



the Guiding Light *May 2020*

Monthly Newsletter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke, ON

"Celebrating God As We Serve Others"

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A Note from Pastor Stephen

If history teaches us anything, it is that difficult times do not last forever. These times, however, tend to teach us about what is truly important and what we cherish. When we are able to gather together again as Christ's body, the Church; when we can sing, pray and worship together; our hearts will be filled with joy. The Christians faith is always the faith of the community - the Church - where we see Christ our Lord revealed to us in the lives of the faithful. We miss not only one another, but the Christ we meet in each other.

I have been in this parish for six months now and have been whelmed by your devotion to Christ and his Church, by your care and compassion for each other and for people not in our parish family, even in this time of physical distancing. I long, as so many of us do, for this time to end; but perhaps it will result in a new appreciation for the Church and our

community of faith, which is at the heart of our joy as Christians. Singing by yourself is only fun in the shower and no one will join you when you start singing in the grocery store these days, because joy has definitely left the room. Yet, our Lord is still with us and as long as we live we shall have cause to celebrate his presence in our midst as the Risen One and a reason to keep singing.

During this time, I have been providing weekly Sunday prayers, readings and a brief homily on our Church's website and Facebook pages and paper copies for people without Internet access. This was only disrupted briefly when my kitten, Lilac, stole my glasses. Thanks to all who are delivering these paper copies. If you want them delivered every week to your mailbox and are not yet receiving one, simply give me a call at my home phone number and we will make sure you get a weekly copy.

With love,
Pastor Stephen

An important note to Year Two Confirmation youth and their families from Pastor Stephen:

Since it seems unlikely that we will be able to gather in May as planned, and certainly not for such a large gathering, we will celebrate the Confirmation of our Year Two youth on October 25, the Festival of the Reformation.

The youth who are being confirmed on October 25 will need to meet a few times in late September and early October before they are Confirmed. Please check the September Guiding Light for more details. We will probably meet at our usual time after worship on Sundays.

Have You Seen Us Yet?

Our doors have been closed and the building is silent. It may be awhile yet before the banns are lifted and we can once again be together face to face (or hug to hug). This has forced us, kicking and screaming, to find different ways to reach out to one another. It is, and has been for sometime now, the electronic age.

A few of us old dogs are attempting to “get with it”. We have a Facebook page which has seen quite a bit of activity. Find us under Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke. You will find daily devotionals, Pastor Stephens’ homilies, photos of what are members are busy doing during the lockdown and much more.

We are also working on Zion’s Webpage. The Guiding Light will be available there along with Pastor Stephens’ homilies.

We are working hard on video taping a short service that we hope to have posted on our webpage and Facebook page. If all goes well it should be ready for the first Sunday in May.

For anyone who does not have computer access we have a team that is hand delivering information to this special group. If you know of someone who would like to see the Pastors homilies in print please let Jan Scheidt or Ellen Vandersleen know and we will be sure to get them onto our list.

Hope you find us as we attempt new ways to reach out to everyone.

Susan Dupuis

What Is Your Family Doing During the Pandemic

Please forward any photos of what you are doing during the pandemic to Jan Scheidt at jan.scheidt21@gmail.com. She would like to add them to our facebook page. You can also include a brief description.

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada***In Mission for Others*

Dear members and friends of Zion,

I write to you in a time of challenge, fear, and uncertainty. Our lives have been turned upside down by the events of the last number of days and weeks. A closure of this magnitude has never occurred in the history of Zion or any other church in this area.

It is unknown how long this period of closure will last. It could be several weeks or several months. COVID-19 will have a long-lasting and far-reaching effect on the economy. All churches will feel this impact and we are no exception. Unlike some sectors of the business community, as a registered charity we cannot expect to be rescued by a government bailout.

As ministry will continue the best way possible, I cannot stress enough how important it will be to continue to make our offerings. We will someday open again, and when we do, we must ensure that Zion is prepared and ready to resume normal operations. Currently, there are numerous ways to give. A few options are outlined below:

1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Withdrawal (PAR)

- a. By registering for PAR your offerings will be withdrawn automatically from your bank account on the 20th of each month. You specify the amount you would like to give.
- b. Registration forms are available through the church office. A copy has also been included in the May Guiding Light. Either mail or drop off the completed form to the church office.

2. Interac e-Transfer using online banking

- a. If you use online banking, log into your account
- b. Add Zion as a recipient using our email address:
zionoffice@nrtco.net
- c. Enter the desired amount and click send.
- d. Your bank may have additional information you may need to add or a place for a message to be added. Under the message you can put your name and if you know it your envelope #

3. Mail envelopes to the church

- a. If Canada Post is running, you can mail envelopes directly to the church office.
Mailing address: 454 Miller St., Pembroke, On K8A 5Z4

4. Drop envelopes off at church

- a. You can drop off envelopes into the office door mail box. Someone will be checking the lockbox regularly.

If you need assistance with these options or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. The days, weeks, and months ahead will be a challenging time for us, but I know when we pray, work, and give in GOD's name, we can make it through the darkness.

***For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you. ~Isaiah 41:13***

Yours in Christ,
Susan Dupuis
Church Council Chairperson, 343-369-2057



PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

- ☐ For registration of new PAR donors
 or
☐ For banking changes for existing donors

FOR USE BY PAR ADMINISTRATOR

PAR congregational number: _____
 Church PAR administrator: _____
 Phone number: _____
 E-mail: _____

Donor name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

E-mail: _____ Envelope# _____ Gift amount \$ _____

Name of local church: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Address: 454 Miller Street, Pembroke, ON K8A 5Z4

This gift to the above church is to benefit

Local church: \$ _____ Mission & Service: \$ _____ Other: \$ _____

Option 1: Pre-authorized debit

Please attach a **VOID** cheque.

I/We request/authorize The United Church of Canada to debit my/our account on the 20th of every month, starting the 20th _____ of 20____. I/we also recognize and agree to the following:

- I/we may change the amount of my contribution at any time by contacting our church PAR contact.
- I/we have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.
- I/we waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of pre-authorized remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Option 2: Visa/MasterCard/American Express

Please note that a 2-3% service charge reduces the total of your donation to your congregation.

Card number: _____ Expiry: _____ MM YY

Name on card: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Thank you for your generosity.

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CAMP LUTHERLYN

Established 1965

CAMP LUTHERLYN UPDATE April 2020

The days are getting warmer. The sun is out more frequently. Seedlings are growing. It's almost summer! And yet, we are in an extraordinary time. The other day I saw a sign in someone's window and it said: I have hope

- Because the trees are still standing tall
- Because the birds are still singing
- Because the gardens are waking up
- Because the people are still smiling and waving to each other

We want to share the following Camp Lutherlyn news with you.

JULY CHILDREN'S CAMP

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Camp Lutherlyn has made some decisions for the 2020 Summer Camp season. We know that this is difficult for our campers, parents, staff and camp alumni, but we feel it is the right thing to do.
 - o The four weeks of children's camp in July have been cancelled
 - o We are hopeful that we may be able to run a children's camp in August, but will make decisions on this in the upcoming months
- There are many factors affecting our decision, particularly how long the precautionary measures currently in place to limit the spread of COVID-19 will last. As much of the planning for the 2020 summer season happens in the next few months, these decisions could not wait. Our Camp Lutherlyn Leadership team will be monitoring the situation and looking for opportunities as we move through the next few months to create Camp memories, just a little differently than we have done for the past 55 years.

