

# THE GUIDING LIGHT

## MAY 2023

*Celebrating God as We Serve Others*  
**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 (livestreamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: Community Channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.*

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### **What is Pentecost?**

Pentecost Sunday is just around the corner – May 28 2023.

#### **But what is Pentecost?**

It's not like Pentecost is a word that we use much outside of church. Unlike some other Christian holy days, it hasn't leaked into popular culture. You don't find new stories about the "War on Pentecost" – there's no tradition of gift giving (and the accompanying sales) around Pentecost. You aren't even likely to find an increase in chocolate sales to go with the holiday.

#### **So what is Pentecost ... and why should we care?**

#### **The Basics of Pentecost**

Pentecost Sunday is the day when Christians around the world celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

On Christmas, Christians celebrate the Incarnation – the idea that God became human in the person of Jesus Christ.

On Easter, Christians celebrate the Resurrection – the belief that Jesus rose from the dead, a sign of the promise of resurrection given to all God's people.

And on Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit – the gift of God's comfort, power, and strength given to God's people.

#### **The History of Pentecost**

In the Hebrew Scripture, the Jewish people celebrated a holiday known as the "Festival of Weeks" (see Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 16).

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

This was a harvest festival, a time when the Israelites celebrate the generosity of God, shown in a successful harvest of grain.

While the Temple stood in Jerusalem, each farmer would bring their first fruits – the first ripe samples from their fields – and give them as an offering of thanksgiving in the Temple. This meant that many Jews from all across the countryside would gather in Jerusalem in order to present their offering at the Temple.

The Festival of Weeks happened fifty days after the Passover. For this reason, the Greek-speaking Jews of the first century called the festival “Pentecost” – from the Greek word meaning “fiftieth day.”

It was during the Festival of Weeks, fifty days after Passover, that the disciples of Jesus were gathered in Jerusalem. They had spent the last fifty days making sense of their experiences of the resurrection of their teacher, Jesus, and the fact that he had just ascended into heaven (for this whole account, see the book of Acts, chapters 1 and 2).

While the disciples were gathered, the Holy Spirit filled them. They began to tell to the pilgrims who were gathered in Jerusalem about Jesus. As they preached, they were amazed to discover that all the pilgrims – regardless of what language they spoke – were able to understand them.

### **So What**

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is rooted in this historical event – an event sometimes called the “birthday of the church” because it marks the day that Jesus’ disciples began to share the story of Jesus and invite others to share in their faith in Jesus as the Son of God.

But Pentecost is more than just remembering a historical event.

On Pentecost, we invite the same Spirit that filled the disciples that day to transform our lives. Even more important than looking backward and remembering what God did two thousand years ago, we look forward and invite the Spirit to pull us into the future.

The Holy Spirit has a way of turning things upside down. The story of Acts is all about how the lives of the disciples got turned upside down – and by extension, how the world turned upside down by this new, Spirit-filled faith.

On Pentecost we invite this disruptive presence of God into our own lives.

The fruit of the Spirit, says Paul, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are what we seek to live into, how we seek to transform the world, and the evidence of the Spirit at work in our lives and in the world.

*Pastor Scott*

## **Pastor Scott away May 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> to attend the Festival of Homiletics**

### **What does Pastor Scott study while at the Festival of Homiletics?**

The Festival of Homiletics takes place yearly and is presented by Luther Seminary in Minneapolis. The Festival prior to Covid was an in-person event held in Colorado or New Orleans. It has about 2000 people attend in person. During Covid they like many realized they needed to offer an on-line learning component which is wonderful for us in Canada.

Daily from Sunday to Friday from morning to evening there are several preaching professors from several institutions who present workshops based on everything from “preaching trauma” to “preaching transformation to small parishes” to “Revelation: Apocalyptic or a book of grace?” It is one of the best academic continuing ed events for the cost that is incurred.

### **THANK YOU!**

Each Sunday and on other special occasions, weddings, funerals and special services it is the duty of our sextons to ensure that the church is open and ready to welcome the people. When all is over, they make sure that everything is back in its place and locked up. But they do so much more. They make sure that water is available in the sacristy and pulpit. They ring the bells at the appropriate times and make sure that we have communion assistants. It is also the sexton that takes the count of the number of people attending the services. Once the service is over, they make sure all candles are extinguished, water glass’s emptied, collection plates are in their proper place, lights off and the doors are locked. During the summer we often open the windows. The sextons will do this and ensure that they are closed again. When there is a wedding or funeral taking place in the church, they are required to be available to complete many of the same duties. They work quietly behind the scenes to ensure that we can immerse ourselves in the worship of our Lord. A huge thank you for your service in this important ministry at Zion.

**Don Boldt**

**David Lehman**

**Karen Gauthier**

**Diane Hammel**

**Koiti Rull**

## From Your Treasurer

### Zion's Income and Expenses as of May 2, 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	74,735.50
Missions and Outreach	1,568.65
Other Donations	2,055.93
Solar Income	2,434.50
Other Earned Income	5,273.62
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to May 2	86,068.20
Benevolence Expense	6,750.00
Directed Gifts Expense	618.65
Committees Expense	1,458.46
Utilities Expense	11,196.16
Church Insurance	21,900.24
Property Maintenance	5,888.20
Other Operating Expense	15,380.55
Net Payroll	33,970.78
Benefits Expense	13,467.87
Expense Total to May 2	110,630.91
<b>Net as of May 2, 2023</b>	<b>(-24,562.71)</b>

To all that attend Zion,

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

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 grandchildren. 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](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



*Meet  
Our New  
Pastor*

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Sue  
to

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

**An installation service will take place**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**3:00 pm**

There will be a light lunch served after  
the service where people can meet and  
greet Pastor Sue

## Schedule for Worship

Every Sunday in May we will be using Setting 3 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship. On May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am Living Stones will take place in the parish hall.



## Sunday School Changes

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

We will reconvene for midweek Wednesday worship service on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

## Marina Service

Our marina service will be Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Social on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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, enjoy the company and bring a friend!

We will be holding Wednesday Morning Socials in May and June. We will be looking for input on future Morning Socials: how often, what days/time work best, what activities, if any, you would be interested in, etc.





## ***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 May 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 pm**



**YOUTH GROUP** ages 11-17.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm to 7:00 am—Survivor Easter Island Lock In**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Youth Group**



## **LIVING STONES**

The next Living Stones worship is May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

It is an intergenerational service. It is in the gym and is led by a 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. Those that want to come to worship can come early for coffee.

## **CAMP LUTHERAN**

We are getting our work lined up at Camp Lutherlyn for spring.

Zion Lutheran Church in Pembroke has always been very generous with their time and money in supporting the Agape Cabin. As you know this cabin has a new and central location on the camp property, where the Shepherd's staff cabin used to be. In order to have this cabin ready for summer operations, we will need to have the front deck reinstalled on the cabin, the back steps adjusted to fit properly (both require some hours of our handyman).

We also need:

- 1 Queen Size mattress (can be new or excellent used condition)
- 2 long twin mattresses (can be new or excellent used condition)
- 2 comfortable reading chairs (can be new or excellent used condition)

## **CAMP LUTHERLYN & CONFERENCE CENTRE A.G.M. MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting (Electronic Meeting) is scheduled for May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting login information will be provided at least 48 hours before the meeting.



# Little Ones and Caregivers Playgroup



The first time leaving your home environment to attend a playgroup can be a nervous and challenging experience for any parent and their child, especially if it is your first child, but the benefits far outweigh any negatives. Here are five reasons why attending playgroups should become an important part of your schedule.

## **1. Develops Social Skills and Confidence**

Experts agree that children begin to develop their social skills between the ages of four months to three years. In a playgroup setting, children learn to negotiate with others, take turns, share, and resolve conflict. In a playgroup, they can do this while still being supported by their parent or main caregiver which gives them a much-needed safety net to develop at their own pace.

## **2. Encourages Physical Activity**

From the time a child starts to become mobile, keeping them entertained can be difficult! Playgroups provide well thought out, age-appropriate activities for children that often focus on developing their gross and fine motor skills. The use of indoor and outdoor spaces offers lots of opportunities for running, jumping and climbing alongside cutting, gluing, painting and moulding. Occupational therapists advise parents to offer many opportunities for physical movement. Every good playgroup should provide these!

## **3. Elicits creativity and fosters their imagination**

Eighty percent of all brain development occurs in the first few years of life and exposure to creative environments can only enhance their development. Having the opportunity to play using open-ended resources allow children to begin to think creatively, develop their own ideas and explore. This also aids speech development as they learn to describe the world around them.

## **4. Builds Resilience and Prepares For 'Big' School**

Attending a playgroup can enable children to cope with new situations, manage stress and adapt to change. Research has shown that separation from a parent or main caregiver when starting school can be a stress-inducing. However, at a playgroup, children get to test separation from their parent over time, which builds their confidence and encourages them to be independent from an early age. This will support them emotionally when they go to school on a daily-basis.

## **5. Opportunities to strengthen the bond between parent and child and make new friends too!**

Spending time at a playgroup strengthens the relationship between the child and parent because it creates a shared experience. Parents enjoy seeing their child grow and develop more confidence as they become more familiar in the playgroup setting.

## **BONUS**

Playgroups are also fantastic places for parents and caregivers to meet other parents and caregivers. To know you are not alone, but instead have a network of people to talk to, ask advice and make friends with can be hugely comforting. Building a community as an adult in a parenting situation can be challenging as day-to-day activities can often feel so unfamiliar. Playgroups also allow adults to come together in a supportive community, have a coffee, share ideals and resources, celebrate milestones, commiserate over disappointments and make friends.

## **Little Ones Play Group**

Please join us on Wednesday May 10th at 9:30am in the hallway/gathering space between the Sunday School rooms. Coffee/tea/juice and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring a friend. Stay, play, talk, listen, and have fun.



# Easter Island

## LOCK-IN

Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke

(613)-732-8792

May 5th 7:00 pm - May 6th 7:00am

Can you be the one to outsmart, outdo, or outlast everyone else?

You won't know unless you play the games.

Join us for some fun and games and invite a friend.

The cost for the Event is \$10 per person.

Snacks and a midnight breakfast will be provided.

Ages 11-17 are welcome.

Come to Survivor Easter Island

The Tribe has spoken



# Zion Lutheran Women

*Please join us on*

**Wed. May 3, 2022 at 2:00 pm**

*Presentation by*

*First Step Options*

**Coffee and snacks to follow!**

**ZLW – Faith & Life Programs 2023**

- May 3:** First Step Option - Presentation by First Step Options – Diane H  
**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

**Monday May 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm**

The ZLW has invited Donalee Loback, Executive Director to speak to us from First Step Options. We will learn more about what First Steps Options is all about and how they help in our community. Please consider donating some of the items listed below to help out. Items can be new or gently used in good clean condition. All are welcome to attend and donate.

**Listed are some items that we can donate to First Steps:**

- baby wash
- towels
- bibs
- outfits
- diaper cream
- socks
- onesies
- toys
- wash cloths
- hats
- sleepers
- books, etc.



**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.**

# Paint and Nibble Night

## Wednesday, May 3, 2023

*Everyone welcome*



**\$45.00/person**

**Pre-registration with payment by April 26, 2023—40 spaces**

Includes supplies and refreshments

**Instructor Helen Schruder**

**Pembroke 50+ Activity Living Centre - 42 Renfrew St.**

**7pm - doors open 6:30pm**

**For more information call 613-735-1226**

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
454 Miller Street  
Pembroke, Ontario  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2023**

**Present:** Karen Gauthier, Jill Kellough, Michael Lange, Jamie MacKinnon, Kathy Nieman, Pastor Scott Schellenberger, Denise Schizkoske, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), (Erica Deloughery)

**Excused:** Susan Dupuis

1. **Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Pastor Scott. The opening devotion was given by Karen Gauthier.
2. Pastor Scott asked re nominations for chairperson. Michael Lange nominated Susan Dupuis for chairperson. Council members in agreement with the nomination. Susan Dupuis was approved as chairperson. Pastor Scott then asked for nominations for vice chair. Kathy Nieman nominated Denise Schizkoske for vice chair. Denise, and council, agreed with the nomination. Denise Schizkoske was approved as vice chairperson. Pastor Scott asked for nominations for secretary; Denise Schizkoske nominated Karen Gauthier. Karen Gauthier, and council, agreed with the nomination. Karen Gauthier was approved as council secretary.
3. **Confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements-** deferred to next meeting as forms unavailable for this meeting.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions- Ongoing business: Staying Connected Program. New business: emergency plan; emergency response.  
Motion to approve agenda: Karen Gauthier. Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of February were reviewed previously via email.  
Motion to approve minutes: Michael Lange. Seconded: Karen Gauthier.
6. **Finance Report:** Gerry Vandersleen reported offerings are up compared to the same period last year. Benevolence is the same as last year and the first payment has been made. Both income and expenses are up compared to the same period last year.
7. **Pastors Report:** No report due to Pastor Scott's busy schedule this past month.
8. **Correspondence:** nil.
9. **Committee Reports**
  - **Property-** Gerry is presently in negotiations for the sale of the 442 Miller Street house. More info will be available once the sale is underway. Council in agreement with proceeding with negotiations (the sale of the house had been approved by the congregation at a congregational meeting on November 21, 2021). Repairs are required of the boilers and condensate tank, at an approximate cost of \$15 000.00. An electrician will install a direct line from the breaker box to the balcony for the sound system and the projector.

