

The Guiding Light

Celebrating God As We Serve Others June 2022

The Monthly Newsletter of
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Zion Lutheran Church is located on the traditional unceded, unsundered territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin People. The Algonquin People have inhabited and cared for these lands long before today. We take this time to show our gratitude and respect to them, and to the land for all that it provides us. We embrace the responsibility to help ensure that the next generations of land stewards are respectful and grateful for the bounty of this land on which we all live, work, play, and worship.



From the Pastor's Desk

The month of June is a very important month in Canada.

June is National Indigenous History Month.

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is the 26th year it has been celebrated and it is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis](#) peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.

Although these groups share many similarities, they each have their own distinct heritage, language, cultural practices and spiritual beliefs.

In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21st, the summer solstice, for National Aboriginal Day, now known as National Indigenous Peoples Day. For generations, many [Indigenous peoples and](#)

[communities](#) have celebrated their culture and heritage on or near this day due to the significance of the summer solstice as the longest day of the year.

How we will honour National Indigenous History Month

1. A land acknowledgement will be printed in our bulletin weekly and our monthly newsletter. It is important to recognize whose land we gather on. During the month of June the land acknowledgement will be spoken at the beginning of the service.
2. On Sunday June 26th we will acknowledge National Indigenous Peoples Day by crafting a worship service with elements honouring the rich history of the people.
3. We will participate in the Eastern Synod book study. We will read *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good. It is the story of five former residential school survivors. More information about this can be found in the pages that follow. Local Lutheran Churches from the Ottawa Valley area have been invited to participate.

Why now?

Why not? Indigenous people have lived on Turtle Island (their name for the land) for centuries before the Europeans ever arrived. It is important to recognize the injustices they have faced in treaty negotiations and residential school abuses, and the fact there are hundreds of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW).

On the third weekend in August you may consider attending the annual Pow-Wow at the Pikwakaganan Reserve on Golden Lake.

From the winds of the East, West, North and South, may the Creator be with you always.

Pastor Scott





Minutes

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Council Meeting April 12, 2022

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

Excused: Erica Deloughery, Diana Wegner

1. **Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm (via Zoom) by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Karen Gauthier.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: meeting format (under new business)
Motion to approve agenda: Patti Wegner. Seconded: Jill Kellough.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of March were reviewed.
Motion to approve minutes: Denise Schizkoske. Seconded: Kathy Nieman.
4. **Finance Report:** Gerry gave the finance report. The finance report reflects lower income and higher expenses compared to the same period last year but some income and expenses haven't been inputted as of yet (Gerry has been away and Easter was earlier in April last year).

5. **Pastors Report.** Council Report March 2022

Statistics

Funerals – March 7 – H. Schruder, April 2 – Vince Rabishaw, April 12 – Murray Schutt

Upcoming funerals - May 4 – Gloria Scase, May 7 – Dorian Verch, May 14 – Del Resmer funeral, May 28 – Layden funeral

Baptisms – Nolan Sheppard and Bruce Sheppard

Upcoming baptism – May 8 Caroline Czyzyro

Youth Group (Ages 12-16)

April 22 meeting again, May 13-15 Youth Lock-In at the Church.

Worship

Thank you to Ellen Vandersleen and Wayne Kirk for leading service March 27.

Thank you to the choir for leading our Lenten services.

The first service "Living Stones" worship service was April 10, 2022.

Continuing Education

May 16-20 2022 – Online – Festival of Homiletics (another word for preaching) – by

Luther Seminary, Minnesota hosted from Denver Colorado – 42 Speakers – agenda 8:30 – 8:30 everyday - \$95 instead of \$450. Funds coming from my Continuing Education account.

Eastern Synod Transitions Retreat May 16-17 in Niagara Falls.

I have since found out that there is a subsidy of \$200 from Synod for travel from the Valley. I will most likely be taking the train from Oshawa. The cost will be cut severely for Zion.

Although these two events overlap I will be trying to fit the Festival of Homiletics into time that I have free. Fortunately the sessions I miss will be available to be online afterwards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Scott

6. Correspondence

- A letter dated April 4 was received from Jean Rutz who is planning to retire from the position of church secretary effective Thursday December 15. Jean has given enough advance notice to allow time to find a replacement and to arrange job shadowing prior to her departure. The job posting will be advertised both internally and externally as a part-time, contract position.

