

# THE GUIDING LIGHT

## JANUARY 2024

*Celebrating God as We Serve Others*

**Celebrating 140 Years**



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### ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Monthly Newsletter of  
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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.*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By the time you read this, it is possible that your homes are beginning to look a lot LESS like Christmas. The trees and decorations begin to come down, the supply of cookies may or may not still be abundant, the gifts begin to be used, returned if the wrong size or a duplicate, or in some tragic circumstances, broken already. In many ways, it can feel as if life is returning to normal. And in the case of January, cold is normal.

But in the Church, we are called to remember that the time we mark is anything but normal. At Christmas, we remember and celebrate the gift of God's Son born into the world. And over the next handful of months, we continue to rehearse the story of how God came to save the world – the story of Jesus. We have the opportunity to watch Jesus grow, be baptized in the Jordan River, and embark upon His extraordinary earthly ministry of teaching, healing, driving out demons, confronting the religious leaders, and even raising the dead!



*From The Pastor's Desk (cont'd)*

All of which will find its climax in the death and resurrection of the Savior for the salvation of the world.

And this story includes you! As surely as the good news has traveled through time and space to make it to your years, you can know that God has written you into His glorious plan. As surely as you've been washed and adopted in the water of baptism, you can know that God has a role for you to play in His story. So, make this a year to grow into that role, that calling. As we finish our journey through the Bible in the months to come, discover anew the hope that is yours in Jesus – living as a new creation right now, and anticipating the day when death will be undone completely, and we will live in joy with our God forever.

May God bless you and your family in this new year!  
Christ's peace and joy,

**Pastor Scott**



**THANK YOU!!**

At Zion we like to gather together and spend time with one another over food and drinks. Many simply come into the hall and all is ready for this special time. We may be holding a special function like the installation of our Pastor or it could be something smaller where food and refreshments are being offered. Planning is necessary to make these times successful. The tables and chairs must be set out and ready to receive the guest. Calls must be made to ask for donations of the food and drink. One the day of the event the coffee/tea/juice must be prepared. The food needs to be plated and brought to the table. Plates, utensils, napkins and more are set out. After the function is over there is the dreaded clean up. The dishwasher roars as many hands begin the clean-up process. Tables must be wiped, coffee/tea pots drained and washed. Leftover food needs to be packaged. Once all is completed the hall and kitchen are left sparkling clean for our next event.

Have you ever wondered who the workers are behind the scenes that make these gatherings a success. The following list includes the main volunteers. Make sure to thank them the next time you enjoy one of the many events that we hold here at Zion.

