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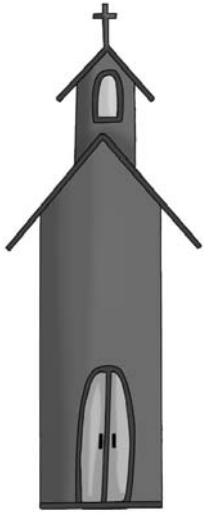
Neighbours

“But wanting to justify himself, he (the lawyer) asked Jesus,
“And who is my neighbour?”” (Luke 10:29)

We have entered Lent 2009 and are being called upon to spiritually travel with our Lord over six weeks from the glory of the Transfiguration “mountaintop experience” to another hill and event on Golgotha that could only, by comparison, be called “hellish”. The necessity of Jesus to make that journey to Jerusalem for the last time is the ultimate proof that the God who created the universe believes that a healing, loving relationship with you and me is worth everything. Lent, being a time for self-reflection and evaluation as we journey with Christ to and through Holy Week, is a time for us to take stock in those things that are most valuable for our own, our family’s and our community’s health and well-being. So, let us consider the quality of “neighbour” in better appreciating our best-possible relationship with God.

It is now three months since I began this call at Zion Lutheran-Pembroke. The welcomes and words of encouragement, coupled with the many wonderful cards and Christmas gifts, have made the entry into Upper Ottawa Valley life for Megan and me, and my new co-pastorate ministry with Martin Malina a very positive experience. Your kindnesses, fellowship in times of good health and of sickness, and your generosity on so many fronts have shown me “substantial neighbourliness”. Many, many thanks!

This past week, with our driveway filled with snow, I ventured across the street to see if someone with a snow blower could help out. I was quite willing to pay the man,



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but he refused with the words, “That’s what neighbours are for.” For this Pastor from the big city, his unexpected generosity of spirit — and the snow-blowing — were a substantial gift; adding to the helpful interventions of others in our neighbourhood. God’s love demonstrated in the kindness of the stranger!

These experiences of others’ concern for our welfare cause me to examine my own offerings of care to those around me. Am I being the steward of life that God created me to be, and formally bestowed on me in my baptism? Is my neighbour only someone living next door, or is there something in that word that is to be found in the person or persons I live with, work with, play with, or in the unexpected encounter during my day, or in the welfare of someone never met, nameless, on the other side of the world? Is it even possible that I have yet to fully know, understand and appreciate that “stranger” I meet in the mirror? Am I my “neighbour”? — and, if so, how well have I related to and cared for that person? God wants us to know, and to respond in love.

When it comes right down to it, loving the Lord our God and our neighbour as ourselves has no real separations of importance. God created our neighbour and you and me, each with our talents and idiosyncrasies, each called upon to combine their gifts with one another to fulfill God’s plan for humanity. You and I put on Christ, God Incarnate, in our baptisms; we are thus expected by God to demonstrate His love to life around us because we are neighbour to one another, and we are integral to the health of God’s creation.

May we all be blessed in realizing our true “neighbours” in this Lenten season.

Forward with Christ!

— Pastor Svante

Grape Juice at Communion

In an effort to offer more inclusiveness, may we say “neighbourliness”, in our worship life at Zion, we will soon be offering grape juice as an alternate to wine at our Lord’s Supper. Greater numbers of children and adults will be able to fully participate in the sharing of the feast’s fare each week. The practicalities of distributing the consecrated juice along with the wine are being worked out, and we hope to have this addition in place by Easter.



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Pastor Svante Olson & his Ministerial Experiences

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 @ 8:00pm



Grace Gifts | Item for the Food Bank

Presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Women.

For more information, contact: Sandra Graham.

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

Minutes

Golden Age Christmas Banquet - December 11, 2008

- 56 people were welcomed to our banquet thanks to Dream's Catering for a delicious roast beef dinner.
- A Christmas prayer was said by the president and the Christmas story was read by Pastor Metzger.
- An interesting program followed.
- A quartet sang which included Pastor Metzger, Pastor Martin, Murray Sell and Mel Pilatzke.
- Readings by Pastor Metzger and Noreen McAuley. Christmas carols were sung with Cheryl Sack on piano.
- Cheryl played 2 selections on her accordion.
- Pastor Metzger played the harmonica accompanied by his wife Elaine on the piano.
- Pastor Martin played the violin.
- A skit was played called "Take a Seat."
- The program ended with Pastor Metzger on his harmonica and Cheryl on accordion.
- Thank you gifts were given in honour of the 3 pastors, Pastor Metzger for giving us a Bible Study every month and to Pastor Martin and Pastor Olson. The gifts were a donation to "Gifts From the Heart."
- Thanks to everyone who took part in the program.
- Submitted by Drusilla Kennedy.

Golden Age Group - January 22, 2009

- President Cheryl Sack welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Devotions were led by Edith Gorr. She read from Matthew chapter 15 and read the 46th Psalm.
- Karl Gust gave the Treasurer's Report.

- Get well cards were sent out to Ruth Crigger, Beatrice Molson and Myrtle Popkie. A sympathy card was sent to Erna Belaire.
- Happy birthday was sung for Marty Marcus, Irene Kennedy, Lillian Michael, Bruno Martens, Diane Breske and Pastor Olson.
- Rev. Metzger, Marty Marcus and Noreen McAuley read jokes.
- Two hymns were sung: "As with Gladness Men of Old" and "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning."
- A Bible Study was given by Pastor Olson on Revelations.
- Members are supposed to wear red to the next meeting.
- Bingo was played with many prizes won.
- A delicious pot luck supper was served.
 - Submitted by Drusilla Kennedy.

Council Meeting - November 11, 2008

- In Attendance: Mona Zadow (Chair), Pastor Martin, Sandra Graham, Gerry Vandersleen, Barry Gorr, Beverly Barber, Elizabeth Graham, Pam Duplessis, