THE GUIDING LIGHT SEPTEMBER 2024

Celebrating God as We Serve Others



Monthly Newsletter

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 454 Miller Street Pembroke, ON K8A 5Z4

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Every Sunday 10:00 am Worship & Sunday school Third Sunday 10:00 am Living Stones Worship Third 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

A Friend Loves at All Times - Proverbs 17:17

My holidays have been days of rest, days of rejuvenation in creation and time spent with family and friends. It has been wonderful. Thank you also for respecting my time away.

The highlight of my summer happened somewhere different – Camp Lutherlyn. Camp Lutherlyn is a holy place where children come to enjoy God's creation, make friends, and make memories that last forever. A common thing to see each day were campers exchanging friendship bracelets. Kids had their strings attached to water bottles making the bracelets all day long. It was kind of cool.

After lunch one day, a child from Zion who attends Messy Church said to me, "Pastor Scott, can I make a friendship bracelet for you?" I was so surprised but so happy. I said to her, "Yes please! No one has ever made me a friendship bracelet at camp before! This is awesome! Seriously, no one! You have made my day!" I wear the bracelet every day and probably will ask for a new one when it wears out. It is a simple gift but one given in friendship.

Friendship is a very special thing. It takes effort to keep a friendship going. Usually there is a care and concern that goes deeper than just people we meet in our community. They are people we can laugh with and cry with. Friends are people we can rely on when need them. Friends share things that are important to them like their faith.



Back to Church Sunday September 29

During the month of September, I encourage you to talk to people about your church. Tell them why Zion is important to you. Tell them what you enjoy the most and the type of people that are a part of Zion. Then take it one step further and invite them to church on Sunday the 29th. Be sure to be clear that you are not trying to recruit them but rather you want to share the place and community where you experience God's love each week. Also make sure you let them know that everyone is encouraged to invite someone and that there is a potluck and Lutheran potlucks are something to see. If they choose not to come that is okay. You have invited them and that is the most important part of the journey. If not this time maybe they will come to church another time.

The Alpha Program

The Alpha Program is a course that offers an opportunity for individuals to take part in an eleven-week course beginning Thursday, September 19th. The course talks about different faith topics. Some of you may wish to join us for this program. The course is also meant for "seekers" or "new members" or "curious friends." Each session begins at 6:00pm with a half an hour of refreshments and then continues with an open discussion not a lecture, about basic questions of faith. If you feel like you might benefit from this opportunity to talk about faith, I encourage you to come. Invite a friend to come with you. This is not a book study or bible study. So, seekers, members and curious friends. if you think that you could use some brushing up on your faith, please come. Talk to me if you have questions. Do not be surprised if I personally invite some of you to join the group. I think you would enjoy it.

An Invitation

1 Chronicles 16:11 says, "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" It is my invitation to you that you continually know the Lord is our best friend. He never gives up on us. The Lord loves us unconditionally. Day after day, open your hearts to the Lord and know that he is waiting to hear your prayers.

In the name of the God who loves us,

Pastor Scott

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of August 20, 2024

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 has to come from e-transfers, PAR and regular offerings and \$1,567.00 comes from hall rent, office admin. fees, interest, general reserve, house rentals, solar panels and other revenue.

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Offerings	132,620.41
Missions and Outreach	1,521.61
Other Donations	1280.00
Solar Income	8,480.44
Other Earned Income	13,511.45
Fundraised for general use	0.00
Total Income to August 20	157,413.91
Benevolence Expense	8,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	1,404.61
Committees Expense	2,689.60
Utilities Expense	15,201.41
Church Insurance	21,687.48
Property Maintenance	10,128.12
Other Operating Expense	28,816.03
Net Payroll	69,764.63
Benefits Expense	30,218.13
Expense Total to August 20	187,890.01
Net as of Aug 20,2024	(-30,456.10)

To all that attend Zion,

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

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Our deficit is smaller than last year at this time. Our offerings have had a small increase, but so have our expenses. Please help to reduce our deficit.

All of us in this congregation are helping and working together in faith. 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. Thank you, Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue, for leading us.

If you cannot attend, we have set up e-transfer to the church's office e-mail <u>zionoffice@nrtco.net</u> 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



454 Miller St - Pembroke



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29th 2024

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP!

STATISTICS SHOW THAT NEW WORSHIPPERS ENTER A CHURCH THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN INVITED BY A FRIEND. JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Morning Social Gatherings



Are you looking to spend some time having coffee, tea and goodies while sharing conversation with others?

Come to our bi-weekly fellowship hours:

Wednesday September 11thand 25th At 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion. Everyone is welcome.



Confirmation on Reformation Sunday October 27th 2024 10:00am

Please join us at worship as Griffin Boldt, Molly Caughey, Joel Kuehl, and Lochlan Smith affirm their faith on this special day.

New Confirmation Class Orientation following worship on Sunday September 22 2024.



If you have a child that would like to enter the first year of the two-year confirmation program please speak with Pastor Scott or call the church office. At this particular meeting we will discuss the format of the program and have some time to meet.



Confirmation Classes for 2024 – 2025

Classes begin in October on October 2nd 6:15pm-7:15pm.

The next class is October 16th at 6:15pm-7:15pm.

Zion Pulse Youth Group





Pizza Party and Sports Night

Friday September 13th at 6:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

454 Miller Street Pembroke

Cost: FREE!

All are welcome. Bring a friend!







Food Crafts Story

Games Fun

Free!

Join us

Monday September 9, October 7, November 4 <u>from</u>

5:30pm to 7:30pm

for an evening of so much FUN!

Bring a friend!

Messy Church happens the first Monday every month.

All ages from 1 month to 110 are welcome!

The ALPHA Program



Begins Thursday September 19 2024 6:00pm-8:00pm Zion Lutheran Church 454 Miller Street Pembroke

What is Alpha and who is it designed for?

Are you a seeker, someone who has questions of faith, or just someone who desires community this is the program for you.

Alpha is a program that was designed by the Church of England.

In a non-threatening manner we will have refreshments, and talk about a subject of faith that perhaps you have had questions about.

This is a eleven session program and in addition one retreat away (Nov 1-3).

If you cannot attend all of the sessions that is okay.

Some talks may focus around these questions:

Is There More to Life Than This? Who is Jesus?

Why Did Jesus Die? How Can I Have Faith?

Why and How Should I Pray? How Does God Guide Us?

If you have an interest in participating in the Alpha Program please let Pastor Scott (sschellenberger@hotmail.com) or Zion Church Office know (zionoffice@nrtco.net). Thank you!

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday September 4**th at **2:30 pm** for Fellowship of the Least Coin with Pamela Duplessis, special donation Least Coin and pot luck.

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES

Heritage Manor Worship on Tuesday September 3rd at 10:00 am. Marianhill Worship on Thursday September 5th at 11:00 am.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship and Music will be meeting on Monday September 9th at 7:00 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday September 10th at 7:00 pm.

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on Wednesday September IIth at 10:00 am and Wednesday September 25th at 10:00 am. in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

PINTS (OR POP) WITH PASTORS

Pints (or pop) with the Pastors on **Sunday September 15**th at 6:30 pm at Finnegans.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care will be meeting on Monday September 16th at 10:00 am.

MID-MONTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for our midmonth worship service on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am for services with Holy Communion. In May Pastor Scott will be away the third week so the Midweek Service will be held Wednesday September 18th at 10:30 am.

THE ALPHA PROGRAM

What is Alpha and who is it designed for? Are you a seeker, someone who has questions of faith, or just someone who desires community, this program is for you. This eleven-session program begins Thursdays starting on **Thursday, September 19**th from **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. If you are interested in participating please contact Pastor Scott, sschellenberger@hotmail.com or the church office, zionoffice@nrtco.net

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

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

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WITH POTLUCK AFTER SERVICE

On **Sunday September 29**th please join us after worship service for a potluck and fellowship in the parish hall.

HOME COMMUNIONS and HOME VISITS

Do you or do you know someone who may be interested in receiving Holy Communion or a visit from the Pastor? Some people may not be on our pastoral care list but cannot get to church.

Please contact the church office at 613-732-8792 or email the Pastor at sschellenberger@hotmail.com.



PULSE MINISTRY

PULSE MINISTRY consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to worship and to Messy Church: 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 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.** Messy Church will be held on **Monday September 9**th **at 5:30 pm**.

MESSY CHURCH SUNDAY

Please join us for a Messy Church Sunday. We will gather for worship upstairs with the congregation for a short service at 10:00 am, then go downstairs for crafts & games and conclude with treats upstairs. Our next Messy Church Sunday will be on **Sunday September 8**th!

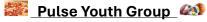
Confirmation Class Orientation

New Confirmation Class Orientation following worship on Sunday, September 22, 2024.



Youth Group

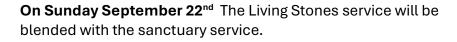
Youth Group happens on two **Friday Night of the month beginning at 6:30 pm.** Sometimes we will do some off-site events. There may be costs for these events but normally there is no cost. All friends are welcome.



Friday September 13th 6:30 pm - Pulse Youth Group Pizza Party and Sports Night.

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**. Invite a friend to join you.





The Loss Of A Loved One

Wayne Kirk

As we mature all realize that inevitably death will become a consequence of being born. Mortality is something we must endure, hopefully after reaching longevity average for the human species. After being subjected to the emotional rollercoaster which accompanies the loss of a loved one, none is as devastating as losing of a child. We are not supposed to outlive our children. Whether an accidental death or succumbing to one of many incurable diseases, it can be one of the most difficult happenings in life.

On June 1st of this year we laid to rest one of my identical twin sons Warren in the family plot. Uncontrollable sadness overwhelmed the mind and body when recalling the wonderful times spent together in former years.

Thanks go out to all members of Zion's congregation who passed on their sincere condolences. I must admit it relieved a large percentage of the pain.

There are still devastating diseases that are the demise of many. Early onset Alzheimer's is one which is especially unforgiving and for which there is no cure. A heredity condition in which the stages reduce a strong and intelligent individual to a vegetative state where they don't even know their own name. If there is one good thing about this disease, is that the brain feels no pain unlike cancer and other afflictions. Unfortunately my other son is not far behind his brother. Losing your children certainly challenges your faith and beliefs.

For me I always recall God's promise of eternal life for the baptized and believers. Perhaps I will someday be rewarded when our Lord decides to provide us with a family reunion in his mansion.

My son is now at rest beside his loving mother who also passed from the same disease in her forties. May God bless them and keep them. May his face shine on them and be gracious to them. May he look upon them with favour and give them peace.

Amen.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

454 Miller St.

Pembroke, Ontario

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024

Present: Terry Hoffman, Denise Schizkoske, Lisa Campitelli, Justine Mutlow, Jamie MacKinnon, Gerry Vandersleen, Pastors Scott and Sue.

Excused: Erica Deloughery

1. Opening

• The meeting started at 7:00 pm with Pastor Scott delivering the opening devotion.

2. Approval of Agenda:

• The agenda was moved by Jamie, second by Denise and all in favour.

3. Approval of Minutes:

• The council meeting minutes from May were reviewed via email. Moved by Lisa, second by Justine and all in favour.

4. Financial Report:

• The financial report as of June 11, 2024 shows total revenue of \$118 375.47 and total expenses of \$138 903.16 for a net income of -\$20 527.69.

5. Pastor's Report:

- Statistics
- Funeral June 9 Linda Crawford
- Seniors Home Services Heritage Place June 4
- Visits -4
- Weddings July 20 Enoch Schizkoske and Etka
- Midmonth Worship Services The attendance in May was 15 so we will continue.
- Messy Church Sunday once a month is working really well to bring families in. We hope to expand that over to Sunday School in the future.
- Marina Worship Service 11:00am June 16 Living Stones Band leading.
- Confirmation Camp 7 attending from Zion. 24 total from churches in Sudbury, Chinese Church in Toronto, Pickering, Eganville, Kingston. Synod sponsored every candidate for \$100.00. Zion to give an additional \$100 to our students.
- Pastor Sue and I have registered for Synod Assembly in June 20-22. Still looking for a lay delegate.
- Table Talks June 9 led by Pastor Scott.
- Retreat minutes have not been recorded yet.
- HOLIDAYS: Pastor Scott and Pastor Sue will be away on holidays August 5 Sept 2 (4 Sundays). It looks like there will be no supply available this year. So laity will likely lead the service with sermons provided by me and the bishops.
- Need a volunteer to sit on worship and music.
- Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

6. Correspondence:

• New endowment committee was reported as:

Chair - Kim Wolfgram Schmidt

Secretary - Sandra Sell

Member - Cheryl Sack

• A reminder to anyone using the church facilities to make sure the lights are turned off when they leave.

7. Committee Reports:

- **Property**: Will be having a meeting later this month. They will be changing the entrance sign so it shows on both sides.
- Worship and Music: Lisa Campitelli has volunteered to sit on this committee as a council member.
- Organ Restoration: Nothing to report
- **Social Ministry:** Nothing to report
- Pulse Ministry: Nothing to report
- Mutual Ministry: Nothing to report
- Sunday School: Will resume in September.
- Cemetery Board: The committee are looking into invigorating the grass at both sites.
- Confirmation Classes: Will be attending camp at Camp Lutherlyn in July

8. New Business:

- A motion for the name "Organ Restoration Fund" changed back to "Organ Fund" by Jamie, second by Lisa and all in favour.
- Table talk attendees discussed why people do or do not come to church.
- Council confirmed the emergency voting process during the summer.
- Doug Malliff to gather information for church website.
- Council is recommending that future fundraising for outreach groups give a donation to the church.
- 9. Next meeting: Sept. 10, 2024

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 10, 2024

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Pastor Scott, Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Diane Hammel, Cheryl Sack, Sandra Graham, Terry Hoffman, Joan Lehman

Regrets: Lorraine MacKenzie, Ellen Vandersleen, Koit Rull

Welcome and Opening Devotions: Gayle welcomed Terry Hoffman, council chair, to the meeting and gave an overview of each committee member's role. Pastor Scott opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Approved online

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Recent highlights include the baptisms of Mia Williamson and Tiffany Freeman and her children Paige Greenfield. Markus Greenfield and Katrina Greenfield.
- On May 26th we welcomed new members Evelyn Boland, Tyler and Krista Smith and family.
- Messy Church Sunday, which occurs once a month, was introduced as a means of growing the Sunday School on other weeks.
- On June 16th, the Living Stones Band will lead the worship service at the Pembroke Marina. Song sheets will be printed.
- Seven Weeks of Inclusion of Seven Sacred Teachings has been well received. This series will continue to be used until June 30th.
- The Pastoral Care Team will be taking home communion to individuals in the parish. The elements will be blessed during the regular service.
- In September Pastor Scott will use material from Back to Church to explore the topic of invitation of others to church. Gospel lessons will be different from the lectionary.
- Pastor Scott will be on holidays in August. Since he was unable to find a supply Pastor, he will provide sermons for Service on the Word.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Since the organ is out of service, the grand piano in the sanctuary is well used. The next tuning will occur at the end of August/beginning of September.
- The pianos in the Parish Hall are played regularly and have held their tune. Since these pianos are not on a regular tuning schedule, Blaine will check with the piano tuner to see if tuning is recommended and how much it would cost.
- Reassembly of the organ is scheduled for the week of August 26th. The 3rd payment (3 of 4) is due at the end of the summer.

- Choir practices are finished for this singing season. Practices will resume the first week of September. Possible changes to the Men's practice schedule will be discussed at a later date.
- Hymn sings will resume on the last Sunday of September with the possibility of learning some new hymns from the ACS supplement.
- We will use Setting 8 for June and July and then use Service of the Word in August.
- Music for the waterfront service will be provided and accompanied by the Living Stones Band. This offers Blaine the unique opportunity to attend worship and help lead in the singing of songs and other service music.
- Blaine will be away on continuing education/professional development the week of July 8th attending the Summer Institute on Church Music. This will also include Sunday, July 14th as vacation.
- Blaine will also be on vacation Sunday, August 25th.
- During his absence, Blaine will arrange for someone to supply.

Waterfront Service:

- Gayle will confirm with the city that someone will be at the Marina at 10:00 to make sure there is a power source available for our service.
- Gayle will bring some plates and utensils from the church in case people forget to bring their own.

Miscellaneous:

Communion Wafers:

• Sandra will check with Jean Rutz and/or Don or Carol Boldt to see which communion wafers were ordered in the past.

Back to Church Sunday:

• Back to Church Sunday is tentatively scheduled for September 15th.

Diane Hammel:

- The committee expressed their sincere thanks to Diane for the countless hours she has volunteered to input hymns etc. into the new projection system. Because of her dedication, time and attention to detail, we are able to enjoy the projected service each Sunday. Thank you, Diane!
- If you have tech skills and are interested in volunteering with this task, please reach out to Gayle.

New Projection System:

- Several comments have been made about the timing of projected material. Pastor Scott and Diane will meet to discuss additional ways to address these issues.
- Diane will continue to support volunteers on a weekly basis until they are familiar with the new system.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Sept 1- Elizabeth Graham

Sept 8 - Paul Merredew

Sept 15 – Michael Lange

Sept 22 – Susan Dupuis

Sept 29 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

Sept 1- David Lehman

Sept 8 – Don Boldt

Sept 15 – Hunter Denney

Sept 22 – Diane Hammel

Sept 29 - Koit Rull

Counters

Sept 1- Diane Hammel, Wilmer Verch, Pam Duplessis

Sept 8 - Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk

Sept 15 - Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

Sept 22 - Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman

Sept 29 -

Ushers

Sept 1- Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

Sept 8 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher

Sept 15 – Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz

Sept 22 - Doug & Pauline Malliff

Sept 29 - Kevin & Jean Rutz

Coffee Hour

Sept 1- Susan Dupuis, Justine Mutlow

Sept 8 - Doug & Pauline Malliff

Sept 15 – Patti & Peter Wegner

Sept 22 – Patti & Peter Wegner

Sept 29 - Jill & Al Kellough

Altar Care

Sept 1- Diane Rull

Sept 8 – Jean Rutz

Sept 15 - Sandra Graham

Sept 22 – Cheryl Sack

Sept 29 – Don Boldt

Projector Operators

Sept 1- Diane Hammel

Sept 8 – Rick Gerundin

Sept 15 – Zachary Phannenhour

Sept 22 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sept 29 – Phillip Vandersleen

Video Recorders

Sept 1- Ellen Vandersleen

Sept 8 – Ryan Schmidt

Sept 15 – Ty Phannenhour

Sept 22 - Korbin Smith

Sept 29 – Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Sept 1- Gerry Vandersleen

Sept 8 – Noah Schmidt

Sept 15 – Todd Phannenhour

Sept 22 - Brian Smith

Sept 29 – Brian Smith

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Worship Service	2	3 10 am Heritage Manor Worship	9 am Music Jam 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW Fellowship of the Least Coin	5 11 am Marian Hill Worship 7 pm Healing Vets	6 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	7
8 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Messy Church Sunday	9 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	7 pm Mixed Choir 7 pm Council Mtg.	9 am Music Jam 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Men's Choir	7 pm Healing Vets	13 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30pm Pulse Youth Group Pizza Party & Sports Night GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	14
15 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 6:30 pm Pints with Pastors	16 10 am Pastoral Care 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	17 7 pm Mixed Choir	18 9 am Music Jam 10:30 am Midweek Service 12:00 Staff Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Men's Choir	6 pm Alpha Program 7 pm Healing Vets	20 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	21
10 am Pentecost Sunday Living Stones Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion & Baptism of Brittany Schwantz 11:00 am Intro To Confirmation Mtg.	23 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	7 pm Mixed Choir	25 9 am Music Jam 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Men's Choir	26 6 pm Alpha Program 7 pm Healing Vets	27 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group	28
29 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Back To Church Sunday with potluck after service	1 pm Senior Exercise Class National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Oct. 1 7 pm Mixed Choir	Oct. 2 9 am Music Jam 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Men's Choir	Oct. 3 6 pm Alpha Program 7 pm Healing Vets	Oct. 4 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6 pm Feast Of Saint Francis of Assisi Blessing of Animals Service	Oct. 5