

THE GUIDING LIGHT

JANUARY 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



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

Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship
Wednesday 10:30 am Mid-week 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.



Pastoral Care News

Discussion and preparation of home Communion has been a topic of our Pastoral Care group meetings for over a year. This past fall, home Communion kits were assembled, and a short service was prepared by Pastor Scott for group members to use titled “Home Communion for Those Unable to Attend Worship Distributed by Laity”.

Following the blessing of the home Communion kits during the December 8th service, the Pastoral Care group set out with two teams on December 10th to provide home Communion to a small group of members in our congregation.

Providing time for both connection and fellowship, the visits were enjoyed both by the Pastoral Care group members and those visited.

An excerpt from the service, which many appreciated and commented on, was the prayer of the day, provided by Pastor Scott:

“Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace, we pray. Amen.”

Thank you from Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue.

We would like to thank those of you who have sent cards and gifts during this season and supported us all year long. You are a blessing to us. It is wonderful to be part of such a loving family.

We wish all of you a Happy New Year!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

454 Miller St.

Pembroke, Ontario

Church Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Gerry Vandersleen, Denise Schizkoske, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Lisa Campitelli and Pastor Sue.

Excused: Jamie MacKinnon

1. **Opening:** Pastor Scott led the opening devotion.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Brent, Second by Justine
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Denise, second by Lisa
4. **Financial Report:** We are currently running in a deficit of \$22 033.71
5. **Pastor's Report:**
 - **Statistics** – Senior's home services were done Nov 5 at heritage Manor and Dec 3 at Miramichi Lodge.
 - **Confirmation** – 4 were confirmed on Dec 1.
 - **Book study** – advent book study was held on Wednesday nights until Dec 18.
 - **Intergenerational Christmas Caroling** – was held on Dec 13. They met at the church and ended at Pastors, Scott and Sue's house for hot chocolate.
 - **Candles and Carols** – sing along at the church was held Dec 15 at 7 pm. Donations were accepted for the food bank.
 - **Friday Dec 20** – Pastors Scott and Sue held an open house where all were welcomed.
 - **Sunday Dec 22** – Christmas pageant and program were held at 10am service.
 - **Christ Eve Services** – Were held Dec 24 at 3pm and 7 pm/
 - **Office was closed Dec 25** – Jan 2
 - **Pastor Scott** – was away Dec 25 – Jan 2
 - **December 29 Service** – was a lay led service of the word.
 - **Respectfully submitted by Pastor Scott**
6. **Chairs Report**
 - It was observed on a Sunday morning that the Monro St. entrance was left unlocked. A reminder to anyone using the hall, make sure all entrances are locked before leaving.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - Correspondence was received from M. Sell and the matter was discussed and dealt with and no further action is required.

8. Committee Reports:

Property:

- The coloured rubber floor mats in the nursery have become deteriorated, and have now been removed. They will be replaced with an alternative type flooring in the new year.
- Required maintenance on the Munro Street rental house includes dryer venting in the basement, shingle replacement, and minor plumbing repairs on the main level.
- The back apartment of the rental unit has now been rented, and the occupants will be moving in very soon.
- A new replacement for the outdoor floodlight at the rear corner of the Parish Hall is being pursued. This will provide improved illumination for both the parking lots, and the main entrance.

Social Ministry:

- 44 Meals were delivered on Friday Dec 6 and the response was amazing.

Pastoral Care:

- 8 People received communion at home on Tuesday Dec 10 from 4 volunteers. The kits were blessed during the Dec 8 service.

Webpage:

- We will be having a meeting with a web designer in January.

9. New Business:

- In camera session to discuss personal matters was moved by Justine and second by Denise.
- To end "in camera session" was moved by Brent and second by Lisa.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday Jan. 14

Motion to adjourn: moved by Lisa second by Denise

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, December 9, 2024 **Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

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

Regrets: Cheryl Sack, Sandra Graham, Joan Lehman

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

Approval of Agenda: Addition of Sexton for Candles and Carols service on December 15th, Offering on Christmas Eve and Technology

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Approved online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- The Home Communion Kits were blessed on Sun. Dec. 8th and visitations will start on Tues. Dec. 10th.
- There will be a midweek service on Wed. Dec. 11th at 10:30 am.
- There will be a Christmas Pageant again on Sun. Dec. 22nd.
- Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- Laity will lead the service on Sun. Dec. 29th.
- Pastor Sue and I are participating in Evening Vespers at Holy Trinity Anglican Church on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm during Advent.
- I am contemplating running a sermon series during Epiphany on women of the Bible. This idea comes out of a course I took last year.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The organ was tuned for its 'fall tuning' on Fri. Dec. 6th.
- The grand piano in the sanctuary was tuned at the end of October.
- The grand piano on the stage is holding its tune well and will be played during the potluck on Dec. 22nd.
- Both choirs have sung during Advent.
- The Mixed choir will sing at 3:00 pm and the Men's choir will sing at 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve.
- Special music will be shared by Maria Merredew on Sun. Dec. 15th. Thank you very much for sharing your gift with us!
- Choir practices will be held on Dec. 17th and 18th, respectively after which they will break for Christmas. Practices will resume on Jan. 7th for the Mixed choir and Jan. 8th for the Men's choir.
- The Christmas Eve services will be kept very traditional.
- We will probably continue with liturgy from Setting 12 in ACS but this will be decided after discussion with Pastor Scott.

Miscellaneous:

Sexton for Candles and Carols Service on Dec. 15th:

- Don Boldt will be the sexton for the Candles and Carols service. Thank you, Don.

Offering on Christmas Eve:

- Cheryl has four ushers for each of the Christmas Eve services so the offerings can be collected in the pews.

Report from Sandra Graham:

- Christmas trees are up in the sanctuary and the artificial poinsettias are on the windowsills.
- Extra candles were ordered for the Christmas Eve services and are ready to go.
- Two poinsettias have been ordered at Ritchie's for the front of the church.

Technology:

- Diane Hammel reported that the projector on the pulpit side of the church is running properly.
- The recordings are okay right now. Sometimes the prelude is not being recorded.
- Ellen and Pastor Scott will meet with the video people in the new year to review where cameras should be at certain times of the service.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, January 13th, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Jan 05- Lorraine MacKenzie
Jan 12- Wayne Kirk
Jan 19- Susan Dupuis
Jan 26- Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

Jan 05- Diane Hammel
Jan 12- David Lehman
Jan 19- Koit Rull
Jan 26- Don Boldt

Counters

Jan 05- Susan Dupuis & Team
Jan 12- Susan Dupuis & Team
Jan 19- Susan Dupuis & Team
Jan 26- Susan Dupuis & Team

Ushers

Jan 05- Allan Rose & Cheryl Sack
Jan 12- Doug & Pauline Malliff
Jan 19- Peter & Patti Wegner
Jan 26- Amanda Campbell & Ryan Parcher

Altar Care

Jan 05- Sandra Graham
Jan 12- Maria Denney
Jan 19- Wendy Schutt
Jan 26- Kathy Godin

Projector Operators

Jan 05- Gerry Vandersleen
Jan 12- Ellen Vandersleen
Jan 19- Zachary Phannenhour
Jan 26- Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

Jan 05- Ellen Vandersleen
Jan 12- Ryan Schmidt
Jan 19- Ty Phannenhour
Jan 26- Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Jan 05- Gerry Vandersleen
Jan 12- Noah Schmidt
Jan 19- Todd Phannenhour
Jan 26- Brian Smith

Coffee Hour

Jan 05- Patti & Peter Wegner
Jan 12- Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz
Jan 19- Jill & Al Kellough
Jan 26- Kathy Hoffman & Susan Dupuis

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 1 pm Exercise Class 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 am Messy Church 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	7 9:30 am Tai Chi 10 am Heritage Manor Service 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	8 1 pm Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men's Choir	9 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	10 1 pm Exercise Class	11
12 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	13 1 pm Exercise Class 8:30 am Pickle Ball 10 am Pastoral Care 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7 pm Healing Vets	14 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	15 10 am Morning Social 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Men's Choir	16 9:30 am Tai Chi 2pm Supples Landing Service 7 pm Healing Vets using Parish Hall and Kitchen	17 1 pm Exercise Class	18
19 10 am Living Stones Service	20 1 pm Exercise Class 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	21 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Mixed Choir	22 1 pm Exercise Class 6:00 pm Confirmation Class Youth Skating Party at Pastor Scott & Pastor Sue's House 7 pm Men's Choir	23 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	24 1 pm Exercise Class	25
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