7. Committee Reports

- Property- the property committee met March 14 and the next meeting is scheduled for April 19. The doorbell at elevator entrance is being repaired. The doors to the sanctuary at the back of the church need to be replaced; awaiting 3 quotes for replacement. Some of the roof shingles need to be repaired. The entrance walkway needs to be revamped so that it is safer. An agreement has been drafted by legal counsel for the foodbank property which will be presented to the congregation at a congregational meeting. The Miller Street property has been appraised and the appraisal has come in lower than expected. The tenant of the Miller Street property is behind on this year's rent, in addition to \$6 600 from the previous year. Legal counsel will serve the tenant a notice of eviction, and action is being sought to regain some of the rent owing. The tenant is aware we are planning on selling the property. Sand removal from the parking lot needs to be arranged.
- W & M- there will be 2 quiet communion services/month. Pastor Scott is happy that volunteers have come forward to fill previously vacant worship leader positions. The first Living Stones worship was held this past Sunday (April 10). There were 34 people in attendance and the service was well received by those in attendance. A council member raised a question regarding the postlude and how some are confused as to whether they can leave while it is playing. The main reason for people remaining during the postlude is to minimise the distractions while the song and hymnal credits are displayed at the conclusion of the service.

- Social Ministry-there is a meeting on April 19 about the soup and sandwich fundraiser on May 1 after the service. Funds raised will go the Ukraine. Ham and scalloped potato meals were made and delivered to shut-in members of the congregation on March 15.
- Pulse Ministries- Messy church has been going very well. 32 people were in attendance at the last messy church (including volunteers). The children, and adults, present had fun and it was a positive worship experience. The youth group has had one meeting; the most recent meeting had to be cancelled due to the presence of Covid in the classrooms at school. Candace Rose Smith has volunteered to help out. Confirmands are encouraged to bring a friend to youth group meetings.

8. Ongoing Business

- Personnel Committee- in camera discussion.

9. New Business

- Meeting format- council members were asked for input on what type of meeting format they prefer, Zoom vs in person. Hybrid meetings were suggested so that those who can make it in-person can and those that can't, can attend via Zoom. Susan will look into this option for the next meeting.
- Conflict of Interest and Privacy forms- these need to be signed by council members. These will be handed out at the next meeting for signing.
- Request for Saturday Night Services-discussed reinstatement of Saturday evening worship. Council agreed to follow the recommendation of W & M. The Saturday evening worship will not be re-instated however, we will offer a 2nd quiet mid-week service instead.
- Keys to the building- it's uncertain who all has keys to the church. Gerry mentioned it is likely best to keep the locks as is and make some phone calls to see if some still have a key and can return them if they are no longer needed.
- Camp Lutherlyn Spring Work Day- will be May 28th. Volunteers are needed; volunteers with pick-up trucks are required.
- Privacy and social media- a reminder to ask permission to post pictures on social media, especially when children are involved.
- In camera discussion.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.Moved: Michael Lange.
Seconded: Jamie Mackinnon.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2022 at 7pm. Devotions will be given by: Susan Dupuis.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 9, 2022
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Gayle Seegmiller, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Diane Hammel

Regrets: Pastor Scott, Denise Schizkoske, Ellen Vandersleen, Sandra Graham, Joan Lehman

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Gayle welcomed Diane Hammel who was added to the committee at the last meeting as Copyright/Researcher. Blaine opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Approved with no additions

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Blaine and Pastor Scott met and planned worship settings until Advent 2022.
- Two midweek services are scheduled for May (2nd and 4th Wednesdays).
- Summer supply Pastors are needed for 4 weeks.
- The Living Stones worship service is still in its infancy and is going well. Thank you to the worship team and Pastor Sue.
- A suggestion has come forward to print the organ restoration fund announcement in the bulletin once a month. Information would also be included in the Guiding Light.
- People are encouraged to give to the current fund which is behind this year.
- Pastor Scott also thanked those who supported the worship when he was ill.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Pastor Scott and Blaine have met and planned services into the fall, as well as for away times for both of them.
- Blaine will be attending the Summer Institute of Church Music in person this year from Sunday, July 3rd to Friday, July 8th. He will be back for Sunday, July 10th.
- Choirs will continue to meet until the first week of June.

Miscellaneous:

- Pastor Scott will be on vacation from July 17th - 29th and August 7th - 20th. Fill in Pastors will be as follows:
 - July 17th - Pastor Jim Goos
 - July 24th - Pastor Sue Nevile
 - August 7th - Pastor Jim Goos
 - August 14th - no one is booked yet
- The marina service is June 19th. Gayle will contact Allen Rose to see if his group would be willing to provide the music for that service.
- Diane Hammel was contacted by a representative from *One Licence* to check up on what is being reported. They were very pleased with the information that Diane provided.

Next Meeting:

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

National Indigenous History Month – June Book Study

The Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice (CRJ) will coordinate a Synod-wide book study for the month of June, National Indigenous History Month.

The CRJ has chosen the book ***Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good**. It can be bought in bookstores, ordered online in ebook or paperback, or borrowed from your local library. It is available through [Goodminds](#), an Indigenous independent outlet.

Michelle Good is a writer of Cree ancestry and a member of the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. *Five Little Indians*, released in April 2020, is her novel about five young people emerging from a remote residential school where they had been sent as small children.

The book has been recognized with several honours including the Governor General's Literary Award. It was chosen by [Amnesty International Canada](#) for their Book Club Readers' Choice of 2021.

We will meet on Wednesday June 8th at 7pm in person for an opening discussion. We will then gather Wednesday June 29th at 7:00pm for a closing discussion.

You will have an opportunity to join two zoom session hosted by the Eastern Synod. You can do this on your own.

Join two Zoom sessions that will be held in June. Before reading the book, you can attend a kick-off session "Introduction to Five Little Indians Book Study" on **June 2nd, 7 to 8 pm EDT**, that will give some background about the book and the author, and why it has been chosen for study.

The concluding session "Book Study Wrap-up" will be held **on June 20th, 7 to 9 pm EDT**. In the first part we will ask participants to share what they found to be most meaningful and important about the book. The second part will be devoted to a discussion of the meaning for our congregations as we seek to live into truth and reconciliation moving forward.

The links to the Zoom Book Study sessions: June 2nd, Kick-Off Event, 7-8 pm –

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrd-6srT0vHNPAwvIT1ilof7diKR6eT_3Z

June 20th, Wrap-Up Event, 7-9 pm –

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlcOGozq8pHt0OdN73AeLoRQ6w06N_JIQ4

Notes & News

Library

Did you know that we have a book lending library? We have a wide assortment of books for your reading /learning/pleasure. Please check it out. The book shelves are in the back of the parish hall on the window side. The books are behind doors but are open and you are most welcome to peruse and borrow some as you wish. There are cards there for you to fill out. Please help yourself. We work on the honour system. If there are books that you think would be good to purchase we would welcome your input. Please speak with any of our learning committee. Pastor Sue, Pastor Scott, Ellen Vandersleen, Penny Stalkie, Kim Schmidt, Cheryl Sack, Gayle Seegmiller.

Ukraine Relief

Thank you to Everyone for supporting our Soup and Sandwich Luncheon Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the food. Thank you for bringing the cookies and other goodies for dessert. Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee for preparing the soup and the delicious sandwiches. It was enjoyed by all. It felt so good to eat together again. What a joy! Best of all, we were able to raise \$1,000.00 to help our war torn Ukrainian neighbours. Together we can help to ease suffering. Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The Sunday School is in need of some new Sunday School Teachers. This is an important ministry in the life of our church. If you have a love for children and would like to teach them about the wonderful story of God's Love, please contact Penny Stalkie (613-735-0067), Kim Schmidt (613-602-7205), or Pastor Scott (705-313-0333). This is a very rewarding ministry to be involved in. We need your help ! We have lots of materials to teach from and we will assist you anyway we can. Experience is not necessary, just a willingness to teach, learn and grow with God's children.

Confirmation Ministry

- Classes will take place in the month of June on June 1st, June 15th, June 22nd at 6:15.
- Parents of children that will be going into Grade 7 in the fall are reminded that their kids are welcome to attend confirmation classes beginning in the fall. More details to follow later in August.

Pulse Youth Ministry

- We will be meeting June 10th and June 24th at 6:30 pm until 8:30pm.
- June 10th - Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be hosting a pool party.

Do You Have Board Games You Would Like To Share?

