



# THE Guidinglight

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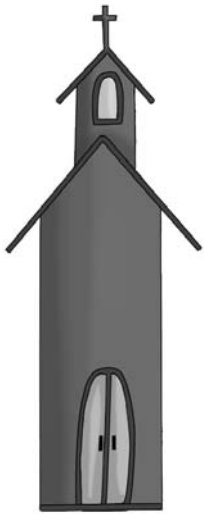
## Is Jesus Dead, or Alive? (Are We Dead, or Alive?)

“Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

(Luke 20:38)

What do the following, have in common?

- Concerned parents from across Renfrew County meet to share resources on how to care for their anaphylactic children
  - An honest worker loses his job and cannot pay his rent before moving to live with family; he is put up for one night in a local motel because the social ministry committee has a will and a budget
  - Dozens of children meet weekly to sing, pray and learn about the love of God for them in the Sunday School
  - People who love to sing meet together to practice for a special worship service
  - Couples attend a weekend-long workshop to prepare for marriage
  - Young and old alike spend a morning at Lutherlyn Camp to clean it up for the coming season
  - Members attend a day-long Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference meeting in Ottawa
  - Volunteers clear snow off the roof at the church building
  - Young adults meet regularly to discuss their spiritual lives and read a book together
  - Sick people in the hospital receive visitors from pastoral care volunteers and staff
  - Our seniors sit in a bus for the day to enjoy the Fall colours and a hearty meal
  - A worker trims hedges and cuts grass on our cemetery grounds
  - A couple-hundred people walk through the church doors every week to worship
  - A quilt is made and donated for a good cause
  - A new well for a needy community in Africa is financed through the generosity of donors to the Sunday School
  - A seminary student in Waterloo receives support because of our annual generous benevolence commitment
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- Delegates travel across the country to participate in the decision-making of the synodical and national church bodies
- Youth play basketball in a full court-sized Parish Hall
- Members enjoy each other, good coffee and treats following worship
- Community groups appreciate the accessibility, welcome and our attractive facilities for their meetings
- Grieving families sit on new chairs donated by members, to share in food and fellowship following the burial service of their loved one
- Youth leaders, parents and confirmands prepare and serve meals before worship
- Prayers are prepared and offered weekly for the needs of the community
- Members at the annual meeting vote to give hundreds of dollars from the endowment fund to a local social service organization
- Sitting in their hotel room or local restaurant, visitors to Pembroke read in the local paper that Zion offers both mid-week and Saturday services
- After a recent, difficult break-up, a young man is driving from North Bay to Ottawa to start a new life; he tunes into the local radio station at 11:00am on the 4th Sunday of the month and hears about the love of God in Jesus for him; and for the first time in a long time, he smiles
- Etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

In case you were wondering, all of the above are examples of what is happening through the ministry of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembroke. Thank you! Thanks to all the volunteers who make all these things happen. Without you, in the Spirit of God, it couldn't be. April is normally Volunteer Appreciation month. It is a good time to say: "Thank You!"

But only through your continued generous financial, prayerful and active support can these great ministries continue. Good work always costs something: time, energy, effort and money. If it didn't cost something, it probably wouldn't be as effective. I have observed not only in our

congregation but in other churches a direct relationship between resources employed for an event or program and the quality and effectiveness of that event. If everyone associated with our congregation continues to give and do their part these kinds of things can continue. And just imagine “what if” everyone just gave and did slightly more – what even greater things can happen in the name of our living and loving God! (The list would fill all the pages of this newsletter).

It is easy to get down on everything, especially when it comes to the church. But my hunch is that the solution is not to succumb to the nay-saying and the negativism. Leave that for Lent!

But Lent is coming to an end! It is soon Easter! In truth, the answer to both questions posed at the top of this article is a resounding and faithful: YES! Because Jesus lives, so do we – his body (the Church) on earth. This is the great promise of God: Because Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter morning, we will rise to new life, a life that begins now and continues into eternity.

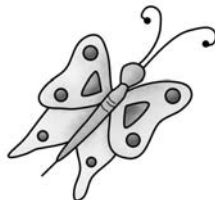
We are not dead. We are alive. It is a good time of year to start living up to our true identity. Because that’s who we are anyway.

Thanks be to God! Have a blessed and fruitful Easter time!

— Pastor Martin

ELW PRESENTS   
**Bible Study from “Esprit”**  
**Hope Bursting from Open Tombs**

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 @ 8:00pm



Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Women.