- **Worship and Music-** from the W & M meeting, two waterfront services will be booked in the spring and fall. There was discussion about pre-service hymn sings and other suggestions from the Table Talks, which are being implemented slowly. A contemporary service will be held this Sunday. Holy week services will be held: Maundy Thursday at 7pm; Good Friday at 10am; and Easter worship at 8am and 10am. Jamie discussed the Living Stones worship and the low attendance. Council discussed different options (potentially hold it at the same time, in the Parish Hall, as the regular worship service at 10:00am; or potentially in place of the regular worship service). It was agreed the Living Stones Worship would be held at the same time as our regular worship (10am in the Parish Hall) for the next few months to determine if this is a more suitable time.
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- **Social Ministry-** Denise reported from the Social Ministry meeting last week. Karen gave an update on the Staying Connected Program. The Coldest Night of the Year Team raised over \$3 080.00 for The Grind. April 19 will be preparation and delivery of spring meals to those on the Care List. May 7 we will host a potluck meal after the service; there will be a basket for donations to the Good Shepherding Program (which is a fund set up for members of the congregation who find themselves in need). The annual garage sale will be held October 21, with proceeds going to the Food Bank.
- **Learning-** Pastor Scott reports the confirmation class has been really helping out with Lenten supper clean up.

## 10. Ongoing Business

- Staying connected program update. Karen reports the Staying Connected program will conclude on March 27, with the final report to be submitted within a month. The program goal of increasing digital literacy amongst the participants was reached. There were numerous visits to participants in their homes with one-on-one instruction, with an emphasis on teaching internet safety. The other program goal of helping seniors feel more connected with family, friends, and community, was also achieved, although not the same extent as digital literacy. Overall, participants were very appreciative of the program.

## 11. New Business

- Council members' donations: Council members are reminded to bring their donations to the next council next meeting if they have not already done so.
- Second defibrillator and training- Pastor Scott suggests a second defibrillator should be placed in the hallway to the parish hall. Gerry suggested moving the unit we do have to the hall, but mentioned we will have to discuss with the Tai Chi Club as they were the ones who originally purchased the unit.
- Emergency plan- there was some discussion around how to handle emergency situations in the future. Some suggestions were new signage to indicate the location of the main entrance, and the establishment of an emergency plan (a volunteer has stepped forward to assist in this process).
- Emergency response- the first meeting of the emergency response committee, which was raised by Steve Boland at the annual meeting, will be held Thursday evening. So far, the committee has 3 members: Steve Boland, Krista Grosskleg, and Al Kellough. Pastor Scott is also planning on attending the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

Moved: Michael Lange.

Seconded: Jamie MacKinnon.

*The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023 at 7 pm. Devotions will be given by Denise Schizkoske.*

## **W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

### **Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

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

**Welcome and Opening Devotions:** Gayle welcomed everyone to the April 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:**

Easter weekend services are planned.

Both Blaine and Pastor Scott will be taking holidays in April. Therefore, there will NOT be any Wednesday morning services for this month. Services will resume on May 3rd with only one service in May.

- Contemporary services will occur every 6 - 7 weeks. A lot of preparation is required to put these worship services together and we recognize that those involved also have other commitments. We appreciate the time they give to this ministry.
- The church council has decided that the Living Stones worship will be held on the 3rd week of the month and is scheduled for 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. This will be on a trial basis and will be reevaluated after a few months. The hope is that by giving people a choice between our traditional service and the Living Stones service, attendance will increase.
- During Blaine's holidays, hymns will be sung with guitar music.

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

- During the trial period, when both traditional and the Living Stones services occur at the same time, it will be important to gather stats to inform future decision making.
- Contemporary service dates need to be planned and should be put in the bulletin and/or Guiding Light to keep the congregation informed.
- The organ tuning will occur on April 5th. Blaine has compiled a list of questions for the tuners and will update the committee at the next meeting.
- The grand piano will be tuned next. Blaine will check to see if there is someone in the area that can do the job. If so, this will decrease travel costs for the tuner and help support local business.
- Blaine will be away on April 23rd.
- Blaine shared that the Psalm resource he mentioned at the last meeting is reasonably priced and contains contemporary pieces. He would like to start using this resource in May.
- The duet by Sandra Allen and Blaine was well received. She was very appreciative of the honorarium. In addition, Blaine sent a thank you note and candle as an expression of thanks.
- Blaine has reconnected with Maria Merridew and plans for a musical offering are in the works.

##### **Waterfront Service**

- The waterfront service is scheduled for Sunday, June 18th at 11:00 am. The committee will discuss details at the next meeting.
- A second service is tentatively scheduled for September 10th with more details to follow.

**Technology:**

- Diane spoke with Wilmer Verch and an electrician has been contacted to fix the electrical issues affecting the technology. Pastor Scott will get an estimate from Gerry Vandersleen so he can include the cost in the grant application which is due at the end of April.
- Diane will reach out to Mike Montaigne once the electrician has been in to check the sound system in the kitchen.
- Ellen explained that connectivity issues on Sunday, April 2nd prevented the complete taping of the service.
- A few suggestions for improving the taped services were discussed. It was decided that the prayer of the day as well as the opening, closing and hymn of the day should be projected so viewers can follow along.
- Overall, the feedback from people accessing the services online has been very positive. Comments about how professional the records look have been received. We thank all those involved in this outreach ministry. Well done!

**Next Meeting:**

- **Tuesday, May 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

# *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.

## **ZLW Meeting**

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm the ZLW has invited Donalee Loback, Executive Director to speak to us from First Step Options. We will learn more about what First Steps Options is all about and how they help in our community.

## **Confirmation Class Information**

Next classes are: Wed May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:15 - 7:30pm and Wed May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – 7:30pm

## **Pembroke 50 Plus Active Living Centre Open House**

Paint and Nibble Night Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

\$45. includes supplies and refreshments. spaces are limited to 40.

Open House Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 3:00 pm. Everyone welcome!

For more information on both events, please call 613- 735-1226

## **Youth Group**

Friday May 5: 7:00 pm to Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am - Survivor Easter Island lock-in at the church overnight. Cost is \$10.

Permission forms will be required.

## **Pint with the Pastors**

Please join us at Finnigan's for a bite and a pint on May 7 at 6:30pm. We will share some laughs and play some Bible Trivia. Come out and bring a friend!

## **The Social Ministry Committee will be hosting a *Spring Potluck***

**Luncheon Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>**, following worship. A donation jar will be out asking for contributions towards Zion's Good Shepherding Fund. Presently, our fund is low and in need of topping up. This Good Shepherding Fund helps members of Zion who may find themselves in need. It is always good to have some funds ahead to be prepared. Please come out for some fellowship and bring your favorite dish. Donations will be greatly appreciated and our drive will continue for the month of May. Many Thanks.

## **First Step Options**

Free community workshop - Topic: Motherhood Burnout. Thursday May 11 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Wesley Community Church Hall 210 Renfrew Street. Pre-registration is required. Call 613-635-7440, email: [fsocentre@gmail.com](mailto:fsocentre@gmail.com)



## *NOTES AND NEWS (CONT.)*

### **Sunday School**

Beginning in May, Sunday school will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Next Sunday School is May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Little Ones Playgroup**

May 10 & 24 @ 9:30am outside the Sunday School rooms Coffee/Tea/Juice and treats provided.

Who is it for? Infants to preschool aged children and their caregivers Who is welcome? Moms, dads, grammys and grampas, caregivers, single parent families, LGBTQ+ families, first time parents, parents of 10+ kids, postpartum mums, etc. (and the children!)

What will we do? We will teach simple songs that can be sung at home, we will read stories, we will have tactile things to touch and play with, we will have simple snacks, we will have play time and snuggle time, some will be able to nap, grown-ups will be able to talk to each other.

### **Camp Lutheran Spring Work Day**

We are planning our spring work day at Camp Lutherlyn for Saturday May 13. Please email: [info@lutherlyncamp.ca](mailto:info@lutherlyncamp.ca) if you are planning to join us-even if it is just for a few hours. The day will run from 9:00-2:00, and lunch will be provided.

### **Zion Lutheran Plant Sale**

Please join us on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 12:00 at Zion Lutheran for our annual plant sale.

### **Living Stones Worship**

The next Living Stones Service is Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

### **Installation Service**

Sunday May 28 at 3:00 pm There will be an installation service for Pastor Sue Nevile. There will be a light lunch served after the service where people can meet and greet Pastor Sue.

### **Confirmation Camp**

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

### **Waterfront Services at the Marina**

We will be worshipping on Sunday June 18 at 11:00 am and Sunday September 23 at 11:00 am at the marina. (Weather permitting).

# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Messy Church	<b>2</b> <b>7 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous 7 pm Worship and Music	<b>3</b> <b>10:30</b> Midweek Worship <b>2 pm</b> ZLW <b>6:15</b> Confirmation <b>7 pm</b> Men's Choir	<b>4</b> <b>11 am</b> Worship Marianhill <b>7 pm</b> Mixed Choir	<b>5</b> <b>7pm-7am</b> Youth Group Lock-In Survivor Easter Island	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>10 am</b> Worship Service with Communion  <b>11 am</b> Spring Potluck (after service)  <b>6:30 pm</b> Pint With Pastors	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>7 pm</b> Worship and Music <b>7pm</b> Council Mtg.	<b>10</b> <b>9:30</b> Little One Play Group <b>12:30</b> Staff Mtg. <b>6:15 pm</b> Confirmation <b>7 pm</b> Men's Choir	<b>11</b> <b>7 pm</b> Mixed Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9 am</b> Zion Plant Sale
<b>14</b> <b>10 am</b> Worship Service, Service of The Word & Sunday School	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>7 pm</b> Church Council	<b>17</b> <b>7 pm</b> Men's Choir	<b>18</b> <b>7 pm</b> Mixed Choir <b>7 pm</b> Healing Vets	<b>19</b> <b>Guiding Light Deadline</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>PASTOR SCOTT AWAY MAY 14 - 19- FESTIVAL OF HOMILETICS</b>						
<b>21</b> <b>10 am</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion <b>10 am</b> Living Stones Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>24</b> <b>9:30</b> Little One Play Group <b>10:30</b> Midweek Worship <b>12:30</b> Staff Mtg. <b>7 pm</b> Men's Choir	<b>25</b> <b>7 pm</b> Mixed Choir <b>7 pm</b> Healing Vets	<b>26</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10 am</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion & Sunday School <b>3 pm</b> Pastor Sue Installation Service	<b>29</b> <b>10:00</b> Pastoral Care Mtg.	<b>30</b> <b>7 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>31</b> <b>7 pm</b> Men's Choir			

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

## **Worship Assistants**

May 7- Lorraine MacKenzie  
May 14- Susan Dupuis  
May 21- Pastor Sue Nevile  
May 28- Michael Lange

## **Sexton**

May 7- Don Boldt  
May 10 - Koit Rull (midweek service)  
May 14- Diane Hammel  
May 21- David Lehman  
May 24 - Diane Hammel (midweek service)  
May 28- Karen Gauthier

## **Counters**

May 7- Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green,  
Lori Crigger  
May 14- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,  
Christine Booth  
May 21- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,  
Christine Booth  
May 28- Gayle and Larry Seegmiller

## **Ushers**

May 7- Kevin & Jean Rutz  
May 14- Denise Schizkoske & Cheryl Sack  
May 21- Pam Duplessis & Cindy Thrasher  
May 28- Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

## **Altar Care**

May 7- Pauline & Doug Maliff  
May 14- Sandra Graham  
May 21- Wendy Gerundin  
May 28- Cheryl Sack

## **Projector Operators**

May 7- Diane Hammel  
May 14- Rick Gerundin  
May 21- Zach Phannenhour  
May 28- TBA

## **Video Recorders**

May 7- Daniel Reid  
May 14- Ellen Vandersleen  
May 21- Ty Phannenhour  
May 28- TBA

## **Sound Operators**

May 7- Noah Schmidt  
May 14- Gerry Vandersleen  
May 21- Todd Phannenhour  
May 28- TBA

## **Coffee Hour**

May 7- Doug & Pauline Maliff  
May 14- Patti & Peter Wegner  
May 21- Debbie Sitkiewicz  
May 28- Denise & Barry Schizkoske