AUGUST FAMILY CAMP

- Family Camp from August 2 to 7 has not been cancelled; we will be monitoring the public health restrictions as the date approaches.
- Arrangements to keep people safe are being made. For example, each family would have their own living space (cabin or bedroom at Four Seasons); meals could be done as take-away; additional sanitization procedures will be in place; and appropriate physical distancing maintained during all group activities.
- The family camp brochure and registration forms can be found here:
http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/uploads/2/3/1/1/23118378/2020_lutherlyn_-_camp_brochure.pdf

RENTALS

- Camp Lutherlyn – Four Seasons and the Main Camp - remains open for rentals allowed by Public Health rules. Additional sanitization will be done by our professional cleaners.
- Please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca with your booking request.

WORK AT CAMP

- The planned May 9 spring workday has been cancelled.
- Our fall workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, early enough to hopefully miss fall congregational activities. We are expecting it will be held; let's see if we can get a great turnout again this year.
- In the meantime, we plan to have some work done at the camp – installation of new cabin decks and steps (4 cabins) by small groups of volunteers. We are modifying our Canada Summer Student Grant application for 2 student positions to support this property work.

ONTARIO CAMPS ASSOCIATION

- We are thrilled that Camp Lutherlyn has achieved provisional one status in our journey towards Ontario Camps Association accreditation!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): Saturday, June 20

- This year's AGM will be held virtually at 10 a.m. There will be options for both video conferencing and telephoning in.
- We welcome anyone who is interested in the camp to attend. Besides the regular business of the annual members meeting, this is an opportunity for the Board to share highlights of the past year and plans for the upcoming year with you.
- Be sure to obtain your corporate membership in advance so you can vote at the AGM. No registration will take place on the day of the meeting.
<http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca/downloads.html> at the bottom left-hand side.
- We will send out formal notice of the AGM and the agenda for the meeting to anyone who has registered by May 20th. Membership fee (\$20) must be received by June 19th:
 - e-transferred to Lutherlyn.fin@gmail.com with a note Corporate Membership, or
 - mailed to P.O. Box 531, Pembroke, ON K8A 6X7
- At least one position on the Board of Directors is available. If you feel called to share your time and talents with us, the Board's Nominating Committee would like to hear from you. You must be a corporate member in order to be a Board member. Please email us at info@lutherlyncamp.ca with your interest as soon as possible.

Stay well. Take care of others. Find the silver linings in this time together

Garage Sale

You may be wondering about our annual garage sale.

We would still like to have our sale, however, when is what we are unsure of. We ask that if you could hold your items it would be greatly appreciated. When the Covid restrictions allow, we ask that you bring your goodies to the church for storage. Our hope would be to host our big event in September maybe earlier if permitted. If you have been like a lot of people I speak to, everyone has been busy doing some major spring cleaning and perhaps you will be able to donate to our great recycling program. We shall keep you updated.

My attic has been getting a major overhaul. When someone lives in the same place for 30+ years it is rather startling the stuff that gets tucked into the corners. Even though this period of isolation has been difficult it has been good to have the time to do those chores I have managed to put off for so long.

Looking forward to when I can see you all again,

Ellen Vandersleen

My Love Affair of 90 years with Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke, and My Church Family---Edie Brumm

It started with my birth on May 23, 1929. Isabel Edith Woito became a Child of God with baptism on June 9th, 1929, until today...90 years later.

I went to church on Sundays and Sunday school and confirmation class on Saturdays. This was all in the transformation from German to English. Some classes in early years in German, gradually in English and confirmed in English by Pastor Hamester at age 14.

“Fear not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God! I will strengthen thee. Yea, I will help thee. Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

And this I have found to be true through my whole life.

15 years later I married the Love of My Life, Don Brumm, on May 22, 1954 in Zion Lutheran Church by Pastor Zimmerman. We also had the first dinner occasion in the new parish hall with the ladies of the church and many of my aunts working together. My Aunt Alma was my Godmother and she made the beautiful cake with the Lace Look for a wedding gift. What a treasure! It is on the picture of us cutting the cake. This is the real thing of it all, turkey dinner, dessert and all for just \$2.00 a plate!

