

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH PEMBROKE
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1 2024
ALL CREATION SINGS SETTING 12**

**PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ACS p. 10)

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✝ one God,

the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *The King Shall Come* (ELW 260)

1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

2 Not as of old a little child,
to bear and fight and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.

3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
come quickly, King of kings.

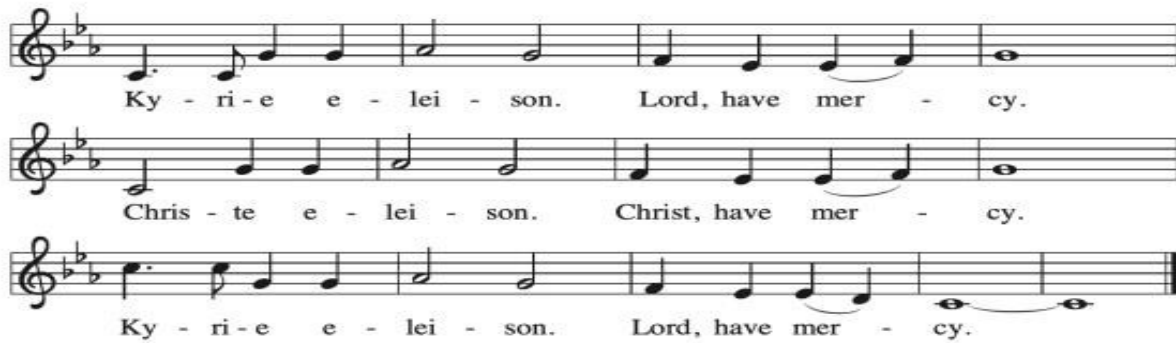
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GREETING (ACS p. 30)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE (ACS p. 31)



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - First Week of Advent

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honourably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle

Hymn *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (ELW 240)

1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (ACS p. 33)

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast over and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your

faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 33)



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,

and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (ACS p. 34)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* (ELW 246)

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"

2 Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

3 See the Lamb, so long expected,
come with pardon down from heav'n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv'n;

4 So, when next he comes in glory
and the world is wrapped in fear,
he will shield us with his mercy
and with words of love draw near.

5 Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!

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PRESENTATION (ELW p. 234)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Member of the Congregation: I present *Griffin Boldt, Molly Caughey, Joel Kuehl, and Lochlan Smith*, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 235)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (ELW p. 236)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Griffin, Molly, Joel, and Lochlan the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide *their* life, empower *them* in *their* serving, give *them* patience in suffering, and bring *them* to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Special Music – Mixed Choir - Come Now, O God

Music is a Finnish folk tune. Text: David Bjorlin.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering (*especially Jason, Martha, Ella, Rhonda, Heather, Anneliese, Joan, Judy, Larry, Garnet, Betty, Lily, Karl, Ingrid, Elva, Clarence, Eva, Barbara, Inga, Marcella, Patricia, Amy, Edie, Freda, Otilia, Kirk*). In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE (ACS p. 35)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING *We Are Waiting for Jesus* (ACS 905 verses 1-2)

1 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Sun of justice, shine upon us;

we are trusting in your promise.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

2 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;

stir our hearts, and gently guide us.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

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OFFERING PRAYER (ACS p. 35)

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ACS p. 36)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (ACS p. 36)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he
comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ACS p. 36)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW P. 110)

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *SUNG* (ACS p. 39)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION (ACS p. 40)

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG (ACS p. 40)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. Refrain

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. Refrain

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. Refrain

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain

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COMMUNION HYMN *Now the Meal Is Over* (ACS 983)

Part I

Now the meal is over, peace to all who leave here.
Now the meal is over, peace be with you now.

Part II

Let us now go forward with strength and courage.
Let us now go forward to heal a broken world.

Part III

When we leave here, fed and nourished,
love will be our lasting call.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION (ACS p. 41)

Let us pray.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (ACS p. 41)

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Fling Wide the Door* (ELW 259)

1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

2 He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.

3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.

4 Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
 our hearts are open wide in trust.
 Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
 upon our sorrows shine your face,
 and let your Holy Spirit guide
 our journey in your grace so wide.
 We praise your holy name,
 from age to age the same!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: December 2-8

Monday:	8:30 am	Pickle Ball
	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	5:30 pm	Messy Church
	7:00 pm	Pickle Ball
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Tuesday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
	7:00 pm	Mixed Choir
Wednesday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
	2:30 pm	ZLW
	6:15 pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm	Men's Choir
	7:15 pm	Advent Bible Study
Thursday:	9:30 am	Tai Chi
	6:00 pm	ALPHA Program
	7:00 pm	Healing Vets
Friday:	1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class
Sunday:	10:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

TODAY'S SCHEDULED WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Scott Schellenberger
Worship Assistant: Wayne Kirk
Music Director: Blaine Sack
Sexton: Don Boldt
Projector Operator:
Video Recorder:
Sound Operator:
Counters: Kathy Godin, Kathy Hoffman, Christine Booth
Altar Care: Diane Rull
Ushers: Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
Coffee Hour: Michael Laabs, Susan Dupuis

ATTENDANCE: Sunday November 24th - 82

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for those who are ill, in hospital, or requested special prayers: Jason Godin, Martha Kodrzynski, Ella Lehman, Rhonda Mau, Heather Miller, Anneliese Trautrim, Joan Lehman, Judy and Larry Blais, Garnet Miller, Betty Kuehl, Lily Kubiseski, Karl Hausser, Ingrid Trautrim, Elva & Clarence Gagne, Eva Hagenah, Barbara Schoof, Inga Latiok, Marcella Kuehl, Patricia Zohr, Amy Markus-Burgess, Edie Brum, Freda Kathen, Otilia Saldana G, Kirk Weichenthal.

