

# The Guiding Light

Celebrating God As We Serve Others August 2021



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## From Our Pastor

For forty years God's people wandered in the wilderness. The Exodus and the Red Sea marked the beginning of Israel's journey in the Sinai and the Jordan River marked the ending; the last boundary between the wilderness and the land God had promised to Israel. Indeed, the crossing of the river is a momentous occasion, an ending but more importantly, the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

Our Christian life, really, our life in general, is a series of endings and beginnings. While the last fifteen months has held us captive and endings and beginnings haven't been a huge part of our lives, the vaccine is helping all of us feel like it's a new day. March of 2020 we crossed the Red Sea into our own wilderness wanderings. All of 2020 and 2021 has felt like life in the wilderness. With two good shots in our arms, we have crossed the Jordan and our new life has begun. To be sure, we still need to be very careful, but many

of us feel as though we've closed the door on the anxiety about contracting a disease that could have led to our deaths. God has given us the gift of a new day.

Walter Bruggemann in his book, *Prayers for a Privileged People*, suggests, "As we go to the places where we are called by God—sometimes gladly, sometimes reluctantly, always in anxiety—we are drawn into the newness of God's future." Without endings, new beginnings will not come. Without goodbyes to an old way of living, new life would not be possible. In the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of John we read, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

We have entered Phase 3 of the provincial Road to Reopening Plan. Phase 3 brings with it more freedoms and ability to explore what new life may be like. Imagine singing again while wearing masks and socially distancing. Imagine there being a coffee hour once again. As we all or most of us get vaccinated it makes it very well possible to reintroduce these joys of worship and fellowship. So this Sunday sing a new song and praise the Lord for he is wonderful and merciful and loves us always.

Pastor Scott

### **Upcoming Baptisms**

August 8 – Hanna Lyn Howarth

### **Upcoming Weddings**

August 21 – Harrigan – Renaud

August 28 – Rutz – McGregor

September 10 – Nagora - Heisler

October 2 – Howarth - Daley

### **Other Events**

August 15 - Congregational Meeting

September 10 – 11 – Council Fresh Expressions Retreat

September 12 – Rally Sunday at Camp Lutherlyn

September 26 – Installation Service to Welcome Pastor Scott

October 31 – Confirmation Service

## Can We Feed 5000 People With 5 Loaves Of Bread And 2 Fish?

I am always amazed, and shouldn't be, when I am working on something, come to worship on Sunday and hear that the gospel that week and the sermon are directly connected to what I am involved in. Here is what I mean.

We have recently been approached by St. Joseph's Food Bank to begin investigation on how Zion may be able to work with them on relocating the food bank. The space that they are presently using has become very challenging and they have begun looking for a new location. The request to consider these discussions was brought before council at the June meeting and council approved the request.

Susan Dupuis and Gerry Vandersleen met with St. Joseph's Food Bank Visioning Team on July 15. This team described what their needs were. A couple of different options were discussed. At the end of the meeting the Visioning Team felt that they would like to have further discussion and investigation of purchasing a piece of our property that they would relocate to. They are considering the building on the corner of Darcy and Munroe Streets and 1 additional lot for parking. They will be bringing a motion to the Food Bank Board requesting that they proceed with discussions with Zion for approval in principle regarding this purchase.

We will be bringing this same request to the congregation at the congregation meeting to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service.

So...what does this all mean? In order for the Food Bank to investigate city zoning, by-laws, do they renovate or re-build etc. they need our approval in principle. Approval in principle allows them to do their research without a commitment to follow through by either party.

Why should we consider working with the Food Bank? When I heard the gospel and the sermon today (Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>) it was about the

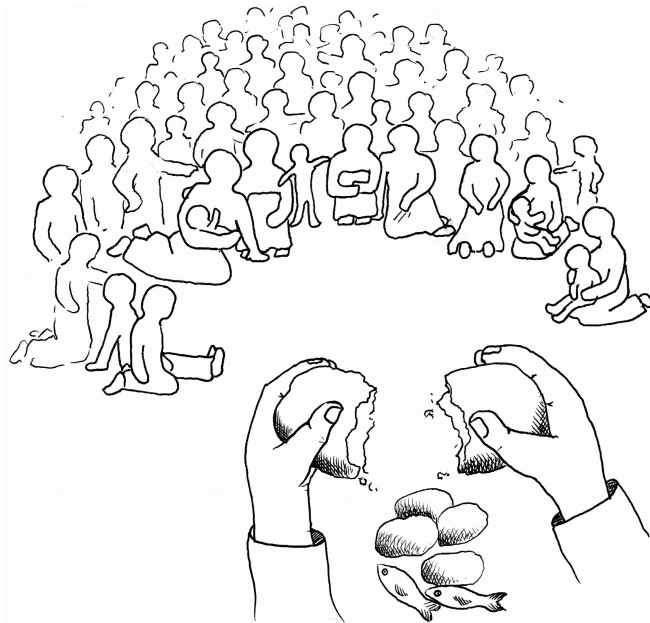
feeding of the 5000 I knew it was definitely time to sit up and listen. Here at Zion we have a box at the front door that we regularly fill with food to be donated to the Food Bank. We have monetary offerings to help support the Food Bank. We have members who volunteer on a regular basis at the Food Bank. We have planted a garden to offer fresh vegetables to the clients of the Food Bank. We have now been asked to step up in a very big way by entering into discussions of selling some of our property so that the Food Bank can continue their important work of feeding the less fortunate in our area in a better suited facility. The relocation of the Food Bank in the back yard of Zion can be seen as answering God's call to feed the hungry.

