



the Guiding Light

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON

“Celebrating God As We Serve Others”

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From the Pastor's Desk

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” John 20:19

May God bless you as we near the celebration of Jesus' resurrection once more! Easter is my favorite celebration of the year, and it comes to us at just the right time. In the last two years, many of us assumed that a virus was the biggest immediate threat our world was facing. Now that we are seeming to come to the other side of the Covid-19 pandemic, we are greeted daily by the news of war and violence, a situation that world leaders want to address but in such a way as to not trigger World War III. Yikes!

Closer to home, we've laid to rest many members of our Zion family this last

year. Whether in the news or through personal experience, we are forced to acknowledge that evil and death are forces with which we all must reckon.

If only God would provide an answer...

Of course, that's what the celebration of Easter is all about. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" This month, we gather to hear once more the news that God has dealt death a deathblow. Jesus came to cancel the guilt of our death-creating sin. He came to do battle with the deadly serpent who leads the whole world astray. And He won!

Can you imagine what it would have been like to be Jesus' disciples, locked up in that room on that Sunday evening? They had followed Jesus for three years and had sincerely come to believe that He was the One they had been waiting for, the Savior, the King. All of their hopes were bound up in Him. And then He died a horrible death (a death that He had repeatedly predicted, though it seems that they didn't understand). But then... "Peace be with you." It was the sound of a voice they assumed they would never hear again. And with the sound of that voice, with that word of peace, despair turned into hope and joy. Everything was different now. Jesus had conquered the grave!

"Peace be with you." Jesus, the risen One, speaks to you and to me today through His Word. He remains the conquering King, triumphant over evil and death. This news transforms everything. It's the assurance that not even the worst the world can throw at us will separate us from the love of God. It's

the guarantee of the ultimate victory of good over evil. It's the source of the hope we need right now.

May God bless us as we rehearse the greatest news ever once again. May Christ's death and resurrection be your source of peace, not just this April, but every month!

Christ's peace and joy,

Pastor Scott





Minutes

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

454 Miller Street, Pembroke, ON

February 8, 2022

Present: Susan Dupuis, Pastor Scott Schellenberger, Erica Deloughery, Karen Gauthier, Jill Kellough, Kathy Nieman, Denise Schizkoske, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), Patricia Wegner.

Excused: Diana Wegner

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:05pm (via Zoom) by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Kathy Nieman.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Additions: endowment ballot; foodbank, covid. Property report removed.

Motion to approve agenda: Kathy Nieman.

Seconded: Karen Gauthier.

Approval of Minutes: The previous council meeting minutes of January were reviewed. Minor wording changes were suggested.

Motion to approve minutes: Jill Kellough.

Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.

Finance Report: Gerry gave the finance report. Regular offerings are approximately \$15,000.00 since the New Year. Benevolence payments have been made along with some funds for global hunger.

Pastor's Report: Council Report January 2022

Statistics

3 funerals – Joel Lehman, Gerald Hubert, Beverly Barber

Funeral to come in the spring – Gloria Scase

Visits January 1 – Feb 7

6 in-person visits (15 people)

1 hospital visit

8 Shut-in visits

32 shut-in phone visits

17 other phone visits

1 baptismal parents meetings

Total visits in January 66, 75 people total

Things growing from Zion Retreat:

After setting our goals and talking to a few people it became clear that we need to develop a Youth and Family Ministry Team. **First Meeting Feb 15.** This committee would oversee the programs, “moms/dads and tots and messy church programs. I have a few people interested in being a part of such a team: Candace Rose-Smith, Jayne Reid, Erica Deloughery, Kim Schmidt, and Pastor Sue Nevile up to this point.

The contemporary worship service in process. Will grow out of family and youth ministry committee.

Mutual Ministry Committee

The Mutual Ministry Committee is just about completed. I have asked the following people and they have agreed to serve: Pam Duplessis, Karen Gauthier, Gerry Vandersleen and Mona Zadow. This committee meets in confidence three or four times a year to talk about the ministry at Zion and Pastor Scott’s ministry.

Continuing Education

March 27-30 2022 – In-person - Bishop’s Spiritual Retreat – Mount Carmel, Niagara Falls, ON Spiritual Direction Speaker – National Bishop Susan Johnson – Praying the Lord’s Prayer Anew – Cost \$375.

Guest Preacher needed on March 27 2022.

May 16-20 2022 – Online – Festival of Homiletics (another word for preaching) – by Luther Seminary, Minnesota hosted from Denver Colorado – 42 Speakers – agenda 8:30 – 8:30 everyday - \$95 instead of \$450.

Funds coming from Continuing Education account.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Scott

Correspondence:

- No correspondence.

Committee Reports:

- Property- no report.
- Worship & Music– Denise gave an update from worship and music. The offering is now being brought up to the alter. Mid-week services on the second Wednesday of the month, 10:30am, are resuming. Ash Wednesday service will be on March 2, followed by Lenten service every Wednesday. A service at Camp Lutherlyn in the fall is a possibility.
- Social Ministry-Denise discussed the endowment suggestions. Bulletins will be available on Monday with the printed sermon and ready for delivery. Coldest Night of The Year walk is on February 26, the proceeds of which go to The Grind. The team’s

goal is \$3000 and we are almost there. March 15 will be meal prep for shut ins. Coffee hour will resume February 27.

Ongoing business:

- Endowment ballot- Gerry indicates Doug Maliff is preparing the endowment ballot. Endowment recommendations have been made through the Social Ministry Group. Outside needs include: Cancer Care Campaign at PRH; First Step Options; Robbie Dean Center; Bernadette McCann House; Carefor. Inside needs: building fund, organ fund.
- Foodbank- legal counsel is preparing an agreement with details being worked out. This agreement is anticipated within the next week. The agreement will be discussed at a separate congregational meeting once it has been completed. The agreement will be up for congregational discussion and approval at this meeting.

New business:

- Committees needing members- new members are required for council as council is at the bare minimum numbers right now. Pastoral care requires a re-start along with some new members. Personnel committee requires a council member and a manager. Council is asked to make some calls to people who would be interested in recruiting members for these positions. Pastoral care works with the pastor and our shut ins and would be working closely with the Pastor to keep in touch with them. Karen volunteered to sit on the Pastoral Care Committee. Jill Kellough and Patty Wegner have volunteered to make calls for recruiting new council members.
- New pictorial directory- a new congregational pictorial directory will be published this year. Two weeks in March have been reserved for pictures, March 8-12 and March 15-19.
- Annual meeting- will be held Sunday, February 20 following the service in the sanctuary. The agenda is very brief. New business will include a report from the new Youth and Family Ministry Team.
- Motion from Council regarding staffing- council discussed a motion for hiring Blaine as a full-time staff member. The motion reads: "Council moves that Blaine Sack be hired as a salaried employee with benefits in the role of Church Musician". Moved by: Denise Schizkoske. Seconded: Jill Kellough.
- Covid- any decisions regarding worship regarding Covid guidelines will be left to the worship and music committee.

Adjournment: *The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.*

Motion to adjourn: Kathy Nieman.

Seconded: Jill Kellough.

The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 7:00pm. Devotions will be given by Jill Kellough.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Denise Schizkoske, Diane Hammel, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Ellen Vandersleen

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

Approval of Agenda: Unanimously Approved

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Completed online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- The choirs will assist with leading the evening Lenten Services.
- Sunday services will use Setting 4. There will be no Cantic of Praise.
- There are two upcoming baptisms.
- March 20th will be a healing service with holy communion. Further discussion will take place to determine if these services should be held monthly.
- During Pastor Scott's absence on March 27th, Ellen Vandersleen and Wayne Kirk will lead the service. There will not be communion that Sunday.
- The current practice of having the offering plates at the front and back doors will remain in place.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Choirs have resumed and are busy with the Lenten Evening Services and preparing for Easter.
- Blaine followed up with Robert Hillier from Casavant for clarification about the increased cost for the 2nd phase of the organ restoration. Robert explained that several factors, including the effects of Covid, contributed to the price adjustment. At this time, there is no urgency for the repairs and we can wait until 2024 for the necessary work to be completed.
- Gayle will put an organ restoration update in the bulletin.

