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JUNE 2023

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Celebrating 140 Years



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Mornings: 10:00 am & Sunday School
Living Stones Worship: Sunday May 21 10:00 am
Midweek Worship: May 3 & May 24 at 10:30 am

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

June Greetings!

Herb Brokering, a great Lutheran pastor, author, poet, and hymn writer talks about Jesus being our "Great Surprise."

Brokering writes: *Jesus surprises. He comes, when there's nothing going on, when it's too soon, when it's not time, when no one is looking, when someone can't wait any longer, when there's no one around. Surprise me, Jesus -- is a statement of belief -- that he already HAS and that he WILL surprise.*

The promise of Easter is that our Risen Lord gives us the power through his victory over death to have our Easter Eyes to see these holy surprises all around us. The Pentecost promise is that the Holy Spirit envelops us all and a new fire of faith will burn inside. We may not know it or feel it but it's there. Knowing God blesses us with love and the surprising gift of faith how might we help one another embrace these Great Surprises of our Lord?

Let's find out together as we go through the month of June with some wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service. Please note that our worship times remain at 10:00am during the summer months. June 11th there will be a contemporary service at 10:00am. This service will have some new music but we will also be using Setting Two from the ELW.

June the 18th we are gathering at the Marina for a worship service and potluck beginning at 11:00am. If you need a ride let us know.

In June beginning Monday June 5th at 1:00pm, Senior Exercise classes will begin. They are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Looking forward to being surprised by Jesus together – Pastor Scott

Send Me a Surprise Prayer by Herb Brokering
Lord, send me a surprise.

One that catches me off guard and makes me wonder. Like Easter. Send me a resurrection when everything looks dead and buried. Send me light when the night seems too long.

Send me spring when the cold and frozen season seems endless. Send me a new idea when my mind is empty.
Send me a thing to do when I am just waiting around.
Send me a new friend when I am alone.
Send me peace when I'm afraid.
Send me a future when it looks hopeless.
Send me your resurrection when I die, Jesus.
Amen.

Pastor Scott

THANK YOU!



So much work goes into preparing our sanctuary for each worship service, including Sunday worship as well as other special services such as confirmation, weddings, funerals and installation services.

With a dedicated group of people working behind the scenes we enter this space with everything prepared for us. The altar guild committee sets out everything required for Holy Communion and baptisms. Flowers are placed in appropriate places. All is ready. Their role continues after the service as they are required to wash all vessels and return them to the appropriate cupboard, washing the linens that have been used, returning the flowers to the refrigerator.

I am sure that I am missing some other details; however, we want to give a special thank you to the people who complete this important ministry.

Sandra Graham

Wendy Schutt

Koit & Diane Rull

Kathy Godin

Doug & Pauline Maliff

Wenda Gerundin

Don & Carol Boldt

Jean Rutz

Cheryl Sack

Tanya Reid

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of May 30, 2023

The weekly amount of \$6,004.42 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,394.23 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$1,236.54 comes from hall rent, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	88,672.50
Missions and Outreach	1,210.65
Other Donations	2,130.93
Solar Income	3,770.62
Other Earned Income	6,624.81
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to May 30	102,409.51
Benevolence Expense	6,750.00
Directed Gifts Expense	1,686.65
Committees Expense	1,458.46
Utilities Expense	15,547.42
Church Insurance	20,987.64
Property Maintenance	5,992.13
Other Operating Expense	20,523.99
Net Payroll	38,548.71
Benefits Expense	16,398.62
Expense Total to May 30	127,275.62
Net as of May 30, 2023	(-24,866.11)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND.

Our expenses are up for Gas 1,993, Insurance 1,365, Operating 2,610. With the hiring of Pastor Sue at 25% call our payroll and benefits only increased 1,468 as of now. Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, working together will be a great benefit to Zion. Please support them in their ministry.

Have you ever considered remembering the church in your last will and testament? It really is a good idea. The church has always been there for us during all the stages of our life. We can be intentional to ensure it continues for our children and grand children. To pass the torch to the next generation, resources will be helpful to reach out to our community and beyond to continue proclaiming God's amazing love. Not to mention the tax benefits of your legacy are desirable. If you haven't already, talk it over and please, consider a gift.

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

What A Joyous Celebration!

On Sunday May 28th we installed Pastor Sue as our second pastor here at Zion.

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon. The sanctuary was not too warm and beautiful music was offered by Blaine. Members from Zion as well as St. Timothy's and Lady Smith attended to witness the installation of Pastor Sue.

