

# THE GUIDING LIGHT

## APRIL 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*



*Robins everywhere—Daffodil sightings—and the crocus' survived another winter! Yeah right. When will the snow stop!*

Easter is around the corner. As we finish our Lenten journey, we look toward Holy Week. There are people who don't even know what Holy Week is. But for us, it is the holiest week of the year.

It starts with Palm Sunday (often called Passion Sunday because we read the story leading up to Jesus' death). But it starts with us waving palm branches and remembering how Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. How many of you remember waving palm branches on Palm Sunday growing up? I do, and I'm sure the children of this congregation will remember that long after they have grown up.



***From the Pastor's Pen (cont'd)***

After Palm/Passion Sunday, we gather for worship again on Maundy Thursday. “Maundy” comes from a Latin word, which means Mandate or Command.

Jesus says, “I give you a new commandment that you love one another.” It’s Love Thursday! Jesus also washed the disciples’ feet that night—the job of a servant. It’s Serve Thursday! And he gave us holy communion. The Last Supper becomes the Lord’s Supper.

Good Friday is as important as Easter. You cannot have resurrection without death. Good Friday at Zion is a quiet, even mystical event where, we hear scripture and we reflect on the death of Jesus. We remember Jesus’ death on the cross—a death that brought LIFE! Good Friday is only good because it is followed by Easter.

Easter is the day we shout “Life!” in the face of “Death!” In this crazy world, death appears to have won. There is suffering and pain everywhere we look. Our hearts break for victims of illness, accident, disasters, and war. We suffer with friends whose marriages have broken, whose children are hurting, who have lost jobs, or who live with the burden of anxiety and depression.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus has entered their world of suffering. Jesus has entered our world, and he brings life in the face of death—light in the midst of darkness. Some days this is hard to believe. On other days, this is all we can believe. This Holy Week, enter into this sacred space and hold on to the promise of God: Jesus is here! Thanks be to God!



**April - Easter Services:**

**Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am**

**Easter Morning Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

## The use of the common cup

What science has to say.

In the last issue of Canada Lutheran, I shared as an epidemiologist how important it was in post-pandemic times for the sharing of the peace by shaking hands and exchanging embraces and the use of the common cup to be re-instated. Given how much of a sticking point the use of the common cup can be in many congregations, I thought it was important to provide more details on the scientific evidence that unequivocally support the use of the common cup.

The use of the common communion cup during worship has been a longstanding practice symbolizing unity among believers. Despite periodic public health concerns, especially during outbreaks of communicable diseases such as the recent COVID -19 pandemic, the question remains: does sharing a common cup pose a significant health risk? Over several decades, scientific studies have examined this issue, and the evidence overwhelmingly suggests that the risk of disease transmission through the common cup is extremely low when standard practices are followed.

One of the earliest and most influential studies on the topic was conducted by Dr. David R. Goldstein who examines whether the common cup could transmit infectious diseases such as the common cold or influenza. His findings, published in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, concluded that the risk was negligible. Goldstein noted that the presence of alcohol in sacramental wine, typically 12-14%, and the use of silver or gold chalices, which have antimicrobial properties, significantly reduces the survivability of pathogens. Additionally, the practice of wiping and rotating the chalice rim between communicants further minimizes contact with any remaining saliva.

Subsequent research has supported Goldstein's conclusions. A review conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found no documented cases of disease transmission linked to the use of a shared common cup. The CDC stated that, although transmission of infectious agents via

the common cup is theoretically possible, the risk is "so small that it is undetectable". The review emphasizes that no epidemiological evidence supports the discontinuation of the practice on health grounds. In another study, Hobbs et al, tested the survivability of viruses like herpes simplex and influenza on silver chalices and in sacramental wine. They found that these viruses were rapidly inactivated, further supporting the idea the environment of the common cup is inhospitable to most common pathogens.

Concerns resurfaced during the COVID -19 pandemic, prompting temporary changes in worship practices. However, even then, no outbreaks were directly linked to the use of a shared chalice. A study by Spantideals et al, highlighted that SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19, is mainly transmitted via airborne droplets and close personal contact, not through shared drinking vessels, particularly when brief and with antimicrobial elements present.

