



# *the Guiding Light*

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON  
“Celebrating God As We Serve Others”

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## Lent: a Journey of Repentance, Forgiveness, and Healing

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”. Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

*A Man born blind receives sight - John 9:1-7*

During the month of March we are entering the 40 day journey from ashes to the cross. The discipline of Lent is one that has been practiced for centuries. We wander through the wilderness. Like the people who followed Moses for forty years, and Jesus who walked in the wilderness for forty days and nights, we set out on our path through the hills and valleys of life seeking time for reflection and healing. We do this together as both individuals and the body of Christ.

There are many members that make up the Body of Christ. We are to be one under Christ. To be a healthy communicator and healthy church we need to regularly take time to reflect on who we are as individuals. How do we conduct ourselves, how do we forgive, how do we act in love, how do we see ourselves as part of the body of Christ? What can we do to be the love of God manifest?

Journeying through Lent we may realize through prayer and self-reflection that there are things that we don't like about ourselves or perhaps might even feel shameful about before God. Lent isn't a time for us to beat ourselves up. It is a time to examine ourselves, to know God's forgiveness and grow. God wants us to love ourselves. God desires for us to love others. God sends his Son Jesus to show his love unconditionally.

The Body of Christ is alive. Like our own bodies the Body of Christ can at times experience cuts and bruises that take time to heal. I am reminded of a child who has an accident and falls on the sidewalk. The first reaction is to tear up and cry. They look to be comforted. Then they hold their knee or hand or whatever they fell on. Then they wait for two things, a band-aid and a kiss. Love.

Like a child who skins their knee we are looking for the pain to go away and for the scab to be no more. Slowly over time the skin underneath the scab grows back together. The scab at times cracks and may re-open and bleed some more. Underneath it all though there is a healing process at work and the skin underneath comes together to become one and the scab falls off.

The healing agent is Jesus.

The story of the blind man is one that speaks to us. The blind man was born without sight. The disciples direct him to Jesus. In no time Jesus spits on some mud and places it on his eyes. The man is instructed to go and wash. He is cleansed and able to see again.

Like the blind man we enter lent blinded by stuff in our lives both as individuals and the church. We are blinded because there are elements and situations that put roadblocks between us and our relationship with God. To summarize: we are all broken.

We may be broken people, both sinner and saint, but I remind you that we have been cleansed in the waters of baptism and made new. Baptism is cleansing. Baptism is forgiveness. Baptism is healing. Lent is a time for reflection and repentance (a time for change), forgiveness, and healing.

On Ash Wednesday may you begin your journey with an open heart. Forgive others. Allow God to wipe your slate clean. May the church start fresh. May we enter the season of lent on a healing journey to restoration and wholeness only found through Christ.

*Pastor Scott*

## **Ash Wednesday and Lenten Midweek Services**

Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> we begin our journey through Lent. During these 40 days you are encouraged to take time to reflect on your life through prayer and on Wednesday evening of each week there will be a Midweek Service at 7pm.

During the service our choir will lead us as we worship using *Holden Evening Prayer*.

We will reflect on some writings from Walter Wangerin Jr.'s *Reliving the Passion*.

Please come to worship as part of your Lenten discipline.

# *Pulse Ministry*



A new ministry has started up again. The family and youth ministry. It also has a new name: ***PULSE MINISTRY***

***PULSE MINISTRY*** will have three different entities which will be called by their names and every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: Messy Church, Youth Group, and worship. The worship Service will be called “Living Stones”.



**Messy Church** is another alternative, in addition to Sunday School, that is held in the evening once a month. It Includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun! It is for Sunday School age children. First event is on **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.**

**Youth Group** ages 12-16. If older kids show up we won't turn them away. We will be meeting once or twice a month. Our first meeting will be a **Movie and Pizza Night** on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm until 9:00pm.



The first **“Living Stones”** worship will be **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.** It is an intergenerational service for people 1 to 110 and will be held in the gym and will be led by a praise band. If you have musical gifts you would like to share please contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Sue. Those that want to come to worship can come early for coffee.