It was a wonderful service followed by fellowship and laughter as we shared a light lunch.

We thank Pastor Sue for her commitment to our congregation with her work at Messy Church and the Living Stones services and working on reconnecting with young families. She has been out helping in the kitchen, purging and re-organizing areas in the basement of the church and so much more.

We are very excited to work together with her in her official role as pastor. So, even though you have already been with us for 2 years we formally WELCOME you in your new position.



Schedule For Worship

Every Sunday in June we will be using Setting 3 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Sunday School



We have had a difficult time gathering children for Sunday School since our return from Covid. In an attempt to make the classes full for the teachers we will be offering Sunday School classes on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month only. The first week parents are encouraged to bring their children to Messy Church on Monday at 5:30pm. On the

third Sunday there will be Sunday school activities that can be done in the parish hall while worshipping.

Midweek Worship

Midweek Wednesday worship service will be on June 14th and June 28th at 10:30 am.

Marina Service

Our marina service will be Sunday, June 18th at 11:00 am followed by a pot luck lunch. There are picnic tables available but if you wish, you can bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the parish hall.

The marina amphitheatre has been booked for another service on Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 am, if the weather is favourable at that time of year. We will confirm that closer to September.

Confirmation Rite Reformation

Confirmation Rite Reformation will be the last Sunday in October. Class is not concluded until after camp.

Living Stones

The next Living Stones worship will take place on Sunday, June 11th. This is an intergenerational service and is led by our praise team. 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.



HOLD THE DATE!

Zion Lutheran Church is celebrating their 140th Anniversary! Sunday November 26th 2023 Bishop Michael Pryce attending. Further details to follow...



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 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! This is for all individuals young and old. The next event is Monday June 5th at 5:30 pm.



A Word from Pastor Sue

What a school year it has been! I say this because we have been busy, busy, with a variety of ministries that take a summer break - just like school. Messy Church, Living Stones service, Baby and Me, and youth group go on hiatus while the kids are out of school, so that we can give our amazing volunteers a break to rest and regroup. That way when school starts in the fall we are ready to continue the ministry to which we are called.

About those volunteers... they really are amazing! They each give of their time, their talents, and even their treasure. They do this all at the same time having family, church, work and social obligations! I want to express a HUGE thank you to all those who work so hard to make the wheels turn on this ministry adventure.

Not everyone who wants to can volunteer. Life throws curve balls all the time and sometimes there just isn't time at the end of the week to do all the things you need or want to get done. Some simply feel passionate about a different area of ministry and invest time there.

There is one thing that everyone can do: pray.

Pray for the volunteers, for the participants, for the pastors, for the community who has not yet experienced God's love and the wonderful hospitality of Zion Lutheran. Pray for those who are thinking of joining/helping/volunteering to take the leap of faith needed. Pray for the ministries of our congregation, for the strength and the spirit to move in the direction that God is calling us. Pray for those struggling with the many changes in our world, the Church and our congregation. Prayer lifts our hearts and talking to God is never a bad thing or the wrong answer!

So even as we prepare to take a break for the summer remember that church doesn't take a break, faith doesn't take a break, God doesn't take a break. Church and community continues for those looking for hope. Let's continue to be a beacon of light in a dark world that has many distractions and temptations. ***"The light shines in the darkness, and darkness has not overcome it" John 1:5***

Pastor Sue



Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday, June from 10:00-11:30am 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!

Karen Gauthier and Jill Kellough
Social Ministry Committee

Pastoral Care Corner Grief



The following is adapted from: Dr. Bill Webster, October 26, 2020. *Grief Process, 10 Facts About Grief and Grieving*. The Centre for the Grief Journey, <https://griefjourney.com/article-library/10-facts-about-grief-and-grieving/>

The loss of loved ones is something we all experience at some point in our lives. The emotion of grief and the pain we feel when we lose someone or something that has given meaning and purpose to our lives is totally normal and is a healthy, human response to loss.

Everyone grieves differently and no two people will experience loss the same way. Grief is painful but it is an emotional, physical, and spiritual necessity...the only way out of grief is through it.

Grief is hard work and often takes longer than most people expect. It does not follow a straight line and then fade away and disappear. Grief can be unpredictable, and it has no timeline.

Society has many unrealistic expectations around grief and mourning; many do not understand what is normal in grief and believe grief should be dealt with quickly. This is not the case.

Grieving people need someone to talk to...family, a trusted friend, a counsellor, or a support group can help. Someone who has been through a similar experience can offer invaluable support and understanding as well.