Please pray for the family and friends of Robert Cable who passed away Tuesday November 19th 2024. Cremation burial will be in Aylmer, Ontario.

ALL SAINTS DAY – FLORA SCHRIE

On All Saints' Day this year, a faithful member, Flora Schrie, was not listed among those who passed away this year. As Pastor Bruce Thomson presided at the funeral by choice of the family, a record of her death was not received at Zion and therefore was not recorded in our database. Flora Schrie was remembered at St. Timothy's.

***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.***

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Christmas Poinsettias by Peter and Patti Wegner in thankfulness to God for his many blessings.

A donation has been made to the Property Fund from the Husk Family in Memory of Edith Gorr who passed away November 27 2021.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION On Sunday December 1st after Worship Service, the ZLW would like to invite the families and members to join us in the parish hall for cake during coffee hour to celebrate with confirmands Griffin Boldt, Molly Caughey, Joel Kuehl, and Lochlan Smith as they affirm their faith this day.

MESSY CHURCH Please join us for Messy Church for an evening of fun on Monday December 2nd at 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Bring a friend! all ages are welcome!

ZLW will be meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 4th at 2:30 pm.
MIRAMICHI LODGE Worship Service will be held on Wednesday December 4rd at 10:30 am.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY Advent Bible Study continues on Wednesday December 4th at 7:15 pm.

ALPHA PROGRAM group will meet on Thursday December 5 at 6:00 pm.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC will meet Monday December 9th at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL meeting to be held on Tuesday December 10th at 7:00 pm.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE at Zion will be held on Wednesday December 11th at 10:30 am.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING on Friday December 13th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at the Church.

“CANDLES AND CAROLS” Join us for a Christmas Sing-along Sunday December 15th at 7pm at Zion.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS If you wish to make a donation towards the Christmas poinsettias or any other cause in the church please make your request known by filling out the form found at the entrances to the church by December 15th.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING SOCIAL Please join us for our next Morning Social on **Wednesday December 18th at 10:00 am**. Come share coffee, tea and goodies along with fellowship and conversation.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL will be on **Saturday December 21st at 10:00 am**.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday December 22nd at 10:00 am worship service. **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES with Communion** will be on **December 24th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES Join us every **Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be sure to bring a friend!

MENS & WOMENS WINTER BOOTS DONATIONS

Maybe you are getting yourself some new winter boots but your old ones are not worn out and could benefit someone in need, or maybe they have been sitting in your closet waiting for a new pair of feet to keep warm! People that go to The Grind, St Vincent de Paul's soup kitchen and the Food Bank could really use these boots. Men's sizes 10-13 and women's 7 ½-10 are most in need but any and all donations help. A box marked "Winter Boots" will be beside the food bank donation box for contributions and will be picked up by Cheryl Sack, who thanks everyone for their donations.

COFFEE HOUR: Our coffee hour following our Sunday services is a big hit. The number of people staying to spend some time together has increased and this is a good thing. We are now in need of coffee and home baked sweets and store-bought goodies. If you are able to donate something to our kitchen supply just bring it into the kitchen Sunday morning before the service. Looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces at the next coffee hour. *Susan*

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD BANK The ZLW is asking Zion members to support the St. Joseph's Food Bank. **Food Items that are always needed include:**
For kids lunches :juice boxes, pudding cups, *granola bars (*peanut free), snacks (Bear Paws, Rice Krispie squares, apple sauce cup, etc.) **For families** : Canned Soup, Cereal - low sugar, Jam, Cheese Whiz, Potatoes, Instant Coffee or Regular coffee, Kraft Dinner, macaroni / spaghetti, Wieners. **Things we buy in bulk from donations and will gladly accept any of these as well:** canned and fresh veggies, hamburger, milk, eggs, bread, butter, margarine, tuna, Flakes of Ham, canned fruit, canned protein - beef stew, Irish stew, chili.

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ZION'S COMMUNITY GARDEN Zion has been growing fresh produce for St Joseph's Food Bank for 5 years. It has been a wonderful way to support the people in our community who need good healthy fresh food. We all know the cost of fresh produce. The prices have been rising steadily and we have been very pleased to be able to help those who need it. The problem is that we need more volunteers to help in the garden. This past year 2-3 members have been doing most of the work except for the tilling of the garden in the spring when we had extra help with that. Thank you! Following much discussion, it was decided that unless a new committee of volunteers can step forward to take this project on, we will disband. It has become too much for too few. It is a perfect location with lots of sunshine. There is so much possibility. Another way that we could help the food bank is in the spring when planting our own gardens, we could plan to plan a row of beans or a couple of extra tomatoes or extra cucumber plants which could be dedicated to the food bank. They could be brought into the church, and we could get them to the food bank on the Monday morning. There are many creative possibilities to reach out and help. Let us think outside of the box for new ways to help our neighbours. We would love to hear from you. Is God calling you? *Your Social Ministry Committee.*

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