- Organ tuning should take place by the end of March or early in April.
- Blaine will contact Mitchell at Ottawa Pianos to arrange for the installation of the dolly for the piano in the Parish Hall and to have the grand pianos tuned.
- Blaine requested 10 more copies of the “Holden Evening Prayer” books. Pastor Scott will order them.
- Blaine plans and organizes his hymn selections weeks in advance and then shares his list with the Pastor.

Lenten and Easter Services:

- Services are scheduled for Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm, Good Friday at 10:00 am and Easter Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

“Living Stones” Worship Service:

- This casual worship service will take place on April 10th in the Parish Hall.
- It will be a second, informal service, held after the coffee hour at 12:30 pm.
- The service will include contemporary music, videos, communion on occasion, and non-traditional liturgy.

Updating Software:

- Diane Hammel explained copyright rules and regulations in regards to video usage. Currently we have a licensing agreement with *CCLI* and *One License*. Use of other videos are not covered by these agreements so permission from the copyright holder must be obtained. Diane would then add the information to the credits at the end of the video. Diane will share additional information and Pastor Scott will do some further investigation.
- The committee thanked Diane and expressed their appreciation for all her efforts.

Miscellaneous:

- Service at the Pembroke Marina is scheduled for June 19th, 2022. Gayle will look after the booking details
- This service will not be recorded.

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday, April 5, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of March 15, 2022

The weekly amount of \$5,590.20 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,394.23 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$1,195.97 comes from hall rent, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$34,926.08
Missions and Outreach	\$1,174.00
Other Donations	\$955.00
Solar Income	\$1,647.56
Other Earned Income	\$2,307.05
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to March 15	\$41,009.69
Benevolence Expense	\$4,500.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$289.00
Committees Expense	\$975.89
Utilities Expense	\$5,691.80
Church Insurance	0
Property Maintenance	\$3,197.85
Other Operating Expense	\$8,278.55
Net Payroll	\$18,525.09
Benefits Expense	\$8,376.06
Expense Total to March 15	\$49,834.24
Net Total for 2022	(-\$8,824.55)



To all that attend Zion,

I hope this edition of the Guiding Light finds you in good health. As you may know our budget for 2022 was approved at the annual meeting. There is an increase of approximately \$19,000.00 for 2022. Staffing costs along with heat, hydro, telephone, and maintenance all must be met. Giving donations to various funds like stained glass repair, organ fund, etc. cannot be used for day-to-day expenses. 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

Food Crafts Stories Games Fun Free!



**Join us
Monday, April 4, 2022
5:30pm to 7:30pm
for an evening of so much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

**Zion Lutheran Church
454 Miller Street Pembroke, ON**

All ages are welcome!

Volunteers are appreciated.

PULSE MINISTRIES



***ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBROKE, ONTARIO***

PULSE YOUTH GROUP



Zion Lutheran Church 454 Miller Street Pembroke

**Join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday
evening of every month at the church.**

We may be doing any number of activities chosen
and planned by you the youth.

It is free to join us and please bring your friends.
All are welcome!



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Notes & News

Organ Restoration

In 2017 after the first phase of our organ restoration was completed, Casavant recommended that the second phase of the restoration which involves replacing the “leathers” in all the pipes should be completed in 5 years, which brings us to 2022. The estimated cost for this work has gone up substantially from the initial estimate of approximately \$45,000.00 to \$65,000.00. Since we only have \$35,809.00 in the organ restoration fund, we do not have the funds to complete the required work this year. As a result, Casavant was contacted to see if this second phase could be put off for a year or two. Their response was this: “At this point in time the organ is working well with the leathers not appearing to be a concern, so we could potentially push this phase back two years. Bear in mind, folks, that in two year’s time, the cost will also be higher. Right now the organ valuation is \$1,200,000.00.” The Worship & Music Committee will keep you updated re - the growth in the organ restoration fund.

Used Postage Stamps Wanted

Used postage stamps to support “On Eagles Wings” who are volunteer Bible Camp teams who fly north from Yellowknife, NWT to the far reaches of the Mackenzie Delta and teach the Inuvialuit people and children about Jesus. Please leave the used stamps in the “Used Postage Stamp” box located at the front entrance of the church.

A Guide To Wearing Masks At Zion Lutheran Church

March 21st signified the beginning phases of re-opening the province of Ontario. You will no longer be required to wear masks in the church. We ask you to please consider wearing masks in densely populated areas of the church for the protection of yourself and others. Sunday mornings and other worship services are suggested dates. The worship leaders will continue to wear masks as they have close contact with people at Holy Communion.

