

THE GUIDING LIGHT

JUNE 2025

Celebrating God as We Serve Others

(The next Guiding Light will be September 2025)



Monthly Newsletter

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
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

As summer draws near, and/or the school year is coming to an end, we have the opportunity to nurture our faith at home—either by ourselves and/or with our children and grandchildren in new ways. Here are a couple ideas for you to use as incorporate faith moments into your summer routine:

1. **Rainbow Nature Walk** — This is so simple, and it invites mindfulness and gratitude into the hearts and minds of us all. Go on a walk through a natural area near you. Invite your children/grandchildren to look for something in nature that's all the colors of the rainbow. As you find the items, take a photo. When you're done, print out your "nature rainbow" and hang it somewhere in your house. If you do this each time you take a rainbow nature walk, you have a house full of rainbow memories.

2. **Spreading Summer Sunshine** — This activity allows you to think of others during the summer. Who needs extra love and sunshine this summer? How can you share love to them? Perhaps it's baking a treat or a meal or making a card? Perhaps it's returning the shopping cart to where it belongs or lending a helping hand. Make "summer sunshine" a theme for your household this summer.

As you share these ideas and create meaningful memories at home, don't forget to report back to your friends in faith at church what you're doing! Together we can share ideas, encourage one another, and learn from each other!

Peace,

Pastor Scott

Garage Sale Report, May 3, 2025

We did it again! Our garage sale was another resounding success. We exceeded expectations.

Thank you to Susan Dupuis for advertising on marketplace, furniture donations. We raised a lot of extra money this way. Susan put the ads up and then came to the church when people were interested in purchasing and usually helped to load the items as well. A lot of dedication to make that all happen.

Thank you to our team of committed volunteers who sort, clean and label everything. We work all week getting ready for the big day. Thank you to all the bakers who bring in their delicious goods. It is also advantageous having a designated person to sell the jewelry and our special treasures.

As I mention every year, the garage sale is useful to help clean up our home where someone else can use the donation that we no longer need. It also keeps items out of the landfill and helps others find a treasure while saving money. It is a big community event specializing in hospitality.

Then, we gave yet again. At the end of the day all the leftovers were picked up by Betty Luckovich who operates a thrift store during the summer out of Golden Lake or Killaloe. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement for all.

Thank you so much for all your donations and support. Working together we accomplish so much.

Marketplace sales: 730.00

Café: 419.00

Jewelry: 414.75

Treasure table: 300.25

Grand Total: 5611.57

50% proceeds: Food Bank: 2805.78

50% proceeds: Church General Fund: 2805.78



From Your Treasurer

Zion's Income and Expenses as of May 31, 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	94,540.66
Missions and Outreach	535.00
Other Donations	2,725.00
Solar Income	4,151.25
Other Earned Income	7,432.93
Fundraised for general use	2,805.79
Total Income to May 31	112,190.63
Benevolence Expense	1,000.00
Directed Gifts Expense	251.00
Committees Expense	748.65
Utilities Expense	13,830.36
Church Insurance	21,961.80
Property Maintenance	6,556.42
Other Operating Expense	24,245.42
Net Payroll	48,073.42
Benefits Expense	19,852.31
Expense Total to May 31	136,519.38
Net as of May 31, 2025	(-24,328.75)

To all that attend Zion,

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

We have a deficit of -\$24,328.75. On a positive note, we raised \$1,385.53 for the food bank from the Lenten suppers and another \$2,805.79 from the yard sale. This has been sent and a huge thank you to all involved to help out this worthy cause.

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

Zion Lutheran Women

Please join us on

Wed. June 4, 2025

At 2:00 pm



Pembroke's Waterfront Picnic

Presentation by Liz Kranz

"If I Canoe it, So Canoe"

Bring your lawn chair and a snack to share!

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:
June 4th & June 18th at 10:00 am

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

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAE SUNDAY



Sunday June 15 2025 11:00am

Join us for fellowship
following worship on June 15th
and make your own Sundae!

YOUTH GROUP KARAOKE AND SPORTS NIGHT

FRIDAY JUNE 20th 2025

6:30 PM



BRING A SNACK
BRING YOUR VOICE
BRING YOUR ENERGY
BRING A FRIEND
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Zion Lutheran Church Service at the Amphitheatre and Potluck



Sunday June 22nd 2025

START TIME: 11:00 am

Led by the Living Stones Band

Bring yourselves, perhaps a
lawn chair and a potluck dish

AND A FRIEND!

Rain site : Zion Lutheran Church



JUNE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ZION LUTHERAN WOMEN

ZLW Faith and Life program will be **Wednesday June 4th at 2:00 pm** – Pembroke Waterfront.

MORNING SOCIAL

Join us on **Wednesday June 4th at 10:00 am** and **Wednesday June 18th at 10:00 am**. in the Parish Hall. Come on out for fun and fellowship. **June 18th** is our last social before the summer break. Morning Socials will resume in **September**.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care will be meeting on **Monday June 9th at 10:00 am**.

MID-MONTH WORSHIP SERVICES

Our midmonth worship services will continue in September on the **3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am** for services with Holy Communion.

SENIORS EXERCISE CLASSES

Join us every **Monday 1:00 pm, Wednesday 1:30 pm, & Friday at 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Be Sure to Bring a Friend!

NOTES FROM WORSHIP AND MUSIC

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

WATERFRONT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Our waterfront service will be held **Sunday, June 22nd at 11:00 a.m.** followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring yourselves, perhaps a lawn chair, a potluck dish and a friend! In case of rain, the service will be held in the parish hall at 11:00 a.m.



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**. There will be no Messy Church in June, July or August, it will resume in September.



Messy Church Sunday

Please join us for a Messy Church Sunday. We will gather for worship upstairs with the congregation for a short service at 10:00 am, then go downstairs for crafts & games and conclude with treats upstairs. Next date to be announced in September.



Youth Group

There will be a year-end Youth Group Karaoke and Sports Night **Friday, June 20th at 6:30 pm**. Bring a snack, bring your voice, bring your energy, bring a friend! All are welcome. Youth Group happens on two **Friday Nights 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.

Living Stones Worship Service

There will be no Living Stones Worship in June – instead we will meet at the Marina on June 22nd at 11:00 am.

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.



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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller St.
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Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025

Present: Pastor Scott, Terry Hoffman, Justine Mutlow, Brent Wolfgram, Jamie McKinnon, Denise Schizkoske, Lisa Campitelli, Gerry Vandersleen, Tiffany Freeman & Pastor Sue

Excused:

Opening: Opening devotion was done by Pastor Scott

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Jamie and second by Justine.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Lisa and second by Tiffany.

Financial Report: Total Revenue: \$98 555.92 Total Expenses: \$125 047.18 **Net Income -\$26 491.26**

Pastor's Report:

Seniors Home Services – May 6 Heritage Manor, May 22 at Supples Landing and Jun 3 at Miramichi Lodge. Thank you Pastor Sue, Steve Boland and Alan Rose for your accompaniment.

Confirmation Classes - Confirmation Classes have returned to full classes.

Confirmation Camp – July 6-11 – Planning is going along well. 2 Montral churches, 2 Ottawa Churches, Eganville, Kingston, First Chinese Toronto and Zion are planning on participating this year.

Worship – Easter Services were well attended and spiritually enriching.

Continuing Ed – Will be attending the Festival of Homiletics May 12-15.

Upcoming Weddings: Kyle Verch and fiancé – May 31. Heather Vandersleen and fiancé August 30.

Ottawa Valley Ministry Gathering – Saturday June 14 @ St. Tims. leaders are invited beginning at 930am. Discussion to be regarding vision/future/ministry and needs in Valley. Lunch with free will offering. Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Scott

Committee Reports:

Property:

The state of the Parish Hall floor was discussed. We are looking into what can be done to restore it. We have been told before that it cannot be sanded down any more. Looking into a deep clean and re-coating.

It was brought to my attention that the fire door in the corridor between the parish hall and the church sanctuary was slamming. Wilmer has repaired it.

We discussed installing a draft stop door in the west basement exit before next winter. There is used material there to construct the wall. Kevin may have a suitable used door.

The light at the entrance from the parking lot to the elevator needs to be repaired.

The kitchen taps and sink drain were repaired/replaced in the rental house. The dryer has been vented to the exterior and a proper drain was installed for the washing machine in the basement. The leaking laundry tub will be replaced soon. The contractor has been given the permission to proceed with the re-roofing as weather conditions are suitable.

Severe spalling has been observed on the main entrance concrete staircase walls. Quotes and recommendations are required for this work.

The ceiling fans in the sanctuary are very dirty. They will be cleaned soon.

The light fixture on the west stairs to the balcony was dead and has been replaced.

Blaine has requested a humidifier for the organ wind chest to preserve the organ during the heating season. Blaine has given us guidelines from the organ tuner and Don has investigated humidifiers. Don has ordered a suitable unit and I will assist him with the installation.

Kevin has arranged winter sand cleanup.

Concern has been expressed about the tree branches over the reserved parking area. Dead branches will be removed once the trees have leaves and the dead branches can be more easily identified.

There are two cracks in an east facing stained glass window. Wilmer is enquiring as to what has to be done to protect it from failure.

The Property committee got quotes last year to repair/replace the ramp to the east side entrance. The ramp alone was just over \$16,000 plus \$7,000 for paving to match the new ramp. Assistance and guidance is needed from Church Council as to what is to be done with this. Fund raising?

7. **Social Ministry:** The yard sale was a success and we will have the final total later. Half the proceeds will go to the food bank and the other half to our general fund.

