



THE GUIDING LIGHT NOVEMBER 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



Monthly Newsletter

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller Street
Pembroke, ON
K8A 5Z4

Phone: 613-732-8792

Fax: 613-732-1650

E-Mail: zionoffice@nrtco.net

Pastor Scott Schellenberger

Cell: 705-313-0333

E-Mail:

sschellenberger@hotmail.com

Pastor Sue Nevile

Cell: 905-441-3283

E-Mail: suebird98@hotmail.com

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

Second Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School

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 Desk

We are living in a world that is constantly changing and often not for the best. We are experiencing inflation with higher prices, increases in crime, world conflicts and wars, chaos at all turns and uncertainty about how it's all going to end. The only thing not changing is God and His unlimited love and tolerance for us. It seems like when things are going well we think we can improve on it with our own thoughts and programs. The only problem is that each time we do this we scrap God's word and create our own. The original (God's Word) can never be equaled or improved on and we only create more problems for ourselves. This has happened time and time again as we saw with the Reformation. The church fell away to habit and tradition and Luther helped us return to Scripture, God's Word.

When was the last time you reviewed your confirmation promises and what you learned about the basics of the Christian faith. All we need for life is included in these but we often don't review what we believe and why we believe it. The devil has many ways to lure us away from Scripture and con us into thinking there's a better way to live life.



From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

On November 2 we will remember the faithful who lived their life for God and returned home to join Him for all eternity, through faith in Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to grieve with hope—hope being the certainty of eternal life and a reunion with our heavenly Father. All Saints' Day is a day when we miss our loved ones who have gone before us but are joyful that they are with God and we'll join them in the future.

We have many things to be thankful for. These things include earthly blessings but more than that, they include our faith, trust, comfort and strength in God. Let us truly meditate on things other than this earth and look for the peace that passes all understanding.

May God bless you and watch over you as you cling to your faith in Jesus as your Lord and your Savior. Let us work even harder during these Holy Days and let us share our faith with them and invite them to come and see who God is.

Peace and happiness be to all of you.

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Scott

Remembering Those Who Have Passed 2025



Robert Edward Cable – November 19, 2024

Sheila Jonas – December 5, 2024

Ingrid Trautrim – December 8, 2024

Aileen Roesler – December 23, 2024

Lillian Michael – January 21, 2025

Liane Jones – January 27, 2025

Michael Bahen – February 25, 2025

Edith Brumm – April 20, 2025

Lennart Loevenmark – April 25, 2025

Joan LaForce – May 21, 2025

Gary Pearson – July 7, 2025

Mervyn Bimm – July 15, 2025

Francine Remus-Smith – July 23, 2025

Clarence Lehman – July 25, 2025

Weston Lazarus – August 23, 2025

Geraldine Belore – August 26, 2025

Ella Lehman – September 18, 2025

Sheila Purdy – September 29, 2025



From Your Treasurer,

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Oct.21,2025

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	173,085.31
Missions and Outreach	970.00
Other Donations	4,205.00
Solar Income	11,747.37
Other Earned Income	17,704.37
Fundraised for general use	2,805.79
Total Income to Oct.21	210,517.84
Benevolence Expense	6,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	661.00
Committees Expense	2,535.39
Utilities Expense	18,006.02
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	9,964.43
Other Operating Expense	37,960.65
Net Payroll	92,065.93
Benefits Expense	40,999.89
Expense Total to Oct.21	230,155.11
Net as of Oct.21,2025	(-19,637.27)

To all that attend Zion,

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

Thank you for the **extra** giving's at Thanksgiving. It has helped to reduce the 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



REFORMATION **CELEBRATION**

NOVEMBER 2 - 2025

5:30pm - ???



HYMNS & HOPS

Come and join us in a rousing hymn-sing
at Brauwerk Brew House.
Light refreshments will be available as well as
beer served at cost.



1298 Rte 148, Campbell's Bay, Quebec J0X 1K0

Chili & Bun Luncheon

Warm Up with Us After Worship!