Easter Donations

Anyone wishing to sponsor an Easter Lily or make any other Easter donations to the following funds (Building, Office, Good Shepherding, Organ Restoration, etc) is asked to contact the church office. The deadline for donations is Monday, April 11, 2022. Please note that due to the amount of donation requests received during this busy time, we request that bulletin announcements must be either e-mailed to the church office (zionoffice@nrtco.net), or legibly printed on the donation forms located at the entrances to the sanctuary, and dropped off at the office, or placed on the offering plate or in the office correspondence mailbox. In this way, your announcement will be placed in the Easter bulletin exactly the way you wish.



Lectionary Bible Study – Tuesdays 10am

Beginning in the month of April Pastor Scott will be leading a Lectionary Bible Study on a weekly basis. The study will look at the texts for the following Sunday. There is no need to prepare. Simply bring yourself, your bible, and an open mind. If you have more questions talk to Pastor.



Living Stones Worship

Please join us for an alternative worship service on April 10th at 12:30pm. Plan to arrive early and enjoy a coffee hour BEFORE worship. We will have singing, story and active prayer. The service will take place in the gym. You are invited to bring a canned item to donate to the food bank as part of our worship service. This is also Palm Sunday. Do you have cedar or pine trees in your yard? Can you bring some boughs to share? We hope to use these branches along with palms as a part of the service. See you at church!



What does it mean to be LIVING STONES?

The term living stones in 1 Peter 2:5 is used as a metaphor to illustrate the secure and intimate relationship believers have with Jesus, who is described in the previous verse as the “living Stone” (1 Peter 2:4). Together, these two verses picture how Christ and His followers are joined by God: “As you come to God, the living Stone—rejected by people but chosen by God and precious to God—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through

Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:4–5).

The foundation of God’s building is, Jesus Christ, the “living Stone.” The “living stones,” in turn, are believers who come to Jesus and place their lives upon this foundation. The living Stone is “precious” to those who believe (1 Peter 2:7), but some people reject the Living Stone in order to build their lives their own way, not God’s way (see Psalm 118:22 and Luke 6:46–49). Unbelievers cast this living Stone aside, not caring that Jesus is the only true foundation upon which they can build securely (1 Corinthians 3:11).

In a metaphor much like that of the living Stone, Jesus is described as the chief cornerstone in Ephesians 2:19–22. Peter references Jesus as the cornerstone in Acts 4:11–12, stating that “salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” God accepts no one who refuses to become a part of God's building. And God is just like all builders—God has a foundation upon which all workers must build (Matthew 7:24–27).

Believers, then, are the “living stones” of the church that Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:18). As living stones, we have new life in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). As integral parts of the building of God, we have security in Christ (John 6:37). As the Master Builder, God places living stones just where God wants us to be (1 Corinthians 12:18). As living stones, we are connected to one another in the body of Christ (Romans 12:5). Our Lord, the foundation Stone, is alive forevermore and will never crumble. We will be supported eternally.

Peter goes on to describe the function of the living stones: to “declare the praises” of Him who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of life and glory (1 Peter 2:9). This is the “job description” of a living stone: a speaker of praise, a declarer of truth and love and light. The spiritual house God is building is designed for God's glory, and we, the living stones, glorify the God in all we do (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Praise Group

Would you like to help lead worship at the Living Stones service? We are looking for musicians, singers and action leaders to help with the music portion of the service. We are also looking for those that can help by doing a reading or set up/take down and tech support. Do you or your family have gifts and talents in these areas? This is the time to let the Pulse team know!

We will have a meeting of those who would like to help with music on Thursday, March 31st at 630pm in the LOUNGE by the elevator at church. Please bring your preferred instrument, a binder and a music stand if you have one. If you don't play an instrument but sing or have rhythm we need you too! If you are just curious and want to check things out, please come and find your place praising God. We will meet for approximately 1 hour and discuss our next meeting at that time.

See you at church!

Pulse Youth Group

The youth group will meet on the second and fourth Friday of every month with the hopes of meeting more often in September. All of your friends are welcome to join us.