8. **Cemetery Board:** Met at the cemetery to take a look and see what needs to be done. Make it look beautiful. They will report on that later.

9. **Web Page:** Justine made some changes and we are going to try them out for awhile ourselves before hiring a web designer.

10. **New Business:**

Wedding Policy: Council discussed the Marriage policy in general and in particular the wording of the Organist contract regarding the section pertaining to fees for playing music. Council has provided a guideline of the changes to the contract it believes are necessary to the Personnel Committee. Council has requested the committee meet with Blaine to discuss and make the amendment to the contract.

Next Meeting: June 10th

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Tiffany and second by Denise

W & M Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 5, 2025

Celebrating God As We Serve Others

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

Regrets: Joan Lehman

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

Approval of Agenda: Noise control was added.

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

Committee Reports:

Pastor Scott:

- The Easter services went well.
- Pastor Scott has two upcoming weddings (May 31st and Aug. 30th) and two baptisms, dates not confirmed.

Blaine Sack: Church Musician

- The grand piano in the sanctuary was tuned on Friday, May 2nd.
- The organ was tuned on Wednesday, April 16th.
- The choirs will continue to practice until the second week of June, after which they will break for the summer.
- The liturgy was changed to Setting 2 on May 4th and will be used for the next 2 months.
- The next hymn sings will be May 25th and June 29th.
- Singing of the psalms seems to be enjoyed by the congregation with the next one scheduled for June, possibly Pentecost Sunday and probably led by one of the choirs.

Miscellaneous:

Noise Control:

- It was noted that there have been instances of cell phones ringing during some of the services. Gayle will ask June to put a note in the bulletins To Turn Cell Phones Off, Please prior to services.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting:

- Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Worship Assistants

June 1 – Lorraine MacKenzie
June 8 – Elizabeth Graham
June 15 - Paul Merredew
June 22 – Ella Smith
June 29 – Susan Dupuis

Sexton

June 1 – Karen Gauthier
June 8 – Diane Hammel
June 15 - David Lehman
June 22 – Koit Rull
June 29 – Tyler Smith

Counters

June 1 – Gerry Vandersleen, Kevin & Jean Rutz
June 8 – Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman
June 15- Lisa Campitelli, Karen Gauthier, David Lehman
June 22 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk
June 29 – Gayle & Larry Seegmiller, Wayne Kirk

Ushers

June 1 – Doug & Pauline Malliff
June 8 – Pamela Duplessis, Cindy Thrasher
June 15 - Stan & Debbie Sitkiewicz
June 22 – Kevin & Jean Rutz
June 29 – Amanda Campbell, Ryan Parcher

Coffee Hour

June 1 – Justine Mutlow, Michael Laabs
June 8 – Patti & Peter Wegner
June 15 - Debbie & Stan Sitkiewicz
June 22 – Jill & Al Kellough
June 29 – Kathy Hoffman, Susan Dupuis

Altar Care

June 1 – Pauline & Doug Malliff
June 8 – Sandra Graham
June 15 - June Popke
June 22 – Cheryl Sack
June 29 – Don Boldt

Projector Operators

June 1 – Gerry Vandersleen
June 8 – Diane Hammel
June 15 - Zac Phannenhour
June 22 – Ellen Vandersleen
June 29 – Philip Vandersleen

Video Recorders

June 1 – Ellen Vandersleen
June 8 – Ryan Schmidt
June 15 - Ty Phannenhour
June 22 – Korbin Smith
June 29 – Ellen Vandersleen

Sound Operators

June 1 – Gerry Vandersleen
June 8 – Noah Schmidt
June 15 - Todd Phannenhour
June 22 – Brian Smith
June 29 – Ellen Vandersleen

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	2 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Music Healing Vets 7 pm Worship & Music Mtg.	3 7 pm Mixed Choir	4 10 am Morning Social 1:30 pm Senior Exercise Class 2 pm ZLW Waterfront Picnic	5 7 pm Music Healing Vets	6 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	7
8 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	9 10 am Pastoral Care Mtg. 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Music Healing Vets	10 7 pm Church Council Mtg.	11 1:30 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	12 7 pm Music Healing Vets	13 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	14 9:30 am Ottawa Valley Ministry Gathering At St Timothys
15 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Sunday Sundae Father's Day!	16 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Music Healing Vets	17	18 10:00 am Morning Social 1:30 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:15 pm Confirmation Class	19 7 pm Music Healing Vets	20 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 6:30 pm Pulse Youth Group Karaoke and Sports Night	21
22 11 am Waterfront Marina Worship Service and Pot Luck	23 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Music Healing Vets	24	25 1:30 pm Senior Exercise Class	26 7 pm Music Healing Vets	27 1 pm Senior Exercise Class	28
29 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	30 1 pm Senior Exercise Class 7 pm Music Healing Vets	July 1	2	3	4	