Jill Kellough      Ellen Vandersleen

Denise Schizkoskie      Debbie Sitkiewicz

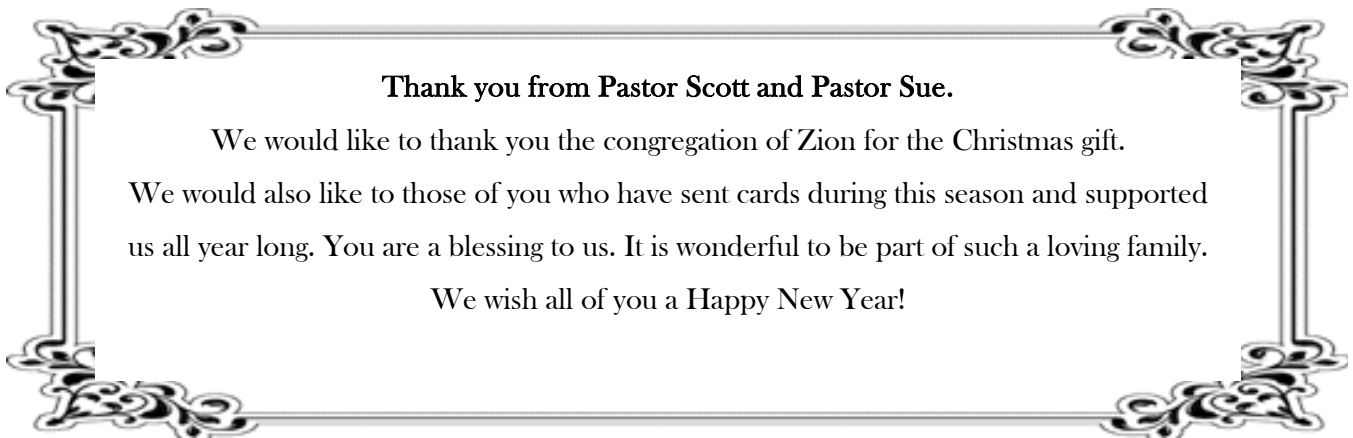
Patti Wegner      Wendy Schutt

Lori Scott

**Thank you from Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue.**

We would like to thank you the congregation of Zion for the Christmas gift. We would also like to those of you who have sent cards 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!



## From The Other Pastor

A new year is now ahead of us. This is another wonderful chance to start over or change direction. We are still in the Christmas season looking towards Epiphany. The three wise men - Magi - are on the path to discovering Jesus.

Our Christmas nativity scenes often include the magi who patiently followed a star, recognizing that it would lead them to something profound and life-changing. What we sometimes forget is that this journey took a **long time**. The magi didn't make it for the birth. But they did make it. They weren't always sure of the path they were to take, but they trusted that if they followed the star, the path would become clear.

That's the way it is for us as well. As we follow Jesus, the path may not always seem clear, but we have a star to follow – a map of sorts, given to us for our journey. That map is Scripture. The star wasn't the destination for the wise men, but it did guide them to where they needed to go. In the same way, Scripture isn't our destination, but it does map the path toward the purpose and future God has created for each one of us.

Scripture isn't the destination, however; and it may not always feel complete as we try to use it to move toward the destination God has created for us. In fact, we're told that there were many things that Jesus did and many God-events that people saw and experienced that aren't even written down. But we are also told that there is enough written down, the map is detailed enough, to be able to come to believe in Jesus Christ as God's means of salvation and restoration (John 20). As we come to believe, as our faith is strengthened, we become more able to move God closer and closer to the center of our lives, trusting that God's Word will provide the instructions we need to reach our destination.

Even in the best of circumstances, there will be times when the path God has laid before us seems unclear. We may be uncertain about where God is leading us. We may feel insecure about our future and God's purpose for us. Yet, even amid uncertainty we must remind ourselves that everything we need to know has been given to us in the context of God's Word.

Just as the magi trusted that the star would lead them to something life-changing, we trust that the clues that have guided us thus far will continue to lead us toward God's future. With that trust, we can step out in faith, confident that as we commit ourselves more and more to living out God's Word, a path will appear that will lead us in the right direction.

God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "I know the plans I have for you...They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." (29:11, NLT) As you pray and fast in this first month of 2023, I pray you will keep this passage in your mind, remembering that God uses God's Word to reveal God's path to you. And I pray as well, that you would be a light in the lives of others, enabling them to see God's path as well.

*Pastor Sue*

## **MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

Midweek worship service in January is **Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023-2024**

Years One and Two of Confirmation will run together this year. Next class is **Wednesday January 3rd at 6:15 pm.**

## **MORNING SOCIAL**

Join us on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in the Parish Hall for our Morning Social! 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!

*Karen Gauthier and Jill Kellough- Social Ministry Committee*

## **SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES**

Join us every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

## **ETERNITY FOR TODAY BOOKLETS**

2024 Eternity for Today booklets are available in the church office for pick up.



*Zion Lutheran Women*

*Please join us on*

**Wed. January 3, 2024**

*At 2:00 pm*

*Epiphany Service*

*Lead by Sandra Sell*



# PULSE

## Youth Group



Youth Group/Confirmation Class

Skating Party at Pastor Scott's

Wednesday January 12, 6:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend.

## Youth Group Winter Retreat

Camp Lutherlyn

Four Seasons Lodge

Date: February 9-11 2024

There will be a slight cost but mark it on your calendar!





## ***PULSE MINISTRY***

***PULSE MINISTRY*** consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service is called “Living Stones”.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church is a program that runs the **first Monday of every month 5:30pm – 7:30pm**. Our next Messy Church will be held on **Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm**. It includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun!



## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group happens on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday night of the month at 6:30 pm**. This year we will be doing some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Youth beginning at confirmation age and up are welcome. Please join us on **Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**, for a skating party at Pastor Scott's. The following Youth Group get together will be **Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**.



## **LIVING STONES WORSHIP SERVICE**

The Living Stones Worship service is a service that is interactive and led by members of the congregation who play guitar and sing. It happens in the gym on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10:00 am**. Our next service will be on **Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**.

Would you like to help out? We are looking for help with reading, projection, video support, musicians, and skits. Do any of these opportunities speak to your heart? This is a great way to serve and help give back to the church community.



## **SCARFUARY**

Thanks to all who were able to donate to the Mitten Tree this Holiday season. The mittens gathered will light up the lives of those who receive them and help to keep fingers and hands warm this winter season. Now we look forward to SCARFUARY! This is the time of year when the wind blows right down your neck and a nice warm scarf will help keep necks, ears and even sometimes heads protected from the freezing and blowing winds. Look for the Scarfuary basket beside the food bank boxes at the top of the steps outside the washrooms.

**Fembuary** (feminine products)

**March Madness** (protein products: peanut butter, beans, canned tuna, whey powder, protein bars, etc.)

**April-No-Fools** (underwear: briefs/shorts for men and women - no thongs pls!)

**Maaaaayyy-BEE** (hotel sized containers of shampoo, conditioner, soap/shower gel, body lotion, hand sanitizer and sun screen - all to smell sweeter!)

**June truth** (kid's snacks - granola bars, individual puddings, fruit cups, etc. - no candy pls!)

## **PRAYER AND MEDITATION GROUP**

New year, new you! Maybe you have made a resolution to take better care of yourself... Or perhaps you are interested in trying something new... Or you are looking for people to help pray for and center themselves around the spiritual part of their faith lives... Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the lounge. Our first gathering will be Wednesday will be January 10th.

## **BABY AND ME**

Do you have a family member or friend who has a babe or tot under the age of 4? Please invite them to join us for a time of play in the Church Nursery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. If you are comfortable, please pass along their contact information to Pastor Sue so that she can extend a personal invitation and make a connection for the group. Dates are Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

We will be gathering on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. In February we will return to meeting on the first Monday of the month.

## **RETREAT**

Please mark your calendars for March 1-3 for a retreat for adults - couples and singles (the youth retreat is a different weekend!) The theme of the retreat will be "JUST OPEN THE DOOR". During our time together we will investigate themes around hospitality. We will talk about opening the door to our church, our home and our hearts. We will also have worship opportunities, campfires, games, movies, quiet time and outdoor activities.

Start getting excited about this wonderful time away at Camp Lutherlyn. More information to follow.

**Worship and Music:**  
***'Further' Update on the Organ Restoration -***

In the December Guiding Light, an update was given by our Chair of Worship and Music, Gayle Seegmiller, on Phase II of the organ's restoration. Please refer to last month's newsletter for the 'numbers', in terms of the money currently in the organ fund, and cost of the project. Remember that Phase I of the organ's restoration was completed back in 2017, which involved a full maintenance of pretty much everything that you can 'see' as part of the organ when you look up to the balcony, along with repairs to the wind chests and main organ console. This second and FINAL part of the restoration will involve the releathering of all original internal parts that one cannot 'see', such as the wind chest actions (pouch boards, stop actions, primaries, offset actions) of all the divisions of the pipe organ. Zion's Casavant organ has 3 keyboards, also known as manuals, referred to as the Great, Swell, and Positiv, along with a 32-note pedal board which is played with the feet. This 'releathering' phase, or Part 2 of 2 of the organ's restoration, does not refer to the installation of new leather belts or leather straps, but rather involves the replacing of all, now old, small leather pieces under all pipes, as well as leather pieces and stripping used to hold together stop control switches, that over time can develop tears, rendering an entire 'stop' or sound dead, such as all notes producing the sound of an oboe, viola, or flute, just to name a few. Zion's organ has over 30 different stops, each with 61 keys that play 61 individual pipes. One dead note could affect one entire stop, which could have a ripple effect on affecting other mechanisms associated with one entire section or division of the organ, making things unplayable, and very costly\$ to fix.

Each pipe in the organ has a small leather pouch under it, which can vary in size between that of a quarter and a loonie! Each pouch controls the air to the one pipe. The releathering of pipe valve actions and pressure regulating bellows, like that of an accordion, are necessary in the long term. Generally, after 50 years these leather pouches and other leather parts can start to fail, and Zion's organ turned 50 years old in 2019. So far the organ has been holding together well, but Casavant's technicians have noticed over the last year some of the leather is starting to harden and become wrinkled. Zion's organ has over 2100 pipes, meaning that over 2100 of these small, thin leather pouches have to be replaced, and most times these leather pouches are punched and formed by hand, not by a machine! Presently Casavant, the builder of Zion's organ, has releathered most of their organs installed from 1963 to 1965, and are working their way up the years. Once restored Zion's organ will be given another 50 plus years of new life!

The rate of leather deterioration is dependent upon air pollutants and tanning procedures, or quality of the leather used by the organ builder. Over time combination actions and switching systems can become unreliable, due to 'leaks' from cracks in the leather, allowing air to escape and compromising the supposed 'enclosed' wind system. Climate changes, in and outside of the church, can also affect the different materials and metal used in pipe making, along with compromising the leather, high quality canvas, rubber cloth and wood, used to construct the wind chests or 'lungs' of the organ, and other internal components of the instrument.



**Leather Pouch**



**Pouch Boards**





**A 1960's stop control switch (not from Zion's organ) showing the tears that have developed, rendering the entire stop dead.**



**The same stop switch releathered and ready for installation.**

Work on this final phase of the organ's restoration would commence in the spring of 2024. Removal of all parts on site would start after Easter of next year, which is March 31; therefore, dismantling of the organ could happen as early as April 2, 2024. The organ will be out of commission and not playable for several months, post Easter and into Pentecost. The releathering process could take up to 3 months in the Builder's workshops. The re-installation of all removed parts would happen in August of next year, followed by an extensive tuning. Payments to the Builder, being Casavant Freres, are required upon: (1) signing of the contract or 'memo of agreement', which happened on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023; (2) dismantling of the organ and removal of all parts from the church; (3) when all parts have been repaired, worked on and are ready for shipment from the Builder's workshops back to Zion; and (4) after the re-installation and a full tuning are completed.

In the New Year an Organ Restoration Committee will be formed, and fund-raising initiatives will be planned, possibly including an organ recital, and hopefully a Spring Fling Festival of Music, much like the special Festival of Music concert held in November, that celebrated Zion's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please feel free to ask whatever questions you have, or if I can better explain any of the technical details and restoration work that will be performed. Anyone and everyone is always welcome to join me up at the organ. Have you ever sat upstairs or wondered what it's like to hear or feel the organs presence in the balcony? You might even see some funky socks at the organ bench. Thank you to the people of Zion for your continued support of the organ, and our Music Ministry.

**Written and submitted by Blaine Sack**



**Reassembling the finished Casavant Primary blocks with all new gaskets, valves, and pneumatic leather.**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

454 Miller Street

Pembroke, Ontario

Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

**Present:** Susan Dupuis, Michael Lange, Jamie MacKinnon, Denise Schizkoske, Kathy Nieman, Pastor Sue, Pastor Scott, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer).

