



# THE Guidinglight

PEMBROKE ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Christ in our Home

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them...”

Revelation 3:21

**W**hen you come to worship at this time of year, you will likely hear one or both pastors talk about “epiphany”. That’s because the church is now in the season after Epiphany. Epiphany means “revelation”. Someone has been revealed to us. That someone is Jesus. Because God became flesh in the Christ child at Christmas, we now see God revealed in this human person of Jesus. The stories from the Bible we hear in worship these days illustrate examples of how people long ago came to recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

But how do we recognize the living, resurrected Jesus in our own lives today? Because God became human in Jesus, God chose to live among us, including our homes. In truth, God not only meets us during regular worship, in our formal prayers, liturgies and sacraments (important though they are!). God also meets us in the most intimate, common, ordinary routines and relationships of our daily lives.

Our homes represent what is most dear and near to us. Our homes are the places of the daily grind of our lives. Our homes are the places where we relate to those closest to us. And it is into our homes where God comes. Because of Christmas, Christ is now revealed in all places in the world. The home of God is now among us.

Thanks be to God that there is no place on earth into which God’s love, mercy, compassion and grace does not reach.

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting with you in your homes as we pray, listen to and talk with one another to grow our faith and deepen our spiritual walk.

Please watch for weekly bulletins, or contact the church office (613) 732-8792, to find out when and where the next “Christ In Our Home” group is meeting.

Blessings and Peace for the New Year,

Pastor Martin

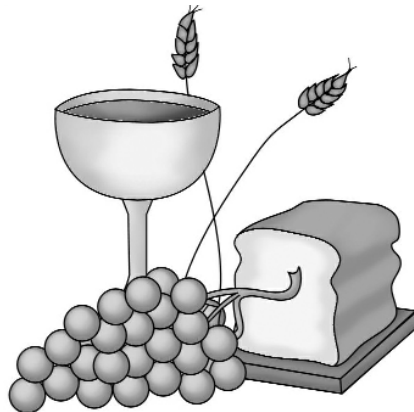


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# Epiphany Devotions and Communion the Lord's Prayer

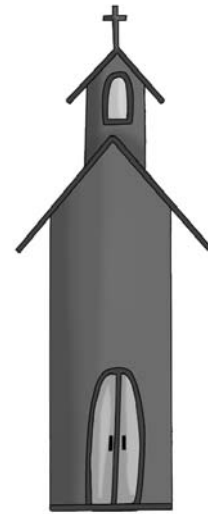
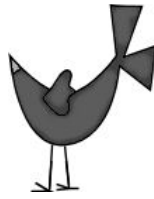
Wednesday, January 7, 2009

7:00pm



**Members are asked to bring:** Grace Gifts.  
Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Women.  
**For more information, contact:** Sandra Sell.  
All women are welcome to attend.

# Minutes



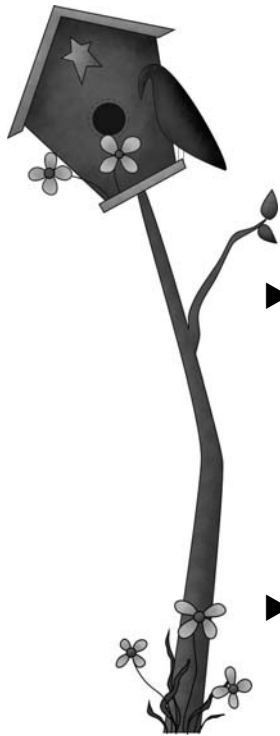
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### Golden Age Meeting - November 27, 2008

- President Cheryl Sack welcomed everyone and repeated a prayer for Remembrance Day.
- Millie Schiemann led the devotions by reading “*The English Solider and the Deck of Cards.*”
- Psalm 95 was repeated in unison.
- The hymn “*O God our Help in Ages Past*” was sung.
- Karl Gust gave the Financial Report.
- Drusilla Kennedy read the October minutes.
- Millie Schiemann gave the card report: four birthday, one sympathy card to Pastor Heinze in the passing of Jean. Get well cards to Gwen Hoffman, Ruth Crigger, Elaine Davidson and Myrtle Popkie.
- Moved by Noreen McAuley and seconded by Bea Spink that we give \$25.00 to the office for the use of the copier, etc. \$50.00 to the Handi Bus and also a donation to Sleeping Children.
- Members were reminded to bring a gift for the gift exchange on December 11.
- Rev. Metzger read a poem on the “*Pillsbury Dough Boy.*”
- The Bible study was on Revelations, chapter 10.
- An exercise program was shown on T.V.
- A delicious supper was served.  
— Submitted by Drusilla Kennedy.

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# Notes & News

- ▶ **"Cords of Hope", ELW's 2009 Bible Study**  
ELW members will once again be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am in the Founders Lounge for Bible study. This year's theme focuses on "hope". The first of this year's nine sessions is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st. You do not have to be an ELW member to join us for this Bible study – everyone is welcome.
- ▶ **Our Church Library**  
On occasion, books are donated to our library. Although donations are appreciated, sometimes the books are not suitable for our collection. Please note that the volunteers looking after the library will decide whether the books will be included in the collection or will be recycled.

**ELW** 

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## Valentine Special & "I Love Lucy" DVD

Wednesday, January 30, 2009

7:00pm

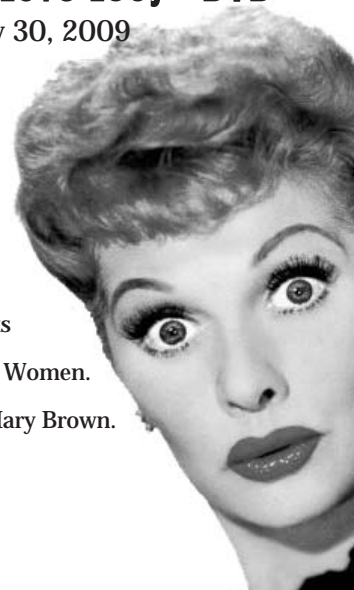
**Members are asked to bring:**

Items for CLWR's "Baby Bundles" Kits

Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Women.

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

All women are welcome to attend.



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## Canadian Peacekeepers in Afghanistan

Since 2002, Canadian troops have been in Afghanistan aiding humanitarian efforts and promoting peace and stability. About 2,500 Canadians are currently serving in Afghanistan.

Under the Taliban regime, which lasted from 1996 to 2001, Afghan women were ostracized from society, denied formal education, excluded from political life, not allowed to hold jobs or even permitted to leave their homes unescorted.

The situation has improved in some areas: 35% of the children attending schools are girls, and women participated in the last National Assembly elections with 25% of the parliamentarians being women. However, these gains are extremely fragile, and many Taliban-type laws are being imposed in areas outside the capital of Kabul. Conservative and patriarchal attitudes still prevail and violence against women has been increasing. In rural areas, where 85% of the Afghan population lives, new government restrictions and roving militia groups have made women's lives worse.

This mission is affecting Canadians both here at home and those deployed abroad. We live near a military base and my daughter has many friends with spouses who have been or are going to

Afghanistan on a peacekeeping tour of duty. She often calls to ask me to include a friend in my prayers. The problems they are facing range from the fear that their spouse may not return, the reported death of a soldier in the media, loneliness, struggles with what to tell children of their parent's job, and sometimes just the difficulty of day-to-day living or coping with media reports.

Pray for the soldiers and their families, especially for those who are grieving or have suffered from loss and injury.

In Afghanistan, as many as 1,000 Afghan women risked their lives to gather in six different cities to pray for peace in December 2007.

Pray for the people of Afghanistan who have suffered through 30 years of violence, conflict and war. Pray for the healing and reconciliation of people and communities torn apart, lament the lives lost, and pledge to work for peace.

The Canadian Council of Churches, in its August 2007 letter to the Prime Minister, said: *"Canada has an obligation not to abandon the people of Afghanistan... As Scripture instructs us, we are to care for and respect our neighbours, especially the poor, the voiceless and the defenceless."*

Pray that the peacekeeping forces in Afghanistan will protect the vulnerable, and help to restore peace, justice and security to all people.

Irene Churchill is Secretary-Treasurer of WICC. She lives in Eganville, Ontario.

# In Memory...

**+** **Elsie Johanna Moss** was born on May 31, 1926 to parents Julius and Ottelia Kraft (nee Marquardt). She was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Waito Station Road. On July 5, 1945 she was married to Edgar Moss at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Alice. The happy couple had five children: Barry, Janet, Judy, Ronald, and Dennis. Over subsequent years, Elsie was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Pembroke.

Remembered by the family as kind-hearted, generous, thoughtful and industrious, Elsie loved people and kept busy with her cooking, flower gardening and knitting. Indeed, she created a lot of warm heads, hands and feet with her gifts of knitted toques, mittens and socks to the Red Cross and to family and friends. She baked bread and enjoyed playing cards. In her later years she attended worship services when she was able despite limits to her health.

Elsie was a loving mother, and instilled Christian values in her children. She raised her children to love one another, and treat everyone as equals.

Early on the morning of November 27, 2008, Elsie died peacefully after a short visit to the emergency room at Pembroke Regional Hospital, with her family by her side. She was 82. Her funeral was held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Day of our Lord – Sunday, November 30, 2008. She is buried at Zion's old cemetery on Bruham Avenue.

Elsie is predeceased by son Barry Moss, brother Otto Kraft, sister Myrtle Bradley (late Henry) and parents Julius and Ottelia Kraft. She is survived by loving husband Edgar Moss; daughters Janet Barr (Lloyd) and Judy Donaldson (David); sons Ronald Moss (Judy) and Dennis Moss (Charissa); daughter-in-law Elizabeth Moss; grandchildren Jennifer (Garth) & Tim (Jana), Jeffery (Christine), Kerri-Ann (Paul), John (Sandra) & Justin, Kim, Mark & Kelly, Trevor & Pamela, and Matthew & Hannah; seven great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren Troy & Kristin, Jeremy & Jamie, Natasha;

three step-great-grandchildren; sister Frieda Hein (late Walter); brother Adolph Kraft; and many nieces and nephews.

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)

**+** **Eileen Theresa Goldberg** was born July 18, 1927 in Osceola (between Cobden and Eganville) to parents Joseph and Theresa Shannon (nee Culhane). There she was baptized later in 1927, and then confirmed in the Christian Faith in May 1936. Eileen married Edgar Goldberg in October 1946.

Throughout her life, Eileen had a passion for knitting, crocheting and sewing. For each of her nine great-grandchildren, she made a home-made quilt and afghan. She also enjoyed playing cards. This social activity took her all around the region for several nights every week. Active in the Legion, she was the president of the Renfrew Legion Ladies’ Auxiliary.

Eileen died peacefully in Pembroke Regional Hospital on Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 in her 82nd year, surrounded by her family. She is survived by daughters Bernice “Judy” (Gerard) Letang of Renfrew and Jean (Allan) Latimer of Port Elgin; grandchildren Kim (Jon) Hebden, Rebecca (Al) Rudicil, Jodi Latimer and Thomas (Valerie) Letang; great-grandchildren Paige, Madison, Cody, Jasmine, Amber, Ali, Madison, Chloe, Payton and Ella; sister Maureen; brothers Leo, Mervin (Vel), John; sisters-in-law Geraldine Belore, Marg Shannon, Helen Goldberg; many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by loving husband Edgar; sister Frances; brothers Vincent, Pat, Martin, Leonard and Gordon; brothers-in-law Ken Goldberg, Wells Goldberg, Jim Turvey and Allan Belore.

Eileen’s funeral was held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 13, 2008. She is buried in Zion’s cemetery on Boundary Road in Pembroke.

*For now we see in a mirror dimly,  
But then we will see face to face.  
Now I know only in part;*

*Then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.  
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
And the greatest of these is love.  
(Saint Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:12-13)*

**+** **Dayton Albert Verch** of 594 Miller Street, was born in Pembroke on January 10, 1928. He was the dearly loved husband of Gerda Verch (nee Hoffman), whom he married in 1950. Dear father of Kathryn McLaren (husband Eglis), Almonte; Carolyn Turcotte, Petawawa; Dorian Verch, Pembroke; Dawson Verch, Pembroke; and Laurie Boudens (Barry), Pembroke. Grandpa to Melissa and Heidi Turcotte; and Sarah Verch. Great-grandfather to Isabella, Dayton and Michaela. He was the son of the late Albert and Clara Verch (nee Molzahn). Dayton was predeceased by brothers Kerry and Eldon Verch, and sisters Vera Patterson and Earla Verch, and survived by nieces and nephews.

Dayton worked in lumber camps for BG Watt, as a rapper operator at Eddy Match, and finally as foreman in the filtrations plant at AECL until his retirement. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, and a great handyman. He loved gardening and caring for the many birds that frequented the family grounds. Baseball, especially with the Yankees or Blue Jays playing, was a favourite past time, along with the ever-present crossword puzzle. He sang in Zion's Male Choir for many years.

Dayton's greatest passion was for his wife and family, whom he loved with devoted Christian faith and responsibility and wry humour. Dayton passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, December 14th, 2008 at the age of 80 years.

*"If you have known me, you will have known my Father also.  
From now on you do know him and have seen him." John 14:7*

# Baptisms



**Child:** Peyton Elizabeth Courtney

**Date of Birth:** March 16, 2008

**Date of Baptism:** Saturday, November 22, 2008

**Parents:** Jason & Crystal (Jonas) Courtney

**Sponsors:** Danielle Levasseur & Tammy Courtney

**Child:** Abigail Nancy Sharon Elliott

**Date of Birth:** October 22, 2008

**Date of Baptism:** Sunday, December 21, 2008

**Parents:** Greg & Katrina (Krieger) Elliott

**Sponsors:** Kaitie Elliott, Nicole Elliott-Maahs,  
Patricia Clouthier, Andrew Krieger

**Child:** Brayden Timothy John Wirth

**Date of Birth:** February 13, 2003

**Date of Baptism:** Saturday, December 27, 2008

**Parents:** Joel Wirth and Amber Madill

**Sponsors:** Stacey Levoy and Allen Levoy

# from the heart

Lessons in Life - Submitted by Jean Rutz



There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall. When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

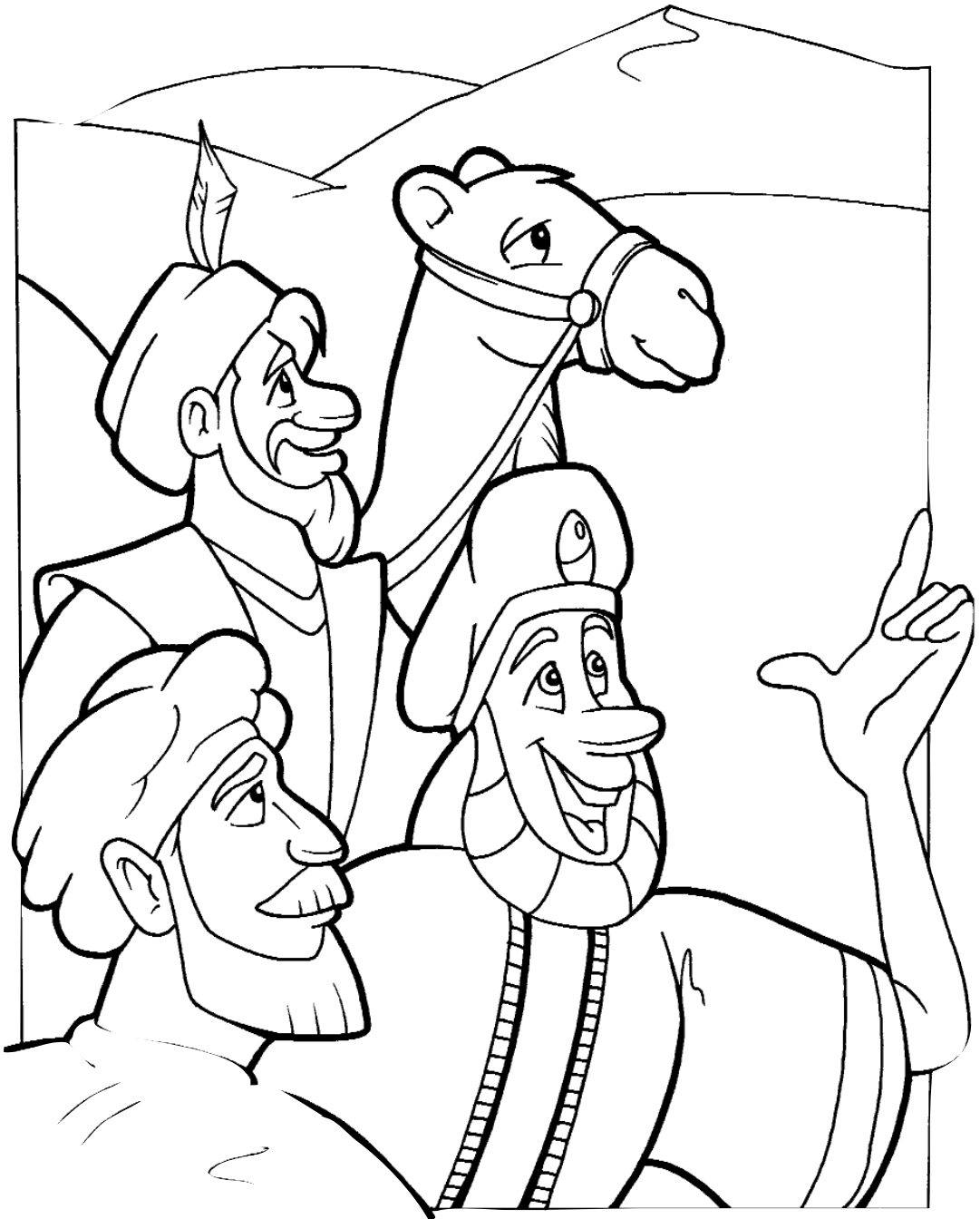
The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and fulfillment of your fall.

## Moral

- Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest
- Don't judge life by one difficult season
- Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time
- Aspire to Inspire Before you Expire!
- Live Simply – Love Generously – Care Deeply – Speak Kindly
- Leave the rest to God
- Happiness keeps you sweet
- Trials keep you strong
- Sorrows keep you human
- Failures keep you humble
- Success keeps you glowing
- **But Only God Keeps You Going.**

# Wise Men Colouring Page



# F I N A N C E S

**A**s we approach the year end, we find ourselves with a nicely padded surplus of funds. Council will have decided how to disburse some of this surplus at its December meeting. I have recommended that we retain a minimum of one third of this expected surplus into the new year. Final figures will not be known until the end of December.

At first glance this looks like we are in a healthy financial situation, but I continue to remind the congregation that the surplus is directly the result of lower expenses over the year. Now that we have our Church Musician and second co-pastor in place, we will need to keep our offerings at a level to support our new budget. The budget is not yet completed, but it looks as though our budget requirements will be close to the same as last year. Our offerings at this point in time are averaging \$5,200/week and our requirements are \$6,000/week.

We have combined the Sutherland Estate and Silke Estate funds into a special Property Reserve fund for a total amount of \$10,794.24. This is the result of a recommendation from the Property committee that we should start a reserve fund for the eventual replacement of the church boilers. The building fund continues to grow and will need some generous donations as we continue to renovate the church building. The foundation, bricks, windows, and front doors have all been dealt with over the last 2 years and we now turn our attention to the Church roof, our beloved bats, and parking lot among other things. Have a Happy New Year everybody.

Here are the Finances as of December 12, 2008.