We will meet in on Friday April 8th and Friday April 22nd at 6:30 pm. In May, we will meet on Friday, May 27th at 6:30pm.

Youth Lock-in/overnight Friday May 6th – 6:30pm – Saturday May 7th

The youth group is gathering for an overnight event at the church. Everyone gets “Locked-in” thus the name. There will be a theme for the lock-in that is yet to be determined.

How Fortunate We Are!

Written and Submitted by Wayne Kirk

As I traverse throughout our beautiful city placed in the Upper Ottawa Valley on the now peaceful Ottawa River, I can't help but be thankful to our Savior for as all things, creating it to remain the same even now in my boomer years. Once back home with time to contemplate, visions of other just as beautiful cities in the Ukraine have almost been annihilated and far from their natural beauty. For now and likely into the distant future our residents need not worry about our schools, hospitals, old age , personal residences and municipal government buildings mirror the images from the Ukraine. The only time you'll see the members of our community scramble in huge crowds would be a Black Friday sale at the local retailers. The war torn cities in the Ukraine have citizens scrambling for their safety and lives and not for saving a few dollars on some insignificant merchandise on sale. We still retain our homes, possessions and connections with our friends and loved ones while thousands of miles away others lose everything including their freedom and homeland. Can't imagine awakening one morning and view from my picture window explosions, fire and smoke unwarranted by a relentless vicious enemy. Hold each other close and be very thankful for how fortunate we are by not taking for granted the existence we now enjoy. If the only effect is an increase in the price of commodities, we are still the blessed ones. Please continue to pray for those in peril. We never know when it may be our turn for the prayers of others.

April Volunteers



Worship Assistants

April 3 – Sandra Sell
April 10 – Sue Nevile

Projector Operators

April 3 – Ellen Vandersleen
April 10 – Krista Grosskleg
April 15 – Rick Gerundin
April 17 – 8am – Ellen Vandersleen
 -10am – Zachary Phannenhour
April 24 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

April 3 – Koit Rull
April 6 – Don Boldt
April 10 – Karen Gauthier
April 13 – Mid Week Service – Koit Rull
April 14 – Maundy Thursday – Koit Rull
April 15 – Diane Hammel
April 17 – 8am – Koit Rull
 -10am – Don Boldt
April 24 – Koit Rull

Counters

April 3/10 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
April 17/24 – Diane Hammel, Pam Duplessis, Wilmer Verch

Ushers

April 3 – Peter & Patti Wegner
April 10 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
April 17 – 10am – Barry & Denise Schizkoske
April 24 – Kevin & Jean Rutz

Video Recorders

April 3 – Daniel Reid
April 10 – Ellen Vandersleen
April 17 – 10am – Ty Phannenhour
April 24 – Alex Hammel

Sound Operators

April 3 – Gerry Vandersleen
April 10 – Murray Sell
April 17 – 10am – Todd Phannenhour
April 24 – Krista Hammel

Coffee Hour

April 3 – Al & Jill Kellough
April 10 – Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
April 24 – Peter & Patti Wegner

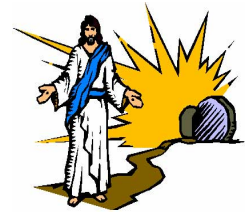
Altar Guild

April 3 – Murray & Sandra Sell
April 10 – Sandra Graham
April 17 – 10am – Wendy Schutt
April 24 – Kathy Godin





April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10am Worship with Holy Communion & Installation of Church Council	4 5:30pm Messy Church Pastoral Care Mtg.	5 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 1pm Staff Mtg. 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service	7 7pm Music Healing Vets	8 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night	9
10 10am Worship with Holy Communion 12:30pm Living Stones Worship	11	12 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Council Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 10:30am Mid Week Service 6:15pm Confirmation Class	14 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm Music Healing Vets	15 10am Good Friday Worship	16
17 8am & 10am Worship with Holy Communion	18	19 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 1pm Staff Mtg. 6:15pm Confirmation Class	21 7pm Music Healing Vets	22 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night Guiding Light Deadline	23
24 10am Worship with Holy Communion	25 7pm Horticultural Mtg. Universal Portrait Studios Here to Take Photos Until April 30th	26 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	27	28 7pm Music Healing Vets	29	30