Locally, the Robbie Dean Counselling Centre offers an 8-week Grief and Loss Support Group, multiple times throughout the year. This group is offered both in person and virtually to those 17 years of age and older. For more information, call 613-629-4243, or email info@rdfcc.ca.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30



Dear friends,

Thank you for your partnership.

It's my privilege to write you a few times a year and share updates and stories from our work around the world—because they are stories that you have helped write. As we've witnessed a horrible earthquake, continued food insecurity and conflict around the world, your partnership has meant real help and real hope. You've helped change stories like Euphemie's—forever.

We treasure your generosity and the chance to tell you more about how your gift has been making a difference. And we especially love the chance to give you resources to report back to your congregation about how their gifts have been used! Please get in touch if there's info we can send you, and may God bless you richly.

Deepest blessings,

Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director

We're always ready to tell you more about how your gift is making a difference!

Contact our office any time at 1-800-661-2597

WE'VE MOVED!

OUR NEW ADDRESS:
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MB R3C 3J1

OUR PHONE NUMBERS ARE STILL THE SAME:

204-694-5602
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Syria & Türkiye | Rebuilding after the earthquakes

When massive earthquakes hit Syria and Türkiye in February, millions were affected. Many in the region have already lost so much due to the war in Syria, and the regions hit hardest by the earthquake host millions displaced by the conflict.

Thanks to your quick response, our local partners were able to respond immediately, delivering emergency supplies including medical care, food, mattresses, blankets, heaters, and hygiene kits. They also provided life-saving shelter to those who were displaced from their homes.

Now, your support means ongoing help for families who do not have a home to return to.

With your support, we're working

to rehabilitate homes and other vital infrastructure. You're also providing psychosocial support such as trauma care, and employment support.

Engineering teams are assessing buildings to determine which can be repaired, and education teams are making sure children affected by the earthquake do not miss out on their studies.

Your compassion is saving lives - thank you!

Cover Image: Team members from our local partners in Aleppo, Syria - The Middle East Council of Churches' (MECC) - distributing emergency supplies to families affected by the earthquakes. (Photo: MECC)



Ningabire Euphemie, who lives in the Cankuzo province of Burundi with her husband and five children, is a leader in her community. (Photo: CLWR/Arnaud Mugisha)

Burundi | Ensuring long-term food security

In Burundi, conflict and a changing climate have left thousands of families facing hunger —and single mothers like Euphemie are facing the worst of it.

Thanks to your support, our local partners are providing both immediate food assistance and longer-term livelihood support to vulnerable families like hers. Families are being provided livelihood training, equipment, supplies, livestock, and seeds to grow their own food, improving the family's nutrition and developing new income sources.

For Euphemie, the emergency food rations meant being able to feed her children while she continued working on other people's lands. Then, through our partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, she was able to build a home and start her own farm. Euphemie borrowed funds to invest in avocado farming, and received training on modern farming plus the tools to increase what she can produce.

She has plans for more, and says that with your support, "I can continue on my journey of becoming a great farmer."

Your generosity is making a sustainable future possible!

Nicaragua | Supporting children's education

When families don't have enough to eat, it means children going to school hungry, unable to focus and struggling to learn, or even missing school completely. In Nicaragua, your gifts are keeping kids in school, learning, and growing with full bellies!

Across 23 communities in Nicaragua, children are receiving financial help to stay in school, extra learning supports and hot meals at school.

Our local partners are working with schools throughout the country. Children from the most vulnerable families are being provided scholarships to support their education. The scholarships help provide for school uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. It also covers stipends for tutors and classroom supplies, and children in need of support are receiving tutoring and homework support.

A daily meal program also means a good meal for kids who might be hungry otherwise.

The feeding program is currently being expanded, with new kitchens being built in several congregations.

Your support is changing the future for these children. Thank you!

Students of Iglesia Luterana Cristo, Verdad Y Vida receiving their daily meals. (Photo: CLWR/ David Friesen)



Refugee Resettlement | A rural-urban partnership

“When you open yourself to something new, God will grab it by the tail,” says Pamela McNeil, pastor of the South Grey Bruce Parish in Ontario. The three congregations under her leadership have formed a refugee sponsorship partnership with Resurrection Lutheran Church in Halifax, N.S.

“We know resources are limited in rural communities, so bringing a refugee family here, well, it could be difficult for them to adjust,” says McNeil. “That’s the beauty of the arrangement with Halifax. The family will come to Halifax, and we will provide the funding.”

The three Ontario churches have committed to raising \$27,000–\$30,000 over three years and the Halifax church will welcome the family and help them get settled when they arrive. So far, the South Grey Bruce parish has raised close to \$20,000.

“It’s all come from donations from the congregations,” she says. “We haven’t had any fundraisers with the public yet because of COVID-19.”

The idea for the partnership came from McNeil’s seminary placement at the Halifax church. Resurrection Lutheran Church already had a dedicated ministry to refugees in place when she arrived. They had welcomed families from Ethiopia and Eritrea. Those families met other newcomers and invited them to come to church to practice their English.

“They just started coming,” recalls McNeil. “We had people from all over the world coming. And I witnessed the richness that came to the congregation through them.”

Arriving at her new parish, McNeil learned the congregations had been exploring what it means to be one in the body of Christ. Over the years they had each seen attendance wane as families moved to larger centres for work and education opportunities—a familiar story in rural life. They had their own worship spaces that they were attached to, but knew they needed to collaborate to keep going.

“To be one doesn’t necessarily mean you have to sell your building and meet in one space,” says McNeil. “So, I presented the idea for a refugee sponsorship partnership, and they were on board.”

It was a relatively easy ‘yes’ for the members of the three congregations — many of whom had refugee stories in their own families.

“You’ll find that in many Lutheran churches,” says McNeil. “My mom came to Canada in the 1950s as a refugee from Ukraine. It was the Lutheran church that organized that. Like the congregation in Halifax, and the congregations here, my heart is for refugees because of my mom’s experience.”

Asked what she would say to other congregations who are considering refugee sponsorship, McNeil says go for it.

“Even if you are in an area that is not ideal for a new family to come, find partners. There are congregations in bigger centres. You’ll have a friendship with a new congregation and with the refugee family arriving. When you open to living like Christ, God will surprise in ways you can’t imagine.”



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Congregational Health What Does It Mean For The Church To Be Healthy?

This is the season of Annual General Meetings (AGM) in our congregations and ministries. Your congregation may have already had your AGM, or it might be right around the corner. Either way, there are some things that are typical in an AGM. Several congregations will have had some unease about finances and budgets this year. Some will have had to make some hard decisions about the future. Some may have chosen to ignore the realities. Some congregations may be just fine, but dwell on the "what if" scenarios-predicting large deficits and yet returning a surplus. Finances are important. They are the way that we fund the activities through which we live out our baptismal calls in our pocket of Canada. We need to be able to pay for our worship space, a person to provide spiritual guidance, and the always-important coffee for meetings and gatherings. But is a balanced budget the mark of congregational health? Another topic of conversation at AGMs is bound to be about the age and number of people attending. We always want more people; especially more young people. We lament our ability to carry on the tasks that we have always done in the past. We want new people to lead (as long as they only make the same decisions we would). But are growth and youth the marks of congregational health? I would argue that these are the only marks of congregational health that matter: Are we following Jesus? Are we being the church as well as we can in this time and place? There is so much we can't control about demographics, finances, attendance patterns, community needs, etc. What we can actually pay attention to is who we are and why we gather as the church. My guess is that very, very few congregational AGMs would have spent more time discussing purpose and ministry priorities than they spent discussing the budget.

Usually, we talk about what we don't have, and then tell the pastor to do the work of changing it. That's not a discussion. And that's not really investing ourselves in the conversation.

A sign of health is a congregation that really wants to talk about what matters. Healthy congregations spend time discussing what's most important.

I was once in a meeting that spent 25 minutes talking about the cost of Internet service, and five minutes on youth ministry. It was clear to me that (although they would disagree) youth ministry was not actually their priority. Balancing the budget at the expense of ministry was. People of MNO and the ELCIC, I want us to be healthy. We are in the middle of a delicate, frightening, hopeful, exciting opportunity as the church. The decisions we make in the next couple of years will be essential for the future health of our church.

I am convinced that focusing on things like budgets, ages and attendance numbers will not make us healthy.

Following Jesus will.

Doing the best we can with what (and who) we have will. Focusing on why we are the church and what we should do to better live out our purpose will. I don't mean to be flippant about the very real stresses that come when you can't pay your bills. We do need to be responsible and not willfully drive our congregations into the ground. I certainly don't want to be dismissive of the very real grief that comes when your home congregation isn't the same as you remember it from decades ago. It is difficult when a place that has formed us changes significantly. But please spend the majority of your time talking about who you are and why you are the church together, not how you can balance a budget. Only that will lead to true health.



Bishop Jason Zinko

Send photos and information about congregational and synod activities to Rev. David Lowe, MNO Synod section editor, mnoeditor@elcic.ca. For more MNO news, visit <https://www.mnosy11od.org>.

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm

For a

Picnic at Pansy Patch Park

ZLW – Faith & Life Programs 2023

- June 7:** Picnic at Pansy Patch Park - Program Group
September 6: Least Coin – Bunco and Pot Luck – Ellen and Pam
October 4: CLWR – Faith – Sandra Graham
November 1: Wear a Poppy – Remembrance Day – Susan Dupuis
December 6: Food Bank – Crafts & Music (bring a favorite treat) – Ellen

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!

Exercise Classes are back!



Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday

1:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Be Sure to Bring a Friend!



**FILL OUR VIRTUAL
BOTTLE...
CHANGE A LIFE**
2023 VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE
FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
**Sunday, May 14th to
Sunday, June 18th**

This marks the sixteenth anniversary of First Step Option's Baby Bottle Campaign. As a registered Christian charitable organization, without government funding, we are totally dependent on the funds we raise through fundraisers such as the "**Virtual Baby Bottle**" campaign. We are extending an offer of participation to your church or parish. This is an opportunity to compassionately support women, men, and families in our community surrounding pregnancy-related and parenting circumstances.

We are excited to once again run this campaign from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Supporters have the opportunity to donate in a variety of ways listed in this letter.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000.00.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the work of the Center through this easy and fun initiative and encourage your church or circle of influence to promote and participate in this important fundraising event.

We will be in contact by phone in the coming weeks to confirm your willingness to participate. We will supply you with promotional materials such as a poster and envelopes (for those who would prefer them) to help support you as you facilitate this event.

Please note that all donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt at year's end.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

454 Miller Street

Pembroke, Ontario

Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023

Present: Susan Dupuis, Karen Gauthier, Jill Kellough, Michael Lange, Pastor Sue Nevile, Kathy Nieman, Pastor Sue Nevile, Pastor Scott Schellenberger, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer)

Excused: Erica Deloughery, Jamie MacKinnon, Denise Schizkoske

- 1. Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:05pm. The opening devotion was given by Susan Dupuis.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions-Council motion, vacation.
Motion to approve agenda: Kathy Nieman. Seconded: Jill Kellough.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of March were reviewed previously via email. Motion to approve minutes: Michael Lange. Seconded: Karen Gauthier.
- 4. Finance Report:** Treasurer Gerry Vandersleen reported regular offerings are up compared to the same period last year. Total revenue is also up. Committee and utility expenses are all in line with the budget at present. Church insurance has increased by approximately \$2 269.00 compared to the previous year. Total expenses are also up.
- 5. Pastors Report:** Pastor Scott reported the Lenten soup and sandwiches were a hit and Easter Sunday attendance was good. Pastor Scott also notices more young families coming to church regularly. Looking forward, Pastor Scott is going to make an effort to protect his days off and notes he would like to get back to visiting again. Pastor Sue reports she would like to connect with the parents of the recently baptized but hasn't been able to as of yet due to an issue with getting contact information from the software. Pastor Sue is focusing her energy on the Messy Church and Living Stones ministries, and the addition of more contemporary music and liturgy on different Sundays (looking at doing this again on April 23).
- 6. Correspondence:** A thank you card was received from the Majka's for their beautiful wedding ceremony held in December.

7. Committee Reports

- **Property-** Gerry reports an estimate has been received in the amount of \$1192.00 for installation of a 20amp service in the mezzanine. The renter from the Munro Street property has moved out, but there are no keys to the deadbolt on the door. As such a locksmith will come and remove and install new locks and deadbolts. The Miller Street property sale closes this week. The property was sold for \$160 000.00. Large repair costs would have been needed to bring the property up to rental standards.
- **Worship and Music-**Michael reports September 10 is tentatively booked for the second waterfront service/Rally Sunday. A contemporary service will be held every 6-7 weeks in the sanctuary. Pastor Scott reports on Pulse Ministries: the youth have a lock in at the end of April. Messy church has been improving, with attendance of 40-50 participants on average (12-15 children). Lately, more people are staying for the worship in the sanctuary after the meal.