In conclusion, decades of scientific evidence indicate that the use of a common cup in Christian worship, while theoretically capable of transmitting pathogens, poses a negligible real-world risk when standard hygiene practices are followed. Churches may continue the practice confidently, especially when mindful of proper cleaning, rotation and the use of traditional elements like silver and wine. For the ELCIC, these findings suggest that then practice of the common cup can continue without undue health risk, as long as congregations adopt reasonable hygiene measures and practices. The theological importance of the common cup as a symbol of unity and communion is preserved, while health concerns are addressed in a science informed way. As a result, congregations can have confidence that using the common chalice is both spiritually meaningful and safe.

Abundant blessing in Christ.

-Ali

Bishop Ali Tote

## From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of March 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	42,849.60
Missions and Outreach	534.00
Other Donations	170.00
Solar Income	1,327.04
Other Earned Income	3,700.62
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Mar.20	48,581.26
Benevolence Expense	0.00
Directed Gifts Expense	260.00
Committees Expense	178.19
Utilities Expense	3,198.13
Church Insurance	0.00
Property Maintenance	6,491.41
Other Operating Expense	10,871.60
Net Payroll	24,231.95
Benefits Expense	10,521.97
Expense Total to Mar.20	55,753.25
<b>Net as of Mar.20,2026</b>	<b>(-7,171.99)</b>

To all that attend Zion,

As you can see, our deficit stands at \$7172.00. The regular offerings are down 4% from this time last year. We also have the church insurance bill due in April for around \$22,000.00. Thank you in advance for your financial support.

### **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](mailto: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

## Endowment Report for Interest Earned in 2025

Zion Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund had a balance of \$427,444.73 as of Dec.31,2025. The interest that was available for distribution at time of voting at the Annual Meeting was \$14,500.00 to be divided equally between our outside needs and inside needs.

### Committee Members:

Diane Hammel, Blaine Sack, and ex-officio members: Gerry Vandersteen (Treasurer), Pastor Scott, and Pastor Sue.

The table below shows the distribution of the 2025 earned interest that was distributed in 2026.

### ZION'S OUTSIDE NEEDS \$7250.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Camp Lutherlyn	24	\$3411.77
The Grind	11	\$1563.73
The Pheonix Centre	8	\$1137.25
St. Vincent de Paul	8	<u>\$1137.25</u>
		<b>\$7250.00</b>

### ZION'S INSIDE NEEDS \$7250.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elevator Side Entrance Walkway	24	\$4046.51
Building Fund	19	<u>\$3203.49</u>
		<b>\$7250.00</b>

OTTAWA VALLEY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM

## **Come and Learn**

*Lay Ministry  
The New Lay Academy  
And  
Resources to Support Lay Leaders  
presented by*

*Rev. Katherine Gohm*

**Saturday May 2nd, 2026**

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### **Grace Lutheran Church**

14 Bonnechere St. W. Eganville, Ontario

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Doors open at 9:30 am

Freewill Offering Lunch Served At Noon

PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR PASTOR BY APRIL 10TH

*See You There*

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## *Holy Week*

MAUNDY THURSDAY

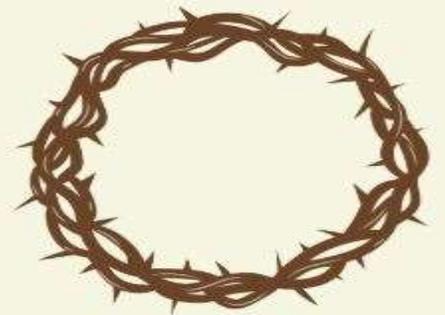
Worship Service  
Thursday April 2  
2026  
7:00 pm

For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.

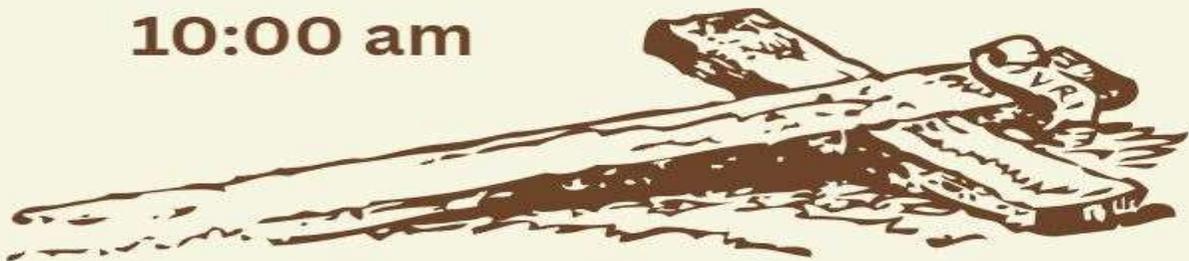
*-John 3:16-17*

# GOOD FRIDAY

Worship Service  
Friday April 3 2026  
10:00 am



May this Holy Friday bring peace  
and blessings to all humanity.



