



GUIDING LIGHT

Celebrating God as We Serve Others September 2022

From Our Pastor A new Season of Creation!

Happy new year! It may not be January 1st but September 1st certainly seems to begin a “new year”. Vacations and summer are over. Parents are out shopping with their children to purchase school supplies. Some kids are off to university or college for the first time which is a huge change for them and for their parents. Fall sports begin again. Many reconnect with old friends at school.

Just like it is a new year for children at school in September, it can be said it is a new year for Churches too. People start to come back from cottages and holidays and recommit to a new year of active faith practices and worship.

There are groups and committees that are

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always in need of volunteers. Sunday School is in need of teachers. If I haven't talked to you personally, please consider this. Our "Rally Day" is September 11th this year. Confirmation and youth group are groups that continue to blossom with each new year. Pastoral Care is always in need of that individual to check in on another. Twice a month midweek worship is reconvening in September which gives people a new opportunity to worship our Lord. Retirement and Long Term Care homes are allowing once again worship services.

The Spirit of Creation is blowing through the lives of all of us in September. It is a new season of creation!

At Camp Lutherlyn this summer the theme was "Freedom in Creation". In September during worship, we will be exploring what it means to be free in creation. An ecumenical movement worldwide celebrates the "Season of Creation" for the entire month of September. We will be using some of the material prepared by this group to explore what it means to be free in Creation and free in Christ. We will worship each week celebrating the Season of Creation and ending with a celebration of the Blessing of the Animals on October 2nd at 3pm in honour of St. Francis of Assisi day (October 4th). He believed strongly that we find God in all of creation around us particularly animals.

Enjoy the "new year" and may God grant you many blessings in the days ahead.

Pastor Scott



SEASON OF CREATION



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller Street
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022

Present: Erica Deloughery, Susan Dupuis, Karen Gauthier, Jill Kellough, Kathy Nieman, Pastor Scott Schellenberger, Patricia Wegner.

Excused: Michael Lange, Jamie MacKinnon, Denise Schizkoske, Gerry Vandersleen (treasurer), Diana Wegner

1. **Opening:** The meeting was opened at 7:05pm by Susan Dupuis. Opening devotions were given by Susan Dupuis.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Additions: Universal Portrait Studio, Staying Connected Program.
Motion to approve agenda: Patti Wegner.
Seconded: Karen Gauthier.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The previous council meeting minutes of April were reviewed.
Motion to approve minutes: Jill Kellough.
Seconded: Kathy Nieman.
4. **Finance Report:** Susan gave the finance report. The church has a current deficit of approximately \$28 000.00, however, income is essentially the same as the same period last year. The rise in the deficit is primarily due to increased staffing and benefit expenses.

Pastors Report: Council Report May 2022

Statistics

Funerals– April 12 – Murray Schutt, May 4 – Gloria Scase, May 7 – Dorian Verch,

Upcoming Funerals May 14 – Del Resmer funeral

Upcoming Internments – May 9 – Murray Schutt, May 22 – Joel Lehman, Harvey Schruder, May 28 John Layden

Baptisms – May 8 Caroline Elizabeth Cyczyro (Rull great granddaughter)

Youth Group (Ages 12-16)

May 6-7 Youth Group Lock-In at the Church.

May 13 – Bonfire @ Phannenours

Worship

Thank you to Susan Dupuis and Sandra Graham for leading service in my absence. Thank you to Pastor Sue for presiding at the baptism on May 8.

“Living Stones” worship service was held May 8, 2022. The next service is June 12, 2022 at 12:30pm.

Eastern Synod Transitions Retreat May 16-17 in Niagara Falls.

I will be missing Sunday May 15 to attend to the retreat. I have since found out that there is a subsidy of \$200 from Synod for travel from the Valley.

Summer Schedule

June 19- Service will be held at the Marina

July 3-8 Confirmation Camp July 15-17 ELCIC National Convention Online

July 18-31 Holidays (Pastor Sue will supply one of these Sundays)

August 1-5 Chaplain at Family Camp
August 8-21 Holidays (Pastor Sue will supply one of these Sundays)
Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Scott

5. Correspondence-a memo was received from Jean regarding her vacation(June 17-July 5). Jean will arrange for people to look after answering the door and phone during office hours while she is away.

6. Committee Reports

- Property- no property report.
- W & M- no worship and music report.
- Social Ministry-no social ministry report.
- Pulse Ministries-Messy Church was held on May 2 with 9 children and many adults in attendance. The evening included a spaghetti supper and games. The second Living Stones worship was held on May 8.

7. Ongoing Business

- Model constitution- our present constitution is based on the model constitution of 1986. A new model constitution was brought forward by Synod in 2017. Susan and Pastor Scott have updated our constitution based on Synod's model constitution and the document was sent to council members with changes highlighted in red. The new model constitution will enable smoother changes to occur. Council is required to vote on changes to the model constitution as the first step in the process. However, due to low attendance at the council meeting, the vote will happen via email. After approval by council, the next step is bringing the suggested changes to the membership of Zion via a congregational meeting, which will likely be held this fall.

8. New Business

- Mission grants- Synod has money available every year. This year the grants are available in the spring to be used during the year. Pastor Scott has applied for grants for both Messy Church and the Living Stones Worship (combined total of \$2200.00).
- June 4- Building community workshop. The Ottawa Valley Ministry Area Team, which includes Renfrew County Lutheran churches, will be meeting in the Parish Hall on June 4. Representatives from the area's Lutheran churches will be in attendance and will discuss various topics including technology, looking to the future, socializing, and volunteering.
- Universal Portrait Studios-positive comments were made about the seamless process for arranging the photos for the church directory via Universal Portrait Studios.
- Staying Connected Program-members on the Care List have been contacted regarding interest in the Staying Connected Program. There was limited interest in the program due to a variety of reasons. The next round of calls will be made to other older members of the congregation who may benefit from this program.

Motion to adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Moved: Karen Gauthier.
Seconded: Kathy Nieman.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 7pm. Devotions will be given by: Patti Wegner.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Gayle Seegmiller, Blaine Sack, Koit Rull, Diane Hammel, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Denise Schizkoske, Ellen Vandersleen, Sandra Graham, Lorraine MacKenzie

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

Approval of Agenda: Approved with no additions

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Blaine and Pastor Scott have been planning summer services.
- A service in recognition of National Indigenous month is planned for June 26th.
- Pastor Scott will be away on August 14th and is working on a replacement for that Sunday.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The choirs sang on Sunday, June 5th for the last time until the fall.
- Practices will resume the week of Labour Day.
- Blaine will attend the SICM virtually from July 4th - July 8th.
- At this time, Blaine is undecided when he will take his summer holidays.
- Hymn selections for June, July and August have been completed.
- Mid-week services have been going well. The last two services are planned for Wednesday, June 15th and Wednesday, June 29th.
- Resuming mid-week services twice a month in September should be considered since it gives people more options.

Waterfront Service - June 19th:

- Gayle confirmed the Waterfront Service has been booked.
- The service will be at 11:00 am.
- The city will set up the sound system.
- Gayle will contact Jean Rutz about adding the words for the hymns to the bulletins.
- Blaine will contact Scott Lange to ask about borrowing his keyboard.
- Diane will ensure that copyright requirements are followed.

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday, August 30, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m**

Notes and News

Update from Your Church Office

Over the past few years, we have had an increasing number of members whom we can no longer get in contact with because their contact information has changed (with either a move or changing a landline to cell phone). If you, a son or daughter, or grandchild has changed their contact information (address or phone number), please contact the church office and let us know of any updated contact information. We would also like to update our contact information with e-mail addresses. All this information will greatly help your church stay in touch with you and your loved ones.

Used Postage Stamps Wanted

Used postage stamps to support "On Eagles Wings" who are volunteer Bible Camp teams who fly north from Yellowknife, NWT to the far reaches of the Mackenzie Delta and teach the Inuvialuit people and children about Jesus. Please leave the used stamps in the "Used Postage Stamp" box located at the front entrance of the church.

Eternity for Today

Just a quick reminder that the office needs to know who would like to renew or begin their subscription for our devotional booklet "Eternity for Today". Parasource (*church supply company*) needs to have any changes to our current subscriptions by the end of September. Please call the church office at 613-732-8792 if you would like to cancel or change your current subscription, or begin receiving this daily devotional. If you already subscribe to this devotional and we do not hear from you, we will continue your current subscription. The deadline for this is September 22, 2022. Cost for this devotional is approximately \$11.00 for the year. We will let you know if the cost has changed. Subscription payments are due when you receive/pick up your first issue for 2023 in December 2022.



September Newsletter Notes from Pastor Scott

Sunday School

The Sunday School Rally Day is being held on Sunday September 11th. Come for a fun time and bring your friends.

Messy Church

Messy Church is a program that runs the first Monday of every month 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Due to the Labour Day Holiday in September, Messy Church will be held on Monday September 12th at 5:30pm.

Confirmation Classes 2022-23

Years One and Two of Confirmation will be run together this year. An information meeting will be held after worship on September 18th. All potential first year confirmands can expect a letter in the coming week. If you have a child that is interested in attending please contact the church at 613-732-8792 or email Pastor Scott at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.

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 first session is **September 9th**.

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 12:30pm. Note that it is being moved from the second week of the month. Invite a friend to join you.

Sunday School Teachers wanted

I have personally invited many to be a part of **Sunday School Team**. I am inviting you also to join our team. It is our responsibility as a congregation to pass on our faith to our children. Please consider joining a team of four to six people which would mean you would teach once a month or every six weeks. Each week you will be provided with the lesson and craft ideas and an assistant. If you would like to know more please contact Pastor Scott or Kim Schmidt.

Mid-week Worship Services

Midweek worship services are beginning again. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30am for services with Holy Communion.

A Service of the Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis of Assisi loved nature and animals. We honour his love of animals by having a service to bless our pets and animals. **The service this year is on October 2nd at 3pm.** The service will be held in the gym.

Congratulations to Hunter Denney and Maria Doiron

We give thanks for the gift of love and marriage. May God bless Hunter and Maria on their wedding day.

Worship Services at our Retirement Residences

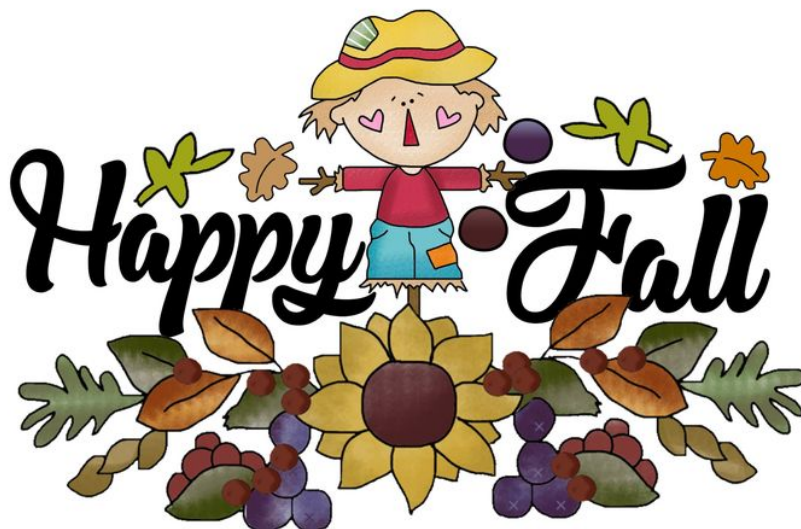
The Lutheran/Anglican clergy are currently working on plans to resume worship services at our area retirement residences, and we will let you know further details when they are available. Pastor Scott will be part of this rotation.

Backpack Blessing Sunday September 11, 2022

Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church and we will bless them for the school year. Adults are invited to buy a knapsack and fill it with school supplies for a child whose parents may need help supplying all that is needed to attend school and bring it to be blessed on September 11th.

Eganville Community Choir

After a two year absence due to COVID, the Eganville Community Choir will start up again this fall at Grace. The choir will be presenting a Christmas Cantata . Practices start Wednesday September 14 @7:00 pm @ Grace. Concert on Sunday December 11th @ 2:00 @Grace. For more information you can contact Heather @ 613-628-9187.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Ministry's Staying Connected Program Project #: 018201905

The Staying Connected Program



You may have read about the Staying Connected Program earlier this year in the Guiding Light as part of the March Council Meeting minutes. We are happy to announce that the funding for this program was approved and has been provided by The Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program!

The Staying Connected Program is a pilot project of the Social Ministry Group and it is aimed at supporting Zion's older adult members become familiar with the use of digital technology.

The funding received through the New Horizons for Seniors Program is being put towards the purchase of a number of iPads and iPad protective cases. We are awaiting the delivery of the iPads and hope to start some of the training and education over the summer. At present the majority of iPads have been assigned, however, if anyone is interested in this program, please contact Ellen Vandersleen or Karen Gauthier.

As part of this program, we are providing training (either one on one or in a group format) over the next several months in the set up and use of a loaned iPad. Training and education will include teaching on how to use the iPad, how to set up and use email and how to navigate the web safely. Training and support will continue throughout the length of the program, which runs until March 27, 2023.

We are blessed to be able to provide this program to Zion's older members...being able to connect with the church online through the church website, to access on-line worship services, and to connect with family and friends on-line are all good things to know and can help people stay, and feel, more connected!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for anyone helping with donating things for the food bank.

I would like to ask for some help if you have any of these things:

- 1) Plastic bags from the grocery store
- 2) Plastic outside milk bags
- 3) Any type of plastic bottle except water bottles as they are too flimsy. Ensure bottles, small juice bottles, Gatorade bottles or small juice bottles or vitamin bottles are all used. We use these bottles to give out laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo etc. We need about 100 bottles per week. We usually can only hand out a portion of the ones needed as I do not get enough.
- 4) Plastic bags that the papers (blue) come in or small plastic bags you get with fruits and vegetables. I use these to put their detergents in so in case of spillage the liquid does not get on their regular groceries.

If anyone can help me with any of these things please bring to church and put in the food bank box at the top of the stairs. Our food bank is so busy now as things get harder for a lot of people so thank you for anything you can contribute. - Debbie Sitkiewicz



Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

At 3:00 pm (new time)

“Happy New Year in September”

Program with Sandra Graham

Special Offering to Fellowship of the Least Coin

Pot Luck Supper to Follow!

Notes From The Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Aug. 20, 2022

The weekly amount of \$5,590.20 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount \$4,394.23 comes from PAR and regular offerings and \$1,195.97 comes from hall rent, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

Offerings	\$128,574.43
Missions and Outreach	\$3,561.00
Other Donations	\$1,853.86
Solar Income	\$8,618.18
Other Earned Income	\$8,558.97
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to Aug.20	\$151,166.44
Benevolence Expense	\$9,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	\$3,210.00
Committees Expense	\$1,577.72
Utilities Expense	\$15,532.31
Church Insurance	\$19,631.16
Property Maintenance	\$8,126.31
Other Operating Expense	\$24,872.43
Net Payroll	\$58,728.15
Benefits Expense	\$29,163.67
Expense Total to Aug.20	\$169,841.75
Net Total for 2022	(-\$18,675.31)

To all that attend Zion,

AS YOUR TREASURER I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND AT THIS TIME. Special projects are great, but only when our general expenses are met. As you may know our budget for 2022 was approved at the annual meeting. There is an increase of approximately \$19,000.00 for 2022. Staffing costs along with heat, insurance, hydro, telephone, and maintenance all must be met. Regular giving's are used for day-to-day expenses. If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail zionoffice@nrtco.net 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

September Volunteers

Worship Assistants

Sept. 4 – Lorraine MacKenzie
 Sept. 11 – Sandra Sell
 Sept. 18 – Michael Lange
 Sept. 25 – Ellen Vandersleen

Projector Operators

Sept. 4 – Ellen Vandersleen
 Sept. 11 – Diane Hammel
 Sept. 18 – Zachary Phannenhour
 Sept. 25 – Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

Sept. 4 – Daniel Reid
 Sept. 11 – Ellen Vandersleen
 Sept. 18 – Ty Phannenhour
 Sept. 25 – Alex Hammel

Sound Operators

Sept. 4 – Gerry Vandersleen
 Sept. 11 – Murray Sell
 Sept. 18 – Todd Phannenhour
 Sept. 25 – Krista Hammel

Coffee Hour

Sept. 4 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
 Sept. 11 – Peter & Patti Wegner
 Sept. 18 – Pam Duplessis
 Sept. 25 – Barry & Denise Schizkoske

Sexton

Sept. 4 – Koit Rull
 Sept. 11 – Don Boldt
 Sept. 14 – Koit Rull
 Sept. 18 – Diane Hammel
 Sept. 25 – Karen Gauthier
 Sept. 28 – Diane Hammel

Ushers

Sept. 4 – Peter & Patti Wegner
 Sept. 11 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
 Sept. 18 – Kevin & Jean Rutz
 Sept. 25 – Pam Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher

Counters

Sept. 4/11 – Andrew Zadow, Kathy Green, Lori Crigger
 Sept. 18/25 – Murray & Sandra Sell, Mervyn Bimm

Altar Guild

Sept. 4 – Diane Rull
 Sept. 11 – Jean Rutz
 Sept. 18 – Tanya Reid
 Sept. 25 – Cheryl Sack





September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7pm Music Healing Vets	2	3
4 Pentecost 13 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	5	6 7pm Worship & Music Cte. Mtg. 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	7 3pm ZLW	8 7pm Music Healing Vets	9 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night	10 11:30am Private Internment of David Marshall
11 Pentecost 14 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion – Rally Sunday & Blessing of Back Packs	12 10am Pastoral Care Cte. Mtg. 5:30pm Messy Church	13 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	14 10:30am Mid Week Service 7pm Council Mtg.	15 Clergy Cluster Mtg. @ Schutt 7pm Music Healing Vets	16 6pm Wedding Rehearsal	17 3pm Marriage of Maria Doiron & Hunter Denney
18 Pentecost 15 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:15pm 1 st Year Confirmation Class Mtg. 12:30pm Living Stones Service	19	20 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	21	22 7pm Music Healing Vets	23 6:30pm Pulse Youth Night Guiding Light Deadline	24
25 Pentecost 16 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion	26	27 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	28 10:30am Mid Week Service	29 7pm Music Healing Vets	30	