You're Invited!

Please join the Social Ministry Committee for a hearty Chili & Bun Luncheon on Sunday, November 2nd (All Saints Sunday) immediately following worship.

Details

- Date: Sunday, November 2, All Saints Sunday
- Time: Following worship service
- Occasion: Wraps up the Jam Jar Fundraising
- Location: Zion's Parish Hall
- Donations of cookies/squares are appreciated. Thank you!

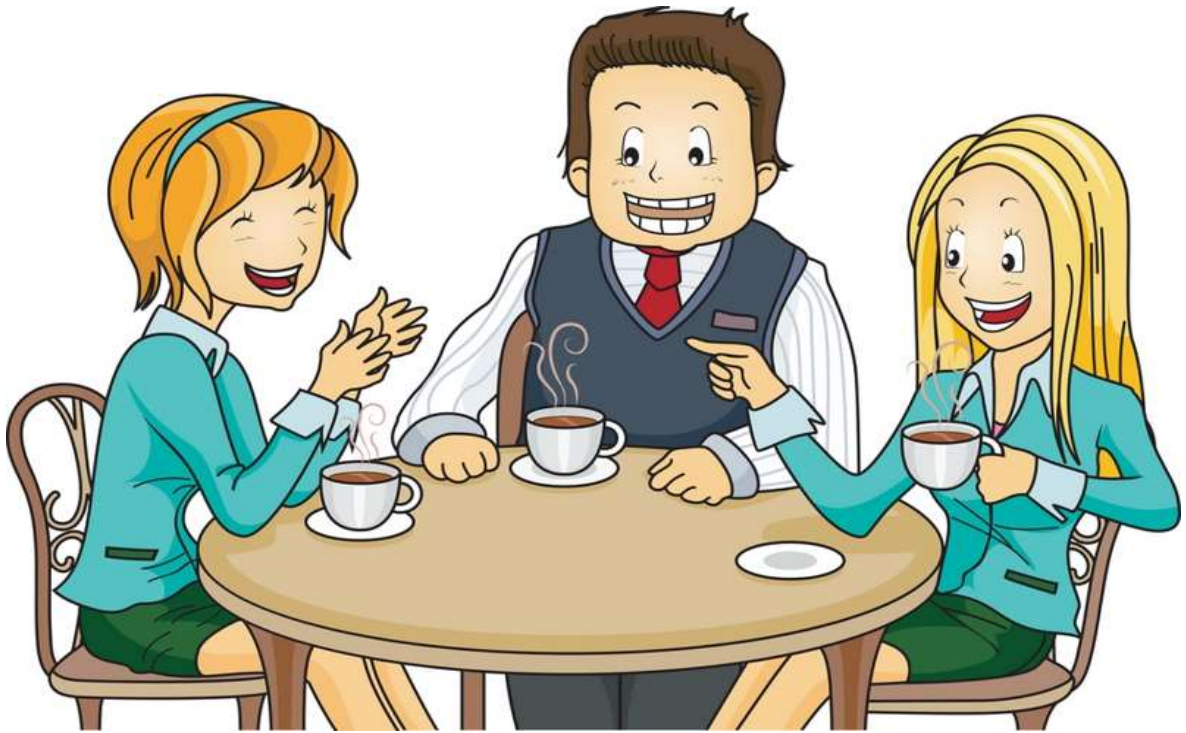
Free will Offering

Proceeds will support CLWR's Friends of Creation and the General Fund.

All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

If you have any questions, please contact: Ellen at 613 504 1866.

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 November 5th and 19th
At 10:00 am**

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



Zion Lutheran Women

Invite you to join us

Wed. November 5, 2025

At 2:30 pm

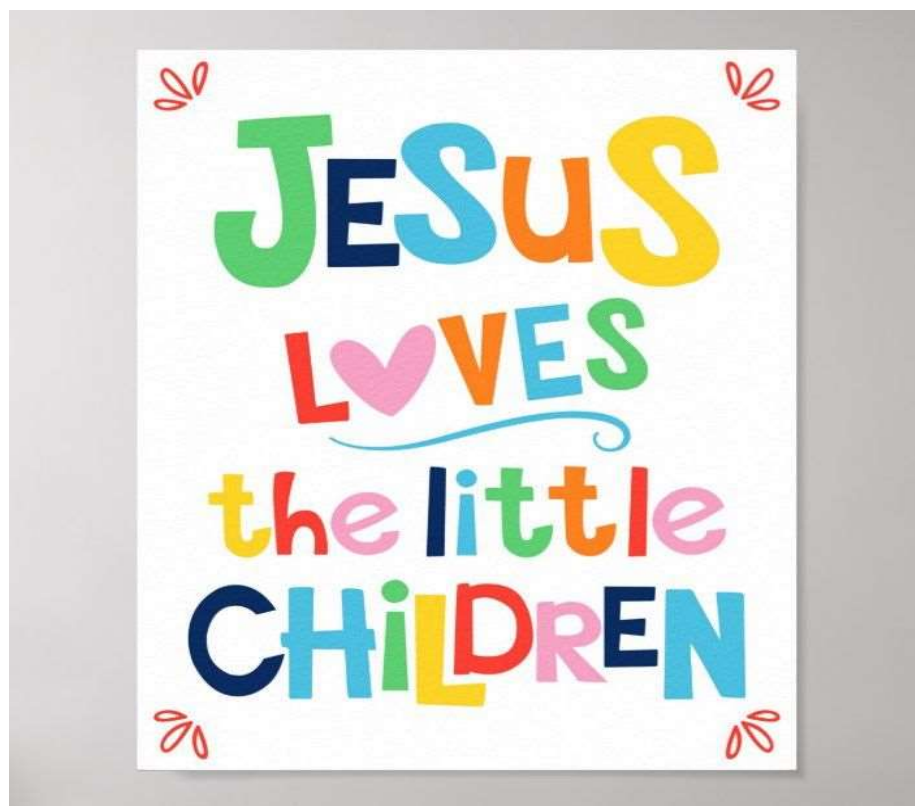
Program: The Grind Pembroke

*Come and hear about all of the programs
offered by this most important community
outreach group*

Please wear a poppy

All are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEW FORMAT ANNOUNCEMENT



**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD ON THE
SECOND WEEK OF THE MONTH DURING
WORSHIP AT 10:00AM.**



IT WILL NOT HAPPEN ON OTHER
SUNDAYS. BRING YOUR CHILD OR
GRANDCHILD FOR SOME FUN!

Food Crafts



Story Games Fun.
Free!



**Join us the first Monday every month.
We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.**

**Next Dates:
November 3, December 1**



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



**Friends of
Creation**

CLIMATE & WATER

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow
between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal.*

—Psalm 104:10-11

Did you know...

Around Lake Chad, the entire water cycle has been disrupted. The lake itself shrunk between the 1960s and 1990s to a fraction of its previous size, and rainfall has become lighter and more erratic. Droughts have increased, irrigation channels have been damaged, drinking water polluted, and native fish species have disappeared.

Your support is helping...

CLWR and LWF are helping communities improve water management, build new irrigation channels, plant forests to prevent erosion and protect water, and help bring back sustainability to life-giving water throughout the region.

Please pray...

To our God of Waters, for the rivers, streams, lakes and dams, and the rains throughout the Lake Chad basin, that all creatures would have the clean water they need to thrive.

