

THE GUIDING LIGHT NOVEMBER 2023

Celebrating God as We Serve Others

Celebrating 140 Years



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Monthly Newsletter of
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday
School **Sunday 10:00 am** Living Stones Worship
Wednesday 10:30 am Mid-week Worship

All Sunday Morning Services are available on Cogeco TV on Sunday mornings as well as our YouTube Page and after the service on the Facebook page. YouTube (live streamed), Zion Lutheran Pembroke Facebook, Zion Lutheran Church Pembroke, Cogeco: Community Channel and broadcasts of previous week's service.

From the Pastor's Desk

What does an Anniversary mean to you?

One of the privileges of my calling is that as a pastor I get to listen to people's stories and histories. This week alone I was told by two couples that they were married for 62 and 66 years. I am just amazed when I hear that. Part of the reason people can celebrate this many years is that people are living much longer. During a marriage or lifetime of many memories are created that will last a lifetime. To give you an idea of what living committed in a marriage for such a long time let me share.

I once heard the story about how a war bride met her husband in England. The story of another two who were high school sweethearts. I have heard how another came across the ocean to get settled before bringing his wife and children to get settled. There are many more situations that I have been privy to also. There is one factor that always has played an important part in all of these marriages. All marriage vows were made before God vowing to be together "until death parts us." I insist that this is spoken by each bride and groom in every wedding service so couples think carefully about the lifetime vows they make.

This month we are celebrating 140 years as the congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are not celebrating the anniversary of the church building because the congregation worshipped in a small church kitty-corner to where the current church stands.

We are celebrating the people of God, both saints past and saints that are alive. We are celebrating the vow of love God has given to us in his Son Jesus.

During 140 years of ministry at Zion there have been several pastors that have served here but more importantly there have been hundreds of people that were baptized here, confirmed, married, met their spouse, raised their children and proclaimed their faith. As I watch the goings on at the church without a doubt people continue to serve God with thanksgiving.

Over 140 years many people have made marriage vows to one another. God has also made vows to us. God claims us as his children in baptism. He comes to us to make promises that it is through baptism we are chosen to be part of his family. God also promised us that in Christ dying on the cross and rising from the grave, we too will experience his heavenly home. The truth is his love sets us free to be saints now and for eternal life. Thanks be to God.

Many blessings,

Pastor Scott

Baptisms 2023

Grace Lynn Dixon-Cole

Morgan Faith McNary

Lakin John Trautrim

Greyson Ellis James Anthony

Murray Howard Sylvestre

Emma Marie Rose McGregor

Charlee Mae Michelle Herwig



Remembering Those Who Have Passed 2023

Erica Loevenmark - January 3, 2023

Marilyn Ann Kathen - January 24, 2023

Gaya Vandersleen-January 27, 2023

Eddie Frank Gorr - March 8, 2023

Ronald Arthur Gorr - March 16, 2023

Grace Margaret Colbear-March 28, 2023

Ann June Watt -March 29, 2023

David Kenneth Bartlett - April 5, 2023

Vera Loraine Krueger -April 15, 2023

Dawn Elaine Howard -May 2, 2023

Marilyn Plath -May 27, 2023

Helen Gertrude Sabourin - June 19, 2023

Barry Briscoe - July 5, 2023

Brenda Lee Sperberg - July 18, 2023

Margaret Emma King - September 23, 2023

Elinor Margaret Clifton - September 7, 2023

Lloyd David Graham -September 7, 2023

Jean Isobel Irving - September 10, 2023

Leona Ella Edna Waito - September 28, 2023

Aletha Anne Beech - October 24, 2023



THANK YOU!!

Have you ever wondered what happens with your offering envelope after the worship service is over? You see the offering plate being brought up to the altar but where does it go from there?

After each worship service the head counter assigned to that Sunday takes the offering into the church office. Here they meet with 2 other volunteer counters. Each Sunday a team of 3 people work together. Other money received by mail or some that have been dropped into the office are amalgamated with the Sunday envelopes. The envelopes are sorted and each counter is responsible to open each envelope and ensure that the amount inside equals the amount written on the envelope. We thank everyone for not taping or stapling the envelopes closed. Once all envelopes are opened the counters must then balance the total of money they have to the total of the amounts written on the envelopes. This doesn't always happen on the first time and they must then determine where the error is. The head counter takes care of any envelopes that are "special", meaning the money has a specific designation and does not go into the general fund. Once everyone has balanced the money is combined and placed into the night deposit bag and all envelopes for the general account are placed in numerical order so that it is easier and quicker for June to enter the information into the computer program. The head counter then takes the deposit to the bank. This process can take up to 1 hour. Of course, on special occasions such as Easter and Christmas a counting team is required for each service. We would like to thank this dedicated group of volunteers who make sure this important work is completed.

Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman and Christine Booth

Gayle Seegmiller, Larry Seegmiller and Des Schrie

Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier and David Lehman

Gerry Vandersleen, Wayne and Linda Reiche

Kevin and Jean Rutz

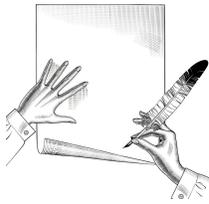
Diane Hammel, Pam Duplessis and Wilmer Verch

Doug Malliff, Pauline Malliff and Sandra Graham

Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green and Lori Crigger

Susan Dupuis, Kathy and Joel Nieman





FROM THE OTHER PASTOR

Maybe you remember last month that I said I would be talking about evangelism for the next few months.

Well here is a question for you: Who should be an evangelist?

Some Christians are amazing evangelists, and can reel off amazing stories of bringing people to Jesus. Some can quote the Bible and make it relevant to any situation while others still feel comfortable talking to just about anyone about faith, God, Christ and the Spirit and how these things can change their lives in small and immense ways. Maybe you know or ARE one of these people. The question is: who can be one of these people?

The short answer is that although some are set apart with the specific gift of the evangelist, all who love Jesus need to play their part in evangelism. Nothing will change if we're dependent on the odd charismatic personality who can deliver a rousing talk. Think about it! This is compelling stuff. What we need is a mobilized Church, with every person playing their part and stepping into all that the Lord has for them. We all have colleagues, neighbors, friends that the Church may struggle to impact with the good news through any other means than us. So let's all get active. God is doing great things and we need to play our part and join in with Him.

So we can all evangelize - whether we feel like evangelists or not.

What can we do? Invite people to church, or coffee hour, or even just tell about what happened while we were with other people of our congregation. Guess what? Many people will say "No thanks." And that's OK! The task before us is to practice the invitation. The more we invite the more comfortable we become with it. It's more than ok for us to be a welcoming church. The challenge is for us to be an INVITING church. We can no longer wait for people to happen into our worship and our community... We need to be open to being inviting. And this invitation doesn't have to be to the unknown or the stranger; it can simply be to those we already know: our friends, our families, those who used to attend but have got out of the practice, and those who fell away due to obligations or conflict. Do you feel strongly about why Zion is such an amazing congregation? Let us share this amazing give with those we know and love the best.

Who is the evangelist? We all are!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Sue

From Your Treasurer,

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Oct.24, 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	167,795.90
Missions and Outreach	3,891.40
Other Donations	2,945.93
Solar Income	11,273.22
Other Earned Income	15,811.84
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Oct.24	201,718.29
Benevolence Expense	11,200.00
Directed Gifts Expense	3,580.05
Committees Expense	2,421.99
Utilities Expense	20,085.38
Church Insurance	20,987.64
Property Maintenance	10,471.96
Other Operating Expense	34,841.17
Net Payroll	84,615.21
Benefits Expense	35,972.59
Expense Total to Oct.24	224,175.99
Net as of Oct.24, 2023	(-22,457.70)

To all that attend Zion,

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

Our way of life keeps on changing, not always for the better. The erosion of the main pillars that have formed our lives of which the church is one leaves us wondering where do we go from here. This church is celebrating 140 years of worship, helping and working together in faith and we have been rewarded with the riches of a good life here. Your generosity helps us continue our call to serve as a Christian. We are a family here, helping each other and our community.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net for online donations. You can still mail your cheque or arrange to drop off at the office. **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** is another way to give weekly whether you're away or here. Contact the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. May God bless you and keep you safe,

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

Sunday October 22 Table Talks

The Table Talks were opened at 11:20 by Pastor Scott. Steve Boland gave a brief synopsis of the work of the Emergency Shelter task force established earlier this year. The task force has expanded to include members of different service agencies, members of the Pembroke and Area Clergy Association, and two physicians and is now called the Pembroke and Area Community Taskforce (PACT).

PACT made a presentation to Pembroke City Council earlier this month as they plan to establish a shelter for those living with homelessness; due to zoning issues, establishing a shelter is not possible for the upcoming winter. The alternative would be a warming center, which would provide a warm place for people to spend the cold winter nights. The plan is to provide recliner type chairs as providing beds or cots deems the center a shelter.

A tour of Zion was done, and PACT would like to use the basement under the parish hall as a short term, temporary warming center for the upcoming winter season. The plan is to operate the warming center from 10pm to 8am, with doors locked after 10pm. Personal belongings would be gathered at the door and placed in a secure location for the night. Security would be provided in the form of three security personnel. PACT plans to establish a permanent location for the 2024-2025 season thus Zion would only be committing to the 2023-2024 winter season as a temporary measure.

Those gathered for the Table Talks were asked to answer 3 questions in their groups. The following are the answers to those questions from the notes written by the groups.

1. **What do you feel are some of the needs in the City of Pembroke?**

Answers: Shelter for the homeless, physical and mental health supports, food for the needy, a Salvation Army, public transportation.

2. **How would Jesus instruct us to act in faith to care for groups in need?**

Answers: To pray for all, love all, be kind, be understanding, show compassion, treat each other as family and equals, show up, help the poor, do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

3. **The need for the community to address homelessness especially during the winter months is great. How do you feel or what do you think about there being a temporary shelter at Zion this winter to provide a warm, safe place of refuge for the homeless?**

Answers: Many felt it was a good idea and thought it was a good way to support our community. Questions to be asked later; those who struggle need love and support...we welcome everyone else here for various reasons (most groups come from financial security); we are supportive, it is our calling to reach out and help others in our community, but have questions re security/locks, supervision, # of people, power outages; good thing but have concerns re damage to property, if neighbors will be informed, our programs during the day, if there are too many problems is there a way out; the need is great, we need to step up but we are afraid as we hear horror stories; the details need to be worked out.

Steve provided answers to some questions following the discussions. PACT is awaiting support of both Renfrew County Council and Pembroke City Council; without their support, the warming center will not be able to proceed. Pastor Scott thanked those who attended and encouraged them to attend the congregational meeting to vote on whether the temporary warming center at Zion will be held on November 5 following worship. Only the congregation will decide whether this proposal will go through. The meeting ended at 12:05pm with The Lord's Prayer.

*In celebration of our
140th Anniversary
Please join us for*



A FALL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

Organ, Piano & Flute music will be provided by:

Blaine Sack – Zion Lutheran

Joyce Nelson – Calvin United

Sandra Allen – Wesley United

Cathy Lupton – St Timothy's Lutheran

Paula Lundrigan – Holy Trinity Anglican

Sunday November 5th @ 2:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

|454 Miller Street

Pembroke, ON

(Corner of Miller and Munro)

613-732-8792

Admission by freewill offering at the door

Proceeds going to:

Camp Lutherlyn

St Joseph's Food Bank

Zion Organ Fund

*For more information
please contact Blaine @*

343-369-8700



You Are Invited To Celebrate Our
140th Anniversary
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBROKE

Sunday November 26, 2023
Celebration Service: 3:00 pm
With guest preacher Bishop Michael Pryse

Followed by Social Hour & History Display In the Parish
Hall

Dinner: 5:30 pm
454 Miller Street, Pembroke
To reserve tickets please contact:

Church office: 613-732-8792

or

Lorraine: 613-401-4017

Tickets on sale until November 17
Adults - \$30 Children 12 and under - \$15

Come & Enjoy a Roast Beef and Ham Dinner
Catered by The Kitchen Eatery & Catering Company



MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Midweek worship services in November are Wednesday November 15th and Wednesday November 29th at 10:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023-2024

Years One and Two of Confirmation will run together this year. Classes continue in November - Wednesday November 1st and Wednesday November 15th at 6:15 pm. If you have a child interested in attending, please contact the church at (613) 732-8792 or email Pastor Scott at sschellenberger@hotmail.com

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on Wednesday, November 15th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall for our Morning Social! Come on out for fun and fellowship. Pull up a chair, grab a coffee (or tea) and a snack, and enjoy the company! Bring a friend!

Karen Gauthier and Jill Kellough
Social Ministry Committee



SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Join us every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us

Faith & Life Programs 2023

November 1st at 2:00 pm: Wear a Poppy – Remembrance Day -Susan Dupuis

December 6th at 2:00 pm: Food Bank – Crafts & Music (bring a favorite treat)



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

Messy Church is a program that runs the **first Monday of every month 5:30pm – 7:30pm.** Our next Messy Church will be held on **Monday November 6th at 5:30pm.** It includes Food, Crafts Games, Faith Talk, and Fun!



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group happens on the **2nd and 4th Friday night of the month beginning at 6:30pm.** This year we will be doing some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome. Youth beginning at confirmation age and up are welcome. Our next sessions are **November 10th and November 24th** at 6:30pm.

LIVING STONES WORSHIP SERVICE

The Living Stones Worship service is a service that is interactive and led by members of the congregation who play guitar and sing. It happens in the gym on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. On November 22nd at 10:00 am we will be participating in a blended service in the main sanctuary. Invite a friend! Would you like to help out? We are looking for help with reading, projection/video support, musicians, and skits. Do any of these opportunities speak to your heart? This is a great way to serve and help give back to the church community.





SOCKTOBER

Thanks to all who were able to bring socks to the church to share the warmth of the this winter season. A tally will be posted along with some the fancy socks that photographed during coffee hour on the Facebook Page of Zion Lutheran.

The question is: What's Next??

Glovenber: (gloves)

Mitcember: (Mittens) - a mitten tree will be located in the foyer

Scarfuary: (scarves)

Fembuary: (feminine products)

March Madness: (protein products: peanut butter, beans, canned tuna, whey powder, protein bars, etc)

April-No-Fools: (underwear: briefs/shorts for men and women - no thongs pls!)

June Truth: (kids snacks - granola bars, individual puddings, fruit cups, etc - no candy pls!)



Fall Photo Challenge

We are looking for pictures to use in worship and on our Facebook page that represent God's creation all around us. So as you are out and about in your daily comings and goings take pictures of the beauty of God's creation all around us. This can be at work, at home, at the cottage, in the yard, on a walk, or in your garden. Please email your submissions to Pastor Sue at suebird98@hotmail.com



***PULSE YOUTH GROUP
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBROKE***

CELEBRATING
140 YEARS

140th Anniversary Craft Night

Friday November 10 6:30pm – 8pm

We will be preparing some crafts at the church in honour of our 140th anniversary. Bring a friend and/or a parent.

LOL! Night

Friday November 6:30pm-8:30pm

Be prepared for a night of fun, group activities and laughter. Bring a friend and some snacks with you too.





The Grind Presents...

Spaghetti Dinner



\$12
per adult
\$5
youth 10
+ under

Gluten Free &
Vegetarian
Options
Available

Thursday, November 23 | 6pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER AT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
454 Miller St. Pembroke

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE GRIND &
our Coldest Night of the Year 2024 Fundraising Event

Tickets available at The Grind and must be purchased in
advance.

 613-732-9423
 273 Victoria St. Pembroke
 www.thegrindpembroke.ca

WE'RE HAVING A SILENT AUCTION

DECEMBER 10TH

2023 6:30PM - 8PM

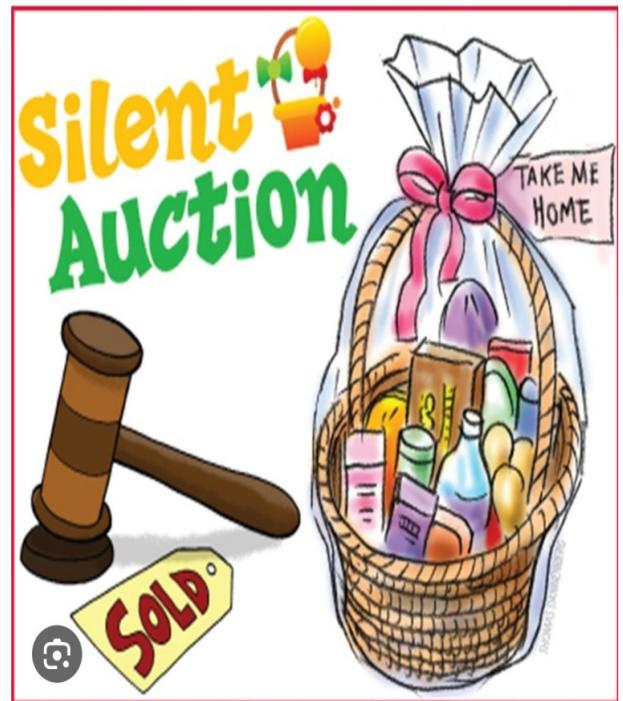
PROCEEDS GOING TO THE FOOD BANK

&

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**COME TO FINISH YOUR
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
OFF AND TO HAVE SOME
FUN!**

- GIFT CERTIFICATES
- BASKETS OF GOODIES
- GOODS TO SHARE...
- AND SO MUCH MORE!



TICKETS \$5

CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE OFFICE, DURING COFFEE HOUR
OR AT THE DOOR

**SOUP AND SANDWICH
LUNCHEON
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023
FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

PROCEEDS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE GOOD SHEPHERDING FUND
(THIS WILL WRAP UP THE JAM JAR FUNDRAISER)



Join us for some good food and fellowship. Thank you for your support.

Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller Street
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

Present: Susan Dupuis, Jill Kellough, Michael Lange, Jamie MacKinnon, Denise Schizkoske, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer).

Excused: Erica Deloughery, Karen Gauthier, Pastor Sue Nevile, Kathy Nieman, Pastor Scott Schellenberger

1. Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:10pm. The opening devotion was given by Jamie MacKinnon

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Additions: no additions.

Motion to approve agenda: Jamie MacKinnon Seconded: Denise Schizkoske.

3. Approval of Minutes: The previous council meeting minutes of May were reviewed previously via email.

Motion to approve minutes: Jill Kellough. Seconded: Michael Lange

4. Church: Moved by: Jill Kellough. Seconded by: Denise Schizkoske. Motion approved unanimously by Council.

5. Finance Report: From the comparative income statement and comparative balance sheet, treasurer Gerry Vandersleen highlighted: regular offerings are down slightly, gas expenses are significantly higher, church insurance is up \$2300, and office supply expenses are up. At present, the higher deficit is primarily due to increases in both office expenses and the price of natural gas. By paying the insurance in the amount of \$20,987.64 early in the year it will take a few more months of offerings to balance this out. Our PAR offerings help to keep a consistent amount coming into the budget each month regardless of attendance. This is very helpful when bills are consistent each month.

6. Pastors Report: Council Report June/23
Statistics May/June

Funerals – Dawn Howard - Father Neville presided
Marilyn Kathen
Ronald Gorr
Marilyn Plath
2 internments

Baptisms: Aria Wright -daughter of Khala Wright

Visits - 8 home/church visits, 3 hospital visits, 7 phone visits
Seniors Home Services – 2

Pulse Ministries
No activities over the summer.

Confirmation Camp – July 9-14 Camp Lutherlyn

Continuing Education

I have now graduated a yearlong Mentorship Program and will be receiving a designation in Backstory Preaching (BsP). I was away for a continuing education event called the Festival of Homiletics May14-19. It

takes place in Minneapolis but was live streamed to me in Canada and around the world for a nominal fee of \$100.

Holidays

I will be away July 31 until August 27 (4 Sundays). The Worship and Music Committee is looking for supply clergy. For the moment I will provide sermons from the ELCIC Summer Sermon Series when I am away and when clergy are unable to supply. Service of the Word will be used for these services.

Pastor Lena Jensen will be on call when I am away.

I am having dental surgery on June 13 and will be out of commission for the week for services so Pastor Sue will be covering for me.

7. Correspondence: A letter was received Carefor regarding a fundraising event that will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023. The funds from this event, called The Grand Parade, will go to offering services to Ottawa Valley seniors by ensuring the monthly rents at their retirement homes stay within reach of all seniors, to their transportation program to help seniors get to essential medical appointments, and to ensuring their meal delivery program keeps our seniors fed and healthy. The letter will be included in the next Guiding Light and a poster has been placed on the bulletin board by the main entrance.

8. Committee Reports:

Property-We will be putting our new shed in place this coming Friday. It will be placed adjacent to the fence between our parking lot and the Miller St home next to us. We will still be able to park in front of the shed.

Worship and Music: Michael reported that Blaine will be attending the Summer Institute of Church Music Conference this year from July 9 to 13.

Blaine also shared that due to more complicated music being requested at funerals that his fee to play at the funeral will be increased to \$175.00. Discussion at the Worship and Music meeting was held regarding the organ restoration. The time to complete the work is approximately 3 months. There is approximately \$10,000 needed for this work. A proposal was made that the organ restoration account be closed and a new 140 Anniversary account be opened. This account can be used for events and other needs such as the organ restoration. Susan will contact Gayle to put together an announcement with more details.

140th Anniversary: Lorraine MacKenzie, Kathy Nieman and Blaine Sack will be working on plans for this years anniversary celebrations. A dinner when the Bishop is here in November along with a banner are planned at this time. More volunteers would be welcomed.

Cemetery: Jamie reported that cemetery fees are being reviewed and will be increasing. More detail will be shared in the fall

9. New Business: We received a request from Joanne Bymm to have her membership transferred back to Zion. The request was approved.

We have had 3 requests from different organizations to rent our parish hall. After discussion by the group it was agreed that Susan will speak to each group to get more information from them before final decisions will be made. Our parish hall is becoming very busy and we want to ensure that make sure we have available time open for our own growing requirements.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Moved: Michael Lange. Seconded: Denise Schizkoske. *The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023 at 7 pm. Devotions will be given by Susan Dupuis*

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

September 12, 2023

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

Excused: Pastor Sue Nevile

1. Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:00pm. The opening devotion was given by Susan Dupuis.

2. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Additions: Stewardship (new business).

Motion to approve agenda: Jamie MacKinnon.

Seconded: Kathy Nieman.

3. Approval of Minutes: The previous council meeting minutes of June were reviewed previously via email.

Motion to approve minutes: Denise Schizkoske.

Seconded: Michael Lange.

4. Finance Report: From the comparative income statement and comparative balance sheet, treasurer Gerry Vandersleen highlighted: Offerings are down \$4000.00 from the same period last year. Overall income from other sources is up about \$2000.00 from the same period last year. Benevolence is the same, but gas and hydro are up \$2400.00. Church insurance is up as well. The church's present deficit is -\$35 463.01. This information will be placed in Sunday's bulletin with a request for support of the church's general fund.

5. Pastors Report: Council Report September/23 : There have been 7 deaths since June, with 4 of those deaths occurring in the past week. As it is September, activities in the church are resuming. Messy Church was held last night, there is a confirmation meeting on Sunday, September 17, Confirmation Sunday is October 29, midweek services and retirement home services are resuming.

6. Correspondence: Bernadette McCann House- a thank you note has been received from the Bernadette McCann House for the donation received from the Annual General Meeting (from the endowment fund).

7. Committee Reports

•Worship and Music- Susan gave a brief update received from Gayle. The video equipment upgrade cost is approximately \$4500; we presently have approximately \$3500. Discussion amongst council members. Jamie motioned that we use money from the Dorothy Witt account to make up the difference. Seconded by Denise Schizkoske. Unanimously supported by council. All Creation Sings hymn books- \$860.00 has been received to date. The total cost required for the order is approximately \$1300.00. Council gave the go ahead for Pastor Scott to purchase as some people/groups have plans to purchase but haven't as of yet. The organ restoration account is at \$59 823.09.

Cemetery price increases- Jamie reviewed the suggested cemetery price increases and the reasoning behind the increases. If accepted by both our church and St Timothy's, the changes would take effect immediately. Some discussion amongst council members. Motion to accept the price increases on cemetery costs was moved by Jill Kellough and seconded by Karen Gauthier. The motion was accepted unanimously by council.

8. Ongoing Business

Back in June, a proposal was made that the organ restoration account be closed and a new 140 Anniversary account be opened. This account can be used for events and other needs such as the organ restoration. After discussion it was decided to leave things as they are right now. Once the organ restoration account gets closer to its goal, we will discuss how best to work with it. We will again encourage members to continue directing their funds to the general account.

- Parish Hall rental- there are numerous organizations interested in using the Parish Hall. The Tai chi club continues to rent the hall on Tuesday and Thursday. A group organizing pickleball is inquiring re the hall rental. The Scottish dancers will be renting the hall in the evenings, the specifics of which need to be worked out.
- ZLW is requesting the loose offering on Sunday, September 24 be designated for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Unanimously accepted by council.

9. New Business

Karen provided a brief report on the Special Convention of the ELCIC held in June in Calgary. Attention was brought to the various task forces and their reports and recommendations, all of which were voted on and passed by convention delegates. Karen will meet with Pastor Scott to discuss these reports further.

- Kathy provided an update on the 140th anniversary committee activities. The celebration will take place on November 26 at 3:00pm. Tickets will be available for purchase. A special anniversary organ concert will be held Nov 5, at the costs of \$20/ticket...more details will follow.
- Nominating committee for new council members- 5 council members will be leaving council next year. People are needed to sit on council to replace these vacancies. A council term is 2 years. Council members will follow up with individuals who they feel may be interested in sitting on council.
- Stewardship- Pastor Scott suggested a stewardship committee be formed to discuss how we use our gifts in the church. Pastor Scott will look in to this further with discussion planned for the next council meeting.
- Going forward...the need to address our plans. Susan led a discussion on the changes we are seeing in the church and the future of the church. Different scenarios were discussed, and the need for congregational input was stressed. It is important to start these discussions now. More information will be available as we move through this process, which could take up to 5 years.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. Moved: Jill Kellough. Seconded: Karen Gauthier.
The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 7 pm. Devotions will be given by Jamie MacKinnon.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Lorraine MacKenzie, Diane Hammel, Cheryl Sack, Ellen Vandersleen, Koit Rull, Michael Lange

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Joan Lehman

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

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Approved online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Recently, Pastor Scott had three funerals with two more to come. Most of the funerals have been held in the chapel at the funeral homes.
- There will be midweek services on the 11th and 25th of October. Since Pastor Scott has a funeral at Malcolm, Deavitt and Binhammer Funeral Home, Pastor Sue will fill in for the October 11th service.
- On Reformation Sunday, 8 youth will be confirmed during the regular service. Cheryl mentioned that the confirmands and their families used to provide red carnations for the altar and wear red boutonnieres. Pastor Scott made note of this. Also, Diane and Ellen will check with ZLW to see if they will provide a cake that day for the confirmands and new members. They will make sure that invitations are sent out to the new members.
- Healing Vets will be invited to participate in the Remembrance Day Service on November 12th.
- The Living Stones Services will be held on September 17th, October 15th, and November 19th at 10 am. There will not be a service in December.
- The Bishop will be here on November 26th for the 140th Anniversary celebrations. A special service will be crafted for that Sunday. Service will be at 3pm and no service in the am. Both choirs will be involved and the Living Stones will probably provide a song as well.
- Times for Christmas Eve services were discussed. Since there will be an Advent4 service at 10:00 am it was decided that the Christmas Eve services will be held at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- The "Christmas Program" that went over so well last year will be held once more on December 17th.
- Blended services are a lot of extra work for the Living Stones Band. For the October 22nd service the band will do a song during worship and perhaps do the prelude without the prelude being recorded (for copyright reasons). The November 26th service will include one song from the choirs and one from the band. On December 10th, some special music will be offered by Pastor Sue.
- Donations for well over 85 "All Creation Sings" hymn books have already been received. Pastor Scott has ordered a total of 100 books in anticipation of additional donations to come.
- Pastor Scott believes rather than encouraging people to give to the organ restoration fund we should do a couple of organ recitals or something else to raise money. This would help the church not only meet the organ restoration fund goal but it would also assist in keeping the General Fund in good standing.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The Anniversary Concert on November 5th is not an organ recital as other musical instruments will be involved.
- The evening for choir rehearsals may be changed.
- We will be using the “All Creation Sings” hymn books as soon as they arrive.
- We will begin using the new sung version of “The Lord’s Prayer.”
- Blaine will reach out to Casavant for an updated quote for the second phase of the organ restoration as they were to have that information to him by the end of September.

Miscellaneous:

- Diane Hammel questioned what was happening with the technology update as that was supposed to have been discussed at the September council meeting. Gayle will check with June for an updated figure in the fund and Pastor Scott will check to see if council recommended that any needed funds be taken from the Dorothy Will estate.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting:

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

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Nov.05- Elizabeth Graham
Nov.12- Wayne Kirk
Nov.19- Paul Merredew
Nov.26- Susan Dupuis

Sexton

Nov.05- Koit Rull
Nov.12- Karen Gauthier
Nov. 15- Koit Rull
Nov.19- Don Boldt
Nov.26- Diane Hammel
Nov.29- Diane Hammel

Counters

Nov.05- Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham
Nov.12- Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Nov.19- Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
Nov.26- Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth

Ushers

Nov.05- Kevin & Jean Rutz
Nov.12- Cheryl Sack, Allen Rose
Nov.19- Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher
Nov.26- Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

Altar Care

Nov.05- Cheryl Sack
Nov.12- Jean Rutz
Nov.19- Tanya Reid
Nov.26- Diane Rull

Projector Operators

Nov.05- Rick Gerundin
Nov.12- Noah Schmidt
Nov.19- Zac Phannenhour
Nov.26- Diane Hammel

Video Recorders

Nov.05- Ellen Vandersleen
Nov.12- Ryan Schmidt
Nov.19- Ty Phannenhour
Nov.26- Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Nov.05- Gerry Vandersleen
Nov.12- Noah Schmidt
Nov.19- Todd Phannenhour
Nov.26- Brian Smith

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 2 pm ZLW 7:15 pm Mixed Choir 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	2 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	3 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	4
5 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11am Congregational Mtg. 2:30 pm Fall Festival Of Music	6 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous	7 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Miramichi Lodge 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Men's Choir 7 pm Worship & Music	8 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7:15 pm Mixed Choir 2 pm Social Ministry Mtg. 7:30 pm Scottish Dancers	9 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	10 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group	11
PASTOR SCOTT AWAY NOVEMBER 6-8						
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19 10 am Blended Service 11 am Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Jam Jar Fundraiser Campaign Wrap Up	20 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous	21 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Men's Choir	22 9:00 am Music Jam 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Scottish Dancers	23 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm The Grind Spaghetti Dinner at Zion 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	24 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	25
26 No morning service – 140th Anniversary 3pm Worship Service with Holy Communion	27 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Narcotic Anonymous 7 pm Advent Book Study	28 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Men's Choir	29 9:00 am Music Jam 10:30 Midweek Service 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7:15 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Scottish Dancers	30 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	31 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	