**For more information, contact:** Mary Brown.

All women are welcome to attend. This meeting follows the Lenten Service.

# Minutes

## Zion Church Council Meeting - February 17, 2009

- In Attendance: Mona Zadow, Gerry Vandersleen, Elizabeth Graham, Pastor Martin, Pastor Svante, Sandra Graham, Barry Gorr, Marion Kraft, Bev Barber, Veli Rautio, Pam Duplessis, Candace Rose-Smith, Lori Selles.
- Guests: Jack Rosien.
- Regrets: Larry Seegmiller.
- Mona welcomed the group and Sandra opened with prayer at 7:00pm.
- Agenda was approved as amended. M.s.c.

### **Endowment**

- Jack presented the revisions as discussed at the January meeting. After review, Council agreed with the wording and the following procedure to present to the congregation:
- Notice given regarding meeting on wording of the proposed revision at services on February 22 and March 1, 2009. Meeting to agree on the wording of the revision to be on March 8, 2009.
- Notice given regarding meeting to vote on the proposed revision at services on March 15 and March 22, 2009. Meeting to vote on the revision to be on March 29, 2009.
- Ballot for Inside Needs. Motion 05-09 February 17, 2009. Council moves to add to Motion 03-09 January 13, 2009 that "Organ Restoration" be added to the inside need ballot on the Endowment for 2008-09 annual meeting vote.
- Minutes – Tuesday, January 13th Council Meeting approved as amended. M.s.c

### **Constitution**

- Mona explained that we will be unable to vote on the amendments to the Constitution at the AGM this year. There will not be sufficient time to give proper notice before the meeting. Plans for setting procedures in place for fall of 2009 were discussed.

### **Robert Lindeman Appreciation**

- Plans were agreed on to present Robert with an appreciation gift and cake

on his birthday on Sunday, March 15, 2009 during the coffee hour. Bev will bake a cake and council members are asked to bring sweets as well.

### **Safe Haven**

- Council members have read the document and would like to discuss it further as well as review the 'forms' referred to in it. Robert will be invited to attend the April Council meeting for further clarification.

### **Easter Breakfast**

- Council agreed to host the Easter Breakfast between the services once again this year. Marion, Bev will coordinate.

### **Departing Council Members**

- Mona expressed appreciation to Marion, Barry and Candace for their valuable contribution and faithful service on Zion's Council.

### **Pastor's Reports**

Both Pastors submitted their reports – discussion points included:

- Potential for more variety in music
- Involving youth in leading worship
- Financial Statements - suggestion to include previous year's total givings (for information) and a PAR form in the envelope next year.
- Note to include a PAR form in the next issue of Guiding Light
- Suggestion to plan a Council retreat with new members

### **Transfer**

- Motion 06-09 February 17, 2009. Move to endorse the transfer of membership of the following persons to St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Pembroke: Shelley McConeghy, Ryan Macari.

### **Correspondence**

- In Mission for Others Event taking place on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at All Saints in Ottawa. Members are encouraged to consider attending.
- Mona read an inspirational letter from Synod explaining how funds from Zion's benevolence and other donations are used. It was agreed that we put a copy in the Guiding Light.

### **Microphone**

- Candace will follow up with Mike Montaigne on ordering the new microphone.

### **Parish Hall Rental**

- There have been a number of occasions where the Martial Arts Group

has had to use the basement because of church activities in the parish hall, and space is really not adequate for their group. Since they are making a regular donation for the use of our facilities, Council agreed to allow a credit for these situations. Mona will call Joel Nieman about Shrove Tuesday and suggest they find another venue for that evening.

### **Archiving Project**

- Tanya Zadow and Garnet Miller are among a small group that will soon be meeting with Norman Antler to begin the Archiving Project.
- Adjournment at 10:05 pm
- Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 at 7:00pm.

