



# GUIDING LIGHT

Celebrating God as We Serve Others    October 2021

## From Our Pastor

### The Power of Thanks-giving

When we truly understand what is behind living a life of thanksgiving there is a power released for us to enjoy. If you did a quick Google search on 'gratitude' or 'being thankful' you will discover various health sites providing medical proof that thankful people are healthier people. These benefits include: the ability to cope with stress, more mentally alert, a greater optimism about the future, overall improved physical health and a higher likability factor resulting in a wholesome social life. A few keys to remember this Thanksgiving are:

#### 1. Thanksgiving is GIVING THANKS.

It is intentionally releasing something we possess with a cheerful heart. The word thanks is an adverb that describes HOW we give. If we are thankful we

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willingly give, if we are ungrateful we take.

## **2. Giving thanks means we have to THINK.**

It's interesting to note that "think" and "thank" come from same Anglo-Saxon root word. It has been proven if a person takes time each day to write out 20 things they are thankful for, it will have a profound affect on their mental stability and release anxiety. This takes significant thought, but the rewards are amazing.

## **3. Giving thanks takes EFFORT.**

Complaining requires no training, but to develop an attitude of gratitude takes work. As a child when someone gave us a gift, most of our parents looked at us and said: "What do you say?" It takes effort to think about God's goodness and thank Him, or to think what someone has done for us and sincerely thank that person. A simple thank you note requires we sacrifice some time and a few dollars, but the benefits are huge.

## **4. Giving thanks means leaving the MOAN ZONE for the BLESSING ZONE.**

## **5. Giving thanks yields a heart of CONTENTMENT.**

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 6:6,7: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." The secret to being content in a world that offers so many amazing technological breakthroughs, is to simply step back and start giving thanks.

## **6. "Thanks" is your PASSWORD to log into God's presence.**

We all are familiar with using a password to gain access to an account or a website. Similarly, to gain access into God's presence, the Psalmist instructs us: "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving". Not only does it make a difference on the way we enter into God's presence, it makes a huge impact when we enter the presence of our spouse, family, friends, employer in that manner.

## **7. Thankfulness is a GIFT that has a powerful affect on our faith.**

Giving thanks is meant to be a way of life, not just a celebration once a year. The apostle Paul put it this way: in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Pastor Scott





Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
454 Miller Street  
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Church Council Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2021



**Present:** Chair Susan Dupuis, Pastor Scott Schellenberger  
Members: Karen Gauthier (secretary), Jill Kellough, Scott Lange, Denise Schizkoske, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), Patricia Wegner.

**Excused:** Rick Gerundin, Kathy Nieman, Diana Wegner.

**Special guest:** Doug Maliff (representing St. Joseph's Foodbank).

**Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Jill Kellough. Susan introduced our new pastor, Pastor Scott Schellenberger and council members were introduced.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. No additions/changes.

Motion to approve agenda: Denise Schizkoske.

Seconded: Scott Lange.

**Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes: Jill Kellough.

Seconded: Patty Wegner.

**Special Request: Food Bank.** Gerry indicated that there has been a request for Zion to partner with St. Joseph's Foodbank with a building on the church's vacant property; the proposal is to place the building beside the community garden. Another proposal is for the sale of one of the rental properties to the Food Bank. According to Zion's legal counsel, there is a requirement for a severance of the property prior to construction of the building. Doug Maliff from the Foodbank states on average 400 families access the Foodbank every month and the need continues to increase. Doug indicates that the Foodbank would be responsible for hydro, sewer, and water costs, in addition to the building, contents, insurance, and taxes. The foodbank is open Monday mornings at present.

Discussion was held around snow removal; snow removal costs would need to be discussed as the building would take away some of our snow storage area. Providing such a space would provide a much needed service and work within our community. Susan presented a motion: "We so move that we support the request from the St. Josephs Foodbank to further investigate having the foodbank building on Zion's church property." Moved: Scott Lange. Seconded: Denise Schizkoske. Unanimously supported by council.

