

THE GUIDING LIGHT

MAY 2026

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 Service
Second Sunday: 10:00 am 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

The Peace of God

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice . . . And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
– Philippians 4:4-7

What does it mean to have “peace”? Maybe we have peace when our bodies are healthy. That makes sense. When we are healthy, our bodies feel peaceful. Maybe we feel like we have peace when everything is going well at work, or even when we have work. Being out of work, or not having steady work, is stressful. Life definitely feels peaceful when work is going well. But a lot of times in life, we would probably not describe our life as being “peaceful.”

In the passage above Paul said, “Rejoice in the Lord always . . . And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”



From the Pastor's Pen (cont'd)

When Paul wrote this, I don't think we would say Paul's life was exactly "peaceful." When Paul wrote this, he was sitting in a prison in Rome. On top of this, Paul's health was not great, but that was alright. Paul's health did not bring him peace, Christ did. Paul's work was not always going well. Paul was constantly dealing with false teachers who threatened to take grace out of the church, but that was alright. Paul's work did not necessarily bring him peace, Christ did.

This is why Paul was so bold as to say, "Rejoice always." It didn't matter in what circumstance Paul found himself. Whether well fed, hungry or poor, Paul still had peace, because his peace was one that did not come from this world, his peace came from Christ. The peace Paul had was not dependent upon his good health or poor health, his peace came from Christ. The peace Paul had was not dependent upon his work going well or poorly, his peace came from Christ.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we can understand the peace Paul is talking about. As Christians, our peace almost has nothing to do with what is ongoing on in the world around us. Our peace is a lasting, eternal peace because the Son of God offered a perfect sacrifice for us on Good Friday, died for us, and rose from the dead for us three days later. Because of what Christ has done, He has mended our broken relationship with God the Father. And now, we have peace with God given to us by Jesus. This is why, like Paul, we may rejoice always. Our peace does not depend upon what is going on in this world or even in our own lives. Our peace is in Christ, and nothing has the power to take that peace away from you.

Pastor Scott



From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 20,2026

The weekly amount of \$6,100.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,640.00 comes from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,460.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	71,312.84
Missions and Outreach	584.00
Other Donations	435.00
Solar Income	2,349.09
Other Earned Income	7,083.12
Fundraised for general use	584.30
Total Income to Apr.20	82,348.35
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	260.00
Committees Expense	842.89
Utilities Expense	5,889.98
Church Insurance	22,125.96
Property Maintenance	8,202.64
Other Operating Expense	16,220.50
Net Payroll	34,021.49
Benefits Expense	15,236.29
Expense Total to Apr.20	103,799.75
Net as of Apr.20,2026	(-21,451.40)

It is with heavy hearts we remember an amazing Pastor and faithful member, Pastor Emeritus David Metzger. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elaine and family as they mourn his passing. Pastor David always gave me words of encouragement when I worried about the finances of our church, saying the members will always come through to support Zion. Your kind smile and words will surely be missed. Many thanks.

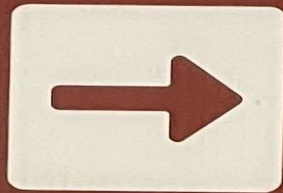
AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

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

ZION THRIFT



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Thrift Shop

Weekly: Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Every 3rd Friday in the Month: Friday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



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

Wednesday May 13th
and
Wednesday May 27th
10:00 am

Everyone is welcome.



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



Food - Crafts - Story



Games - Fun - Free!

**Our next Messy Church is
MONDAY MAY 4th at 5:30 pm**
Come for an evening of
so much fun and bring a friend!

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on
Wed. May 6, 2026
At 2:30 pm

“BREATHE”

Presentation by Pastor Sue

Coffee and snacks to follow!



CAMP LUTHERLYN

Summer Camps include:

CHILDREN'S OVERNIGHT CAMP • Age 8-14

• Check dates on our website • Friends, Food, & Fun • Small cabin groups

LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM • Age 15 and up

• Theory and practical leadership experience • Make friendships to last a lifetime.

FAMILY CAMP • Fun for the whole family



Camp Activities include:

- Archery • Canoeing • Gaga Ball • Arts & Crafts • Music • Sports
- Capture the Flag • Low Ropes • Campfires • Talent Show
- Swimming at the BEST BEACH ON THE LAKE

And so much more!



For more information email: registrar.lutherlyn@gmail.com

Register For Camp:

www.lutherlyncamp.ca





Programs 2026

We are so excited to announce that we will be running the following programs this summer!
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Children's Overnight Camp (Age 7-14)		Registration Fee
Week 1	July 5-10	\$525.00
Week 2	July 12-17	\$525.00
Leader in Training Program		
(teens aged 15 or soon to be 15)		
July 2-17 (no weekends)		\$900.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All programs include swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, games, crafts, campfires, and so much more! 		
Registration will open on Saturday January 17 th at www.lutherlyncamp.ca Email your questions to us at registrar@lutherlyncamp.ca Camperships are available-complete the Campership Form during the registration process		
Family Camp		
July 18-23		
Full Bunk Cabin \$745.00/week		Half Bunk Cabin \$440.00/week
Four Seasons Bedroom \$700.00/week		Tent Trailer Site \$375.00/week
RV Site \$375.00/week		
You pick your accommodation and then add a Meal Plan for each person in the accommodation: Adult (12 and over) \$200.00/week OR Child (under 12) \$130.00/week Register through our website starting Sunday January 18th at www.lutherlyncamp.ca Email your questions to us at fc.lutherlyn@gmail.com		

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday May 4th at 5:30 pm** for Food, Crafts, Stories, Games, Fun – FREE! All ages welcome, bring a friend!

