

THE GUIDING LIGHT SEPTEMBER 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 & 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

It is good to be back! However, I write this note in July.

Each year when I begin my holidays it takes me about week to decompress. Most of you know I head to the cottage with Pastor Sue. There is no internet. It's off the grid. There is no phone just my cell. Lots of books. A canoe. A kayak. Some fishing. Hiking. Movies on VHS. No agenda. I just have to do some regular DIY projects.

As I write this in July, I am looking forward to spending some time with my mother and my siblings and the rest of the grand kids at a cottage she is renting for us all.

What I am not looking forward to is I will be going to the house where I grew up in. We will be doing a final emptying of the garage and other things for the new owners. My parents lived there for fifty years. So, it will be a sad day.

Being the end of July, I am already looking forward to September. I love my job. I love working and spending time with my Church family. I love to see the joy and excitement as different ministries are carried out. I love to worship with you. I give thanks for the generosity of God and the Spirit at work here at Zion.

I hope you continue to enjoy the fall and enjoy your continued blessings from our Lord and Saviour. Thanks be to God.

🙏 A Heartfelt Thank You To All 🙏

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dan Duplessis for all his hard work in organizing the removal of the old concrete entrance ramp and the asphalt at the Church entrance. Thank you, Dan, for re-grading the slope and the preparation and compaction work completed in preparation for the new ramp and parking area asphalt and for installing the beautiful new interlocking block ramp, with a special thank you to Kevin Hoffman for assisting with the design.

We would also like to thank Shane Lehman for all his hard work and for providing the equipment needed to remove the old surface materials, as well as for his assistance with the re-grading and compaction.

A heartfelt thank you to the ladies of the church for carefully saving the flowers and shrubs from the old flower bed and creating the beautiful new flower bed once the new ramp was completed. It is a wonderful finishing touch!

We would also like to thank Kevin Rutz for keeping the floors clean from the extra dirt tracked in during construction and for painting the new lines on the parking lot.

Thank you to our congregation for your patience and understanding throughout the construction process.

Everything looks great! A job well done by everyone involved! We are truly grateful for all the time, hard work, care, and dedication that went into improving our church entrance and parking area. Thank you all!



We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who volunteers their time, talents, and energy to support Zion. Your dedication and willingness to help in so many ways are truly appreciated. Our church family is so very blessed because of all of you!

Thank you for all that you do!

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of August 25, 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	133,059.51
Missions and Outreach	759.00
Other Donations	1445.00
Solar Income	7908.15
Other Earned Income	16,311.54
Fundraised for general use	3,672.30
Total Income to Aug.25	163,155.50
Benevolence Expense	3,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	504.00
Committees Expense	1822.28
Utilities Expense	12,147.03
Church Insurance	22,125.96
Property Maintenance	10,576.30
Other Operating Expense	30,557.50
Net Payroll	73,816.69
Benefits Expense	34,788.34
Expense Total to Aug.25	189,338.10
Net as of Aug.25,2026	(-26,182.60)

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 LUTHERAN Women



Please join the
Zion Lutheran Women on

**WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH**

at 2:30 p.m.

'Forgiveness'