Then Don started to build our first home. We had four children, David, Susan, Peter and Nancy. These children were all baptized in Zion and confirmed here as well. Susan was the only one to get married in Zion. She stayed in Pembroke and she gave us the three grandchildren that we have today. They were very involved in the church and belonged to the very vibrant and energetic Youth Group. They had wonderful trips to different areas of Canada. And just when I was getting too old to see a great grandchild born, along came Maddi, the shining star of our lives. God knows how to bring life back into the life of old people.

On May 23, 2004, we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary in our parish hall. In May of 2019 we celebrated our 65th Wedding Anniversary during coffee hour in our parish hall.

So, now you know why I call this place “HOME” with our church family for 90 years. “I Love You All!”

God Bless you all and may my beloved church go on and survive this tumultuous time we are in, WITH THE LOVE OF GOD and many loving family and church families in Zion...Thank you all for being here. And to Blaine, thank you for making the walls of Zion swell with pride as you play the organ so beautifully as we praise our God.

Edie Brumm

What Can Happen In 1 Year?

Last year I had my 90th birthday when I asked if the church would put my letter into the Guiding Light and they did. We celebrated at the church with a cake during coffee hour. This year on May 23, 2020, I will be having my 91st birthday, but my beloved church will be locked and nobody will be in our church to even greet one another. Easter Sunday came. We would normally be in the sanctuary to hear the beautiful hymns and our beautiful organ played by Blaine. All around would hear our church family rejoice in meeting one another. This year it would not be so. I read an article by another minister who said to remember "Christ has Risen. He has Risen Indeed! And he is always with us and we are never alone."

I truly believe that "this too shall pass". Our church doors will be open to greet us all, and we will greet one another with great joy. Pastor Steven will make us smile as he starts his sermon with a nice story. He will sing the psalms and we will be able to all say...Christ Has Risen. He has Risen Indeed. Alleluia! Until then "May God Bless you all as you stay safely at home."

Edie Brumm

Keeping the faith in the age of COVID-19.

Throughout religious history society has always had a tug of war with faith. Whether the result of personal dilemma or a world pandemic. Our faith and trust falters and then may again be uplifted for many reasons. The light at the end of the tunnel seems dim and the tunnel long But hope is perpetual and will certainly prevail in the long run. This poem I composed call the Fight with Faith will hopefully create some reassurance among our faithful congregation.

Who Sat Here Before Me

I sit in my Pew, thinking of days of yore,
Of those Christians from yesteryear who sat here before
I wonder if they felt the same feeling I feel,
Was their commitment and faith much stronger and real.

The questions of Life and the works of the Lord,
Are longer than a sabre, and sharper than any sword.
I come here for solace and that feeling of peace,
To vent the feelings inside me I need to release.

The modern church in so many different ways,
Has adjusted to compensate for these more modern days
Yet the ones who have sat here knew his Love as we do
No matter who sits here God knows that it's you.

Written by Wayne Kirk – July 11/03

"Valley Religion in MY Life"

When St. Timothy's opened we would walk the block each Sunday from our home to the church. I became an Acolyte and after graduating confirmation class under Pastor David Metzger I began to teach Sunday School and joined the Junior choir under director Elva Merredew. When I married and moved to then Stafford we would again transfer to Zion. Later my twin sons would be baptized at Zion and later attend Sunday School. At seventy years old I retired from twenty-five years as a worship assistant. During that time I was also a Sexton for term and on church council. For the two years following I somehow lost my faith due mostly to personal reasons such as one of my sons being in the latter stages of early onset Alzheimer's at forty-one. He was predeceased by his grandmother, Mother and Aunt from the same disease before the age of fifty. About four weeks before the church shutdown the Lord decided to give me a much needed injection of Faith. When the church begins anew I will be involved in the men's choir and hopefully a worship assistant once again. The three weeks I had back at church were wonderful and everyone so welcoming. I do have a lot to be thankful for, a loving caring wife and twenty years survival from a quadruple bypass. Hopefully the re-strengthening of my faith will make me a much better individual. Just a footnote that this present and upcoming time of the year, early mornings on my deck watching the eastern horizon brighten and listening to the silence of God's sounds, seem to lift my faith even further. In the past few months I have been composing and submitting numerous articles to the Ottawa Sun. Fortunately three have been published. This is not one of them but more of a personal note to my fellow parishioners. God bless all and keep you safe and healthy. To those on the front lines fighting daily in the trenches of our own Canadian Flanders Field God bless also. To those who have given the ultimate sacrifice through this pandemic through illness or duty "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Wayne Kirk

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of April 24, 2020

The weekly amount of \$5,352.26 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,590.38 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$761.88 comes from hall rent, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$52,416.39
Missions and Outreach	\$830.51
Other Donations	\$2,083.00
Solar Income	\$2,737.87
Other Earned Income	\$ 5,167.75
Fundraised for general use	\$0.00
Total Income to Apr.24	\$63,235.52
Benevolence Expense	\$6000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$448.51
Committees Expense	\$859.66
Utilities Expense	\$8,444.54
Church Insurance	\$16,784.82
Property Maintenance	\$4,539.80
Other Operating Expense	\$10,867.40
Payroll	\$27,076.28
Benefits Expense	\$11,653.74
Expense Total to Apr.24	\$86,674.75
Net Total for 2020	(-\$23,439.23)
Previous Surplus/Deficit	\$7,000.68
Net Equity to Apr.24,2020	(-\$16,438.55)

To all that attend Zion,

I hope this edition of the Guiding Light finds you in good health. These are challenging times with Covid-19 health regulations affecting our regular way of life including closing the church. I sure do miss our time spent together at Sunday service and other events. When will things get back to normal, I don't know, but until then we have to help support the church with keeping up with expenses. As you can see above our deficit is substantial. 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.

Thank you for your continuing support.

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer,

Gerry Vandersleen



May 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Read Psalm 23	2 <i>Go my people, enter your rooms & shut your doors behind you. Take cover, for in a little while, the fury will be over. Isaiah 26:20</i>
3 Easter 4 Read John 10:1-10	4 <i>A caterpillar grows wings during a season of isolation.</i>	5 <i>A family in lockdown – Noah's Ark</i>	6 Read Jeremiah 23:1-8	7 <i>When life is sweet, say thank you & celebrate. When life is bitter, say thank you and grow.</i>	8 Read Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	9 <i>In peace I will lie down & sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8</i>
10 Easter 5 Read John 14:1-14 Mother's Day	11 <i>Kindness is free. Sprinkle it everywhere.</i>	12 <i>Until you have a test, you will never have testimony.</i>	13 Read Acts 7:44-60	14 <i>To heal a wound, you need to stop touching it. Guiding Light Deadline</i>	15 Read Psalm 66:8-20	16 <i>Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Isaiah 26:3</i>
17 Easter 6 Read John 14:15-21	18 <i>True faith is keeping your eyes on God when the world around you is falling apart.</i>	19 <i>One day you will tell your story of how you overcame what you went through & it will be someone else's survival guide.</i>	20 Read Acts 1:6-14	21 Ascension of our Lord Read Luke 24:44-53	22 Read Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	23 <i>When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought me joy. Psalm 94:19</i>
24 Easter 7 Read John 17:1-11 31 Day of Pentecost Read John 20:19-23	25 <i>I am not in control, but I am deeply loved by the One who is.</i>	26 <i>We are all broken. That's how the light gets in. – E. Hemingway</i>	27 Read 1 Peter 3:21-4:11	28 <i>Not all doors are opened after a single knock, & not all blessings come after a single prayer.</i>	29 Read Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	30 <i>He will be our peace. Micah 5:5</i>