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 4th at 7:00 pm.**

ZION THRIFT SHOP

On **Wednesday May 6th** Zion will be opening ZION THRIFT! Come pick up some great deals on clothing for the whole family! Days and times: **Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm and once a month on Friday evening 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.** Please come to the side door at Munro and Miller St crossroads and look for our sign! Volunteers are still needed to help us run the shop. Please contact the office or Pastor Sue if you can help! Sign-up sheets are posted on the events board. 😊 *Thank you for the wonderful response for donations to the Thrift Shop! Please note at this time we are at capacity for donations of clothes and will post in the bulletin when we can resume receiving more items. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated!*

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN The ZLW ladies will be meeting on **Wednesday May 6th at 2:30 pm** with a presentation by Pastor Sue on the theme “*Breathe*”

PASTORAL CARE Pastoral Care will be meeting on **Monday May 11th at 10:00 am.**

COUNCIL MEETING The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday May 12th at 7:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on **Wednesday May 13th & 27th at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship. There will only be one morning social in April.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Confirmation classes will be on **Wednesdays May 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th at 6:15 pm.**

MIXED & MENS CHOIRS – Men’s Choir on **Tuesday’s at 7:00 pm** and Mixed Choir on **Wednesday’s at 7:00 pm.**

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

FOOD BANK MESSAGE OF THANKS Thank you to so many people who volunteered to work, donations of saleable items, people who organized our chaos at times, and the great camaraderie of workers working together to make the garage sale such a success. The food bank is ecstatic for such a generous donation. Unfortunately our numbers are climbing, while, as we know, that prices are rising on everything. Thank you for all the generosity of donations, food, toiletries or anything else we can use. I am so thankful to be a part of such a caring congregation!
God Bless *Debbie Sitkiewicz*

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 and, if you know of anyone in hospital or are recently deceased, please contact the church office at:
613 732-8792 or contact Pastor Scott 705 313-0333 email: sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

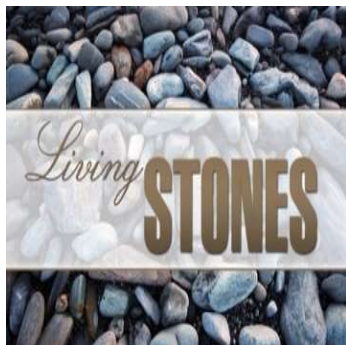
consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called “Living Stones”.

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 4th 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.**



Sunday School

Sunday School will be held the second Sunday of every month during regular worship at 10:00 am. Our next Sunday School will be on **Sunday May 10th at 10:00 am.** All children are welcome!



Living Stones The Living Stones service is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a praise team once a month. 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.

There will be a Living Stones Service on **Sunday May 17th at 10:00 am.**



Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Socials on **Wednesday, May 13th & 27th at 10:00 am** 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!

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

May 3 – Ella Smith
May 10 – Susan Dupuis
May 17 – Paul Merredew
May 24 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

May 3 – Don Boldt
May 10 – Hunter Denney
May 17 – Karen Gauthier
May 24 – Diane Hammel

Counters

May 3 – Andrew Zadow, Cathy Green, Lori Crigger
May 10 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
May 17 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
May 24 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Kara Buelow-Fleck

Ushers

May 3 – Allen Rose & Cheryl Sack
May 10 – Kevin Rutz & Ryan Parcher
May 17 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
May 24 – Pam Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher

Altar Care

May 3 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
May 10 – Sandra Graham
May 17 – Cheryl Sack
May 24 – Don Boldt

Projector Operators

May 3 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 10 – Rick Gerundin
May 17 – Sherri Phannenhour
May 24 – Diane Hammel

Video Recorders

May 3 – Ellen Vandersleen
May 10 – Ryan Schmidt
May 17 – Zac Phannenhour
May 24 – Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

May 3 – Gerry Vandersleen
May 10 – Noah Schmidt
May 17 – Todd Phannenhour
May 24 – Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

May 3 – Steve & Evelyn Boland
May 10 – Kathy Hoffman & Susan Dupuis
May 17 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske
May 24 – Dornetta Mau & Wilmer Verch

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1 pm Exercise Class 6 pm-8:30 pm Lyra Ensemble Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary	2
3 10 am Worship Services with Holy Communion	4 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7 pm Healing Vets	5 7 pm Men's Choir	6 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW Meeting "Breathe" 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Mixed Choir 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	7 7 pm Healing Vets 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	8 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	9
10 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School	11 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 10 am Pastoral Care Mtg 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	12 7 pm Men's Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	13 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	14 7 pm Healing Vets 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	15 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6 pm-8 pm Zion Thrift Shop GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	16
17 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Living Stones Worship	18 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	19 7 pm Men's Choir	20 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	21 2 pm Supplies Landing Worship Service 7 pm Healing Vets 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	22 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	23
24 10 am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion	25 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	26 7 pm Men's Choir	27 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	28 7 pm Healing Vets 1 pm-3 pm Zion Thrift Shop	29 1 pm Senior Exercise Class *Possible* Lyra Ensemble Choir in Sanctuary	30