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**A Blessed  
Easter  
Sunday**

**Worship Service With Holy  
Communion  
Sunday April 5 2026  
8:00 am  
&  
10:00 am**

*Reflect on the triumph of hope and faith,  
and share kindness with those around you.*

**ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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613 732-8792**

## ZION THRIFT

Have you heard the rumour? It is true!  
It's the beginning of a new ministry.

We are inviting you to bring in your clean, gently used clothing – please no rips, tears or large stains – as you spring clean your closet.



This ministry is to keep useable clothing out of landfills and overpriced thrift stores and to give the public reasonably priced items, as we reach out in loving care to our blessed community.

The plan is to be open two days a week from 12pm - 2pm and once a month on a Friday evening from 6pm - 8pm. We will be a cash only and clothing only thrift experience. This endeavor will be raising funds to support community charities and our congregation.

### **Items we will be accepting:**

*seasonal clothing (men, women and children)*

*shoes*

*coats, boots, scarves, gloves, mitts and hats in the winter months*

*jewelry and fashion scarves*

Would you like to help? Starting in May we will be looking for volunteers to commit to two hour shifts in teams of two or more. There will also be a need for hangars and clothing racks.

Have questions or want more information? Please speak with Pastor Sue or Justine Mutlow

Looking forward to being a shining light in our town!



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

Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00 am

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

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**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 April 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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

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# Garage Sale

Saturday April 25, 2026

8:00 am- 12:00 noon



**Zion Lutheran Church**

454 Miller St, Pembroke, ON

Come enjoy our café.

**We welcome donations of tools, household items,  
toys, furniture, baking, clothes, etc.**

Proceeds: 50% to Food Bank, 50% to General Fund



# 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](mailto:registrar.lutherlyn@gmail.com)

*Register For Camp:*

[www.lutherlyncamp.ca](http://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**

<b>Children's Overnight Camp (Age 7-14)</b>		<b>Registration Fee</b>
Week 1	July 5-10	\$525.00
Week 2	July 12-17	\$525.00
<b>Leader in Training Program (teens aged 15 or soon to be 15)</b>		
July 2-17 (no weekends)		\$900.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All programs include swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, games, crafts, campfires, and so much more!</li> </ul>		
<p>Registration will open on Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca">www.lutherlyncamp.ca</a>            Email your questions to us at <a href="mailto:registrar@lutherlyncamp.ca">registrar@lutherlyncamp.ca</a>  <b>Camperships</b> are available-complete the Campership Form during the registration process</p>		
<b>Family Camp</b>		
<b>July 18-23</b>		
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		
<p>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 <a href="http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca">www.lutherlyncamp.ca</a>            Email your questions to us at <a href="mailto:fc.lutherlyn@gmail.com">fc.lutherlyn@gmail.com</a></p>		

## **APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Maundy Thursday -Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday - Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am**

**Easter Sunday - April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**MESSY CHURCH** Please join us for Messy Church on **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** for Food, Crafts, Stories, Games, Fun – FREE! All ages welcome, bring a friend!

**COUNCIL MEETING** The next Council Meeting will be on **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

**MORNING SOCIAL** Join us on **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 resume on **Wednesdays** starting **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm.**

**APRIL GARAGE SALE** We are accepting donations for our garage sale that will be held at Zion on **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.** All items donated can be placed on either side of the stage in the parish hall. Thank you for your support.

**SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS** Senior Exercise classes on **Monday Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 pm.** Please make sure to tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you!

**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!

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** There is no meeting in April. Worship and Music will be meeting on **Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

### **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

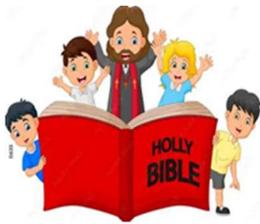
email: [sschellenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:sschellenberger@hotmail.com).



