

THE GUIDING LIGHT

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Celebrating God as We Serve Others



Monthly Newsletter

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9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Making Christmas Memories

Advent and Christmas are special times of the year. We all have memories from our childhood and now as parents and grandparents. Some traditions have been carried on from generation to generation.

I recall my mother telling the story of her and her four siblings every Christmas Eve running upstairs to grab one of grandpa's big old work socks and nailing it with big old spikes to the banister waiting for Santa. Santa would bring an orange, that sticky hard candy that collected the fuzz from his socks and a little bit of chocolate. For some reason when I was a child Santa stuffed our stockings so full they sometimes were put on the floor.

I am sure many of you remember going to midnight candlelight services. There was nothing more exciting than singing the carols and ending the evening with the church lit up while singing "Silent Night". It would not be the same if we did not continue to do so still (of course at 3pm and 7pm instead of 11pm). I don't think this practice will ever change.

I often hear stories, (especially from people of European descent) of the live Christmas tree being decorated throughout the evening of December 24 after the children went to bed. The trees had real candles on them. That was a fire waiting to happen.

In my home growing up we often would all get together to decorate the tree on a Saturday. Now I am very pleased to hear my children and nieces and nephews go over to their grandma's to help set up the tree.

One of the traditions every year was my grandmother made a tin of shortbread for every family. Her shortbread was the best. In the last number of years my dad decided to make shortbread with Laura my niece.



From The Pastor's Desk (cont'd)

This year my daughter Grace and her cousins Emily and Laura will be going to grandma's for a girl's day to make shortbread. This tradition started last year.

There are many other memories I could talk about, but I want to talk about one memory that will never happen at Christmas again. My father was an amazing gardener, woodworker and carpenter. Once dad retired, during the winter months he would spend an obscene amount of time in his workshop. He went from one project to another. At some point he decided to make his first-hand crafted car from a pattern. Those pictured below are just two examples. Using many different types of wood, the vehicles were sometimes a mix of wood and had different colours. The vehicles had wheels that moved, tailgates that opened and so forth. Of course, when the nephews were younger, they wanted to play with them but not a chance. Eventually he moved on from trucks to airplanes, trains, bull dozers, motorcycles, boats and more. There were probably about twenty of them when he died.



My dad passed away on October 22 2024. When he was dying in hospital, he asked my mother to make sure everyone was given a different project for Christmas. At the moment we all opened our gifts there was hardly a dry eye in the room. These gifts are so symbolic of who my father was. He was creative. He would try anything once. Even on his death bed, he insisted that his creations be given to us so we would always remember his love. Sure, dad had his faults, but we sure knew he loved us.

Pastor Sue and I have two trees that we put up in our home. Pastor Sue refers to them as “her tree” and “Scott’s tree”. Sue’s tree was a gift, is huge, and when decorated is perfect. My tree is smaller and when decorated has all kinds of decorations that I have acquired over the years from different places. When I decorate this tree there is one decoration I look for. It is one my daughter gave me when she was a toddler and it is a hand-coloured dollar store ceramic and has her name on the back. My daughter is now twenty-four. Every year though I remember that little girl who gave me that decoration so many moons ago. Every decoration on that tree has a story. This is the one I like the best.

One of the things I am very conscious of at Christmas is the divide between rich and poor. As it becomes more prevalent in our community there are some children who do not receive much at all at Christmas time. When they go back to school and compare notes with classmates, it must be hard for those who did not receive much to listen to those that did. A suggestion might be to rather give them everything at Christmas, give them experiences that will happen throughout the year then they will have things to look forward to. Or give them an opportunity to donate to a charity using a gift of money from you. Remember, it is not how many gifts one receives that is important. What is important that everyone recalls that God comes to us as a child most vulnerable. He will give his life for us. That gift is for us all equally.

May God bless you with many, many wonderful Christmas memories whether old or new. May you always have faith in the Child of God, Christ the Prince of Peace.

Pastor Scott

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Nov.17,2025.

The weekly amount of \$6,106.00 is needed to cover our budgeted costs. Of this weekly amount approx. \$4,539.00 comes 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.

Offerings	184,099.31
Missions and Outreach	1,045.00
Other Donations	4,365.00
Solar Income	12,986.92
Other Earned Income	21,172.57
Fundraised for general use	2,805.79
Total Income to Nov.17	226,474.59
Benevolence Expense	8,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	661.00
Committees Expense	5,200.39
Utilities Expense	18,594.16
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	10,068.24
Other Operating Expense	40,803.84
Net Payroll	101,758.71
Benefits Expense	45,463.90
Expense Total to Nov.17	252,512.04
Net as of Nov.17,2025	(-26,037.45)

To all that attend Zion,

As Advent approaches and we reflect on God's unconditional love for all, we are filled with thankfulness. As an expression of that gratitude for God's gift to us we too can give back to care for those in need and the church.

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

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 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

Morning Social Gatherings



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

We will only have one morning social gathering in December on:

Wednesday December 3rd at 10 am

We will resume biweekly socials in 2026!

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



Zion Lutheran Women

*Please join us for our
Christmas Program -*

“Message Of The Angels”

Presented by

Sandra Graham

Wed. December 3, 2025

At 2:30 pm

***Please bring your favourite finger
food to share
and donations for the Food Bank***





Our home will be decorated and filled with cheer!
Guests are invited to join us for refreshments and
fellowship on

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th

7-9pm

524 Mary Street

Please join us!

Pastor Scott & Pastor Sue



Join us for an afternoon of singing carols
at Zion and invite your friends!

Sunday December 14th at 4:00 pm

at

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

454 Miller Street, Pembroke

613 732-8792

Intergenerational Christmas Program And Potluck



Sunday December 21, 2025
10:00 am Service

Come for worship and a fun retelling of the Christmas Story. The program involves an opportunity for interactive participation and everyone can help bring the story to life.



A decorative border at the top of the poster featuring green pine branches and clusters of red berries.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24th

3:00pm and 7:00pm Candlelight Services
Join us as we welcome in the Christ child!



Candles & Carols Service
Sunday December 14th at 4:00 pm.
Join us for an afternoon of singing carols at Zion and invite
your friends!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion
Wednesday December 24th – 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Regular Worship Service
Sunday December 28th at 10:00 am.

***Christmas Donations
to Zion***

Accepting donation for:

☐ ***Poinsettias***

☐ ***Additional donations,
please considering
giving to the general
fund***





STARRY STARRY NIGHT

AN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY JANUARY 4 2025
4:00PM

Light refreshments following worship

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

454 MILLER STREET PEMBROKE

Ottawa Valley Lutheran and Anglican churches are invited to gather for an epiphany worship service.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

MIRAMICHI LODGE WORSHIP SERVICE There will be a worship service at Miramichi Lodge on **Tuesday December 2nd at 10:30 am.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall for our Morning Social! Come on out for fun and fellowship.

ZLW The ZLW will be meeting **December 3rd at 2:30 pm** with their “Message Of The Angels” hosted by Sandra Graham. Bring your favorite finger foods to share! Donations gratefully accepted for The Food Bank.

MID-MONTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us for our mid-month worship service on **Wednesday December 10th at 10:30 am.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES Confirmation classes **Wednesday December 3rd, 10th, & 17th at 6:15 pm.**

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES The last Senior Exercise Class for 2025 will be **Friday December 12th at 1 pm** and classes will resume in January 2026.

PASTOR’S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE Our home will be decorated and filled with cheer! Guests are invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship on **Friday December 12th, 7-9pm**, 524 Mary Street, Pembroke. Please join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be on **Sunday December 14th at 10:00 am.** All children are welcome!

“CANDLES AND CAROLS” Join us for a Christmas Sing-along **Sunday December 14th at 4 pm** at Zion

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL will be **Saturday December 20th at 10:00 am.**

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & POTLUCK on **Sunday December 21st at 10:00 am.** Potluck to follow program.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES with Communion will be on **December 24th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.**

ETERNITY FOR TODAY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL If you would like to renew your Eternity For Today subscription for 2026, please contact June in the church office with your request before **December 15th** to get your copy reserved. Cost will be \$18.00 for 2026.

ANNUAL REPORT 2026 Council requests that all committee chairpersons begin preparation of their annual reports for 2026.

CHURCH COUNCIL Your church council is in need of candidates to join church council. Please speak to any council person for more information. If you are interested, you would be elected or appointed at the annual meeting in February 2026 and your term would begin in March 2026.



PULSE MINISTRY

PULSE MINISTRY consists of three different programs. Every generation is invited to Worship, Messy Church, and Youth Group. The Worship Service is called “The Living Stones”

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church program runs the **first Monday of every month_ 5:30pm – 7:30pm**. Our next Messy Church will be held on **Monday December 1st at 5:30pm**. Messy Church includes Food, Crafts, Games, Faith Talk, and Fun!



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 Parish Hall on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. Our next service will be on **Sunday January 18th at 10:00 am**.



MORNING SOCIAL

Join us for our Morning Social on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 10:00 am** in the Parish Hall! 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!

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.

If you know of anyone in hospital, in need of a visit or are recently deceased, please inform the church 613 732-8792 or Pastor Scott 705 313-0333.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Date October 21, 2024

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Denise Schizkoske, Jamie MacKinnon, Brent Wolfgram, Gerry Vandersleen, Pastor Sue and Lisa Campitelli

Excused Tiffany Freeman

1. **Opening: Devotion was lead by Pastor Scott.**
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Jamie, second by Brent
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Denise, second by Lisa
4. **Financial Report:** Revenue \$210 517.84

Expenses	<u>\$230 155.11</u>
Net Income	\$-19 637.27

5. **Pastor's Report:**

Internments/Funerals

Weston Lazarus August 30.
Geraldine Belores Sept 4
Mervyn Bimm Sept 6
Ella Lehman Sept 22
Frances Remus Sept 23
Sheila Purdy October 2

Upcoming Confirmation: October 26 Richard Krueger

Upcoming Baptism: November 9 or Dec 7 (to be confirmed) Lainey and Spencer Wright (twins) baptized Aria sister already

Confirmation Classes – weekly Wednesdays at 615pm. October 22 trip to Malcolm, Devitt, and Binhammer.

Midmonth Wednesday Morning Worship Services – Services are not happening every month. There will be services in November and December this fall.

All Saints Sunday – Nov 2. Due to mail strike unable to send letters inviting families to All Saints Sunday service. A new Paschal Candle will be dedicated that day.

Ottawa Valley Clergy Cluster Meeting – At our last meeting we discussed that in order to bring our churches closer today we should worship more together. As a result the first service will be an Epiphany service around January 6 – the day of Epiphany. Zion will be hosting the first meeting.

Wedding Request: Megan Brum – member at St. Timothy's and former Zion member has requested the use of Zion for her wedding on June 6 with Pastor Bruce Thomson officiating. I have talked with her and Bruce and agreed that it would be okay. I will be meeting with her shortly to go over rules, fees, etc.

Holidays – Nov 17 – Nov 23 week before Advent, Nov 23 is a Sunday

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Scott

6. Committee Reports:

- **Property:** In the process of getting a quote for removal of mold in the rental property which resulted from leaks that have been fixed.
- **Worship and Music:** Ordered new paschal candle.
- **Social Ministry:** There will be a chili and soup lunch after the Nov 2nd service.
- **Sunday School** – Happening on the Second Sunday of the Month.
- **Superintendent** – Susan Dupuis has agreed to organize the Sunday School. Justine Mutlow is willing to teach Sunday School.

7. **New Business:** Terry reported to council that in the past couple of months he has had meetings with Robert Murphy the council chair person of St. Timothy's. They discussed exploring areas where the two churches could possibly collaborate to run programs that neither church now run due to lack of resources. St. Timothy's council has discussed it and are interested in exploring this idea. Our council was split on the idea with two for and two against, so the motion was tabled. Terry then asked if the council members would canvas the congregation to see if there was any interest from anyone to sit on a joint committee to explore areas of collaboration with St. Timothy's. He will keep the lines of communication open with them.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** Moved by Jamie, second by Brent

9. **Next Meeting:** Nov 18, 2025

**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
Pembroke, Ontario
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Date November 18, 2025**

Present: Terry Hoffman, Gerry Vandersleen, Jamie MacKinnon, Brent Wolfgram and Lisa Campitelli

Excused: Pastors Scott and Sue, Tiffany Freeman

10. Opening: Terry said opening devotion

11. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jamie and second by Brent

12. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Denise second by Lisa

13. Financial Report: Revenue \$226,474.59

Expenses \$252,512.04
Net Income \$-26037.45

14. Pastor's Report:

- Confirmation: October 26 Richard Krueger
- Baptism: November 9 Lainey and Spencer Wright (twins)
- Confirmation Classes – weekly Wednesdays at 615pm. October 22 trip to the Laurentian Valley Trail. The Food bank came to the church to talk to the confirmands.
- Sunday School – Happening on the Second Sunday of the Month.
- Superintendent – Susan Dupuis has agreed to organize the Sunday School. Justine Mutlow is willing to teach Sunday School.
- Midmonth Wednesday Morning Worship Services – Services are not happening every month. There will be a service December 10 this fall.
- Worship. – Planning for Advent and Christmas happening. December 24 Christmas Eve 3 and 7 Services.
- The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Interactive Christmas Program – Potluck to follow.
- Sunday Dec 14 700pm – Candles and Carols led by Pastor Sue and guest organist/pianist. Blaine was asked but is unavailable.
- Holidays – Nov 17 – Nov 23.
- Respectfully Submitted,
- Pastor Scott

Correspondence:

- Terry received a letter from Gale Seegmiller and shared it with the council.
- Terry also, received questions from Blaine Sack and shared it with council and answered Blaine.
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15. Committee Reports:

- **Social Ministry: Senior meals are Friday Nov 28th**

16. New Business:

- **Expiring council terms:** Council is looking for new members to be nominated at the annual meeting.
- Council is reminding all committees to prepare their annual reports
- Finance committee will be meeting in the near future.
- Budget will be discussed at our next meeting.
- A motion to suspend the personnel committee was brought forth by Jamie and second by Brent. All were in favor. Going forward, issues will be brought to council.

17. Next meeting: Dec 9th

MINUTES
ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. PEMBROKE, ONTARIO
WEDNESDAY **NOVEMBER 5, 2025** @ 2:30 pm

President Susan Dupuis welcomed members to the meeting and opened with a prayer: There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes of our October 2025 meeting have been posted on the bulletin board.

Correspondence – Thank you card from St. Vincent de Paul for our donation was read.

No Card Report – Sandra G was absent.

Finance Report: Diane Hammel reported

- Collections received during the month of October 2025 - \$165.00.
- ZLW Regular Account Balance October 31st, 2025 - \$2,038.02
- Quilters Account Balance at October 31st, 2025 - \$778.93
- Baby Bundles Account Balance October 31st, 2025 - \$160.64
- Total ZLW Bank Balance October 31st, 2025 - \$2,977.59.

Discussion took place regarding the \$245.00 collected for Fellowship of the Least Coin in September which is no longer functioning. Pam Duplessis moved that we re-allocate the funds to WICC; Women's Inter-church Council of Canada, seconded by Ellen Vandersleen, carried.

Motions:

- Motion made by Martha McKibbon, seconded by Cheryl Sack to donate \$100.00 to the church office for supplies, carried.
- Selection of the St. Joseph's Food Bank as the Charity for Christmas and Prayer Partners – moved by Cheryl Sack, seconded by Janet Schultze-Jones, carried ZLW will match the December donation from our funds.
- Christmas gift for Pastors (in camera)
- Prayer Partner tradition will continue in 2026
- Motion made by Cheryl Sack, seconded by Ellen Vandersleen to donate \$250.00 to the Grand. Motion carried.

Poinsettia delivery to Shut-ins set for Thursday, December 11 – Pam, Ellen, Leslie and Susan will make the deliveries.

Birthday wishes extended to Wendy Schutt, who is recovering from surgery.

ZLW Executive for 2026 – all current members agree and are acclaimed

President – Susan Dupuis

Secretary – Pam Duplessis (temporarily filling in for Wendy Schutt)

Treasurer – Diane Hammel

Programs – Group

Ellen introduced Samantha Turcotte and Catherine Arends from The Grind.

- Samantha, Lead Administrator advised that The Grind has 4 employees on salary and many volunteers.
- They are funded through several grants, but mostly rely on donations.

- Thanked Zion for their financial support and help with Coldest Night of the Year, a major fundraiser.
- Catherine has been volunteering with The Grind for 5 years
- The Grind provides breakfast for 20-30 people and lunch for 60-70 Monday to Friday
- A nurse and mental health worker is on site Tuesdays and Thursdays, and referrals to Ontario Works, ODSP are made as appropriate.
- Transition House (donated by a local senior) is available for temporary housing for clients returning to Pembroke after recovery.
- Sponsors Valley Warriors - a sports program for children with special needs.
- The Warming Centre is operated by the City
- Church services are held once a month with various guest preachers

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 3, 2025:** Christmas Program with Sandra Graham. Please bring finger food or treat to share.

Meeting was adjourned @ 4:00 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 10, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

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

Regrets: Blaine Sack

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

Approval of Agenda: Addition of Living Stones Services and technology

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Done on-line.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- November 16th - Blended Service
- November 23 - I will be away on holidays. Lay assistant Ellen Vandersleen will be leading the service. There will not be communion.
- December 10th - Midweek communion service
- The project called "Friends of Creation" from CLWR has been initiated and comes with four Sunday services. The four-week worship plan will be used over the course of several months beginning in November at the Blended service on November 16th.
- A new Paschal Candle for the sanctuary has been received
- I agree with Blaine's suggestion to move the hymn sing to November 23rd.
- Preparations are being made for Advent and Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- December 14th - Special evening event "Candles and Carols". This was hosted last year and was a lot of fun.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Instruments:
 - Piano:
 - The Yamaha grand piano in the sanctuary will be tuned the first week of December.
 - Organ:
 - An email was sent recently to Casavant about a fall tuning for the organ. The tuners usually try to schedule a visit at the end of November or beginning of December.

- On October 29th the organ's blower motor stopped working which made the organ unplayable. (The motor is located in its own locked area in the 'blower room' located in the basement, under the church.) Wilmer Verch, Kevin Rutz and Don Boldt worked for hours to dismantle the motor which was then taken to Rick's Electric for repair. Thankfully, the motor only needed a new capacitor which was not a big expense. Many thanks to Wilmer, Kevin and Don for volunteering their time to dismantle and reinstall the motor. This resulted in considerable savings in labor costs. In the end, the organ and its chimes were repaired and available for our special All Saints service!

- On a side note, the work and repairs done on the motor marks 26 years since the last time it was serviced in 1999. The motor is still the original housing and blower wheel from 1969 when the entire organ was installed. With the new repairs this year, it is believed that the motor could and should run without any further issues for a long time. This is great news!

- Choirs/Guest musicians:

- The November/December choir singing schedule is completed.

- Guest musicians and/or soloists might be available on December 7th and 28th to provide special music for the Advent and Christmas season.

- Worship services:

- Liturgy will remain as Setting 4 up to and including Christ the King Sunday, on November 23rd.

- Liturgy will change for the Advent season. The candle lighting hymn/song will replace the canticle of praise.

- Additional special music may be sung and led by the choirs during Advent, as part of The Prayers of Intercession, or as a Sung Psalm. This will be confirmed with service planning over the next little while.

- Hymn Sings:

- The next Hymn Sing will be on November 23rd. With only 4 weeks of Advent there is a lot of special music that I'd like to share before the Advent services. A Hymn Sing, in the form of a 'Carol Sing', could be scheduled on December 28th before the service.

- Christmas Eve services:

- Last year's Christmas Eve service times were 3 pm and 7 pm. This seemed to work well for people and I suggest we have the same service times this year.

Christmas and Advent Services:

- The Christmas program will be held on December 21st. The format will be similar to that of the last few years.

- It was suggested to have a potluck after the Christmas program. Since there is no longer a hospitality committee, notice will be put in the bulletin requesting volunteers for set up and clean up. Pastor Scott will also bring up the potluck suggestion at the upcoming council meeting.

- There will NOT be mid-week Advent services.
- During the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve service the ushers will collect the offering.
- Sandra Graham will pick up 2 poinsettias for the altar.
- The property committee is looking after the Christmas trees.

Miscellaneous:

Living Stones Service:

- Ellen requested that the Living Stones services be added to the agenda as she has been approached by members of the congregation with concerns that the Living Stones services are dividing the congregation. During the ensuing discussion it was suggested that we have a Blended service every two months so that the whole congregation could worship together. At the end of the discussion Pastor Scott informed the committee that the Living Stones services would continue.

Technology:

- Diane shared that it takes time to allow everything to load properly before the service begins. When volunteers arrive early enough to allow this to happen, things seem to run smoothly.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, December 1, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Dec 7:
Dec 14: Lorraine MacKenzie
Dec 21: Elizabeth Graham
Dec 24:
Dec 28: Susan Dupuis

Sexton

Dec 7: Hunter Denney
Dec 14: Karen Gauthier
Dec 21: Diane Hammel
Dec 24:
Dec 28: David Lehman

Counters

Dec 7: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller,
Kara Buelow-Fleck
Dec 14: Gayle & Larry Seegmiller,
Kara Buelow-Fleck
Dec 21: Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier
David Lehman
Dec 24:
Dec 28: Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier
David Lehman

Ushers

Dec 7: Peter & Patti Wegner
Dec 14: Kevin & Jean Rutz
Dec 21: Ryan Parcher
Dec 24:
Dec 28: Pamela Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher

Coffee Hour

Dec 7: Denise & Barry Schizkoske
Dec 14: Dornetta Mau & Wilmer Verch
Dec 21: Lorraine MacKenzie, Michael Laabs
Dec 28: Doug & Pauline Malliff

Altar Care

Dec 7: Diane Rull
Dec 14: Jean Rutz
Dec 21:
Dec 24: Sandra Graham
Dec 28: Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

Dec 7: Rick Gerundin
Dec 14: Ellen Vandersleen
Dec 21: Sherri Phannenhour
Dec 24: Ellen Vandersleen @ 3 pm
Diane Hammel @ 7 pm
Dec 28: Rick Gerundin

Video Recorders

Dec 7: Ryan Schmidt
Dec 14: Ellen Vandersleen
Dec 21: Zac Phannenhour
Dec 24:
Dec 28: Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Dec 7: Gerry Vandersleen
Dec 14: Noah Schmidt
Dec 21: Todd Phannenhour
Dec 24:
Dec 28: Brian Smith

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30am/6 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7pm Healing Vets	2 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:30 am Miramichi Lodge Worship Service 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir	3 10 am Morning Social 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Mixed Choir	4 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	5 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	6
7 10 am Advent 2 Worship Service with Holy Communion	8 8:30am/6 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	9 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir 7 pm Church Council Mtg.	10 10:30 am Mid-Month Worship Service 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Mixed Choir	11 9:30 am Tai Chi 7 pm Healing Vets	12 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm-9 pm Pastors Christmas Open House	13
14 10 am Advent 3 Worship Service with Holy Communion & Sunday School 4 pm Candles & Carols Sing-a- Long at Church	15 8:30am/6 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	16 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi 7 pm Men's Choir	17 10 am Morning Social 6:15 pm Confirmation 7 pm Mixed Choir	18 9:30 am Tai Chi 10 am Pinewood Service 2 pm Supples Landing Service 7 pm Healing Vets	19 GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE	20 10 am Christmas Program Rehearsal
21 10am Advent 4 Christmas Program with Holy Communion	22 8:30am/6 pm Pickle Ball 1 pm Exercise Class 7 pm Healing Vets	23 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi	24 3pm & 7 pm Candle Light Services with Holy Communion	25 No Service 	26	27
28 10 am First Sunday of Christmas with Holy Communion	29 8:30am/6 pm Pickle Ball 7 pm Healing Vets	30 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Tai Chi	31	January 1 NEW YEARS DAY 2026	2	3

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