### **Golden Age Minutes - February 26, 2009**

- Cheryl Sack introduced Heidi Martin who talked about Alzheimers and some of the things we can do to help prevent it.
- Pastor Martin gave a Bible study from Revelations: Chapter 11.
- Millie Schiemann led the devotions, reading from Matthew 11, verses 28-30. Psalm 4 was read in unison.
- Minutes were read and approved.
- Karl Gust gave the treasurer's report.
- Leslie Hein took up the collection.
- Birthday cards were sent out to Dora Schutt - age 102 and Gordon Remus - age 96.
- Get well cards were sent to Elise Zoschke and Teresa Marcus.
- A sympathy card was sent to the Zoschke family.
- Happy Birthday was sung to Jean Kerchl, Jim Crigger, Shirley Brum and Marty Marks.
- Two hymns were sung "*I Love to Tell the Story*" and "*Jesus Loves Me.*"
- The president thanked the kitchen staff.
- Next meeting will be on March 26, and there will be a play about "*Aging Well.*"
- Drusilla read jokes "*Then, the Fight Started*" and "*Grandma Goes to Court.*"
- A delicious supper was served and many door prizes were given out.  
— Submitted by Drusilla Kennedy.

# vacation

B I B L E S C H O O L

## **KICK OFF MEETING - THURSDAY, APRIL 16 @ 7:00PM**

Zion is hosting this year's Vacation Bible School - "God Rocks! Starlight Rescue". If you'd like to be part of this "outer space adventure," please attend this very important meeting or contact Penny Stalkie at 613 735-0067 or Robert Lindeman at 613 732-4288. Watch for further announcements in the bulletin, and special TV displays.



# In Memory...

† Elsie Zoschke (nee Jonas) of Pembroke, wife of Alfred Zoschke. Dear mother of Brenda Tromp (John) and Arlene Ling (Mark), both of Pembroke. Grandmother of Jeffrey (fiancé Yasmin), Christopher (Laura) and Rebecca (Matt); and Nathan, Laura (fiancé Jason), Matthew (Denise) and Kristin. Predeceased by grandson Philip. Great-grandmother of Carter, Evan and Owen; and Jeramie and Mitchell. Sister of Walter Jonas (late Sheila), Ottawa; and Lillian Hampel, Pembroke. Predeceased by brothers Alfred, Herbert, Edward, William and Max Jonas; and sister Hilda Millar. Survived by sister-in-law Beatrice Jonas and brother-in-law Clarence Millar, both of Pembroke. Daughter of the late William and Mary Jonas (nee Melcher). Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rested at the Malcolm-Deavitt-Binhammer Funeral Home, 141 Renfrew Street, Pembroke. Funeral Service was held in Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 11:00am. Spring interment in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pembroke.

† **Irene Jeannette Ruhnke** (nee Couture) was born on April 14, 1927 to parents Louis and Eva Couture (nee Beauprie). Irene grew up on Perth Street in Pembroke. She was baptized on April 27, 1927 and confirmed her Christian faith at Holy Name Roman Catholic Church in Pembroke on June 3, 1947. In 1949, Irene married Edwin. The couple had three children, twins Derek and Daryl in 1950, and Blair in 1955. In 1958 Irene and Ed built their first home on Moffat Street. Irene enjoyed travelling with Edwin, especially to Hawaii. As a teenager, Irene worked at Hunts Tea Room on Pembroke Street. Later, she also worked at Eatons, Zellers and Storwall stores. Throughout her life she was a homemaker. After Ed died in 1989, Irene continued to travel with her sister Marjorie and sister-in-law. She enjoyed being with friends and family. Irene was an avid churchgoer after 1949 when she became a member at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She sold her home in 2002 and moved to her Matheson Drive apartment. Irene died peacefully in the Pembroke Regional Hospital on Saturday, February 28, 2009 in her 82nd year. She is predeceased by infant son Daryl (who died one day after birth); husband Edwin Ruhnke; grandson Sean Ruhnke of Peterborough; and sisters Rose Haughey of Pembroke and Cora Gareau of Montreal. Irene is survived by sons Derek (wife Grace) of Peterborough, and Blair (wife Tammie) of Chalk River; granddaughter Jennifer (partner Scott) of Mallorytown; grandsons Eric and Lucas of Chalk River; sisters Rita Roberts of Whitby and Marjorie Woito of Pembroke. Irene will also be missed by her sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Irene's memorial service was held on Friday, March 6, 2009 in the chapel of Malcolm-Deavitt-Binhammer Funeral Home with Pastor Martin Malina from Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church presiding.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases*

*His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;*

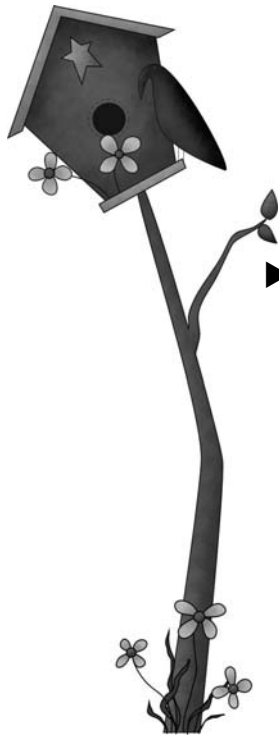
*Great is God's faithfulness*

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

- **Palm/Passion Sunday** – April 5 @10:00am with Holy Communion
- **Maundy Thursday** – April 9 @7:00pm with Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar
- **Good Friday** – April 10 @10:00am, followed by The Way of the Cross @12:30pm\*
- **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** – April 11 @7:00pm with Holy Baptism & Holy Communion
- **The Resurrection of our Lord**, Easter Sunday – April 12 @ 8:00am & 10:00am both with Holy Communion; Easter continental breakfast served by council between services

\* Join the ecumenical procession stopping at Zion's steps on Miller Street, and walk with others to Holy Name Roman Catholic Church for a light, hunger meal.



# Notes & News

## ► Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, the annual Spring Ottawa/St Lawrence Conference meeting will take place at All Saints Lutheran Church (on Greenbank at the Queensway) from 9:00am-4:00pm.

One of the “business” items will be to elect a Dean for a two-year term. Included in this article is the job description of the Dean. We are including it for a couple of reasons: First, the job description has changed from previously; and secondly, local congregations need to be made aware of what the Dean of the Conference does, primarily because the work of the wider church requires extra time, energy, and travel for that clergy person who also serves as pastor of his/her local congregation.

You may be wondering: How is the Dean elected? At the start, it is NOT like a political campaign about which we are very familiar. Pastors do NOT run around campaigning or “applying” for the job.

Okay — so how does it work? Any ordained, active pastor serving in the conference is eligible. And it’s called the “Ecclesiastical Ballot” — the method our bishops are elected at synod and national church assemblies. Basically, on the first ballot, all delegates are free to write down the name of any rostered pastor in the conference. The first ballot tends to be a kind of “catch all” — a very long list of names receiving one or two votes each. But some receive a substantial amount (more than a couple or so). Those names are placed on subsequent ballots — and so it goes until the Dean is selected. This method acknowledges the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding the decision-making among the assembled delegates representing the conference church.

As I mentioned, what congregations have to know is that the Dean's job description has changed from previously. Now the Dean has more responsibility for conference congregations, doing some of the things that assistants to the bishop have done in the past (e.g. facilitate in call processes). The Dean of the conference will spend more of his/her time serving the wider church. The local congregation of which the Dean is pastor needs to know this. It's part of his/her job now.

Please consider attending the conference meeting. Contact a member of the congregational council or the pastors to arrange rides. And please keep the work of the conference in your prayers.

— Submitted by Pastor Martin

## ► Conference Deans - a Job Description

### **Conference Council**

- Chair Conference Council Meetings including scheduling meetings and preparing agendas.
- Working with Conference Council members on an on-going basis.

### **Conference Meetings**

- Chair business meetings or business portion.
- Prepare agenda.
- Work in conjunction with members of the Conference Council and others as designated to plan and implement conference meetings/events.

### **Conference Events**

- Facilitate planning and preparations (location, meals, worship, displays, speakers, workshops, etc.)

### **Conference**

- Encourage cluster/conference clergy support and/or gatherings.

### **Call Process**

- Study and be knowledgeable of the Call Process manual as supplied by Synod.
- Schedule and facilitate an initial meeting with a Congregational Council to initiate the Call Process. This includes:
  1. Outlining the Call Process including the formation of the Call Committee.
  2. Insuring the completion of the Transitional Document Review and the Congregational Profile.
  3. Facilitate an Exit Interview with the Congregational Council and the departing pastor.

- Consult as necessary with Synod Staff regarding Call Process issues.
- Once the Transitional Document Review and the Congregational Profile are completed and the Call Committee is in place, the Call Process becomes the responsibility of the Synod Office through to the issuing and accepting of a call.
- Once a call has been issued and accepted, contact the congregation and new pastor regarding date, time and place for Installation service.
- Preside at the Installation portion of the Installation Service
- Participate in the Installation Service with other responsibilities (preach, preside, etc.) if asked

### **Other**

- Attend and participate in Dean's Gatherings twice yearly.
- Communicate with other Deans and Ministry Directors through sharing of Conference Newsletters and Prayer Rota.
- The Dean may be called upon to represent the Bishop in either denominational or ecumenical settings.
- Make a written report to the synod through the Bishop's Report to be included in the Bulletin of Reports for the Synod Assembly.

### **Notes**

The following expenses are reimbursed by the synodical budget:

- Mileage plus \$125 stipend for the initial meeting regarding the Call Process.
- Mileage plus \$125 stipend for Installation Service
- Mileage and/or travel to the Deans' Gatherings

The following expenses are reimbursed by the Conference:

- Mileage to Conference council Meetings, Conference Meetings/Events, and for other Conference purposes.

### ► **Calling all Musicians and Singers!**

We're looking for people with musical talents to develop a new and exciting worship format for Zion Lutheran and the community. A variety of instrumentalists and singers, leaning towards rock/jazz/soul/country are needed. Professional training of a dedicated group of musical worship leaders is available. We hope to start these exciting worships late this spring/early summer. Contact Pastor Svante Olson at Zion (613-732-8792).

### ► **2nd Year Confirmation**

Just a reminder that the second year confirmation class begins again on Wednesday April 15 at 6:30pm.

The agenda for the rest of the year, is as follows:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

- Lesson 21: Why prayer? Why pray? Petitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. **Note:** Robert will collect all outstanding homework exercises as well as the Confirmation Verse exercise. Please have them available at the beginning of the class. (April 15, 2009).
- Lesson 22: "Lord's Prayer Service" (Participating with the Evangelical Lutheran Women members); Feedback and review. (April 22, 2009).\*

## **The Sacraments**

- Lesson 23: Baptism. What it is. Who it is! An Easter Vigil Experience (April 29, 2009).\*
- Lesson 24: The Lord's Supper. What it is. Who it is! Seder meal experience. (May 6, 2009).\*

## **The Christian Lifestyle**

- Lesson 25: Confession and Forgiveness. The "almost sacrament" an experience of Corporate and Individual Confession (Hymnal, pages 238-244) and the Ash Wednesday liturgy (Hymnal, pages 252-255) (May 13, 2009)\*
- Lesson 26: What to expect, things that go beep in the night, and being OK with reality (May 20, 2009).\*

\*These sessions are meant to "highlight by experience" the learning around the Lord's Prayer, our Sacraments and the confessional/forgiveness parts of our Christian life. Students will share in various levels of involvement at each.

### ► On-Line Access to the Guiding Light

- If you have a computer with Internet access, and would like to help save printing and delivery costs, please consider accessing each issue of the "Guiding Light" on-line. There are two ways to do so. First, you can send your e-mail address to Robert Lindeman at [robertlindeman@sympatico.ca](mailto:robertlindeman@sympatico.ca) and he will add you to the mailing list, or second, you can access the issue through the church's web site at <http://www.zionlutheran.ca>.

### ► Calling all Space Cadets

This is Zion's year to host Vacation Bible School. The tentative dates are Monday, August 10 - Friday, August 14. This year's theme is a "Starlight Rescue" and we hope you will be a part of it. We are holding a "kick-off" meeting on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm, here at Zion.

There are lots of opportunities to share your talents. When fully implemented, the "Starlight Rescue" school includes the following stations: Mission Control;

Galaxy Games; Crater Crafts; the Solar Snack Shack; the Starlight (Bible Lessons) Theater and the Moon Ray Music Studio. In addition to these areas, we need people for: registration; photography; technology/audiovisual; publicity; decorating; transportation; safety and first aid; child care; fund raising; and help for special-needs children.

If you'd like to share in this "outer space adventure," please contact Penny Stalkie at 613 735-0067 or Robert Lindeman at 613 732-4288. Watch for further announcements in the bulletin, and special TV displays.

► **KidzFest 2009 Tour in 8 Ontario Communities!**

This August, KidzFest is coming to 8 communities in Ontario. Pembroke is one of them, and Zion is proud to be part of it. KidzFest is a "just for kids" outreach project designed to share Christ's love. It features children's ministry and music group God Rocks! who share the Gospel message in a fun, dynamic, and kid-friendly way. The carnival begins at 4:00pm and is followed by a 6:00pm concert. It is being held at the Pembroke Memorial Centre. For its part, Zion will look after security. For more information, please contact Penny Stalkie at 613 735-0067 or go on-line to: <http://www.billygraham.ca/Ministries/kidzfest.aspx>.