**Finance Report:** Gerry Vandersleen gave the finance report. Gerry reviewed the comparative

balance sheet and brought attention to some items for Pastor Scott's benefit. From the comparative income statement, Gerry noted that regular offerings are up slightly, global hunger is down, and the total revenue is down.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Scott gave the following report.

“Blessings it is great to finally be in Pembroke and to be so busy. **Statistical facts:** I buried Conrad Plath and Myrtle Lanthier within the last week at Zion. **5 weddings** coming between now and October 2. All have family connections or were confirmed at the church.

**1 baptism** July 25, 2021. Brynlee Mae Wileland-Bourgeois, mother Bailey Wileland, I spoke with her about numbers. She figures there would be 26 people present. I told her that going into July 25, we should be in phase 2 and may be able to accommodate. But if we are in phase 1 we will have to talk numbers.

**Worship-** This coming Sunday we will be celebrating World Refugee Sunday and National Indigenous People's Day which is June 21. The service will feature some different musical elements and spoken liturgy. If you can't be there in person please catch it online. Holy Communion- We will celebrate Holy Communion whenever possible on Sunday mornings during in person worship.

**Camp Lutherlyn-**I feel strongly that I should every year spend one week at the camp as a camp chaplain. Many of our people serve on the board and are committed to seeing it succeed. The history also is such that the camp was started by the pastor of Zion at that time.

**Synod Assembly- Online June 25-26.**

**RETREAT post Covid- Where do we go from here?** I would like to spend a day at Four Seasons lodge at Camp Lutherlyn to retreat as a council to address these questions as well as do some team building. Where do we go from here? What are the gifts we currently have at our disposal? Can we use them? How will we carry out ministry?

A bigger question I want us to think about is: What type of church do we want to develop? A traditional church or an attractional church? What is the difference? I believe we all know what a traditional church is: worship Sunday morning, give to keep the building going and pay the pastor, and a Sunday school. Well we know how that is working for us.

What is an attractional church? There is a movement from the Church of England called Fresh Expressions. Fresh Expressions argues that the church needs to constantly be changing and part ways with stuffy same old same old. Instead they are to meet people where they are at. So for example let me share a few examples: In Peterborough, my experience was such that there was a member who had contacts at the one roof diner a place where hot meals were served twice daily. She rounded up some members and before we knew it they were cooking a meal for 150 people every two months to take somewhere else. Another great example I heard about was a couple of guys who were apt with bicycles set up a free bike repair shop so that anyone could get some help. I think they just did it on their front lawn. I could go on and on but I won't here tonight. What I would like is your permission to book Four Seasons for a fall retreat with the understanding there will be some cost to the church. Also, I would like to bring in a facilitator (so I can listen to different group work) whom we should probably give an honourarium to. Lastly, I think it would also be important to ask Blaine and Jean and Kevin to join us as they

have their feet to the ground in different areas.

**Holidays:** I know that I just started but I am asking for permission to take two weeks off this summer. We take possession of our house on July 15. I would appreciate having the following Sunday off and the rest of the week beginning Monday July 12. This will give us a chance to see kids and parents in Kitchener which we haven't really seen in a year for longer than twenty minutes. The other week I am hoping to take is in August. It could be possible to conduct worship on the following Sunday. I am sure there are other things to think about, but we'll get to that."

Respectfully submitted,  
Pastor Scott.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Property-** Gerry indicated the lights in balcony need to be installed, in addition to the water meter for the garden.
- **W & M-**Pastor Scott indicated he will be looking after posts on the church's Facebook page. Please send anything to be posted to Pastor Scott. At present, anyone wishing to attend church is required to register by calling the church office. A discussion was held around potential for a Sunday service at Camp Lutherlyn, in addition to Rally Sunday ideas. Pastor Scott will be in the office during regular office hours (Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 9am-12pm).

### **Ongoing Business:**

- Follow up on request for pension information- an email was received from Brian Gollinger with thanks for support of the retirement pension resolution. The resolution will be brought to the floor at Synod this summer.
- Jean's vacation- Jean will be away June 21-25, July 5-9, and possibly a few days in August. As coverage is uncertain, a message will be left on the answering machine to contact Pastor Scott with any issues. Volunteers may be present to answer phones for pre-registration for church services. Gerry will be off the last week of July and first Sunday in August.
- Membership transfer- Beatrice Biederman wishes to be transferred to Grace Lutheran. Transfer approved by council.
- YouTube terms of service-change in terms of service. Susan discussed if these changes mean anything. At this point there is no concern for the way the church uses the YouTube platform.
- Pastor Scott...expectations and plans. Susan suggested that the retreat may be a good avenue to explore this further. Susan admits the technological aspect is something that is a struggle so any help in this area is appreciated. Pastor Scott is preparing to call members on the membership list.

**Adjournment:** *The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.*

*Motion to adjourn: Scott Lange.*

*Seconded: Patty Wegner.*

*The next Church Council Meeting will be scheduled in September (date to be determined).*

## **W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 30, 2021** **Celebrating God As We Serve Others**

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

**Absent:** Scott Lange, Emma Rabishaw, Debbie Wegner, Carol Boldt

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement:** Gayle welcomed everyone and offered a land acknowledgement.

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Scott provided the opening devotions

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** Completed online

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Pastor Scott:**

- 'Sundays and Seasons' will be used in September.
- Camp Sunday is scheduled for September 12 @ 10:00 at Camp Lutherlyn. Pastor Sue and Blaine will be looking after the music. The theme for the day is "Abraham's Tent and the House of God."
- The Installation Service will take place on September 26 at 3:00. Please call the church before September 23 to reserve a spot.
- A Pet Blessing Service will take place outside on October 17 at 3:00.
- Confirmation is on Reformation Sunday, October 31.
- On Sunday November 28, Bishop Pryse will join us for in person worship.
- Advent Mid-week Services will be held this year. They will be Holden Evening Prayer Services. More details will be discussed during upcoming meetings.
- Christmas Eve Service times will be discussed during the October meeting.

- Pastor Scott will reach out to Penny Stalkie to discuss Sunday School.

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

- Blaine has not met with the choirs yet but will be reaching out to members soon.
- Any choral singing will be done with masks. Practice times will be limited to 30 - 45 minutes. The number of singers per week will be limited to allow for social distancing so choirs may need to be divided into smaller groups.
- Music from “All Creation Sings” has been used a lot during Covid restrictions. A request to purchase 15 copies (approximately \$20 each) was approved by the committee.

### **Marriage Manual Update:**

- The current Marriage Manual was reviewed by Pastor Scott, Sue Dupuis, Jean Rutz and Gayle Seegmiller. Marriage fees have been reduced.

### **Quiet Communion Resumption:**

- The Quiet Communion Service / Mid-Week Service will resume in October.

### **Land Acknowledgement:**

- Pastor Scott will provide information in the bulletin to explain why the Land Acknowledgement is done each week
- To increase understanding of this practice, Pastor Scott will try to arrange a guest speaker.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.



## **Why do we do a Land Acknowledgement in Worship?**

It's a tradition that has dated back centuries for Indigenous people, but for many non-Indigenous Canadians, officially recognizing the territory or lands we stand on is a fairly new concept.

### **What is a territorial or land acknowledgement?**

A territorial or land acknowledgement is an act of reconciliation that involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home.

### **What is its purpose?**

"Its purpose is to recognize that we, as settlers and as people who are not part of First Nations or Indigenous groups, are here on their land," said Alison Norman, a research adviser in the Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and a researcher at Trent University.

Norman says land acknowledgements have become increasingly common in non-Indigenous spaces in the last few years, especially since the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) on residential schools released its 94 calls to action in 2015.

"Many organizations, libraries, governments and school boards are all thinking about what we need to do to respond to the TRC," she said. "It's about thinking about what happened in the past and what changes can be made going forward in order to further the reconciliation process."

A lot of people are unaware of Canada's actual history and this gets people talking and conversations starting.

### **How long have territorial acknowledgements existed?**

Territorial acknowledgements have existed for hundreds of years as part of many Indigenous cultures.

"When we talk about the newness of territorial acknowledgements, these aren't new. Acknowledging relationships to space and place is an ancient Indigenous practice that flows into the future. What we see as concrete, what we see as city halls, as buildings, these are all places that have been prayed for, that have been gathering places for ceremonies.

### **What does the acknowledgement mean to Indigenous people and communities?**

It reminds us we are accountable to these relationships and to remind us every day, for example in school systems, of the accountability that everybody has to listen to the concerns of the community and how we can align to our [Indigenous] community.

### **What does the acknowledgement mean to non-Indigenous communities?**

Land acknowledgement should lead to more questions about who the people listed in the acknowledgement are and how their land came to be possessed by settlers and how we can build relationships with our indigenous neighbours.

Pastor Scott



# 2021-2022 Confirmation Classes Year 1

Confirmation is going to look a whole lot different at Zion this year. In years past there has always been a lot of memorization and many years ago people were even tested in worship. That will not happen while I am pastor of Zion. Think about it? Would you want to be tested before the parish?

The confirmation program I have developed for this year focuses on building relationships with one another and the church. We will cover the traditional topics like learning the small catechism and bible stories. To give you an idea of the plan here is a brief description of our program:

## *PROGRAM OVERVIEW*

### **SCHEDULE**

6:15pm-7:30pm one hour class and time for snacks

We meet the first THREE Wednesday of the month unless there is no school.

**This year's confirmation class** will gather for fellowship, games, and group activities that focus on building relationship with one another.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

#### **Worship Involvement**

- Attend worship regularly turning in 5 worship reflections
- Acolyte or be involved in another capacity, like ushering, assisting the bell ringer, help with the technology and recording, or reading the lessons.

#### **Congregation Involvement**

- Participate in 6 EPIC events over two years (Experiential, Participatory, Interactive, Conversational)

#### **What are Epic Events?**

Experience is where our faith is put into practice.

Participation is how a person's faith identity is formed.

Interaction with others helps shift information from short-term to long-term memory.

Conversation helps students apply what they have learned to their lives by listening to others as well as sharing their own story.

These events are your opportunity to grow closer to members of the congregation that you may otherwise not have the chance to get to know, as well as begin to understand the responsibilities of active members of the church.

#### **EPIC Events scheduled or to be scheduled**

- Garage Sale in October
- Come to assist and bring your own pets to a Pet Blessing October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- Possible Midweek Lenten Services with Soup and Sandwiches

For the most part any ministry event and Bible Study gathering can be considered an EPIC event. Suggested EPIC events are: attend Church Council Meeting, service

events, any ministry event of our congregation.

### **Confirmation Camp July 3-8 2022**

- Each year will culminate with a week of Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn. We will complete this year from July 3-8 2022.

Pastor Scott

## **Weekly Lectionary (Readings on Sunday morning) Bible Study**

Beginning October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am we will gather for a Bible study. We will look at the lessons for the following Sunday which will enhance our worship experience. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

## **Something To Think About**

At the September 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting we discussed the rental property that we own on Miller St. We have owned this property for quite a few years. With our discussions with the St. Joseph's Food Bank it started us thinking about this other property. We questioned whether or not we should be in the rental management business. Repairs and maintenance of the property as well as chasing the rent are all a part of this business. The property does bring in a small income after expenses but the question is "is this the best use of our resources"? With the real estate market being high this would be a good time to sell and get the best price possible. The money from the sale would be invested in such a way that small amounts would be available if and when we need it. At the end of our discussion council put forward a motion that we sell the property. This article is to give you time to think about and discuss this motion. We will be holding a congregational meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> where further discussion and a vote will take place. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to myself, any member of council or Gerry Vandersleen. We would like as much feed back as possible before the meeting.

Susan Dupuis, Council Chairperson

# Zion Lutheran Women

*Please join us for a  
Presentation by Sandra Sell*

*“Thank You God  
for Me”*

*On*



*Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
At 2:00 pm*

*Special Donations will be collected for the Food Bank*

*COVID guidelines in place  
With wearing a mask and social distancing set-up*

# Notes From The Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Sept.20, 2021

The weekly amount of \$5,381.46 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,250.00 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$1,131.46 comes from hall rent, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$144,565.30
Missions and Outreach	\$570.50
Other Donations	\$2,569.00
Solar Income	\$9,041.40
Other Earned Income	\$9,329.34
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Sept.20	\$166,075.54
Benevolence Expense	\$14,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$403.50
Committees Expense	\$2,523.59
Utilities Expense	\$14,273.87
Church Insurance	\$18,345.96
Property Maintenance	\$8,175.28
Other Operating Expense	\$26,777.86
Net Payroll	\$44,085.21
Benefits Expense	\$21,266.05
Expense Total to Sept.20	\$149,851.32
<b>Net Total for 2021</b>	<b>\$16,224.22</b>
Previous Surplus/Deficit	\$10,853.36
Net Equity to Sept.20,2021	\$27,077.58



To all that attend Zion,

I hope this edition of the Guiding Light finds you in good health. Our fall church schedule has begun. Hope to see everyone again. Our finances are in good shape, but some support for the food bank and global hunger would be a good thing too. 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 for this and updates on service times and requirements.

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

Your treasurer, Gerry Vandersleen

# October 2021 Volunteers

## Worship Assistants

Oct 3 – Brenda Dole  
 Oct 10 – Ellen Vandersleen  
 Oct 17 – Susan Dupuis  
 Oct 24 – Wayne Kirk  
 Oct 31 – Michael Lange

## Sexton

Oct 3 – Koit Rull  
 Oct 10 – Diane Hammel  
 Oct 17 – Don Boldt  
 Oct 24 – David Lehman  
 Oct 31 – Koit Rull

## Counters

Oct 3/10 – Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman,  
 Christine Booth  
 Oct 17/24 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Des  
 Schrie  
 Oct 31 – Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier,  
 David Lehman

## Ushers

Oct 3 – Kevin & Jean Rutz  
 Oct 10 – Debbie Wegner, Pam Duplessis  
 Oct 17 – Arlene & Barry Grosskleg  
 Oct 24 – Cheryl Sack, Allen Rose  
 Oct 31 – Vince & Emma Rabishaw

## Projector Operators

Oct 3 – Krista Grosskleg  
 Oct 10 – Rick Gerundin  
 Oct 17 – Ellen Vandersleen  
 Oct 24 – Diane Hammel  
 Oct 31 – Krista Grosskleg

## Video Recorders

Oct 3 – Ellen Vandersleen  
 Oct 10 – Ellen Vandersleen  
 Oct 17 – Ty Phannenhour  
 Oct 24 – Alex Hammel  
 Oct 31 – Ty Phannenhour

## Sound Operators

Oct 3 – Gerry Vandersleen  
 Oct 10 – Murray Sell  
 Oct 17 – Todd Phannenhour  
 Oct 24 – Krista Hammel  
 Oct 31 – Todd Phannenhour

Be Thankful!





# October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5pm Wedding Rehearsal	2 2pm Marriage of Taylor Daley & Bradley Howarth
3 Pentecost 19 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	4	5 7pm Worship & Music Cte. Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 2pm ZLW Mtg. 6:15pm Confirmation Class	7 7pm Music Healing Vets	8	9
10 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	11 Thanksgiving Day	12 7pm Council Mtg 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 10:30am Mid Week Holy Communion 6:15pm SWYG ( <i>Second Wed. Youth Group</i> )	14 9:30am Ottawa Valley Lutheran Clergy Cluster Mtg. @ Ladysmith, Schwartz 7pm Music Healing Vets	15	16 8am Garage Sale
17 Pentecost 21 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 3pm Pet Blessing Service	18	19 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 6:15pm Confirmation Class	21 7pm ELCIC Bible Book Club 7pm Music Healing Vets	22 Guiding Light Deadline	23
24 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 31 Reformation Sunday 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30am Confirmation Service	25	26 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous Deadline for Submission of Committee Budgets	27	28 7pm Music Healing Vets	29	30 10am Confirmation Sunday Rehearsal