*Matthew 25:35 – “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”*

I ask that you open your hearts and minds as you think about this request to be involved in God's work of feeding the hungry.

If you have questions before the meeting in August please reach out to myself, Susan, 343-369-2057 or Gerry, 613-732-7649

Susan Dupuis  
Church Council Chairperson



# Notes & News

## **Garage Sale**

We are still planning to have our garage sale this fall sometime so if you have anything to donate please save it for us. If you want you can bring your donations over during office hours and Jean or Kevin can show you where to put them.

We will let you know when we choose a date.

## **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.

## **September Rally Day at Camp Lutherlyn!**

On Sunday September 12 we will be holding worship and hopefully a picnic at the Camp. Tell your family and stay tuned for more info.

## **Council Retreat September 10-11 Camp Lutherlyn**

The council will be retreating Sept 10-11 to refocus our commitment to ministry as we come out of Covid. We have all been on "sabbatical" and are itching to get active again. Council can't wait to set the vision for us all.

## **Visits with Pastor Scott**

Pastor Scott is more than happy to visit in-person with you. In the short-term until restrictions loosen he would prefer to meet in open spaces like your backyard.

# From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of July 20, 2021

The weekly amount of \$5,381.46 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,250.00 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$1,131.46 comes from hall rent, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$112,065.35
Missions and Outreach	\$436.50
Other Donations	\$2,469.00
Solar Income	\$6,125.37
Other Earned Income	\$7,795.27
Fundraised for general use	\$0.00
Total Income to July 20	\$128,891.49
Benevolence Expense	\$10,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$386.50
Committees Expense	\$2,523.59
Utilities Expense	\$12,555.57
Church Insurance	\$18,345.96
Property Maintenance	\$7,634.27
Other Operating Expense	\$20,651.99
Net Payroll	\$30,984.11
Benefits Expense	\$8,090.90
Expense Total to July 20	\$111,172.89
<b>Net Total for 2021</b>	<b>\$17,718.60</b>
Previous Surplus/Deficit	\$10,853.36
Net Equity to July 20,2021	\$28,571.96

To all that attend Zion,

I hope this edition of the Guiding Light finds you in good health. We are so blessed to have Pastor Scott and his wife Pastor Sue with us now. Come and meet them at church if you haven't done so already. Services are now going forward again, although at a reduced capacity. 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 for this and service attendance.

Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,  
Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen



# August Volunteers

**Worship Assistants**

Aug. 1 – Brenda Dole  
Aug. 8 – Lorraine MacKenzie  
Aug. 15 – Susan Dupuis  
Aug. 22 – Wayne Kirk  
Aug. 29 – Ellen Vandersleen

**Projector Operators**

Aug. 1 – Krista Grosskleg  
Aug. 8 – Rick Gerundin  
Aug. 15 – Ellen Vandersleen  
Aug. 22 – Diane Hammel  
Aug. 29 – Krista Grosskleg

**Video Recorders**

Aug. 1 – Alex Hammel  
Aug. 8 – Ellen Vandersleen  
Aug. 15 – Ty Phannhour  
Aug. 22 – Alex Hammel  
Aug. 29 – Ellen Vandersleen

**Sound Operators**

Aug. 1 – Krista Hammel  
Aug. 8 – Murray Sell  
Aug. 15 – Todd Phannhour  
Aug. 22 – Krista Hammel  
Aug. 29 – Murray Sell

**Sexton**

Aug. 1 – Don Boldt  
Aug. 8 – Diane Hammel  
Aug. 15 – David Lehman  
Aug. 22 – Koit Rull  
Aug. 29 – Don Boldt

**Ushers**

Aug. 1 – Cindy Thrasher, Pam Duplessis  
Aug. 8 – Kevin & Jean Rutz  
Aug. 15 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw  
Aug. 22 – Debbie Wegner, Sonya Grife  
Aug. 29 – Doug & Pauline Malliff

**Counters**

Aug. 1 – Gerry Vandersleen, Wayne & Linda Reiche  
Aug. 8/15 – Diane Hammel, Pam Duplessis, Wilmer Verch  
Aug. 22/29 – Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham



# August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Pentecost 10 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>2</b> Read Ephesians 4:25-5:2	<b>3</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b> Read 1 Kings 19:4-8	<b>5</b> 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>6</b> Read Psalm 34:1-8	<b>7</b> Read John 6:35, 41-51
<b>8</b> Pentecost 11 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Holy Baptism	<b>9</b> <b>Pastor Scott Camp Pastor @ Lutherlyn For This Week</b>	<b>10</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> Read Ephesians 5:15-20	<b>12</b> 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>13</b> Read Psalm 34:9-14	<b>14</b> Read John 6:51-58
<b>15</b> Pentecost 12 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion <b>Congregational Mtg.</b>	<b>16</b> Read Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	<b>17</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18</b> Read Psalm 34:15-22	<b>19</b> 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>20</b> Read John 6:56-69	<b>21</b> Marriage of Courtney Harrigan & Wesley Renaud
<b>22</b> Pentecost 13 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>23</b> Read Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	<b>24</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25</b> Read Psalm 15	<b>26</b> 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>27</b> Read Mark 7:1-8, 14- 15, 21-23	<b>28</b> Marriage of Katie Rutz & Mitchell McGregor
<b>29</b> Pentecost 14 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>30</b> Read Isaiah 35:4-7a	<b>31</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous				