

THE GUIDING LIGHT

OCTOBER 2025

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

Second Sunday 10:00 am Sunday School

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

Grief. It is here, there, and everywhere. As most of you know, Pastor Sue and I are grieving the death of her father Don who after a brave battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) died in August. We celebrated his life in Waterloo at Trillium Lutheran Church. I had the privilege of sharing Don's obituary - that he had prepared for himself - during his service. That service was doubly hard to be a part of because Jeanette, Don's wife is also suffering significantly with dementia. For our generation the death of parents or the loss of a parent to dementia is something many of us face.

The constant with all grief is that no matter how hard it may be, whether we are in any of the five stages of grief – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance, (one thing to note: the stages of grief are not linear and different stages can be experienced in different orders) God never leaves us. We may not feel his presence, but God is with us.

On August 30th I buried six-day-old Weston Lazarus, son of Cassandra (Schizkoske) and Ben Lazarus. On September 4th I buried Geraldine Belores, 92 who died of cancer; Sept 6th Mervin Bimm, 83 who died unexpectedly, Sept 22nd Ella Lehman, 99 and Francine Remus Smith, 101 both who died because of their age. I soon expect to also bury a 60-year-old who is dying from cancer.



From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)

I am tired. I am frustrated. I am human. I am not invincible. I grieve too. To bury a child six days old, breaks my heart. As a father myself, I cannot imagine the anger and sadness I would feel. (That day I also performed a wedding, so I had to turn my grief off and turn on the joy). The others whom I buried that were in their eighties and nineties, I visited regularly. I built relationships with each of them, and they genuinely became endeared to my heart. As much as I was their pastor, I felt connected and am sad to say goodbye. Now I am ministering to a sixty-year-old dying of cancer. Like the six-day-old, Weston, I just can't understand. I am fifty-four myself. It just does not seem fair.

There is a petition in the prayers of intercession in the Funeral Rite that reads, "Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting." We may never understand death. It is my hope that we will always remember that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. I pray that everyone who grieves understand that God grieves along with us – that God experienced grief when his son Jesus died on the cross for us. Jesus told his disciples and he tells us, "In my Father's house are many rooms, one for each of you. I go to prepare a place for you." Listen to this closely.

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for all of us in the father's house. We are one, the body of Christ. We have a common union with saints that have gone before us. We are forgiven because of what God in Christ has done for us, giving his life for us. We can take heed and give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and that heavenly home waiting for us.

We may not understand death and why someone has died. We may not understand why we feel as we do. Understand this though, grief has no time limits. We have memories to drive our healing. It is my prayer that each of you can find peace through your own prayer and while on your journey grow stronger in faith.

If you find yourself needing to talk about your grief or your denial, your anger, your bargaining with God, your depression or sadness and your acceptance of the loss please reach out.

I leave you with these words from John. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
John 14:27

Peace be with you,

Pastor Scott

From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of Sept.23, 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	154,476.66
Missions and Outreach	728.00
Other Donations	2,960.00
Solar Income	10,338.35
Other Earned Income	15,955.12
Fundraised for general use	2,805.79
Total Income to Sept.23	187,263.92
Benevolence Expense	6,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	661.00
Committees Expense	1,964.41
Utilities Expense	17,504.33
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	9,964.43
Other Operating Expense	35,278.15
Net Payroll	82,248.15
Benefits Expense	36,517.61
Expense Total to Sept.23	212,099.88
Net as of Sept.23,2025	(-24,835.96)

To all that attend Zion,

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Pastor Appreciation Month is celebrated in October, recognizing the hard work and dedication of pastors. In 2025, Pastor Appreciation Day will be observed on October 13th. This month is dedicated to showing gratitude and support for pastoral leaders, with many churches extending their celebrations throughout October. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) recognizes the contributions of its pastors and encourages community support during this time.

✝ THANK YOU PASTOR SCOTT AND PASTOR SUE ✝



Zion Lutheran Women

*Please join us for a
Presentation About*

St. Vincent de Paul

"Giving Thanks"

On

Wed. October 1, 2025

At 2:30 pm

All are Welcome!

We will be accepting donations of canned goods. Please see the attached list.



**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)
CANNED FOOD – WISH LIST – 2025**

CANNED FOODS

TOMATOES – DICED

SOUP: CHICKEN & BEEF BROTH

TOMATO, CREAM OF MUSHROOM, ONION SOUP MIX

SAUCES: SPAGHETTI SAUCE, TOMATO SAUCE, TOMATO PASTE, SALSA, GRAVY,
SOYA SAUCE

CANNED VEGETABLES: CORN, PEAS, PEAS & CARROTS

- NO GREEN BEANS

CANNED FRUIT: ALL KINDS

CANNED MEAT: TUNA, SALMON, CHICKEN, HAM & TURKEY,

SALAD DRESSING: CAESAR, RANCH, GREEK, FRENCH

OTHER: MAYO

DRY GOODS

PASTA: MACARONI, LASAGNA NOODLES, SPAGHETTI, PENNE

BEVERAGES: COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE

OTHER: PARMESAN CHEESE, OLIVE & VEGETABLE OIL, FLOUR

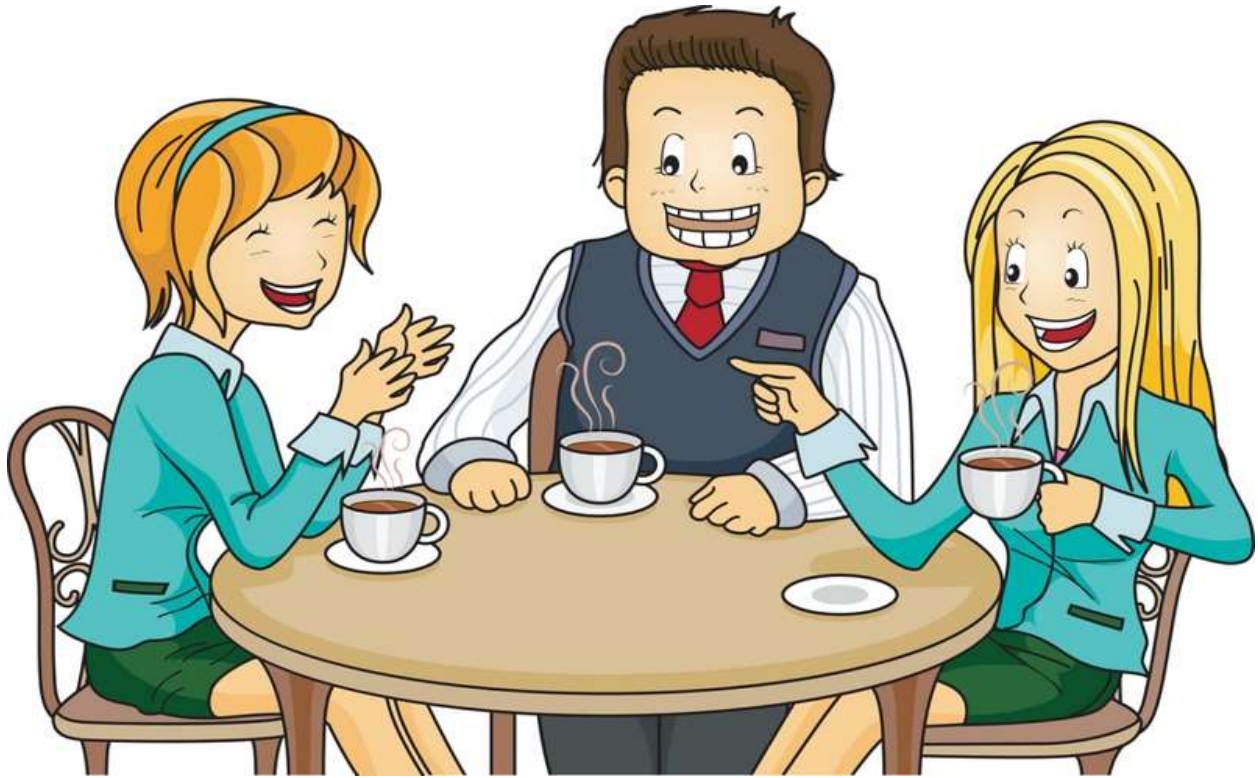
SPICES: OREGANO, ITALIAN SEASONING, ONION POWDER, THYME

SUGAR: WHITE & BROWN.

EMERGENCY FOOD KITS

Instant Coffee, Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal Boxes, Juice Boxes, Crackers, Microwave Popcorn, Cookies, Granola Bars, Instant Oatmeal Packages, Lipton Chicken Noodle Soup, Chunky Soups, Uncle Ben's Individual Rice Packages, Canned Pork & Beans, Canned Chicken & Ham, Pasta Sauce, Pudding Cups, Applesauce Cups, Canned Fruit, **TOILET PAPER**, Hand Soaps

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 October 8th and 22nd

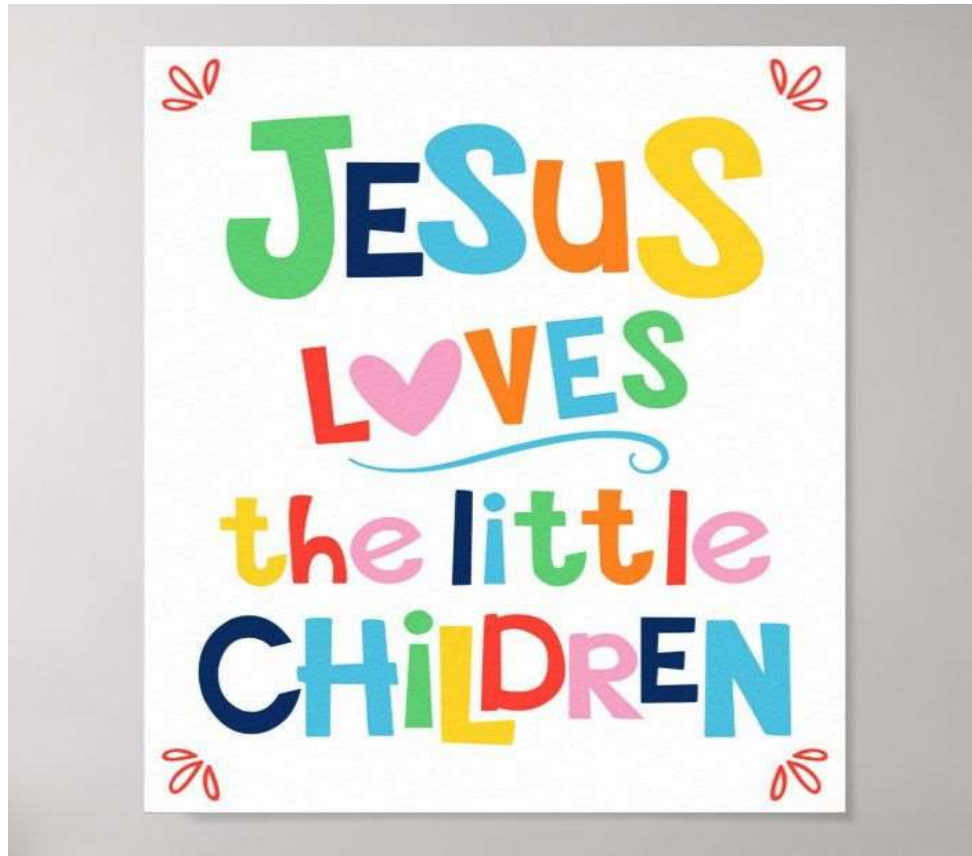
At 10:00 am

You need not be a member of Zion.

Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NEW FORMAT ANNOUNCEMENT



SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD ON **THE SECOND WEEK OF THE MONTH** DURING WORSHIP AT 10:00AM.

IT WILL NOT HAPPEN ON OTHER SUNDAYS. BRING YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD FOR SOME FUN!



Food Crafts Story
Games Fun. Free!



**Join us the first Monday every month.
We begin each night with a meal at 5:30 pm.**

**Next Dates:
October 6, November 3, December 1**



**Come for an evening of so
much FUN!
Bring a friend!**

PULSE YOUTH GROUP
ZION PEMBROKE YOUTH NIGHT



When: Saturday October 18th 2025

Meet at the church at 6:30 pm

or

The Laurentian Valley Trail at 6:45 pm

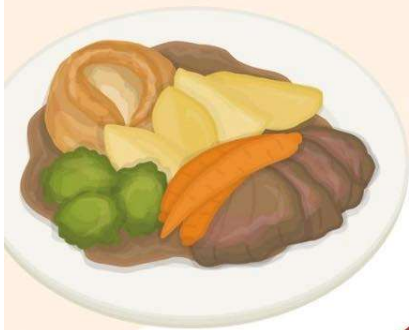
Trail Location: 2 Henan Drive behind the Alice and Fraser
Recreation Centre

Cost: a Toonie

Rain Date: October 25th 2025

Bring money for snacks if you wish

Parents join us. We will need some drivers.



60th Anniversary

ROAST BEEF DINNER

OCTOBER

25

SATURDAY

2025

LIVE MUSIC BY GATE 47 4-5PM

OPEN HOUSE & CRAFTS 2-4PM

BRING AN ITEM TO TIE DYE

MAKE A GIFT CARD OR TAG

SILENT AUCTION AND 50/50 DRAW

TICKETS \$40

INCLUDES \$20 DONATION RECEIPT UPON REQUEST

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Canadian Lutheran World Relief is challenging congregations to participate in a challenge during the coming year to help restore the ecosystem around Lake Chad.

We will be participating in the project. Here is more information.



**Friends of
Creation**

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and
you renew the face of the ground.*

—Psalm 104:30

**Get ready! We're joining churches across Canada
in the Friends of Creation challenge from
Canadian Lutheran World Relief.**

Over four Sundays, we'll walk alongside
communities near Lake Chad, where farmers are
racing to adapt as the land that once gave life
becomes harder to live on.

Each week, we'll explore a theme that intersects
with climate—food, water, peace, and economy—
listen for God's call, and hear stories of courage
and hope.

Together, we'll take action—and help restore acres
of land around Lake Chad!

**Join us in answering God's call
to be Friends of Creation, and
help us restore an ecosystem:
clwr.org/foc-challenge**



**Canadian Lutheran
World Relief**



**Friends of
Creation**

Will You Stand With The People Of Lake Chad Basin?

Can a failing ecosystem be restored?

We're so grateful to be part of an exciting new partnership with funding from Global Affairs Canada, focused on regions where ecosystems are showing the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

Together with thousands of local farmers and community leaders, we want to tip the balance back toward natural environments that can flourish, protect life, and support healthy communities—and in the process, make a dent in the global fight to limit climate change.

We're doing that through an initiative called **Nature-Based Solutions**, together with our partners in Lutheran World Federation. **Nature-based solutions** take a big, ambitious, multi-faceted approach that boils down to a simple premise: if we take care of creation, it can take care of us.

Lake Chad

The Lake Chad catchment area is the largest inland water basin in Africa, but today, the ecosystem is fragile and degrading quickly as it faces a web of related challenges.

Warming temperatures are hurting agricultural production of crops like plantains, and the World Bank projects that temperatures in the region will increase 1.5 times faster than the global average.

Lake Chad has shrunk by 90% since 1963 and continues shrinking, due to both local human activity—like deforestation and unsustainable water use—and global climate effects, like shorter rainy seasons. Meanwhile, overgrazing and pollution have contributed to the disappearance of valuable species.

Farmers say they can no longer predict rainfall. With less rain and hotter temperatures, hunger and disease are both on the rise, while livelihoods disappear. Reduced income for farmers means pulling children from school, which disproportionately affects girls.

At a household level, families are experiencing hunger, a loss of income, real safety concerns, and kids who aren't going to school. But for these families to move past crisis and into sustainable futures, these symptoms can't be addressed in isolation. The issues faced by the people living around Lake Chad are complex—because the system that supported life in the area for so many centuries is rapidly unravelling. So, to move toward sustainable futures, we have to work with communities and think about the system that supports life in the area as a whole.

The Project

We designed this project through consultation with hundreds of families in Cameroon and Chad, and it'll be carried out alongside thousands of local farmers as we restore land, reforest,

push adoption of sustainable farming and water management practices, and include voices that have been left out.

We expect that after two-and-a-half years of this project, over 128,000 people will benefit directly from an improved ecosystem—with better nutrition, water access, crop yields, and sustainable futures—and an additional 640,000 people will be able to live and work in ecosystems that will have been restored.

As we restore and transform ecosystems where life is at threat, we can put food on tables, prevent disease, limit disaster, support sustainable, growing economies, and help limit how much our world warms.

Our thanks to Global Affairs Canada and to all our Lutheran partners and friends across Canada who are making this work possible. Make a gift now to support this work, or find out now how your church can get involved!

1. How will Zion Pembroke be involved?

The challenge requires just three easy steps:

Commit 4 Sundays to learning and praying about how climate change is playing out around Lake Chad. The 4 Sundays will not be consecutive weeks!

- 2. Choose one thing** from a list of suggested actions that our church can accomplish or we can come up with our own!
- 3. Decide on a number of acres** around Lake Chad that we'll take on together as a congregation by raising funds as part of your four Sundays. Whatever amount is right for your congregation is ok!

Here's what our congregation gets back as Friends of Creation:

- Biblically-rooted **worship resources for 4 Sundays**, including prayers, readings, sermon starters, and education resources!
- **A practical, easy way to engage** deeply in climate action and show Zion's concern
- **A tangible goal** to work towards as we raise money for your acres and join the fight to limit climate change by standing with communities around Lake Chad.
- **Follow-up stories, impact reports and videos** from the project so Zion can see the difference on the acres you sponsored
- **Access to CLWR's online fundraising platform** for an easy, low-administration way to collect money towards your acres.
- A way to **help members of Zion feel some *hope*** about climate, global justice and the difference they can make, and how the church is part of these big questions!

If you have an interest in being a part of Friends of Creation Team to help organize these efforts please speak with Pastor Scott. If you have been looking for a way to contribute to the battle against climate change this is one way to do it.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN Please join the Zion Lutheran Women on **Wednesday October 1st at 2:30 pm** for a presentation about St. Vincent de Paul “Giving Thanks” All are Welcome! We will be accepting donations of canned goods - please see the posted list.

WORSHIP & MUSIC Worship and Music will meet on **Monday October 6th at 7:00 pm.**

COUNCIL MEETING Next council meeting on **Tuesday October 7th at 7:00 pm.**

STAFF MEETING The next staff meeting will be **Wednesday October 8th at 1:00 pm.**

MORNING SOCIAL Join us for our Morning Social on **Wednesday October 8th at 10:00 am and Wednesday October 22th at 10:00 am.** in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship.

RETIREMENT HOME SERVICES Pinewood Worship Service will be on **Thursday October 16th at 10:00 am.**

PULSE YOUTH GROUP Pulse Youth Group / Zion Pembroke Youth Night will be doing Halloween at The Laurentian Trail on **Saturday October 18th. Please meet at the church for 6:30 pm or at The Trail for 6:45 pm,** 2 Henan Drive, behind the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre. Cost is a toonie and bring money for snacks if you wish. Parents please join us – we will also be needing some drivers.

PASTORAL CARE Pastoral Care will be meeting on **Monday October 27th at 10:00 am.**

SOCIAL MINISTRY Will meet on **Tuesday October 28th at 1:00 pm.**

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Please join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm.** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

ANNUAL JAM JAR FUNDRAISER This year's annual Jam Jar Fundraiser will be assisting the Friend's of Creation CLWR project. 50% of proceeds will go to the General Fund and the other 50% will be donated to the Friend's of Creation initiative. The Friends of Creation project is sponsored by Canadian Lutheran World Relief and you can read more about in this month's newsletter. You will be hearing more of this initiative in the coming months. This is a very needed outreach to help the stewardship of our world and its people. Thank you for your generosity.

Social Ministry

ATTENTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Please submit your committee budgets no later than Friday, October 31, 2025.
2. All committee members please submit your endowment interest disbursement suggestions at your convenience to the office. Remember we need inside and outside needs.
3. Please submit an up-to-date member listing for your committee to the office so it can be posted on the church information boards.

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.

OCTOBER SCENE

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 next Living Stones service will be on **Sunday October 19th 2025 at 10:00 am**.



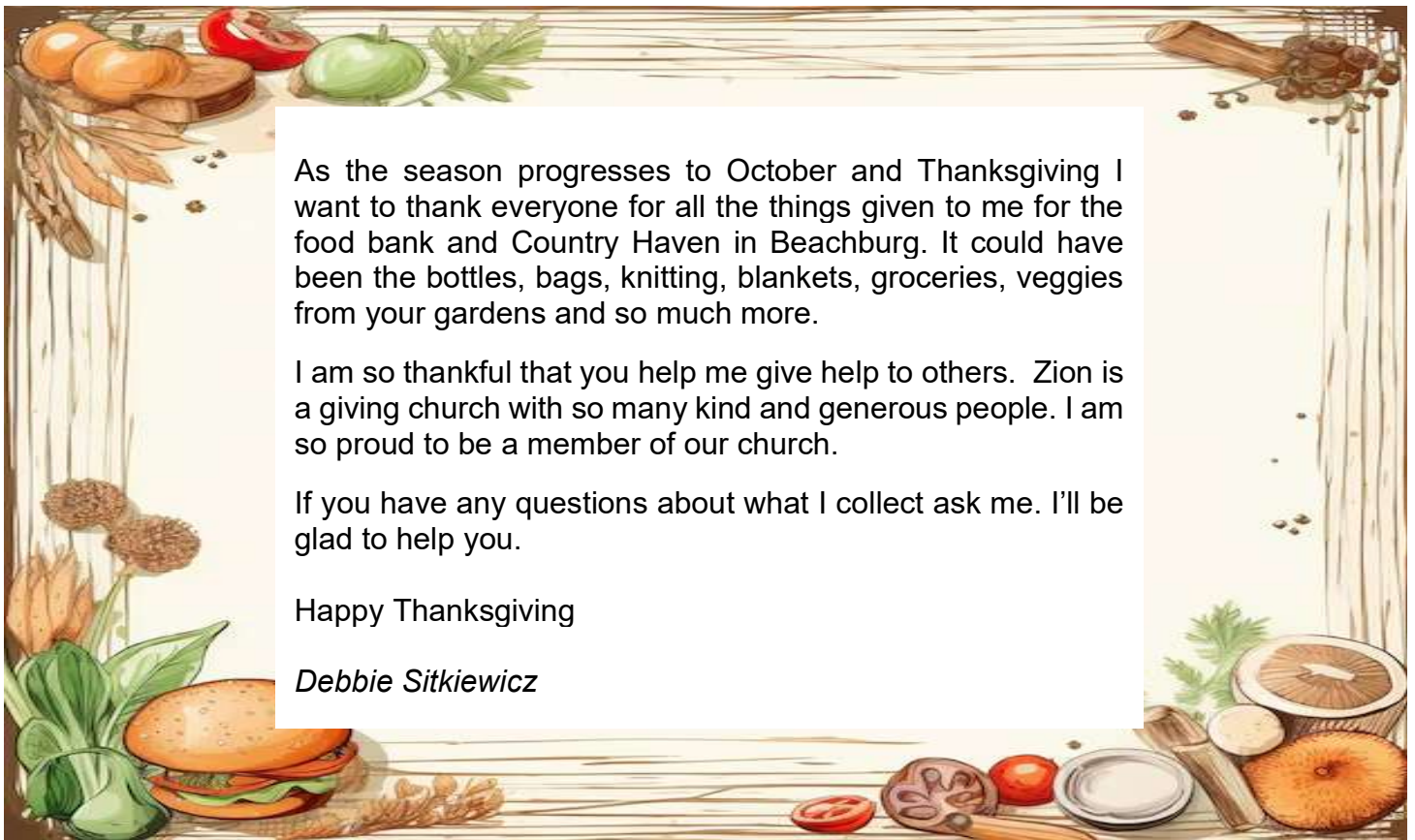
Choir Practices

Choir practices have resumed! Into the Fall barring any changes, the Men's choir will practice on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm**, and the Mixed choir will practice on **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**.

Morning Social

Join us for our Morning Socials on **Wednesday, October 8th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday October 22nd at 10:00** 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!





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. We gather for a meal at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm...just in time to hop into bed when you get home! There will be delicious food, snacks, games, and so much more. This year try bringing a friend, because all are welcome. Messy Church will be on **Monday October 6th at 5:30 pm.**



Sunday School

The format for Sunday School has changed - Sunday School will be held the second Sunday of every month during regular worship at **10:00 am**. Sunday School will be on **Sunday October 12th, Sunday November 9th, and Sunday December 14th**. All children are welcome!

Confirmation 2025-2026

This year's confirmation class consists of four Year 1 students eight Year 2 students. This year we will be studying Lutheran History and Catechism.

Monthly Format:

Week 1	Classes at the Church
Week 2	Meeting with Mentors in Class
Week 3	Field Trip
Week 4	Class at the church

Classes are on **Wednesday nights at 6:15 pm** at the church. The first class is **Wednesday October 1st**.

Field trips will be to a funeral home, the Grind, the Foodbank, and other places. We will participate in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk on **February 28th**. The youth will be involved in the Christmas Pageant on the last Sunday before Christmas. In February, youth will assist with cleanup at Soup and Sandwich Dinners during Lent. Confirmation Camp is **July 5th-10th 2026**. Children are expected to attend this camp. The cost is \$350 per camper. Zion will be giving each child \$100 to lower the cost to \$250. At camp several churches gather to teach lessons based on curriculum and to have fun!

Lessons:

October 1	Lesson 1 Martin Luther
October 8	Lesson 2 The Reformation
October 15	Mentor Gathering
October 22	Tour – Malcolm and Deavitt and Binhammer Funeral Home
October 29	Lesson 3 The Reformers



Pulse 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.

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Celebrating God as We Serve Others

Zion Lutheran Church Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 9, 2025 @ 7 PM

Present: T. Hoffman, J. MacKinnon, Pr. S. Nevile, Pr. S. Schellenberger, D. Schizkoske, G. Vandersleen, B. Wolfgram

Excused / Absent: L. Campitelli, T. Freeman

Resigned: Justine Mutlow

Opening Devotions: Pr. Scott

1: **Approval of agenda:** Moved by J. MacKinnon; Seconded by D. Schizkoske. Carried

2: **Approval of minutes of last meeting:** Moved by D. Schizkoske.; Seconded by J. MacKinnon. Carried.

3: **Business arising from the minutes:** None.

4: **Correspondence:** None.

5: **Reports**

A - Chairs Report: Met with Robert Murphy from St. Timothy's. Discussed issues of mutual interest.

B- Pastors Report: Report attached. Pr. Scott to take one additional Sunday off prior to year-end, as one of the Sunday's taken in the summer will be designated as Bereavement Leave.

C- Treasurer's Report:

- G. Vandersleen reported that year-to-date offerings are trending slightly below those of 2024. The budget deficit is currently ~\$26,000.
- Gerry informed Council members that since no replacement for the position of Treasurer has been identified to date, he will continue in the position until further notice.

6: **Committee Reports**

Property:

Two dead ash trees near the Pastors' and Music Director's parking area have been removed.

The Parish Hall Floor has been refinished by Kevin Rutz and Heather Quenneville.

A: Worship and Music: *Worship* schedules are organized through to November. A new Pascal Candle is being ordered.

There will be a confirmation October 26 of Richard Krueger.

B: Social Ministry: Nothing to report.

C: Pulse Ministry:

First Messy Church held. Attendance was lower than usual, but not totally unexpected given the timing.

Living Stones Worship will reconvene on September 21 2025.

D: Learning: Confirmation class beginning October 1. *See Pastor's report for program.*

Resignation of K. Schmitt from the position of Sunday School Superintendent. (Further discussion in "New Business").

E: **Pastoral Care:** Nothing to report.

F: **Mutual Ministry:** Nothing to report.

G: **Cemetery:**

Fence painted and new trees planted at Holmesdale Cemetery and Insdale Cemetery.

Discussion on the ability to purchase and install monuments, and mark gravestones prior to one's passing. Committee is continuing to review.

Empty cemetery plots, where no obvious family connections can be found will be reviewed for potential reclamation.

H: **Personnel:** Nothing to report.

I: **Web Page:** Pastor Scott reported that he spoke with Doug Maliff and they decided it was easy to edit the current page and he was willing to do so. Pastor and Doug will be working to do so together and we will not be spending money developing a new page.

7: **Old Business:** N/A

8: **New Business:**

A recommendation that the proceeds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin loose offering collection on September 28, 2025 be donated to the ZLW. Moved by D. Schizkoske, and Seconded by B. Wolfgram.

Carried, **NOTE: The Fellowship of the Least Coin sent a letter indicating they can no longer collect coins because of the charitable tax laws. This event will not be taking place.**

2: **Sunday School Superintendent:** Following the resignation of K. Schmitt, Pr. Scott and Pr. Sue have taken an action to explore alternatives for a Sunday School "program" going forward.

3: Pastor Scott reported that a **Home School** will be renting the parish hall Friday mornings.

4: Internship program 2026-2027. Pastor Scott has been in discussion with Martin Luther University College (formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary) about possibly having a mentor at Zion for next year's school year.

5: CLWR Seasons of Creation Project – Canadian Lutheran World Relief has initiated a nationwide program to raise funds to reclaim Lake Chad. The Lake in Chad is a primary source of water both for drinking and irrigation. The environmental degradation over the last number of years has caused it to diminish. We will be participating. More info to follow.

9: **Next meeting date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by D. Schizkoske; Seconded by J. McKinnon. Carried.