CLWR.ORG/FOC-CHALLENGE

CLIMATE + WATER WORD SEARCH

Find all highlighted words from the following passage hidden in the grid below:

*In the Lake Chad region, **climate** change is making water more unpredictable. Sudden rains cause **rivers** to flood, damaging homes and farmland. As the water rushes over dry ground, it causes **erosion**, wearing away soil and weakening the land. As the land becomes drier, the risk of **desert** expansion grows. But communities are responding. They're planting **trees** to protect water sources and soil, building smarter **irrigation** systems, and collecting **rainwater** for future use. These efforts help people **conserve** water, **share** it fairly, and care for the **ecosystem** that supports them.*

D	V	S	E	R	U	V	A	H	C	I	J	P	Z	W	N	Z	V	G	V
E	F	B	H	X	A	G	S	E	S	M	V	N	E	E	O	R	U	K	N
S	X	S	X	Z	Y	W	C	M	N	G	F	D	L	C	I	N	G	I	I
E	T	A	M	I	L	C	O	T	R	E	E	S	D	O	T	N	J	L	L
R	U	E	Z	F	F	W	L	Q	I	P	Y	Y	G	N	A	V	B	R	U
T	C	V	V	O	Q	Q	I	V	V	Y	N	G	X	S	G	K	K	A	M
C	J	T	S	N	O	C	L	G	E	S	W	T	B	E	I	N	O	I	Y
Y	X	B	H	Q	O	A	Q	N	R	Y	O	X	R	R	R	E	A	N	J
Q	O	Z	A	L	S	R	U	L	S	N	X	A	X	V	R	R	H	W	H
K	H	I	R	L	U	B	H	V	Y	N	Y	C	T	E	I	O	B	A	Z
Z	V	A	E	A	D	U	R	F	R	Q	K	L	D	J	K	S	F	T	U
B	R	Q	Z	S	L	Y	O	F	I	J	W	C	T	G	J	I	C	E	K
H	G	C	K	F	K	U	S	F	S	I	S	M	C	F	T	O	Q	R	P
U	E	R	O	A	R	M	E	T	S	Y	S	O	C	E	G	N	K	P	W

ANSWERS: Please visit clwr.org/foc-wordgames for the solution.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday November 5th at 2:30 pm** Come and hear all the programs offered by The Grind Pembroke.

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us for our Morning Social on **Wednesday November 5th at 10:00 am and Wednesday November 19th at 10:00 am.** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on will be on **Sunday November 9th at 10:00 am.** All children are welcome!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship and Music will meet on **Monday November 10th at 7:00 pm.**

MID-MONTH WORSHIP

Join us for our mid-month worship service on **Wednesday November 12th at 10:30 am.**

COUNCIL MEETING

Next council meeting on **Tuesday November 18th at 7:00 pm.**

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Please 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.

Living Stones Worship Service



The Living Stones Worship service is a service that is interactive and led by members of the congregation who play guitar and sing. It happens in the gym on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am.** Invite a friend to join you. There will be no Living Stones service in November, we will be having a Blended Service, Friends of Creation on **Sunday November 16th at 10:00 am.**



Choir Practices

Men's choir will practice on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm**, and the Mixed choir will practice on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.**



Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Socials on **Wednesday, November 5th at 10:00 am and Wednesday November 19th at 10:00** in the Parish Hall! Come on out for fun and fellowship. Pull up a chair, grab a coffee (or tea) and a snack, and enjoy the company! Bring a friend!



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

Messy Church is a program that runs the first Monday of every month 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. We gather for a meal at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm...just in time to hop into bed when you get home! There will be delicious food, snacks, games, and so much more. This year try bringing a friend, because all are welcome. Messy Church will be on **Monday November 3rd at 5:30 pm.**



Sunday School

The format for Sunday School has changed - Sunday School will be held the second Sunday of every month during regular worship at **10:00 am**. Sunday School will be on **Sunday November 9th, and Sunday December 14th**. All children are welcome!

Confirmation 2025-2026

This year's confirmation class consists of four Year 1 students eight Year 2 students. This year we will be studying Lutheran History and Catechism.

Classes are on **Wednesday nights at 6:15 pm** at the church.

Field trips will be to the Grind, the Foodbank, and other places. We will participate in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on **February 28th**. The youth will be involved in the Christmas Pageant on the last Sunday before Christmas. In February, youth will assist with cleanup at Soup and Sandwich Dinners during Lent. Confirmation Camp is **July 5th -10th 2026**. Children are expected to attend this camp. The cost is \$350 per camper. Zion will be giving each child \$100 to lower the cost to \$250. At camp several churches gather to teach lessons based on curriculum and to have fun!