# What Is Messy Church

## Messy Church Is

- Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't already belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy, a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age – a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations.
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family; a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.
- Messy Church is part of BRF which believes, with the historic churches, in one God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Messy Church is resourced, supported and enabled by BRF.
- Most Messy Churches meet once a month, although a few meet more frequently or more occasionally.

## Messy Church Isn't

- Just for children – it's much easier to aim a Messy Church at one particular age group, but do stop and reflect on whether the non-verbal messages that this sends are what you want to say about God. If your Messy Church's teaching, crafts and food are all aimed just at the under-11s, think what message you're giving both children and adults: church is only relevant/fun/meaningful/interested in you until you're 12? God is for babies? No, Messy Church needs to be constantly creative in its thinking about how to involve very different people: young and old, families and single people, male and female, academic and practical, poor and rich.
- A club – The whole of Messy Church is about worshipping God, having fellowship, exploring faith matters. It welcomes everyone, involves everyone, values everyone, is always there for the outsider. It's a church.

- A way of getting people to come to church on Sunday – There are examples of people starting in Messy Church and deciding to join Sunday church as well but these are the exception rather than the rule. If people wanted to go to established church, they would be going by now. Messy Church is interdependent with established church, but will usually operate as a separate congregation or church.
- Just for church families – Anyone already belonging to church should be thinking about serving on the leadership team of Messy Church, however old or young they are, and helping others come to know Jesus.
- Just for families – All are welcome: single, widowed, childless, divorced. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
- A quick fix – Growing disciples takes time. Messy Church has only been going a few years anywhere. It usually only meets once a month. Growth will probably be slow.
- An easy option – It takes money, time, prayer, commitment and energy from the church and leadership team.
- A drain on church resources – Yes, it will take money and time, effort and gifted people to run it, but it will give back in return a group of people who are fired up for mission, empowered by using their God-given gifts. It will spark off ideas and inspiration about what church is all about and will renew vision. It will grow goodwill in the neighbourhood towards the church and, most importantly, provide the opportunity to do effective mission in your own community.
- Set in stone – We're learning all the time. As the network of Messy Churches grows and develops, so the best ways of delivering Messy Church will develop and grow. BRF has deliberately chosen to have a “non-controlling”, “hands-off” approach in the way it promotes Messy Church in the hope that this will give God space to grow his church as he wants to, and that will give everyone encouragement to experiment and innovate.





# Minutes

## ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Council Meeting

454 Miller Street, Pembroke, ON

Tuesday December 14, 2022

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

**Excused:**

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm (via Zoom) by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Denise Schizkoske.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: Correspondence- addition of 1 letter. New business- council Christmas get-together. On-going business- Food Bank discussion.

Motion to approve agenda: Kathy Nieman.

Seconded: Jill Kellough.

**Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of November were reviewed. Under property committee reports- spelling correction noted to Lehman brothers.

Motion to approve minutes: Patti Wegner.

Seconded: Rick Gerundin.

**Finance Report:** Gerry gave the finance report. Finances essentially remain the same as previous report.

**Pastor's Report:** December 2021

#### Statistics

1 funeral

2 baptisms

#### Worship

1. Advent midweek services Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:00pm using Holden Evening Prayer; services have been well received.
2. Christmas Services – planning with Blaine a different service
3. Will be away Dec 26. There will be a hymn sing that day.
4. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be acknowledged in January.
5. The Confirmation Class will be acolyting come the new year.

Covid-19 passport question: With the omicron virus coming when do we “opt-in” to the passport program for worship participants?

Website – In progress, Logo in initial stages. I have plans to work harder on this in the new year when things slow up.

Things growing from Retreat:

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

The contemporary worship: Pastor Sue is willing to spearhead this project and will find and develop talent accordingly. Some have enquired about how will you be able to get volunteers. I reassured them that will not be a problem. I will be involved in this worship project also.

Mutual Ministry Committee

I am forming a mutual ministry committee in the new year. This committee meets 3 or 4 times a year to discuss in positive ways our ministry together and perhaps be a sounding board for the pastor aside from council. There will be one person from council on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pastor Scott

**Discussion on Covid protocols-** a question was raised as to whether we should be checking vaccine passports and allowing more worship participants. Susan mentioned Worship and Music have been looking after worship protocols related to Covid practices to date. There have been no changes to protocols recently, but with an increase in cases noted in the province, changes may be coming. After some discussion, it was decided to suspend coffee hour and resume contact tracing. Social distancing will remain in effect. Christmas Eve services required pre-registration, and people will need to check in as they enter the church.

**Correspondence:**

- Christmas card received from Edie Brum expressing thanks and blessings to council for work done over the past year.
- Letter received from a group of congregants re office hours and if the church could go back to pre-Covid office hours of 9-2. This letter also outlined concerns with staff hours. Susan has met with one of the concerned members and discussed that extended office hours were trialled in the fall, and only one person came to the office after noon



during this trial. Pastor Scott is at the office until 2 or 3pm and answers the door and the phone when he is there. Office hours are posted.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Property-** no property report.
- **Worship & Music-** no worship and music report.
- **Social Ministry-**no social ministry report.

### **New Business:**

- **Staying Connected Program-** Karen gave an overview of a funding program available to non-profit and charitable organizations through the federal government called the New Horizons for Seniors Program. An application is being prepared for funding for a proposed program called 'Staying Connected'; if the funding application is successful, 10 tablets will be purchased, and training and education in tablet use and digital technology will be provided by a team of volunteers to some of our home bound members, through the Social Ministry Group. Successful applicants to the New Horizons Program will be notified in March 2022. More information will be available as the New Year progresses.
- **Staff Christmas Bonus-** Susan recommends Christmas bonus to staff similar to previous years. Council members all in agreement.
- **Staff Christmas get together-** Susan discussed having a council potluck in January to celebrate the year that has passed and the New Year. A suggestion was made re donating money to Gifts from the Heart from council members. January 5 is set as the potential date for the potluck (subject to change due to the evolving Covid situation).

### **Ongoing business:**

- **Foodbank discussion-** Gerry gave an update on the Foodbank discussions. Doug Maliff and Gerry met with JP Quintal re zoning and other matters. Zoning will need to be changed to institutional from residential. JP has suggested that an agreement is made that is conditional and suitable to both the church and the Foodbank; different scenarios to be included in the contract were discussed. The Foodbank and the church will share in snow removal costs; responsibility for lot repairs would have to be agreed upon and written into the contract as well. The final price will be decided upon as soon as Rivingtons has completed the appraisal. We would like to sell the property at a fair price to the Foodbank, knowing that they help so many people and families within our community. It has been decided the church will allow parking for the foodbank on Mondays in the hall parking lot, which would mean no funerals could be held on Mondays at the church. Susan and Gerry will meet with the foodbank reps on Thursday, December 16, 2021 to discuss these matters further.

**Adjournment:** *The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.*

*Motion to adjourn: Pastor Scott.*

*Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.*

*The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 7:00pm. Devotions will be given by Patti Wegner.*

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
454 Miller Street  
Pembroke, Ontario

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2022

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

**Excused:** Rick Gerundin (Rick has resigned his position on council due to personal reasons).

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm (via Zoom) by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Patti Wegner.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: one piece of correspondence; foodbank discussion added to ongoing business. No property report or worship and music report.

Motion to approve agenda: Kathy Nieman.

Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.

**Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of December were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes: Patti Wegner.

Seconded: Karen Gauthier.

**Finance Report:** Gerry gave the finance report. The church has a net income surplus of \$18 775.12 for 2021. Gerry presented two different budget scenarios for 2022. After discussion, the majority of church council supported budget # 2 which does not include the hiring of a part time pastor. This budget will be presented for approval by the congregation at the church's annual general meeting.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Council Report- January 2022

Statistics

1 funeral

2 baptisms

Visits December

6 in-person household visits (12 people)  
1 in-person baptismal parents meeting. 6 people present.  
2 hospital visits  
5 phone calls to shut-ins  
11 phone calls to prayer list  
Total visits in December: 25, 36 people total

Jan 1-11 22 phone calls to shut-ins

#### Worship services

7 services planned for in Dec and 3 Christmas Services.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be acknowledged in January.

Organ Restorations – 69000 + HST 75000. Aim to raise money for servicing in fall 2023.

#### Website

In progress, Logo in initial stages. In January I will be making an appt to talk further with the developer.

#### Things growing from Zion Retreat:

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

The contemporary worship service: will be working on it to access leaders for after Covid restrictions are lifted.

#### Mutual Ministry Committee

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

#### Continuing Education

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

Guest Preacher needed on March 27 2022.

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

Funds coming from Continuing Education account.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Scott

#### **Correspondence:**

- A card of thanks was received from Kevin and Jean Rutz for the Christmas bonus.

**Committee Reports:**

- Property- no report.
- Worship & Music– no report.
- Social Ministry-Denise spoke of the upcoming fundraiser for The Grind, The Coldest Night of the Year. It will be held February 26 and the team is looking for suggestions on a name.

**Ongoing business:**

- Review of goals set at council retreat- church council remains committed to the goals set at this past fall's retreat, which include the development of family ministry, mom and tot drop ins, and the Messy Church Program. The young family's ministry group will speak at the AGM to provide further information to the congregation and outline plans for development of these new programs.
- Update on Staying Connect Program- the application for funding for The Staying Connected Program was submitted December 21. Application approval/denial decisions will be coming in March. Karen will develop a needs assessment questionnaire in January as part of the initial plan.
- Letters of concern directed to council by a congregational group – letters have been received by council and were read at the meeting; a lengthy discussion followed. Council will prepare and send a letter to respond to the concerns; Pastor Scott will follow up with individuals.
- Foodbank-the preliminary agreement has been drafted based on the meeting held December 16. Our legal counsel, J. P. Quintal is doing this. It will presented for approval by the congregation at a called meeting. This agreement outlines the changes needed to zoning, parking contingencies, plans for lot C should either the church or foodbank cease to exist, and the sharing of snow removal costs. The property will be sold to the Foodbank for the suggested sum of\$240 000. Gerry indicated the Foodbank plans to demolish the building and build a new building if the deal is completed.
- PLEASE NOTE: the date for Zion's Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled for February 20, with a back-up date of February 27. The AGM will be held in the sanctuary.

**Adjournment:** *The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.*

*Motion to adjourn: Pastor Scott.*

*Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.*

*The next Church Council Meeting is scheduled for February 8at 7:00pm. Devotions will be given byKathy Nieman.*

**W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, December 7, 2021**  
**Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

**Present:** Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Ellen Vandersleen, Denise Schizkoske, Joan Lehman

**Welcome and Opening Devotions:** Gayle welcomed everyone and thanked Denise for joining us. Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** Unanimous

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Completed online

**Committee reports:**

**Pastor Scott:**

- Pastor Scott reviewed previous Christmas Eve services and his plan for this year is to do a service of lessons and carols with Holy Communion. He will meet with Blaine to discuss this further.
- Pastor Scott will be away on Dec. 26th. He will meet with Blaine to plan a suitable service that will not require a supply Pastor.
- Council met on retreat in November. They set new goals for 2022 with a direct mission from Matthew 28:18-20. "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- When setting the goals they were considering the community and not just our current membership.
- New goals include :
  - Starting an intergenerational community gathering (Messy Church Program)
  - Starting a Mom/Dad and Tot group
  - Starting a contemporary worship service
- Pastor Scott shared that several people have already agreed to help with these new programs / services.
- More details will be shared during the January meeting about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- Holden Evening Prayer services are well attended. .
- Pastor Scott will order the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Leaders Desk Edition* as a

resource for Blaine. It provides hymn suggestions and allows for better planning. The resource costs approximately \$70.00.

### **Blaine Sack: Church Musician**

- The dolly for the grand piano in the Parish Hall has been ordered and will arrive sometime in the New Year. It will be delivered and installed by Ottawa Pianos. The cost with taxes is \$2,100.
- Blaine contacted Casavant to schedule an appointment. They will look at replacing the leathers and advise us on how best to deal with patch jobs that were done by non-Casavant firms.
- Now that the heat is on, the humidity in the church is in the critical zone on the gauges. This will cause havoc on the piano and organ. Blaine has been approved to purchase two humidifiers: one to be placed by the pulpit and one to be placed by the organ.
- The Worship Suggestion boxes can be used for more than hymn suggestions. They are in place to allow people to provide suggestions and feedback on any aspect of worship.
- The Worship and Music Committee has several vacancies. Anyone interested in joining the committee should reach out to Gayle for more details.

### **Christmas Eve Services:**

- Gayle will check with Emma Rabishaw about ushers for the Christmas Eve services.
- Both real and battery operated candles will be used again this year.
- People are strongly encouraged to register for Christmas Eve Services. When attending the service, ushers will help you find your reserved spot.
- There will not be a service on Christmas day.

### **Communion Protocol:**

- During communion a single line should be formed to allow for safe physical distancing.

### **Video Equipment:**

- Ellen contacted Sean Benkhe about the cost of purchasing and installing a third camera. The quote was \$2,600.
- At this time, the committee decided the best option is to move the second camera to a better location and assess how that goes.
- Sean will provide recommendations for the best spot for the second camera.
- Going 'Live' is still presenting some issues but it is being worked on.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, January 10, 2022**  
**Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

**Present:** Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Ellen Vandersleen

**Regrets:** Denise Schizkoske, Joan Lehman

**Welcome and Opening Devotions:** Gayle welcomed everyone and apologized for cancelling the meeting on Tuesday, January 4th. Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:** Unanimous

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Completed online

**Committee reports:**

**Pastor Scott:**

- Pastor Scott hopes to gather some individuals together in January to begin planning a contemporary service, recruiting musicians and promoting the service. The date of the first meeting is to be determined.
- The pulpit and lectern will be used equally for sermons from here on in.
- The bells will continue to be rung during communion.
- To evaluate the preferred type of bulletin to use, full bulletins and the current bulletins will both be offered. During February, we will evaluate which was the preferred type so we can be more efficient in the long run.
- Bulletins, with the full order of Service, the sermon and announcements will be emailed to everyone and posted on Facebook.
- Bulletins will be distributed to shut-ins.
- In order to better utilize the equipment we have, Pastor Scott will try to use brief multi-media clips during his sermons.
- It is Pastor Scott's wish that in-person services can begin soon.

**Blaine Sack: Church Musician**

- The dolly for the grand piano in the Parish Hall is in at Ottawa Piano. Blaine will arrange for delivery and installation.
- Blaine is going to purchase humidity gauges for the organ and the two grand pianos as he is not sure if the ones in use now are accurate.
- Blaine received a quote from Casavant for the replacement of the organ leathers. Total cost for all labour, materials and transport both ways is \$64,906.00 + HST for a grand

total of \$73,344.00. Blaine has contacted Casavant to see if this quote includes any of the other repairs to be completed as this quote is 60% more than the quote from 2017. Blaine had received no response prior to the meeting. He has also inquired if this work can be put off for a year due to the high quote as there is only \$29,619.00 in the Organ Restoration fund.

**Midweek Services:**

- It was stressed that midweek services will be held on the second Wednesday morning of every month, except July and August.

**Video Equipment:**

- Ellen has contacted Shawn Behnke to move the second video camera to a better location. This will be assessed for viewing improvements.

**Volunteers:**

- Gayle will put a notice in the bulletin and Guiding Light regarding the need for volunteers for altar guild, including someone to head the altar guild, and also for ushers.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

**Present:** Gayle Seegmiller, Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Ellen Vandersleen, Denise Schizkoske, Joan Lehman

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition - Updated Software

**Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Completed online

**Committee Reports:****Pastor Scott:**

- Worship services in the church will resume on February 6th.
- Pastor Scott and Blaine will meet to discuss plans for Ash Wednesday, Maundy



Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

- There will be midweek Lenten services.
- A Family and Youth Committee has been set up to plan for a contemporary worship service in March.
- Pastor Scott will be preaching from the pulpit more frequently.
- The bells will be rung before communion.
- Technical upgrades are needed to support video insertions for worship services.
- Pastor Scott will attend the Bishop's retreat in Niagara Falls on March 27th - 30th.
- Arrangements for a supply Pastor will be made for Sunday, March 27th.
- Midweek services will be held on the second Wednesday morning of every month, except July and August.

### **Blaine Sack: Church Musician**

- Blaine has emailed Robert at Cassavant to clarify details of the quoted cost for repairs and is waiting on his response.
- He will also find out about timelines for the repairs.
- The grand pianos and organ will need tuning in the spring
- Now that some of the Covid restrictions have been removed, Blaine will contact Ottawa Pianos about the dolly and make arrangements for its delivery.
- Blaine will send the invoice from Ottawa Piano to Gayle.
- Choir practices will resume this week for those who are comfortable participating.

### **Resumption of In-person Services**

- There will no longer be contact tracing for those who attend in-person worship services.
- Full communion will resume.

### **Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter Services:**

- This will be discussed in detail at the next W & M committee meeting.

### **Updating Software:**

- Updates to the software are needed. Pastor Scott will contact Diane Hammel for more information before proceeding further.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Bulletin delivery will remain status quo for now but will be reassessed in a few weeks.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

# NOTES & NEWS

## **Easter Donations**

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

## **World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer 2022 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be accessed by going to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) and clicking on the One Hour Service Video box

If anyone would like to make a donation they may do so by donating online at [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) or mailing a cheque to:

WICC, 47 Queen's Park Cres E., Toronto, ON, M5S 2C3

## **Worship & Music Notes**

1. The worship suggestion boxes are back in place at both entrances of the church. They are there not only for hymn suggestions but also for ideas on how we can enhance our worship services. We look forward to all suggestions and ideas.
2. We are looking for people to volunteer as ushers and altar guild. We also need someone to be in charge of altar guild. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these capacities, please call Gayle Seegmiller at 613-732-3521.

## Endowment Results for the 2022 Ballot

The total amount of our Endowment Fund as of Dec. 31, 2021 was \$365,444.52 and earned \$9,962.52 in interest. This amount was split equally between Zion's Outside Needs and Inside Needs. These specific needs were determined by congregational members. The amount for each need was determined by ballot at the AGM held on Feb. 20, 2022. The results of the ballot were counted by Gerry Vandersleen, Kathy Nieman, Kathleen Hoffman, and Doug Malliff. The distribution to these specific needs will be completed by mid March.

### Ballot Results

#### **OUTSIDE NEEDS - \$4,981.26**

Bernadette McCann House	7	\$441.38
Camp Lutherlyn & Conference Centre	33	\$2,080.78
Cancer Care Campaign PRH	20	\$1,261.08
Carefor	14	\$882.75
St. Joseph's Food Bank	2	\$126.11
Jason & Karen Godin	1	\$63.05
Robbie Dean Center	1	\$63.05
Renfrew Hospice	1	\$63.05
First Step Options	0	\$0.00

#### **INSIDE NEEDS - \$4,981.26**

Building Fund	28	\$1,765.51
Organ Restoration	51	\$3,215.51

The present Endowment Committee members are Doug Malliff and Cheryl Sack with Gerry Vandersleen as the treasurer ex-officio.

# From Your Treasurer,

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Feb.18, 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	\$21,950.00
Missions and Outreach	\$269.00
Other Donations	\$305.00
Solar Income	\$984.79
Other Earned Income	\$1,507.05
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Feb.18	\$25,015.84
Benevolence Expense	\$2,250.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$42.00
Committees Expense	\$940.83
Utilities Expense	\$4,464.28
Church Insurance	0
Property Maintenance	0
Other Operating Expense	\$4,440.21
Net Payroll	\$11,068.54
Benefits Expense	\$4,685.50
Expense Total to Feb.18	\$27,891.36
<b>Net Total for 2022</b>	<b>(-\$2,875.52)</b>

To all that attend Zion,

I hope this edition of the Guiding Light finds you in good health. As you may know our budget for 2022 was approved at the annual meeting. There is an increase of approximately \$19,000.00 for 2022. Staffing costs along with heat, hydro, telephone, and maintenance all must be met. Giving donations to various funds like stained glass repair, organ fund, etc. cannot be used for day-to-day expenses. If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail [zionoffice@nrtco.net](mailto:zionoffice@nrtco.net) for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information.

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

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

# March Volunteers

## Worship Assistants

March 6 – Lorraine MacKenzie  
March 13 – Sandra Sell  
March 20 – Wayne Kirk  
March 27 – Ellen Vandersleen

## Sexton

March 2 – Koit Rull  
March 6 – Karen Gauthier  
March 9 – Don Boldt – Lenten Service  
March 9 – Mid Week Service – Koit Rull  
March 13 – Don Boldt  
March 16 – Diane Hammel  
March 20 – Diane Hammel  
March 23 – David Lehman  
March 27 – David Lehman  
March 30 – Karen Gauthier

## Projector Operators

March 6 – Krista Grosskleg  
March 13 – Rick Gerundin  
March 20 – Zachary Phannenhour  
March 27 – Diane Hammel

## Ushers

March 6 – Kevin & Jean Rutz  
March 13 – Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack  
March 20 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz  
March 27 – Pastor Sue Nevile, Denise Schizkoske

## Counters

March 6 & 13 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Des Schrie  
Mar 20 & 27 – Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

## Video Recorders

March 6 – Daniel Reid  
March 13 – Ellen Vandersleen  
March 20 – Ty Phannenhour  
March 27 – Alex Hammel

## Sound Board Operators

March 6 – Gerry Vandersleen  
March 13 – Murray Sell  
March 20 – Todd Phannenhour  
March 27 – Krista Hammel

## Coffee Hour

March 6 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller  
March 13 – Roseanne Campbell, Pam Duplessis  
March 20 – Doug & Pauline Malliff  
March 27 – Denise & Barry Schizkoske

## Altar Guild

March 6 – Wendy Schutt  
March 13 – Sandra Graham  
March 20 – Sandra & Murray Sell  
March 27 – Kathy Godin





# March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 7pm <b>Worship &amp; Music Mtg.</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>2</b> 7pm <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <b>Confirmation Following Service</b> 7:45pm Men's Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>4</b> <b>World Day of Prayer- Available on wicc.org</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Lent 1 10am Holy Communion	<b>7</b> <b>5:30pm Messy Church</b>	<b>8</b> 7pm <b>Council Mtg.</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>9</b> <b>10:30am Mid Week Service</b> 1pm Staff Mtg. 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service Confirmation Following Service 7:45pm Men's Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Lent 2 10am Holy Communion <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Jean on Holidays Until March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>15</b> <b>8am Shut In Meal Prep.</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>16</b> 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service Confirmation Following Service 7:45pm Men's Choir Practice	<b>17</b> <b>7pm ELCIC Bible Book Study</b> 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>18</b> <b>Guiding Light Deadline</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Lent 3 10am Holy Communion	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>23</b> 1pm Staff Mtg. 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:45pm Men's Choir Practice	<b>24</b> 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets	<b>25</b> <b>6:30pm Pulse Youth Night – Movie &amp; Pizza</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Lent 4 10am Holy Communion <b>Pastor Scott @ Bishop's Retreat Until March 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	<b>30</b> 7pm Mid Week Lenten Service 7:45pm Men's Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 7pm Mixed Choir Practice 7pm Music Healing Vets		