► **The Norman Antler Historical Collection Project**

The congregation is invited to attend a presentation on Sunday, April 26 following the church service. At this time, Tanya Zadow, Garnet Miller and Robert Lindeman will discuss and share their ideas and concerns re the creation of a "digital records collection" built from Norman Antler's historical church files. Given the depth and scope of this project, it is important that everyone has a chance to express their wants and requirements before the project begins.

The project is currently envisioned as having two parts: "screen and print" and "audio and video." Screen and print is concerned with the best methods for gathering, inputting, cataloguing and presenting the historical files in digital format (e.g., on the computer, via the web or DVD/CD). Audio and video is concerned with the writing, interviewing and recording of "talk sessions" with both Norman and other members of the congregation.

Due to the enormity of these tasks, the team will be making suggestions. But, more importantly, since the project has the potential to "over run" in content, time and finances, it will be looking for assistance in defining the scope and understanding the desired goals and objectives. Please try to attend and make this long-held dream a reality.

► Lutherlyn Camp & Conference Centre - Golden Lake

**Summer Camp Staff Required**

The following positions are available at Lutherlyn Camp for July 2009

**Program Coordinator**

- Preparation on 3 Weeks and Supervision on 3 Weeks of Children's Camp (Total of 6 Weeks of Employment)

**Assistant Coordinator**

- Assist the Program Coordinator and Administer Counselor in Training Program. (\$1650.00) 5 weeks. June 22-July 24.

**Counselors**

- Male and Female Counselors Required (1 week training and 3 weeks hands on). Supervise and lead activities with children in a "live-in" camp setting. (\$1040.00) 4 weeks. June 29-July 24.

**Waterfront Director and Waterfront Supervisor (Lifeguard)**

- Supervise swimming, canoeing and waterfront activities. (\$1,200.00 and \$1040.00). 4 weeks. June 29-July 24

**Craft/Activity Director (\$1170.00)**

- Supervise and organize craft, nature activities and camp games. 4.5 weeks. June 26-July 24.

For more information and application forms, contact: Ron Thom, R.R. #4, Killaloe, Ontario K0J 2A0. Call 613 625-2198 or e-mail: [ronald.thom@sympatico.ca](mailto:ronald.thom@sympatico.ca).

**Applications for the Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program.** This program prepares candidates for future Counselor positions) 3 weeks.

Lutherlyn Camp is also looking for nurses, chaplains and other adults to volunteer at least one week of service during children's camp.

**Applications are due before April 8, 2009.**



# FINANCES

**A**loha and greetings from Maui. Well it looks like most of your snow is gone, so I guess it is soon time to come back home to the Valley. We have had a good time here, despite the disappointing weather that all of Hawaii has been experiencing this winter. Pauline and I will be helping in the making of palm crosses for KLC (Kihei Lutheran Church). These palms come from their own back yard. We can make around 150 crosses from one branch.

A big thank you to Kathy, Jean, and Gerry for holding down the fort while I am away. I do receive a regular update of our accounts and have included a table of regular offerings for this year. It is on this account that we depend 90% to support our current budget. The average weekly offerings required to support the budget is \$6000.00. So far we are managing only \$5035.00. As a result our surplus situation in December is now on a downward track – something like the stock markets. To date, all expenses have been as expected and in line with our budget. Our Insurance bill (around \$10,000.00) will be due very shortly.

Here are the Finances as of March 17, 2009.

	2009-03-18	Budget 2009	2009	Regular Offerings
<b>INCOME</b>				
Regular Offerings	\$55,395.75	\$312,000.00	Jan. 4	\$3,774.00
Loose Offerings	\$398.36	\$4,046.14	Jan. 11	\$4,696.00
Cemetery/Interest Income	\$4,590.24	\$7,400.00	Jan. 18	\$5,441.00
Other Income	\$360.00	\$1,400.00	PAR	\$2,653.00
Directed Gifts	\$1,298.56		Jan. 25	\$4,697.00
2008 Surplus/Deficit	\$10,453.86	\$10,453.86	Feb. 1	\$3,623.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	\$72,496.77	\$335,300.00	Feb. 8	\$6,046.00
			Feb. 15	\$3,392.00
			Feb. 22	\$4,095.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Benevolence	\$5,250.00	\$32,500.00	PAR	\$2,753.00
Committees	\$6,125.25	\$36,550.00	Mar. 1	\$4,148.00
Utilities	\$7,416.57	\$24,900.00	Mar. 8	\$3,791.00
Operating Expenses	\$12,596.10	\$65,909.00	Mar. 15	\$6,286.75
Payroll / Benefit Expenses	\$34,931.50	\$175,441.00		
Directed Gifts	\$956.99			
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	\$67,276.41	\$335,300.00		
CURRENT SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$5,220.36			
			Average	\$5,035.98

— Submitted by Doug Malliff, Treasurer (dougmalliff@nrtco.net).

# fellowship OF THE LEAST COIN



PRAYER CONCERN FOR APRIL 2009

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

**T**he people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo need our help. In recent months, more than 200,000 people have been driven from their homes, and murder and rape are rampant. The United Nations peacekeeping mission is in Congo to keep a peace that has fallen apart.

As this article was being written (at the end of November), families were running for their lives, stuck between the brutal violence of both the rebels and the Congolese army, without food or shelter – their only refuges are crowded camps which now face epidemics of disease.

The recent clashes between General Nkunda's militias and the Congolese army are the latest in a place where the population has been attacked and terrorized for years by armed groups. Over five million people have been killed. It's been termed "Africa's world war", with Rwanda, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia all getting involved. The fighting is fed by a lethal war economy based on the extraction of minerals such as coltan, cobalt, diamonds and gold, to which we're all connected through the worldwide market.

*Pray for the people of eastern Congo, for the families made homeless by war and the victims of violence and rape.*

**Source:** Avaaz (<http://www.avaaz.org>).



## Christian Pilgrimage

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009 @ 11:30AM.** MONCION GROCERS. 425 PEMBROKE ST. E. With Scripture readings and prayer at various community institutions throughout the city. This pilgrimage lasts about 2.5 hours. A Hunger Meal will be held in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall. Voluntary offering for the poor. Bus transportation from Holy Name Annex to Moncion's at the end of the Pilgrimage, courtesy of Valley Transportation.

# from the heart

Three Trees - Submitted by Jean Rutz

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carvings and everyone would see the beauty." Then the second tree said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull." Finally the third tree said, "I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me." After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, "This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter" ... and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one," and he cut it down. When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces and left alone in the dark. The years went by, and the trees forgot about their

dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said "Peace" and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it. The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, He will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We just know that His ways are not always our ways, but His ways are always best.

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Thank You  
For Keeping Us Safe



# Lutherlyn Camp

AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

In 2006, Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre (LCCC) became incorporated. The incorporation means that members who make up the corporation, will have a voice in the direction of the LCCC's affairs. This means that not only do we have a voice, but as a member, we gain the responsibility of making certain this camp ministry remains viable enough to continue.

We recognize in these difficult times, that a summer camp and conference centre is not at the top of your priority list. We are a group of Christians who believe in this outdoor ministry, this sanctuary in the arms of true nature, as God has created. We came here ourselves, we've raised our children and grandchildren here; we've all had experiences that have impacted our faith and our lives. We merely want to provide you with the opportunity to partner with us in securing the future of our beloved Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre.

## How can You Participate?

- Pray for LCCC. For the ministries that happen here, for the people who volunteer to make that possible.
- Fill out the application below. For \$10.00 a membership is the perfect gift to give!
- Should the Lord have blessed you? Maybe you've really been touched by a camp experience and are in a position to make camp a possibility for others in so many ways. Please, pray about whether you might be able to make a larger donation. With maintenance and upgrading, we're open to miracle!
- Or maybe... you'd like to contribute in another way, with time or talent! We'll take whatever you're willing and able to give! Contact us!

### 2009 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION - MAY 2, 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

So we can send you the newsletter and other exciting news!)

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Synod \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is a membership renewal

Remember to make sure we have your most current contact information. Send \$10.00 to Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre; Secretary. P.O. Box 137, Golden Lake, Ontario K0J 1X0.

Annual  
Membership  
Fee  
**\$10.<sup>00</sup>**

# April 2009 Volunteers

## Altar Guild

Saturday - Myrna Pilatzke, Arlene Grosskleg  
Sunday - Noreen McAuley, Heather Kiviste

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## Sextons

- Wednesday, April 1 - Vincent Rosien
  - Saturday, April 4 - Mel Pilatzke
  - Sunday, April 5 - Don Hoffman
  - Maundy Thursday, April 9 - Vincent Rosien
  - Good Friday, April 10 - Don Hoffman
  - Saturday, April 11 - Joel Nieman
  - Easter Sunday, April 12
    - 8:00am - Leslie Hein
    - 10:00am - Edgar Roesler
  - Saturday, April 18 - Joel Nieman
  - Sunday, April 19 - Leslie Hein
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## Sound System

- Sunday, April 5 - Brent Wolfgram
  - Sunday, April 12 - Dan Dole
  - Sunday, April 19 - Kevin Rutz
  - Sunday, April 26 - Murray Sell
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## Ushers

- Saturday, April 4 - Dale & Lois O'Brien
- Sunday, April 5 - Debra Wegner, Allan Valliant, Wayne & Linda Reiche
- Maundy Thursday, April 9 - Myrna Pilatzke, Erica Loevenmark
- Good Friday, April 10 - Rudolf & Martha Kodzynski, Leslie Hein, Harvey Kumm
- Saturday, April 11 - June Popke, Don Markus
- Easter Sunday, April 12
  - 8:00am - Don & Elsolene Hoffman, Sonya Grife, Jack Rosien
  - 10:00am - Kevin Rutz, Sandra Sell, Cheryl Sack, Steve Boland

- Saturday, April 18 - Dale & Lois O'Brien
  - Sunday, April 19 - Doug & Pauline Malliff, Allen Rose, Dalton Biggs
  - Saturday, April 25 - Myrna Pilatzke, Erica Loevenmark
  - Sunday, April 26 - Wilmer, Joshua & Kyle Verch, Bernie Schutt
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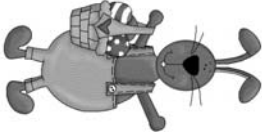
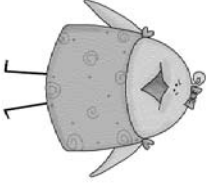
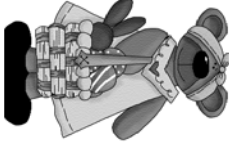
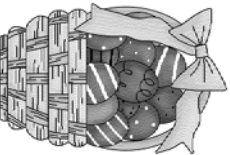
## Greeters

- Saturday, April 4 - Betty Hubert
  - Sunday, April 5 - Bev Barber
  - Saturday, April 11 - Waveney Kenny
  - Easter Sunday, April 12
    - 8:00am - Myrna Valliant
    - 10:00am - Willis Resmer
  - Saturday, April 18 - Cora Weichenthal
  - Sunday, April 19 - Irene Kennedy
  - Saturday, April 25 - Kathy Nieman
  - Sunday, April 26 - Marie Lubitz
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## Worship Assistants

- Saturday, April 4 - Marion Kraft
- Sunday, April 5 - Nancy Davis
- Maundy Thursday, April 9 - Sandra Sell
- Good Friday, April 10 - Robert Lindeman
- Saturday, April 11 - Easter Vigil - Robert Lindeman
- Easter Sunday, April 12
  - 8:00am - John Vandersleen
  - 10:00am - Erica Loevenmark
- Saturday, April 18 - Bev Barber
- Sunday, April 19 - Debra Wegner
- Saturday, April 25 - Erica Rutz
- Sunday, April 26 - Jack Rosien

# April 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>   	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilters 6:30 First Year Confirmation Class with Pastor Martin</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Class 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00am PACA 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Worship Service with Pastor Jim Goos 8:00pm ELW Meeting 8:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00am ELW Conference in Brockville 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:00am &amp; 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion <b>Easter Breakfast</b> between Services</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilters 6:30 First Year Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Class 7:00pm Congregational Church Council Meeting 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>2:00pm Carefor Worship</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> 10:00am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00pm <b>Easter Vigil</b> Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilters 6:30 First Year Confirmation Class 7:30pm Christ In Our Home</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Class 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>6:30pm <b>Second Year Confirmation Class Resumes</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>11:00am Quiet Communion 7:00 <b>VBS Kick Off Meeting</b> 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:00pm Youth</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School 11:15am (approx) Norman Antler Collection Project Presentation</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:00am Quilters 6:30 First Year Confirmation Class 7:30pm Christ In Our Home</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Class 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 6:30pm Second Year Confirmation Class - "Lord's Prayer Service" 7:00pm OVAR Group Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2:30pm Golden Age Meeting 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00-4:00pm Ottawa St. Lawrence Conference 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
			<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:30pm Second Year Confirmation Class - Baptism</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>		<p><b>Abbreviations</b> ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Women OVAR - Ottawa Valley Anaphylactic Resource PACA - Pembroke &amp; Area Clergy Association VBS - Vacation Bible School</p>