The youth group is looking to replenish their board games and are asking you to consider donating any board games you are not using to the church. All games are welcome.

Camp Lutherlyn Craft Supplies

Camp Lutherlyn is looking for the following items for crafting this summer and you might just have them around your house!

- egg cartons
- tissue paper
- pipe cleaners
- roll of paper (ie butchers paper) for banner making
- magazines
- juice jugs
- toilet paper rolls
- yarn/wool
- embroidery thread
- milk cartons
- clean cans and clean glass jars

Please let Pastor Sue know if you can help support the craft program!

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 save the used stamps & bring them to the church when we re-open.

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of May 17, 2022

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

Offerings	\$79,211.88
Missions and Outreach	\$2,943.00
Other Donations	\$1,375.00
Solar Income	\$4,052.46
Other Earned Income	\$4,253.14
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to May 17	\$91,835.48
Benevolence Expense	\$6,750.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$2,399.00
Committees Expense	\$1,308.87
Utilities Expense	\$13,364.28
Church Insurance	\$19,631.16
Property Maintenance	\$6,847.97
Other Operating Expense	\$16,554.74
Net Payroll	\$34,940.99
Benefits Expense	\$16,493.33
Expense Total to May 17	\$118,290.34
Net Total for 2022	(-\$26,454.86)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND AT THIS TIME. Special projects are great, but only when our general expenses are met.

As you may know our budget for 2022 was approved at the annual meeting. There is an increase of approximately \$19,000.00 for 2022. Staffing costs along with heat, insurance, hydro, telephone, and maintenance all must be met. Regular giving's are used for day-to-day expenses. If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information.

Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

June 2022 Volunteers

Altar Guild

June 5 -
June 12 -
June 19 - Wenda Gerundin
June 26 - Cheryl Sack

Worship Assistants

June 5 -
June 12 -
June 19 -
June 26 -

Projector Operators

June 5 - Ellen Vandersleen
June 12 - Krista Grosskleg
June 19 - Zachary Phannenhour
June 26 - Rick Gerundin

Sexton

June 5 - Diane Hammel
June 8 - Don Boldt
June 12 - Don Boldt
June 19 - David Lehman
June 22 - Diane Hammel
June 26 - Koit Rull

Ushers

June 5 - Doug & Pauline Malliff
June 12 - Kevin & Jean Rutz
June 19 - Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher
June 26 - Cheryl Sack, Allen Rose

Counters

June 5 - Larry & Gayle Seegmiller, Desi Schrie
June 12/19 - Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
June 26 - Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Coffee Hour

June 5 - Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
June 12 - Peter & Patti Wegner
June 19 - Sheryl Bridle, Isabel Sell
June 26 - Rosanne Campbell, Pam Duplessis

Video Recorders

June 5 - Daniel Reid
June 12 - Ellen Vandersleen
June 19 - Ty Phannenhour
June 26 - Alex Hammel

Sound Operators

June 5 - Gerry Vandersleen
June 12 - Murray Sell
June 19 - Todd Phannenhour
June 26 - Krista Hammel



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2pm ZLW 6:15pm Confirmation Class 7pm Men's Choir Practice	2 7pm Learning Cte. Mtg. 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	3	4 10am Lutherlyn AGM Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Workshop
5 Pentecost 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion (Wear Red) 1pm Public Bible Reading	6 5:30pm Messy Church	7 7pm Worship & Music Cte. Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 10:30am Mid Week Service 1pm Staff Mtg. 7pm 5 Little Indians Book Study	9 7pm Music Healing Vets	10 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night – Pool Party @ Pastor Scott's	11
12 Holy Trinity 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 12:30pm Living Stones Service	13	14 7pm Council Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	15 6:15pm Confirmation Class	16 7pm Music Healing Vets	17	18
19 Pentecost 2 11am Marina Service <i>(If Raining-Service in Parish Hall)</i> Father's Day	20 7pm Eastern Synod Zoom Book Study Jean & Kevin on Holidays until July 4th	21 National Indigenous Peoples' Day 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	22 10:30am Mid Week Service 6:15pm Confirmation Class	23 7pm Music Healing Vets	24 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night	25
26 Pentecost 3 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	27 7pm Horticultural Mtg.	28 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	29 7pm 5 Little Indians Book Study	30 7pm Music Healing Vets		

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