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

<b>Income</b>	<b>2008-12-12</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Regular Offerings	\$254,755.89	\$312,000.00
Loose Offerings	\$3,112.24	\$3,500.00
Directed Gifts	\$16,250.57	
Cemetery / Interest Income	\$9,325.83	\$7,100.00
Other Income	\$3,518.00	\$1,500.00
2007 Surplus	\$10,455.35	\$10,455.35
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$297,417.88</b>	<b>\$334,555.35</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2008-12-12</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>
Directed Gifts	\$39,210.08	\$33,000.00
Committees	\$22,028.67	\$28,815.00
Utilities	\$17,808.45	\$26,550.00
Operating Expenses	\$76,734.35	\$101,207.00
Benefit Expenses	\$31,104.77	\$49,520.00
Payroll Expenses	\$73,500.82	\$87,260.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$260,387.14</b>	<b>\$326,352.00</b>
<b>Current Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$26,575.39	
<b>Previous Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$10,455.35	
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>	\$37,030.74	

# January Volunteers

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## Altar Guild

Saturday - Kathy Nieman & family

Sunday - Sandy Boland

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## Greeters

03 Cora Weichenthal

04 Myrna Valliant

10 Kathy Nieman

11 Millie Schiemann

17 Doris Biesenthal

18 Edith Brumm

24 Betty Hubert

25 Robert Lindeman

31 Waveney Kenny

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## Sextons

03 Mel Pilatzke

04 Don Hoffman

10 Vincent Rosien

11 Vincent Rosien

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## Sound System

04 Brent Wolfgram

11 Dan Dole

18 Kevin Rutz

25 Murray Sell

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## Ushers

03 Dale & Lois O'Brien

04 Kevin Rutz, Don & Elsolene  
Hoffman, Sonya Grife

10 Myrna Pilatzke, Erica Loevenmark

11 Leslie Hein, Harvey Kumm, Doug &  
Pauline Malliff

17 June Popke, Don Markus

18 Wilmer, Joshua & Kyle Verch, Jack  
Rosien

24 Dale & Lois O'Brien

25 Steve Boland, Cheryl Sack, Bernie  
Schutt, Andrew Zadow

31 Erica Loevenmark, Myrna Pilatzke

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## Worship Assistants

03 Bev Barber

04 Andrew Zadow

10 Kaitie Elliott

11 Wayne Kirk

17 Michael Lange

18 Lorraine MacKenzie

24 Rebecca Vandersleen

25 Steve Boland

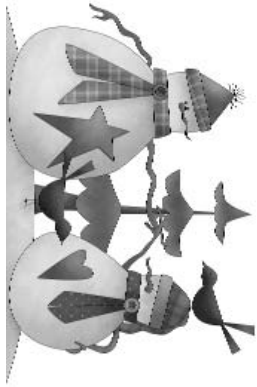
31 Susan Dupuis

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## Web Page Design Course

Depending upon interest, a new Web Page Design Course will be offered at Zion starting in February. Classes will be limited to 5 participants and basic knowledge of Windows operating system will be required. This will be a "hands on" course using Microsoft Internet Explorer and Windows NotePad. Students will learn how to write the code that underlies all web pages. The process is easy and fun and you don't have to be a computer "geek" to enjoy it. Please contact Jean at 613 732-8792 or Robert at 613 732-4288 if you are interested. Computers will be provided.

# January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>4</b> 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30pm First Year Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:15 Pembroke Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 PACA Meeting 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Second Year Confirmation Class 7:00pm ELW Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30am Lutheran Clergy Meeting @ St. Timothy's 1:30pm Marianhill Worship 7:15pm Choir Practice, Pembroke Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm First Year Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:45am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Church Council 7:15pm Pembroke Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00am Lutheran Clergy Communion Planning Meeting 11:30am Pastoral Care Luncheon 6:30pm Second Year Confirmation Class 7:00pm ELW Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:00am Quiet Communion 2:00pm Supplies Landing Worship 7:15pm Choir Practice 7:15pm Pembroke Martial Arts</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00pm Youth</p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
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