutz
March 29 – Fred & Cindy Thrasher, Allen Rose, Pam Duplessis

Counters

March 1 & 8 – Gerry Vandersleen, Wayne & Linda Reiche
Mar 15 & 22 – Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman
Mar 29 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Des Schrie

Greeters

March 1 – Myrna Valliant
March 8 – Denise Schizkoske
March 15 – Diana Wegner
March 22 – Patty Wegner
March 29 – Roseanne Campbell





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Class	2 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 2pm Bible Study 6pm Tai Chi	3 9:30am Tai Chi 10am Heritage Manor Service 6:30pm Tai Chi 7pm Worship & Music Mtg.	4 9am Full Moon Country Practice 1pm Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:45pm Men's Choir	5 9:30am Tai Chi 7pm Mixed Choir 7pm Music Healing Vets	6 2pm World Day of Prayer Service @ Holy Name, Pembroke	7
8 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30am Jr. Confirmation Class Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 2pm Bible Study 6pm Tai Chi	10 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm Tai Chi 7pm Council Mtg.	11 1pm Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:45pm Men's Choir	12 9:30am Tai Chi 9:30am Clergy Cluster Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir 7pm Music Healing Vets	13	14 9am-4pm Tai Chi Workshop
15 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Class	16 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 2pm Bible Study 6pm Tai Chi	17 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm Tai Chi Guiding Light Deadline	18 9am Full Moon Country Practice 1pm Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:45pm Men's Choir	19 9:30am Tai Chi 10:30am Midweek Holy Communion 7pm Mixed Choir 7pm Music Healing Vets	20	21
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29 10am Holy Communion & Sunday School 11:30am Sr. Confirmation Class	30 9am Quilters 1:30pm Daily Weekday Exercise Class 2pm Bible Study 6pm Tai Chi	31 9:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm Tai Chi Victim Services of Renfrew County Board Mtg.				