**Excused:** Erica Deloughery, Karen Gauthier, Jill Kellough

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:05pm. The opening devotion was given by Michael Lange

1. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: Report from Anniversary Committee  
Motion to approve agenda: Denise Schizkoske. Seconded: Michael Lange.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of October were reviewed previously via email.  
Motion to approve minutes: Kathy Nieman. Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.
3. **Finance Report:** From the comparative income statement and comparative balance sheet, treasurer Gerry Vandersleen highlighted: A donation of \$15,000 had been received in 2022. If we remove this amount our regular offerings are down slightly; office supply expenses are up. At present, we have a deficit of \$29,185.92. We believe that this will balance out by year end. Our PAR offerings help to keep a consistent amount coming into the budget each month regardless of attendance. This is very helpful when bills are consistent each month.
4. **Pastors Report:** Council Report Nov/23

Council Report November /23

Statistics

Funerals – October 7 Margaret King 102

October 11 Leona Waito 93

November 10 Richard Hubert 87

In person visits 4 Hospital Visits 8 Phone Visits 5

Seniors Home Services – 2 – latest at Miramichi 22 people attended.

Midweek Services at Zion – missed 2 – one because of funeral other sick

Confirmation Day

October 29 at 10am service. 8 Confirmed. It was a wonderful service.

Pulse Ministries

Messy Church happened Nov 6.

Youth group in October we had a board games night with 10 present. We also went bowling with 15 present.

Table Talks

The table talks in October went very well. As a precursor to the vote on Nov 5 to host an emergency warming room, the discussions were caring and gave room for everyone to space to listen and have their voice heard.

## Clergy Retreat

Nov 5-8 will be attending All Saints Retreat for clergy at Camp Lutheran topic Self-Care.

Advent Book Study: Heaven and Earth: Advent to Incarnation by Will Willomon 4 week study. Books are \$20. Pastor Scott has them available.

Christmas Eve Services – 10am (Advent 4) 3pm and 7pm

Eastern Synod Assembly June 22-24 2024 - \$1077 per participant – Election of new Bishop

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pastor Scott

## Pastors Report November 2023

Pastoral visits- 1

Baby and me - 2

Mid week coffee hour - 1

Living Stones Worship - 1

Yard sale set up and take down - 5 days

Youth group night - 1

Clergy area meeting - 2

Fall music Festival - 1

Clergy retreat - 3 days

Ladies conference/retreat in Cambridge - 3 days

Set up for seniors exercise - 1x per week

- I have been spending time on the silent auction getting items prepared.

- Seeking permission to have a longer coffee hour after church on the 17th to invite people to play music and sing (similar to xmas coffee house last year)

- 157 pairs of socks were collected for Socktober! These were delivered to The Grind on Nov. 7

- Glovember basket is out for the month. Hoping to put up a mitten tree in the Foyer for December mittens.

- seeking permission from council to start a meditation group in the new year. This would be a group that gathers to learn about and experience different kinds of meditation and prayer. Tuesday evenings at 7pm in an unused area of the church (lounge? basement? sanctuary? lots to choose from)

## Looking Forward:

January - community movie night

February - community craft night

March - youth retreat + adult retreat (diff. times), March break movie night for kids/parents (cartoon)

April - coffee house

May - cooking class

\*\*Suggestion to make or purchase a chalk board or white board similar to the one attached so that those entering the church can be directed to which part of the building they are meeting in or to ask to remove footwear, or to kindly ask for quiet before worship or whatever info needs to be delivered. I have been

finding that notes on the door are going unread and with so many different groups using the building this could be helpful.

**5. Correspondence** None.

**6. Committee Reports**

- **Property**-Will be meeting Mon. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Worship and Music**- A request was made by the Worship and Music committee regarding the restoration of the organ. The present balance in the organ restoration account is \$60,283.09 which is 81% of the amount required which will be \$74,392.00 plus HST (approximately \$10,000). Can they go ahead and sign the contract for the work to be completed next summer. A committee will be formed to fundraise that balance of the amount required. With each delay the price has gone up. We agreed to have the contract signed to lock in the price.
- 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Everything is moving along well. The deadline for tickets is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Ongoing Business:**

The Warming center update. Even though the vote on November 5<sup>th</sup> was a positive majority the following motion was brought before council:

We recommend that we not proceed with the Warming Center here at Zion due to the closeness of the vote.

The motion was approved.

This will be announced on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. A letter will also be made available for congregation members to pick up and review.

New Council Members: It was decided that calls would be made in January 2024 to speak to members about sitting on council.

**8. New Business:**

The Grind Spaghetti Dinner: This will be held in the parish hall on Thur. November 23. I encourage you to come out to the dinner to support the Grind.

A request was received from the Pembroke Horticultural Society to borrow some plates, carafes etc. for their annual Christmas Tea. They have used these in the past. Request was approved.

The Scottish Dancers will be renting the hall on Sat. Dec 2 from 1:30 to 4:00 for their afternoon tea and dance.

A reminder that Pastor Scott will be leading a book study beginning Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out.

Council entered an in-camera discussion.

Council exited an in-camera discussion.

**Motion to adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.Moved: Michael Lange.Seconded: Jamie Mackinnon

*The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2023 at 7 pm. Meeting to be held at the Pastors home.*

# Social Ministry Meeting Minutes

**Monday November 20, 2023 @ 1:00pm**

Members Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Debbie Sitkiewicz, Denise Schizkoske, Diane Rull, Ellen Vandersleen, Jill Kellough.  
Regrets: Kathy Godin, Karen Gauthier

1. Ellen welcomed everyone and opened with prayer.
2. Jam Jars: Good Shepherding Fund:
  - a. Proceeds
    - i. From the Jam Jars: 670.05
    - ii. From Soup and Sandwich Luncheon: 446.35, November 19 following worship.
3. Bulletins with sermon and Guiding Light will resume in December: Delivery once per month. June will have ready for the Sunday the Guiding Light is ready, hopefully the last Sunday of the month. That way people will have the calendar for any upcoming events. She will leave them on the desk for pick up on Sunday. We will not have to make a special trip in and will save us some time.
4. Budget for 2024: 3000.00
  - a. The Grind: 350.00
  - b. St. Joseph Food Bank: 750.00
  - c. Robbie Dean: 400.00
  - d. Bernadette McCann House: 200.00
  - e. CLWR: 400.00
  - f. Christmas Hampers: 400.00 (if not needed roll into Good Shepherding Fund)
  - g. PACA (Pembroke and Area Clergy Association): 200.00
  - h. Miscellaneous: 300.00
5. Advent Meal: December 1
  - a. Menu: Ham, Scalloped potatoes, roasted vegetables, coleslaw, tea biscuits or buns, Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream.
  - b. Containers: We had enough containers except for the small ones for coleslaw. Debbie and Ellen picked some up the Thursday when they were grocery shopping for the meal on Friday.
  - c. Diane updated the list of members and number of members. We had 44 meals to prepare.
  - d. Report: We started in the kitchen at 8:00 am. Ellen and Karen made the pumpkin pies. The pumpkin was donated 1 litre of whipping cream was whipped up for the pies and that was the right amount. Debbie made the coleslaw using a small food processor which chopped the cabbage nice and fine. We used 2 of the 3 cabbages we bought. They were large and it made more than enough. Kathy and Jill chopped many vegetables for roasting. Pastor Sue, Susan Dupuis and Jean Rutz were also there to help us with the meal preparation. Many thanks to all our wonderful committee members plus Pastor Sue, Susan Dupuis, Jean Rutz and June Popke. Jean and June made their delicious buns and tea biscuits. We roasted beets, turnip, carrots, sweet potato, a few onions and a pepper. Denise made the rue for the scalloped potatoes. Delicious. We used 30 lbs. of potatoes. We roasted the potatoes in 2 roasters. It took 3 hours and potatoes we still al dente but we served them up and instructed everyone to tell our seniors if they wanted them softer, they could microwave them. PS. Denise cooked some extra potatoes at her home for an extra hour and they were still firm. Maybe it was because they were new potatoes.??? Suggestion: If we ever cook scalloped potatoes again- start them first. We boiled the hams on the stove top for a while to remove some of the salt. They were fully cooked spiral hams. We packaged up the meals around 2:30 pm and we were out delivering them following that. Happy Advent.
6. Social Mid-Week Coffee Break: Karen and Jill are hosting these coffee breaks. They are very much enjoyed by about 20 people. They have had requests to hold the coffee break 2 times per month.
7. Coldest Night of the Year will be February 24, 2024. Zion's Frozen Few Team will register in the new year. Zion will be the host church for registration this coming year.