Pulse Youth Group

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. Stay tuned for upcoming events!



MINUTES
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBROKE, ONTARIO

October 1, 2025

President Susan Dupuis welcomed our members and guests to our October Meeting. She opened with prayer.

Gracious God, be with us today in this season of Thanksgiving. We pray for members who cannot be with us today and especially those who are ill. We pray for Mona Zadow and her family as they grieve the loss of Sheila. May God grant them peace in the days to come. We give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy here in Canada and pray for the troubled regions of the world where people are struggling for peace and safety. We remember our indigenous neighbors and ask that you help to heal them from the deeds of injustice in the past. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

Minutes of our September meeting are posted on the bulletin board. Card Report: Sandra Graham is absent

Finance Report: Diane Hammel September 31 Regular Account balance-1923.01
Bank Balance- \$2862.58

Correspondence - A letter was received from Women-s Inter-Church Council of Canada
There will no longer be a collection of the Least coin. Bring ideas for what to donate to for next meeting.

Reformation Sunday is October 26 to celebrate confirmands, only 1 Richard Kargus. Susan moved that we sponsor a cake for the celebration.

Endowment Funds

What should we put on the ballot. Suggestions: Outside: Camp Lutheran, Vincent De Paul, Sidewalk and entrance to the side door.

Donation in memory of Sheila Zadow Purdy. It was moved and carried.

Birthdays for October: Janet Schulze-Jones 13, Mona Zadow 27

Susan led us in an offering prayer.

Gracious God, in your great love, you richly provide for all our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessings and make us ready to serve all creation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

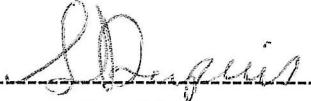
Program: Led by Pam Duplessis. {St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen}

This program has been operating for 18 years in Cathedral Church basement. It has supported the community with donations from the public and other organizations. Volunteers are welcomed. Not only do they cook lunches weekly but give out sweaters, gloves and hats and help whenever needed.

November 5, Program - Ellen Vandersleen "Gifts with the Power to Change Lives" Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay Safe.

Closing-Lord's Prayer.



President



Secretary

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, October 6, 2025

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Lorraine MacKenzie, Diane Hammel, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Cheryl Sack

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

Approval of Agenda: Addition of podcast for funerals.

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

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- October 12th - Setting Eight will begin
- October 19th - . Lay assistant Elizabeth Graham will be leading. Pastor Sue will lead the Living Stones Service. There will not be communion this Sunday.
- November 16 - Blended Service
- During the month of October we will be initiating a project from CLWR. This project called "Friends of Creation" comes with four Sunday services. The four-week worship plan will be used over the course of several months beginning in November. No more than one Sunday will be used per month to enhance worship.
- Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for October 26th. Richard Krueger will be confirmed.
- There will be midweek communion services held on October 29th and December 10th.
- A new Paschal Candle and other candles have been ordered for the sanctuary.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

● Worship Services:

- The liturgy will change on Thanksgiving Sunday and will probably remain until Advent.
- Hymns, songs and other service music will be suggested for the next 6 - 8 weeks, including Reformation/Confirmation, All Saints Sunday, Week of Remembrance and other Sundays in November.

● Hymn Sings:

- Since October 26th is Reformation and Confirmation Sunday, the next hymn sing will be moved to October 19th.
- Gayle will put an announcement in the bulletin to notify the congregation of the change.
- The last hymn sing on September 28th was enjoyed once again.

● Singing of the Psalms:

- The next sung psalm will be led by the Mixed choir on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd.
- The last sung psalm was led by the Men's choir on September 28th, with the singing of "On Eagles Wings".

● **Choirs/Guest Musicians:**

○ The choirs' singing schedule is mapped out for the month of October and the first few weeks of November, along with guest musicians.

All Saints Sunday:

- Due to the mail strike, Pastor Scott will try to contact the appropriate families by either email or phone.
- Candles will be placed on the altar and lit by either Pastor Scott or the worship assistance in recognition of those who passed away.
- The service structure will remain similar to that in the past.
- The social ministry committee will serve chili and a bun after the service.

Miscellaneous:

Confirmation Sunday:

- Cheryl will order the flowers and boutonniere.
- A cake will also be ordered.

Endowment Fund:

● The committee brainstormed ideas for the endowment fund and decided on repairs to the elevator entrance as an inside need and CLWR - "Friends of Creation" as an outside need.

Podcasts for Funeral Services:

- Generally, we do not live stream funerals but special requests are considered.
- Advanced planning is necessary to ensure copyright laws are followed and the appropriate licensing is acquired.
- Finding volunteers at the last minute can be difficult.
- The funeral service must be removed after 24 hours.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, November 10, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Nov 2: Paul Merredew
Nov 9: Ellen Vandersleen
Nov 16: Paul Merredew
Nov 23: Ellen Vandersleen
Nov 30: Ella Smith

Sexton

Nov 2: Diane Hammel
Nov 9: David Lehman
Nov 16: Koit Rull
Nov 23: Tyler Smith
Nov 30: Don Boldt

Counters

Nov 2: Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
Nov 9: Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Nov 16: Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Nov 23: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Nov 30: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth

Ushers

Nov 2: Kevin & Jean Rutz
Nov 9: Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher
Nov 16: Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Nov 23: Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack
Nov 30: Doug & Pauline Malliff

Coffee Hour

Nov 2: Patti & Peter Wegner
Nov 9: Patti & Peter Wegner
Nov 16: Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz
Nov 23: Steve & Evelyn Boland
Nov 30: Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis

Altar Care

Nov 2: Diane Rull
Nov 9: Jean Rutz
Nov 16: Sandra Graham
Nov 23: Cheryl Sack
Nov 30: Don Boldt

Projector Operators

Nov 2: Gerry Vandersleen
Nov 9: Rick Gerundin
Nov 16: Sherri Phannenhour
Nov 23: Diane Hammel
Nov 30: Ellen Vandersleen

Video Recorders

Nov 2: Ellen Vandersleen
Nov 9: Ryan Schmidt
Nov 16: Zac Phannenhour
Nov 23: Korbin Smith
Nov 30: Todd Phannenhour

Sound Operators

Nov 2: Gerry Vandersleen
Nov 9: Noah Schmidt
Nov 16: Todd Phannenhour
Nov 23: Brian Smith
Nov 30: Zac Phannenhour

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	3 8:30 am & 6 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Healing Vets	4 7 pm Men's Choir	5 10 am Morning Social 11 am Get Together 1pm Senior Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	6 7 pm Music Healing Vets	7 1pm Senior Exercise Class	8
9 10 am Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sunday School Baptism Lainey/Spencer Wright	10 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY Let Us Forget 7 pm Men's Choir	12 10:30 am Mid- Month Worship 11 am Get Together 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	13 5:30 pm Tour - Food Bank 7 pm Music Healing Vets Clergy Cluster - Eganville	14 1pm Senior Exercise Class	15
16 10 am Worship Service & Holy Communion, Blended Service, Friends of Creation	17 8:30 am & 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	18 7:00 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	19 10 am Morning Social 11 am Get Together 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	20 7 pm Music Healing Vets	21 1pm Senior Exercise Class <i>GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE</i>	22
23 10 am Christ The King Sunday Worship Service & Communion	24 8:30 am & 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	25 7:00 pm Men's Choir	26 11 am Get Together 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	27 7 pm Music Healing Vets	28 1pm Senior Exercise Class	29
30 10:00 am First Sunday of Advent Worship Service	December 1 8:30 am & 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7pm Healing Vets	2 7 pm Men's Choir 10 am Miramichi Worship	3 11 am Get Together 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	4	5 1pm Senior Exercise Class Senior Meal Day	6