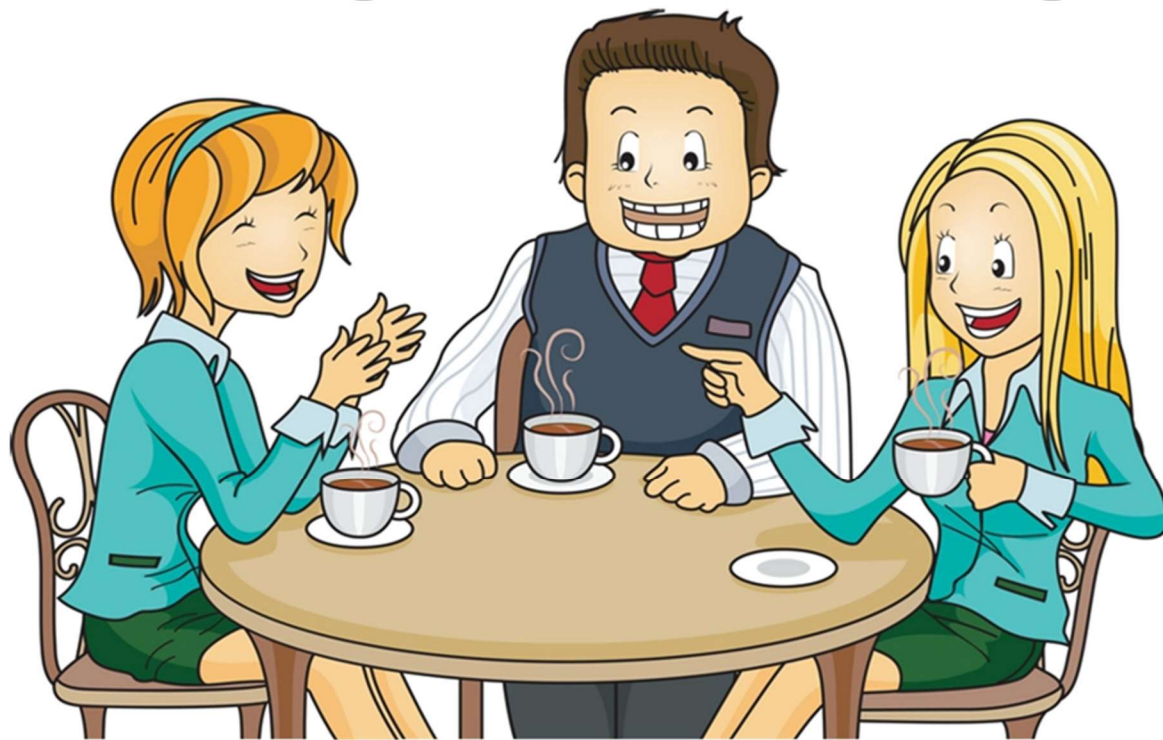
with leader
Pamela Duplessis

♡ and a POT LUCK! ♡

All are 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 September 16th and 30th
At 10:00 am

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

ZION
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Confirmation 2026-2027

*Growing in Faith.
Anchored in Christ.*

ANNOUNCEMENT!



There will be an
INFORMATION MEETING
after worship **SEPTEMBER 13**
in the parlour.



Youth ages 13-14
are invited to join the
2026-2027 class.
Both years 1 and 2 study together.



CLASSES ARE ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
FROM 6:15 PM – 8:00 PM

Let your faith be your light! ♥





Food Crafts Story
Games Fun Free!



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



**Our Next Messy Church is
Monday September 14th 2026**

**Come for an evening of
so much fun and bring a
friend!**

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 9th at 2:30 pm**. The program is titled 'Forgiveness' with leader Pamela Duplessis, and a pot luck. All are welcome!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday September 14th at 7:00 pm**.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday September 8th at 7:00 pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027 ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be an information meeting after worship on **Sunday, September 13th**, in the parlour. Youth ages 13-14 are invited to join the **2026-2027** Confirmation class. Both years 1 and 2 study together. Classes are on **Wednesday nights from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm beginning Wednesday September 16th**.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will held on **Wednesday September 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm**.

MESSY CHURCH

Please join us on **Monday September 14th** beginning at **5:30 pm** with a meal, then on to crafts, games, story, and fun, and bring a friend!

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us for our Morning Social on **Wednesday September 16th at 10:00 am and Wednesday September 30th at 10:00 am**. in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care will be meeting on **Monday September 14th at 10:00 am**.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Please join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm**. **We will resume class on Wednesday September 9th 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.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Sept 6 – Ella Smith
Sept 13 – Krista Smith
Sept 20 – Susan Dupuis
Sept 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

Sept 6 – David Lehman
Sept 13 – Koit Rull
Sept 20 – Tyler Smith
Sept 27 – Don Boldt

Counters

Sept 6 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller,
Kara Buelow-Fleck
Sept 13– Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier,
David Lehman
Sept 20 - Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier,
David Lehman
Sept 27 – Gerry Vandersleen, Kevin & Jean Rutz

Ushers

Sept 6 – Pamela Duplessis and Cindy Thrasher
Sept 13 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
Sept 20 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Sept 27 – Peter & Patti Wegner

Coffee Hour

Sept 13 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
Sept 20 - Patti & Peter Wegner
Sept 27 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

Altar Care

Sept 6 – Diane Rull
Sept 13 – Jean Rutz
Sept 20 – Sandra Graham
Sept 27 – Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

Sept 6 – Gerry Vandersleen
Sept 13 – Ellen Vandersleen
Sept 20 – Sherri Phannenhour
Sept 27 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

Sept 6 – Ellen Vandersleen
Sept 13 – Ryan Schmidt
Sept 20 – Zac Phannenhour
Sept 27 – Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Sept 6 – Gerry Vandersleen
Sept 13 – Noah Schmidt
Sept 20 – Todd Phannenhour
Sept 27 – Brian Smith

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	7 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	8 11: 00 am Ladysmith, QC Celebration of Life for Marlyn Grodde 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	9 1:00 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW Meeting	10 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	11 1:00 pm Exercise Class	12
13 10:00 am Worship Service & Holy Communion <i>Confirmation</i> <i>Information</i> <i>Meeting after</i> <i>service in</i> <i>parlour</i>	14 8:30 Pickle Ball 10 am Pastoral Care Mtg. 1:00 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 6 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm W&M Mtg. 7 pm Music Healing Vets	15	16 10:00 am Morning Social 1:00 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 1pm – 3pm Zion Thrift Grand Opening	17 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets 1pm – 3pm Zion Thrift	18 1:00 pm Exercise Class <i>GUIDING</i> <i>LIGHT</i> <i>DEADLINE</i>	19
20 10:00 am Worship Service & Holy Communion, Living Stones	21 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	22	23 1:00 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	24 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	25 1:00 pm Exercise Class	26
27 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	28 Event-TBD 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	29	30 10:00 am Morning Social 1:00 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	Oct.1 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	Oct. 2 1:00 pm Exercise Class	Oct. 3