8. Exercise Program for Seniors held on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays are going well. Over 30 people are registered with an average attendance of around 10 per zoom session. The seniors really like the instructor, Ardella. She gives them a good work out. Mondays focus on work with resistance bands, Wednesday on weights and Fridays on work with balls. Karen G, Susan D, and Pastor Sue do the set up. Ellen is working occasionally as a spare.
9. Next Meeting Date: January 17, 2024 @ 2:00 pm
10. We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Requestions were made out to:

- The Grind: 350.00
- St Joseph's Food Bank :750.00
- Robbie Dean: 400.00
- CLWR Ukraine Response: 350.00
- Bernadette McCann House: 200.00
- PACA: 200.00

If the Christmas hamper funds are not needed, we will transfer 400 from social ministry budget to good shepherding

## W & M Meeting Minutes - Thursday, December 7, 2023

### Celebrating God As We Serve Others

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

**Regrets:** Ellen Vandersleen, Sandra Graham, Michael Lange

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition of “Technology” and “Anniversary Service” under Miscellaneous

**Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes:** Approved online

#### Committee Reports:

##### Pastor Scott:

- Pastor Scott and Blaine had a planning meeting on December 7th.
- The Christmas Pageant will be on December 17th.
- Final preparation for the Christmas Eve services are underway.
- The Lord’s Prayer will be sung on the first and third Sundays of the month.
- Hymn sings will occur on the last Sunday of the month, with the exception of March.
- There will not be a Living Stones service in December. The next service is scheduled for January 21st, 2024.
- A blended service will take place on February 25th, 2024.
- Starting in January, midweek services will occur once a month. The trial dates for these services are January 17th, February 21st and March 20th. This will be re-evaluated at the April meeting. A list is currently being compiled so regular attendees can be notified of changes.
- We will continue to use Setting One until Lent.
- Setting 12 in “All Creation Sings” is a consideration for future services. Blaine will practice this with the choirs in the New Year.
- Pastor Scott will be away at the Bishop’s Conference from February 4th to the 7th.

##### Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Singing of the Psalms from the “Celebration Series” has been well received and will continue once in Epiphany and on the first Sunday of Lent, when the Psalm matches the lectionary.
- Maria Merredew will offer special music on December 31st. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!
- Both the Men’s and Mixed choirs will sing on Christmas Eve, after which they will break for Christmas and return for practices in January.
- The grand piano in the sanctuary will be tuned on December 15th.
- Blaine is hoping to use the grand piano on the stage more frequently in the New Year. The organ was tuned in early November.

- Council approved the signing of the “Memo of Agreement” for Phase 2 of the organ restoration. A cheque for the first instalment (\$11,300) has been issued. Blaine will put a synopsis of the work to be done in the January Guiding Light. An organ restoration committee will be formed in the New Year.

### **Altar Care:**

- As mentioned last month, volunteers are needed for Altar Care. Gayle will follow up with Sandra Graham to see if any volunteers came forward.