MINUTES
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PEMBROKE, ONTARIO

September 3, 2025

Susan Dupuis welcomed our members welcoming them back after our summer break. She led us in prayer. —. God of Justice & Mercy, teach us how we can reach out with compassion, care, courage and love to the oppressed, marginalized and powerless around us. Open our eyes that we may see their suffering, open our ears that we may hear their silenced cries. Open our hearts that we may feel their broken-heartedness. And in so doing, may we be channels of your redeeming, healing and liberating presence in the here and now. Amen

There are no minutes for our June meeting. Our original plan was to be at the Pembroke Marina but due to extreme heat we met here in the parish hall. We enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Liz Kranz about her canoeing adventures in Algonquin Park.

There was no card report as Sandra Graham is home recovering from surgery.

Diane Hammel gave the financial report for the last few months.

There was no correspondence.

Birthdays: 5 – Cheryl Sack (1945) 6 – Angela Lubitz (1942) 16 – Elva Merredew 18 – Inge Latiok (1935)

Other Business: Jean Keuhl is in the hospital and requires heart surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

We approved a donation to Trillium Lutheran Church of \$25.00 in memory of Pastor Sue's father.

We have received donations from members today to the Fellowship of the Least Coin. We approved a donation of \$200.00 from our regular funds to be added to these donations. Susan will also ask for council's approval to have the loose offerings from Sunday Sept. 28 be designated to this cause as well. Once approved she will place a notice in the bulletin.

We are having a representative from St. Vincent Du Paul speak at our October meeting. We approved a donation of \$250.00 be given to this organization at that meeting.

Offering prayer was led by Susan Dupuis followed by a hymn .

Our program was led by Susan Dupuis: Susan gave us a brief overview of the National Convention held this July in Winnipeg. We also watched a section of the convention lead by Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer of the Moravian Church. We learned about their church, who we are now in Full Communion with, and had great discussion afterwards.

Our next meeting will be on October 1st at 2:30

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, June 2, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

Present: Blaine Sack, Gayle Seegmiller, Koit Rull, Cheryl Sack, Lorraine MacKenzie

Regrets: Pastor Scott, Diane Hammel, Sandra Graham, Ellen Vandersleen, Joan Lehman

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

Approval of Agenda: No additions

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

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- No report

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- Instruments:
 - All is fine with the organ and grand piano in the church. Temperature and humidity will be monitored and recorded over the summer.
 - Next tunings will probably be as follows:
 - the grand piano in the sanctuary being tuned at the end of September or early October
 - the organ at the end of November or early December
 - the upright piano downstairs under the church, used for morning choir warm-ups and practices, will be turned in early September
 - Temperature and humidity readings are also recorded for the Baldwin grand piano, which is on the stage in the parish hall. The environment in this part of the church is much more stable throughout the year, hence the tuning holds well.
 - Small humidifiers have been purchased by the property committee for next winter for both the organ (to be placed inside the main chamber upstairs) and the Yamaha grand piano in the sanctuary (humidifier to be placed under the steps of the pulpit). It was recommended by the techs and tuners of both instruments to try this in an effort to increase the humidity over the cold and dry winter months.
- Worship Services:
 - A brief planning meeting was held with Pastor Scott on May 21st to talk about upcoming services in June and also over the summer.
 - Liturgy has been changed to Setting 1 for the month of June. We will return to one of the traditional settings, most likely Setting 3 for July and August, along with 'Service of the Word' (in August).
- Hymn Sings:
 - Hymn sings, which occur on the last Sunday of the month, have been enjoyed by everyone.
 - There won't be a hymn sing in June but a summer hymn sing might be scheduled on July 27th.
 - Hymn sings will return in September and continue monthly.
- Singing of the Psalms:
 - The next sung Psalm will be shared on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.
 - It will be led by the mixed choir with a sung refrain (as an insert) for everyone to sing.

- Blended Services:

- The next blended worship service in the sanctuary will probably be planned for either the end of September or middle or end of October.
- The last blended service in the sanctuary was held on November 17th of last year (2024) when the new Bishop visited and preached at Zion. It's been a little too long since we last worshipped and shared a blend of both traditional and contemporary music together as one, collaboratively with myself and the Living Stones Band, leading the hymns, songs and other service music.
- A guitar accompaniment edition of the new purple All Creation Sings (ACS) resource/songbook has been purchased for the Living Stones Band, which includes guitar accompaniment of holy communion settings 11 and 12 as well as every hymn in the pew edition of the soft covered ACS. This will hopefully make things easier when collaborating and planning music for blended services, so new hymns and songs can be learned and sung using our new worship resource, with music and words for everyone to follow in the copies of the ACS pew edition, purchased in honour of Zion's 140th anniversary back in 2023.
- It would be great if blended services could happen every second month and if not then maybe have a blended sanctuary service one month and a contemporary sanctuary service the next month (more discussion on this in September).

- Choirs/Guest Musicians:

- Zion's choirs
 - The men's choir sang their last anthem of this singing season on June 1st and the mixed choir will sing their last on June 8th for Pentecost.
 - The last choir practices will be held the week of June 2nd, after which the choirs will take a break for the summer.
- Guest musicians/ soloists:
 - Special music will be shared by a guest soloist on June 29th and possibly July 6th.
 - Flautist Sandra Allen will also return in August to share some special music together with the organ.

- Other:

- I will be away the week of July 21st, attending this year's session of the Summer Institute of Church Music ((SICM) in Whitby.
- I will return to Pembroke later on Friday, July 25th and will play for our worship service on Sunday, July 27th, which will hopefully include a summer hymn sing before the service to replace the prelude.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, September 8, 2025
Celebrating God As We Serve Others

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

Regrets: Sandra Graham, Joan Lehman

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

Approval of Agenda: Approved with no additions

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

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- Worship has been poorly attended over the summer. Services floated between 40 and 60 people.
- Blaine and I met this week and made plans for the next few months. We will be changing to setting 10 beginning September 7th until after Thanksgiving. The rest of the year we will be using setting 8.
- During the month of October we will be initiating a project from CLWR. This project called "Friends of Creation" comes with four Sunday services. Rather than using the Seasons of Creation material usually used in September, we will use the four-week worship plan over the course of several months. No more than one Sunday will be used per month to enhance worship.
- Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for October 26th.
- There will be midweek communion services held Wednesday, October 15th and December 10th.
- We are discussing the possibility of doing a blended service this fall. ● Thank you to the Living Stones Band and the Pastoral Care team for accompanying me to Supples Landing September 18th.
- With your permission I would like to order a new Paschal Candle for the sanctuary.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The choirs will be starting back this week.
- There will be a hymn sing prior to the service on Sunday, September 28th.
- Blaine will be away on Sunday, October 5th. Liane Jurameleitas will fill in on piano. ●

Miscellaneous:

- Gayle will have a notice put in the bulletins of September 28th and October 5th re-donations of fruits and vegetables for the altar at Thanksgiving.
- Regarding Pastor Scott's request to order a new Paschal candle, Sandra has to order new candles for the altar so it will be arranged to order all together. It was also brought up that the candles for the Advent wreath probably have to be replaced. Gayle will speak to Sandra about this.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, October 6, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

Oct 5: Wayne Kirk
Oct 12: Paul Merredew
Oct 19: Elizabeth Graham
Oct 26: Ellen Vandersleen

Sexton

Oct 5: Tyler Smith
Oct 12: Don Boldt
Oct 19: Hunter Denney
Oct 26: Karen Gauthier

Counters

Oct 5: Gerry Vandersleen, Kevin & Jean Rutz
Oct 12: Diane Hammel, Pamela Duplessis,
Wilmer Verch
Oct 19: Diane Hammel, Pamela Duplessis,
Wilmer Verch
Oct 26: Doug & Pauline Malliff, Sandra Graham

Ushers

Oct 5: Allen Rose, Cheryl Sack
Oct 12: Doug & Pauline Malliff
Oct 19: Peter & Patti Wegner
Oct 26: Ryan Parcher

Coffee Hour

Oct 5: Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis
Oct 12: Denise & Barry Schizkoske
Oct 19: Dornetta Mau, Wilmer Verch
Oct 26: Lorraine MacKenzie, Michael Laabs

Altar Care

Oct 5: Diane Hammel
Oct 12: Jean Rutz
Oct 19: Sandra Graham
Oct 26: Cheryl Sack

Projector Operators

Oct 5: Gerry Vandersleen
Oct 12: Diane Hammel
Oct 19: Sherri Phannenhour
Oct 26: Ellen Vandersleen

Video Recorders

Oct 5: Ellen Vandersleen
Oct 12: Ryan Schmidt
Oct 19: Zac Phannenhour
Oct 26: Korbin Smith

Sound Operators

Oct 5: Gerry Vandersleen
Oct 12: Noah Schmidt
Oct 19: Todd Phannenhour
Oct 26: Brian Smith

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 5:30 pm Messy Church 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 pm Worship & Music Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	7 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm Men's Choir
12 10:00 am Worship Service & Holy Communion & Sunday School	13 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets 	14 9:30 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Social Ministry 7:00 pm Men's Choir
19 10:00 am Worship Service & Holy Communion, Living Stones	20 8:30 am Pickle Ball 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	21 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Men's Choir
26 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Reformation Confirmation Day	27 8:30 am Pickle Ball 10:00 am Pastoral Care 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:00 pm Pickle Ball 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	28 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Men's Choir

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00 am Get Together 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 2:30 pm ZLW 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	2 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	3 10:00 am Home School Group 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class	4
8 10:00 am Morning Social 11:00 am Get Together 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Mixed Choir	9 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	10 10:00 am Home School Group 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class	11
15 11:00 am Get Together 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Mixed Choir	16 9:30 am Tai Chi 10:00 am Pinewood Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	17 10:00 am Home School Group 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class <i>GUIDING LIGHT DEADLINE</i>	18 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Halloween at The Trail
22 10:00 am Morning Social 11:00 am Get Together 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class- Tour of Malcolm Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home 7:00 pm Mixed Choir	23 9:30 am Tai Chi 7:00 p.m. Music Healing Vets	24 10:00 am Home School Group 1:00 pm Senior Exercise Class	25
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