8. Ongoing Business

- Confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements-to be signed at the end of the meeting.
- Emergency planning and defibrillator moving-Pastor Sue is looking at organizing a CPR/defibrillator training session.
- Website-Go Daddy renewal is due April 1. The bill has been paid for another year. Pastor Scott reports he might have someone interested in working on revamping the website. More information to follow.
- Internet and power outage-no issues were identified the last time the power went out.

9. New Business

- Installation service for Pastor Sue- May 28 is tentatively set as the date for the afternoon installation service for Pastor Sue.
- Council motion- Gerry and Susan go to the lawyers on May 1. A trust indenture document is required in order to sell the Miller Street property. A motion has been drafted which will identify who has authority to sign on the sale of the house. The motion reads: "We so move that the following positions will act as approved trustees for signing documents on behalf of the whole council- Church Council Chair-Church Council Vice Chair and Church Treasurer.
Moved: Kathy Nieman. Seconded: Michael Lange. All in favor.
- Vacation-Susan encouraged the Pastors to take time off to prevent burn out and protect their health.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Moved: Michael Lange.

Seconded: Pastor Scott Schellenberger.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023 at 7pm. Devotions will be given by Jamie MacKinnon.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Pastor Sue, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Ellen Vandersleen, Lorraine MacKenzie, Diane Hammel, Sandra Graham, Cheryl Sack and Joan Lehman

Regrets: Michael Lange

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

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Approved online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Setting 3 will be used until Pentecost.
- The next Living Stones service will be on May 21st. Having a variety of musicians has been well received.
- The Living Stones worship will not occur during the summer.
- Pastor Scott shared that the Bishop's Summer Series is available for use during his holidays. Members of the committee shared that in the past, the sound quality of the videos were problematic. It was recommended that the videos be previewed before a decision to use them is made. Otherwise, reaching out to another Pastor to do the services may be an option.
- Pastor Scott noted that there are not many Pastors available to do supply work.
- Midweek services will occur on May 3rd and the 4th week in May. Services in June will occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- There will be no midweek services during July and August.
- Pastor Scott will be away from May 14th - 19th. Susan Dupuis will be presiding in his absences. There will not be communion on May 14th.
- Confirmation will be on Reformation Sunday. This will allow confirmands time to complete their course work in July.
- When the 2 services occurred together, it was noted that overall attendance was higher than normal. At this time, no negative feedback was received.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Choirs will resume practice in May and end sometime in June.
- Choirs will be working on a joint anthem.
- The singing of the Psalm has been well received.
- The order for the Psalm resource has been placed and Blaine is looking forward to using it when it arrives.
- Blaine is hopeful that a local person will be available to tune the grand piano soon.

Contemporary Services:

- The next date for the contemporary service is June 11th.

Correspondence:

- People would like to have more contemporary music.
 - This has been addressed with the band.
 - In addition, there have been multiple attempts to add a variety of music to church services.

W & M Meeting Minutes (continued)

- Feedback about the hymn sings before the service has been positive.
 - Hymn sings will continue every 2 weeks.
 - Blaine noted that the congregation is requesting a good variety of hymns.

Technology:

- Diane reached out to Mike Montaigne regarding the sound system. A disconnected wire was reconnected but ongoing issues between the sound and camera/projection systems still exist. Before taking any action, Diane will assess the sound in the kitchen during a funeral service (not recorded) and then get back to Mike with her findings. Next steps will be determined once all the relevant information has been reviewed. Thank you Diane for your continued efforts.
- Electrical upgrades have been completed.
- Pastor Scott has submitted the grant application and is waiting for a response.

Waterfront Services:

- The waterfront service is scheduled for Sunday, June 18th at 11:00 am.
- Pastor Scott suggested inviting St. Timothy's to join us. He will contact Pastor Bruce about doing a joint service. He will also give him a heads up about a possible future waterfront service in September.
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- Gayle will contact June about creating posters.
- The committee decided it would be nice to have a potluck luncheon that day as well. Gayle will share additional information in the upcoming Guiding Light.
- Pastor Sue will contact Kim Wolfram Schmidt to discuss ideas for the Sunday School children on that day.

Miscellaneous:

- Pastor Sue will be installed on May 28th. The service will be held at 3:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday, June6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Emergency Shelter Task Force
Pembroke, Ontario**

June 2023

The following report of the Emergency Shelter Task Force is provided as an update for the members of the congregation. If anyone has any questions, they are welcome to speak to any members of the task force.