### **Christmas:**

- Gayle picked up the poinsettias and will check with Kevin about the shelving for them. Blaine, Cheryl and Gayle have generously agreed to look after watering the plants and will create a log sheet to track this.
- The Christmas trees have arrived. Gayle will check with Gerry to see when they will be put up. She will also check with Sandra about decorating and with Kevin about watering.
- Gayle will also check about the Nativity scene that is placed in front of the altar and the candles for the Christmas Eve services.
- June is working on the Christmas bulletins and entering Christmas donations as they are received. Gayle will confirm the cutoff date to have donations acknowledged in the bulletins with June.

### **Living Stones Worship Service:**

- The committee had a discussion about what is working well and what concerns have been brought forward about The Living Stones Worship Service.

### **Miscellaneous:**

### **Messy Church:**

- Messy church is going very well with approximately 21 children attending. Pastor Scott reports that approximately half of the participants are from outside the church. He has extended an invitation to participants to attend the Christmas program on December 17th and to attend regular worship services as well.

### **Technology:**

- The video equipment upgrades have been ordered. Diane is waiting to have the installation date confirmed.
- Wilmer Verch has donated his UPS which means one less expense for the upgrades. Thank you, Wilmer!

### **Anniversary Service:**

- The Anniversary Service went very well. The Bishop expressed his appreciation for all the hard work that went into organizing the event. Thank you to everyone for making the Anniversary Service a huge success!
- “Donated by” labels are being prepared for the “All Creation Sings” hymn books.

### **Correspondence:**

- Gayle received a note from Sandra Graham expressing her thanks to the committee for the donation of several “All Creation Sings” hymn books in memory of Lloyd.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.



# JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

## Worship Assistants

Jan 07- Elizabeth Graham  
Jan 14- Susan Dupuis  
Jan 21- Wayne Kirk  
Jan 28- Lorraine MacKenzie

## Sexton

Jan 07- David Lehman  
Jan 14- Diane Hammel  
Jan 21- Karen Gauthier  
Jan 28- Don Boldt

## Counters

Jan 07- Susan Dupuis, Kathy & Joel Nieman  
Jan 14- Susan Dupuis, Kathy & Joel Nieman  
Jan 21- Susan Dupuis, Kathy & Joel Nieman  
Jan 28- Susan Dupuis, Kathy & Joel Nieman

## Ushers

Jan 07- Allen Rose & Cheryl Sack  
Jan 14- Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz  
Jan 21- Amanda Campbell & Ryan Parcher  
Jan 28- Peter & Patti Wegner

## Altar Care

Jan 07-  
Jan 14-  
Jan 21-  
Jan 28-

## Projector Operators

Jan 07- Diane Hammel  
Jan 14- Noah Schmidt  
Jan 21- Zach Phannenhour  
Jan 28- Krista Grosskleg

## Video Recorders

Jan 07- Ellen Vandersleen  
Jan 14- Ryan Schmidt  
Jan 21- Ty Phannenhour  
Jan 28- Korbin Smith

## Sound Operators

Jan 07- Gerry Vandersleen  
Jan 14- Noah Schmidt  
Jan 21- Todd Phannenhour  
Jan 28- Brian Smith

## Coffee Hour

Jan 07-  
Jan 14-  
Jan 21-  
Jan 28-

# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Men's Choir 2pm ZLW 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>5</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>6</b> Epiphany
<b>7</b> 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous 7 pm Worship & Music	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 10 am Baby & Me 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7pm Mixed Choir	<b>10</b> 10 am Social Ministry 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Prayer & Meditation-Lounge 7:00 pm Council Mtg. 7:15 pm Men's Choir 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>12</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Pickle Ball 10 am Pastoral Care Group Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7pm Mixed Choir	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Midweek Service 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Youth Skating Party @ Pastor Scott's 7:15 pm Men's Choir 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>19</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10am Living Stones Worship Service	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 10 am Baby & Me 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7pm Mixed Choir	<b>24</b> 10 am Social Ministry 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7:15 pm Men's Choir 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets 7 pm Mixed Choir	<b>26</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Youth Group	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7pm Mixed Choir	<b>31</b> 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7:15 pm Men's Choir 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>