### **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 April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 April 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Blended Service** There will be a Blended Service on **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.**



### **Morning Social**

Join us for our Morning Socials on **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Thursday April 2 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm**

**Friday April 3 – Good Friday 10:00 am**

**Sunday April 5 – Easter 8:00 am and 10:00 am**

**Celebrating God as We Serve Others**  
**Zion Lutheran Church Council**

Minutes

March 10 2026 700pm

The Meeting was called to order.

**Welcome new members:** Patty Wegner, Kathy Godin, Susan Dupuis, Tyler Smith, Hunter Denny

**Present:** Patty Wegner, Kathy Godin, Susan Dupuis, Hunter Denny, Jamie McKinnon, Brent Wolfgram, Pastor Sue, Pastor Scott

**Absent:** Tyler Smith, Tiffany Freeman

Pastor Sue opened the meeting with prayer.

1: Agenda approved. Motion Moved - Jamie, Second – Susan, CARRIED.

2. **Election of Officers:**

Chairperson – Susan Dupuis – Acclaimed

Vice-Chairperson – Jamie McKinnon – Acclaimed

Secretary – To be elected at next meeting.

Treasurer by Appointment – Gerry Vandersleen. Election of Officers.

2: Approval of minutes of last meeting – Moved – Jamie, Second – Brent, CARRIED

3: Correspondence - NONE

4: REPORTS

**Pastor's Report – March 2026**

Worship Services

1 Funeral Clare Gagne

1 Seniors Residences Worship Service

I am looking to do shut-in visits before Easter. There is a lot of planning beforehand.

Worship – Planning of Holy Week Worship Services is going well.

Confirmation Classes – I am very pleased with the participation of the youth during Shrove Tuesday and the weekly Wednesday dinners. They drive me nuts but are still pretty awesome.

Confirmation Camp – Plans are coming together. We could have twelve attending this year. There are churches in Montreal attending as well as youth from the Parish of the Valley, Anglican church. I am hoping that working with the Anglicans will lead to more camper participation from the Anglican Church.  
Camp Lutherlyn – At our last meeting I was directed to write a letter to the Board. It is done and I have brought it to the meeting tonight. I called the chairperson of the Board to give her a heads up that it was coming. It was nice to talk directly with her because some of the things we talked about at our meeting they had never thought of. I think it was healthy to have that conversation to help them understand although we are disappointed with the decision we still support the camp fully. Also, as a point of reference this year we have four youth that have applied for positions as counsellors.

Camp Lutherlyn Board – I have been approached to be on the board for a three-year term. That is what happens when you speak up. I have said yes. It is one Saturday meeting every month. I believe this will allow us and other parishes to be better informed. The clergy meet monthly so relaying messages will be easier.

Camp Lutherlyn Annual Meeting March 28 2026

Holidays – I will be off April 6-12 to recover from Lent and Easter.

Chair's Report. – No report.

6: **Committee Reports**

C: Property – Nothing new to report.

D: Pulse Ministry – Messy Church had a turn out this month of 47 people and the most children ever. Some people from Grace Eganville joined us to learn more about what we do in preparation for their own Messy Church.

E: Worship and Music – Regular worship continues. Living Stones Service – March 15 2026. Summer Service in the Park – June 14 2026. Easter Services are being planned.

F: Social Ministry – Yard Sale – Sat. April 25 2026. Meal for Shut-ins being prepared May 1 2026.

G: Pastoral Care – Nothing new to report.

H: Learning – No report.

I: Cemetery Board – Jamie shared that the Cemetery Board was recently told the current Perpetual Fund which is at approximately \$176000 must be removed from Scotia Wealth because it is not \$500 000 or more. Jamie is finding it difficult to find another investment firm willing to invest only \$176 000. It was suggested he check into Charitus the Eastern Synod investment firm.

J: Webpage – no report.

7: **Old Business:**

Letter to Camp Lutherlyn – At the meeting in February, after finding out camp had been reduced to two weeks so another outside group could rent the camp for \$30 000. The camp then sent a fundraising letter asking for additional money. Due to the commitment of Zion's people to the camp, it was decided unanimously that we should send a letter noting our discontent. The letter was produced and signed by the member of council to be sent soon.

8: **New Business:**

Thrift Store possibility – Pastor Sue gave a proposal for Zion Thrift to developed in part of the basement under the sanctuary. The resources needed will be costed and an Eastern Synod Mission Grant should cover the cost. We will know by Mid-May. **Wendy Godin made a motion to give the go ahead for Zion Thrift. Patty Seconded.**

**Discussion:**

**PROPOSAL – Zion Thrift**

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**WHO**

Zion Lutheran Church

-known for amazing thrift sales

-excellent reputation in the community

-does a lot of outreach ministry

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**WHAT**

clothing only thrift

-with the rise of thrift store prices and fast fashion it is difficult to find affordable clothing. We do not receive clothing for our Yard Sales and could take donations on a regular basis serving the community year-round.

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**WHY**

In support of community needs and church budget 50/50

-upon speaking with the Lighthouse Community Church they informed us that their thrift brings in approximately \$24 000 per year being open 12 hours per week. We estimate that we could bring in \$10 000 that would go to supporting community charities (Food Bank, First Step Options, Camp Lutherlyn, Youth Programs, etc...)

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## **WHEN**

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Twice a week for 2 hours (ie. Monday and Thursday 1-3pm) and once a month on Friday evening (6-8pm)

- looking to start in May, break for July - August then begin again in September with a BACK-TO-SCHOOL sale.

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## **WHERE**

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Chapel under the sanctuary + one of the Sunday school rooms.

-Entrance to be used at the side of building - corner of Miller and Munro.

-if the space needed to be rented the clothing racks could be moved into Sunday school rooms temporarily so that the entire space could be used. Alternatively they could be moved to one end of the room for a shared space.

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## **HOW**

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With the approval from church council we would apply for a mission grant that would be used to purchase clothing racks and movable sign to place at the sidewalk when "open". Each time "Zion Thrift" would be open we would require 2 people to man the space, assist shoppers, take money (cash only) and keep the space tidy. A leader team made up of 3-5 people would be regular or "anchor" volunteers. Each open day would have one leader and one volunteer. We would then ask or volunteers to sign up for a 2-hour shift with the leader as often as they would like. Volunteers could be members, folks from the exercise group, congregation members, adults from Messy Church, etc.

Concerns regarding security, bathrooms, trying on clothing, exchange of money were. The motion was called to the table and was **Carried**

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### **Appointment of Areas of Responsibility**

Property – Brent

Worship and Music – Pastor Scott

Social Ministry – Kathy

Pastoral Care

Learning – Pastor Scott

Cemetery Board – Jamie

Floater – Patty Wegner

Possible Secretary – Hunter

Tyler Smith

Request from Rutz' – They are moving and are asking to borrow some freezer space to store food. Permission Granted.

**Installation of Church Council date: March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

9: **Next meeting date: April 14 2026.**

**Motion to Adjourn. Moved - Hunter Second Brent. CARRIED.**

## **W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, March 2, 2026**

### **Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

**Present:** Pastor Scott, Gayle Seegmiller, Blaine Sack, Lorraine MacKenzie, Diane Hammel, Sandra Graham, Cheryl Sack, Joan Lehman

**Regrets:** Ellen Vandersleen, Koit Rull

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Pastor Scott:**

- Lent is going well. Ash Wednesday went well.
- Attendance at midweek services is off to a good start.
- Holden Evening Prayer has been well received.
- We will continue to use Setting 3 until Easter.
- All Creation Sings Setting 12 will be sung after Easter.
- A Living Stones Service is scheduled for March 15th, 2026 in the Parish Hall.
- A Blended Service is scheduled for April 19th, 2026.
- A service at Heritage Manor is scheduled for March 3rd, 2026.
- I will be on holidays after Easter from Monday, April 6th to Sunday April 12th. A supply will be arranged to cover the service on April 12th.

##### **Blaine Sack: Church Musician**

- Instruments:
  - Both the organ and grand piano in the sanctuary have continued to hold their tune quite well over the last month. This has been helped by the humidifiers and increased moisture in the air and area around the piano and up in the organ chamber itself.
  - Tunings before Easter may not be needed but this will be assessed throughout the month and decided prior to Holy Week.
- Worship services:
  - (1) Liturgy/Service music:
    - The offertory hymn will be changed for Easter Sunday and sung throughout the Easter season.
    - Hymn and song suggestions have been prepared for the season of Lent. There is more planning to come for Palm Sunday, Holy Week services and for Easter Sunday.
  - (2) Hymn Sings:
    - The next pre-service hymn sing will be scheduled on March 22nd instead of March 29th which is Palm Sunday.
- Choirs/Guest musicians:

- (1) Choir singing schedule:

- March 8th - Special music by soloist/guest musician (TBD = To be determined)
- March 15th - Mixed choir
- March 22nd - Men's choir
- March 29th - choir TBD
- Maundy Thursday - Special music TBD
- Good Friday - Choir/Special music TBD
- Easter Sunday - (8:00am and 10:00 am) - both choirs to sing

- (2) Guest musicians/soloists:

- During the season of Lent, when the choirs are not singing, special music may be shared or led by guest instrumentalists and/or vocalists, or by myself on the organ. This may include singing of the psalms, or leading the Holden Evening Prayer as part of our mid-week evening Lenten services.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Palm Sunday:**

- Gayle has ordered the palms for Palm Sunday.

Easter Flowers/Donations:

- Sandra will purchase flowers for Easter Sunday. Lilies will be limited since several people have shared they have allergies/sensitivities to the strong smell. Hydrangeas will also be purchased.
- Gayle will ask June Frost to put a notice in the bulletin for those who are interested in making Easter donations.

Potluck Easter Breakfast:

- The committee discussed the possibility of having a potluck Easter breakfast. It was decided not to proceed with a breakfast since there are not sufficient volunteers.

**Waterfront Service:**

- Gayle will book the Amphitheater at the Pembroke Marina for Sunday, June 21st.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, May 4th, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## Worship Assistants

April 2 – Susan Dupuis  
April 3 – Ellen Vandersleen  
April 5 – Lorraine MacKenzie – 8:00 am  
Paul Merredew – 10:00 am  
April 12 – Susan Dupuis - Leader  
Paul Merredew - Assistant  
April 19 – Elizabeth Graham  
April 26 – Ellen Vandersleen

## Sexton

April 2 – Koit Rull  
April 3 – Don Boldt  
April 5 -  
April 12 – David Lehman  
April 19 – Koit Rull  
April 26 – Tyler Smith

## Counters

April 2 -  
April 3 – Kathy Godin, Gayle Seegmiller  
April 5 – 8:00 am - Susan Dupuis, Lori Crigger,  
Kathy Hoffman  
10:00 am - Diane Hammel, Pamela  
Duplessis, Wilmer Verch  
April 12 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham  
April 19 - Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham  
April 26 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,  
Lori Crigger

## Ushers

April 2 – Cheryl Sack  
April 3 – Cheryl Sack  
April 5 – Cheryl Sack, Barry Gorr  
April 12 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz  
April 19 – Patti & Peter Wegner  
April 26 – Doug & Pauline Malliff

## Altar Care

April 5 – Sandra Graham  
April 12 – Maria Denney  
April 19 – Wendy Schutt  
April 26 – Kathy Godin

## Projector Operators

April 5 - Gerry Vandersleen – 8:00 am  
Rick Gerundin – 10:00 am  
April 12 – Diane Hammel  
April 19 – Sherri Phannenhour  
April 26 – Ellen Vandersleen

## Video Recorders

April 5 – Ellen Vandersleen  
April 12 – Ryan Schmidt  
April 19 – Zac Phannenhour  
April 26 – Korbin Smith

## Sound Operators

April 5 – Gerry Vandersleen  
April 12 – Noah Schmidt  
April 19 – Todd Phannenhour  
April 26 – Brien Smith

## Coffee Hour

April 12 – Doug & Pauline Malliff  
April 19 – Patti & Peter Wegner  
April 26 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

# APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	<b>3</b> 1 pm Exercise Class 10 am Good Friday Worship Service	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8 am & 10 am Easter Sunday Worship Services with Holy Communion	<b>6</b> 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir	<b>8</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi Service 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>10</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>11</b>
<b>Pastor Scott &amp; Pastor Sue on holiday Monday April 6 - Sunday April 12 2026</b>						
<b>12</b> 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School	<b>13</b> 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	<b>15</b> 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>17</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Blended Service	<b>20</b> 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir	<b>22</b> 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>24</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class  GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	<b>25</b> Zion Garage Sale 8am-12
<b>26</b> 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>27</b> 8:30 am & 6:30 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir	<b>29</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	<b>May 1</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>2</b>