Background

During the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 26, 2023, Steve Boland made an appeal to the members of the congregation and Church Council to consider utilizing the facilities at Zion to provide a temporary emergency shelter in response to emergency situations which may develop in our community. The shelter could be used to assist in extreme cold weather situations by providing a warming centre as well as in response to a variety of emergencies (ie: natural disasters, fires, etc.) which may occur in the area. The proposal is to ultimately work with other churches, faith groups, agencies and organizations in the Pembroke area to provide a coordinated response. The proposal is based on Jesus' teachings as stated in Matthew 25: 40 NRSV where we are reminded that "Truly as I tell you as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.". During the meeting Steve Boland was asked to head a task force to move this project forward.

Since the Annual Meeting, several members of the congregation have come forward to assist with the work of the task force. They are Steve Boland, Al Kellough, Krista Grosskleg, Justine Mutlow and Pastor Scott Schellenberger.

The task force has met on a bi-weekly basis over the past few months to discuss the needs in the community, how we are able to respond to those needs, develop a Mission Statement, identify community partnerships which may be needed, and to determine the future directions of the task force.

To date we have developed the following:

Mission Statement

That the Mission of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Temporary Emergency Shelter Task Force is to provide temporary short duration shelter for displaced and unfortunate persons as an immediate response to an emergency situation which may occur. All of which is done in accordance with Jesus' teachings, in particular as stated, in Matthew 25: 40 "Truly I tell you as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me", NRSV.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Temporary Emergency Shelter Task Force are to:

- Provide a safe place where people can obtain temporary shelter in the event of an emergency.
- To act in a manner which reflects the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Christian beliefs, and God's grace that we as members of Zion Lutheran Church are reminded of through the teachings of Martin Luther.
- Be compassionate and supportive in a non-judgemental way of those persons requiring temporary shelter by providing positive encouragement, guidance and education.
- To provide the necessary essentials of life to those persons needing temporary emergency shelter. These essentials to include: Food, Water and other beverages, Beds/Cots, Washroom facilities, Temporary power, etc.

Community Partners

The following is a listing of the partnerships that will require development:

- The people of the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church
- Other Churches and Faith groups in the Pembroke area.
- The Grind
- Emergency services agencies (Police, Fire, Paramedics)
- Local Business community members, especially food and clothing businesses
- St. Joseph's Food Bank and other food banks in the Pembroke/Petawawa area.
- St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen
- Social Service agencies (United Way, Carefor, Bernadette McCann House, Renfrew County Social Services Department, CPAN, etc.)
- The City of Pembroke and local municipalities
- Health service agencies and providers
- Banks and Financial Institutions
- Service Clubs (ie: Lions, Civitan, Rotary, Legion, etc.)
- CFB Petawawa and the local Military Reserve Units
- Delta Gaming

As time goes on, and the development of the temporary emergency shelter continues, the listing of the possible partners will likely change.

Future Directions

The task force has identified the following items as being key to moving forward with the development of the temporary emergency shelter:

- Approval of Church Council to proceed with the development of the temporary emergency shelter plan. On May 9, 2023 members of the task force met with Church Council and approval was granted to move forward with the development of the Emergency Shelter Plan.
- Engagement with the members of Zion through articles in the monthly church newsletter, The Guiding Light, commencing in June 2023, to inform the membership of the progress to date and to encourage participation once the plan for the shelter is in place.
- Engagement with the key community partners who may be involved in the development and operation of the shelter.
- Identification of the logistical matters that will need to be addressed in the establishment of the shelter. A partial list of the logistical items includes:
 - Food
 - Cots/Bedding/Sleeping Bags
 - Security/Chaperones while the Shelter is open/active
 - Emergency Power/lights in the event of a wide spread power outage
 - Clothing
 - A map of areas that are to be closed to those persons in the shelter
 - Insurance requirements
 - Contact persons
 - Occupancy limitations
 - Community support services available
 - Development of a booklet that outlines when the shelter is to be activated and how it is to be setup/organized depending on the nature of the emergency and the response required.

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As the development of the Emergency Shelter Plan moves forward, additional information will be communicated to the people of Zion through the Guiding Light newsletter. In addition, some members of the congregation will be asked to take on leadership roles for certain components of the shelter when it is activated.

All members of the task force appreciate the support of Council and the congregation and look forward to working together in the development of the shelter plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Boland
Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Al Kellough
Krista Grosskleg
Justine Mutlow

NOTES AND NEWS

Worship & Music

Thank you to all who submitted comments and suggestions in the Worship and Music suggestion boxes. We appreciate the feedback and are doing our best to honor your suggestions.

Our marina service will be Sunday June 18th at 11:00 am followed by a potluck lunch. There are picnic tables available, but if you wish, you can bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the parish hall.

The marina amphitheater has been booked for another service on Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 am, if the weather is favorable at that time of year. We will confirm this closer to September.

Hymn Sings

Hymn sings prior to our weekly Sunday service will continue to be on the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

ZLW Meeting

The next Faith and Life program will be a Picnic At Pansy Park scheduled for Wednesday June 7th

Confirmation Class Information

Next classes are: 6:15 - 7:30pm and 6:15 – 7:30pm

Exercise Class

Attention Seniors! Exercise classes are back at Zion! All costs and instructors will be provided by Home and Community Care (Formerly the LHIN). Our next exercise classes are Monday June 5th, Wednesday June 7th and Friday June 9th at 1:00 pm. Be sure to bring a friend! For more information, please call Susan Dupuis 343-369-2057 or Karen Gauthier 613-735-2360

Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday June 14th at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship. Pull up a chair, grab a coffee (or tea) and a snack, enjoy the company and bring a friend.

Marina Services at the Marina

Our marina service will be Sunday June 18th at 11:00 am followed by a potluck lunch. There are picnic tables available, but if you wish, you can bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Parish Hall.

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Sunday School

Sunday school will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The next Sunday School classes are June 11th and June 25th.

Messy Church

Join us for a meal, a creative activity, a game and a short worship time. This is an inter-generational event with activities geared to children and the people who love them. Our next Messy Church is Monday June 5th at 5:30 pm.

Living Stones Worship

The next Living Stones Service will be held in September.

Confirmation Camp

July 9 -14 Confirmation Camp Cost \$150. Info and registration forms to follow. Permission forms will be required.

Camp Lutherlyn

Don't forget to register for Camp Lutherlyn Children's Camp, Leader in Training Program and Family Camp. Information is available at www.lutherlyncamp.ca, or contact the office for more information.

Camp Lutherlyn - Craft Supplies

Last year we put out a request for craft supplies and we were overwhelmed with the response. Most of what we asked for was simple recycling items. We now have enough for the next couple of years! We are now looking for the following craft supplies: 6 packages of washable crayola markers, 8 adult size scissors, smaller bottles of acrylic paints (various colors), packages of modeling clay, glue sticks, etc...

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Healing Vets	2 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	3
4 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Baptism of Aria Jane Wright	5 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 Messy Church 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 10:30Worship at Miramichi Lodge 7 pm Worship & Music	7 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 2 pm ZLW - Picnic at Pansy Patch Park	8 7pm Healing Vets	9 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	10
11 10 am Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion & Sunday School	12 10 am Pastoral Care 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 7 pm Council	14 10 am Morning Social 10:30 Midweek Worship 12:30 Staff Mtg 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	15 7pm Healing Vets	16 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	17
18 11 am Waterfront Marina Worship Service with Holy Communion	19 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	20	21 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	22 7pm Healing Vets	23 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	24
25 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion & Sunday School	26 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	27	28 10:30 Midweek Worship 12:30 Staff Mtg 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	29 7pm Healing Vets	30 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

June 4- Ellen Vandersleen
June 11- Lorraine MacKenzie
June 18- Susan Dupuis
June 25- Lorraine MacKenzie

Sexton

June 4- Don Boldt
June 11- David Lehman
June 18- Karen Gauthier
June 25- Koit Rull

Counters

June 4- Gayle and Larry Seegmiller

June 11- Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier,
David Lehman
June 18- Kathy Godin, Karen Gauthier,
David Lehman
June 25- Wayne & Linda Reiche and Gerry
Vandersleen

Ushers

June 4- Amanda Campbell & Ryan Parcher
June 11- Peter & Patti Wegner
June 18- Doug & Pauline Maliff
June 25- Kevin & Jean Rutz

Altar Care

June 4- Sandra Graham
June 11- Pauline and Doug Maliff
June 18- Wendy Gerundin
June 25- Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

June 4- Gerry Vandersleen
June 11- Diane Hammel
June 18- Zach Phannenhour
June 25- Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

June 4- Daniel Reid
June 11- Ellen Vandersleen
June 18- Ty Phannenhour
June 25- *tba*

Sound Operators

June 4- Noah Schmidt
June 11- Gerry Vandersleen
June 18- Todd Phannenhour
June 25- *tba*

Coffee Hour

June 4- Jill and Al Kellough
June 11- Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
June 18- Doug and Pauline Maliff
June 25- Patti and Peter Wegner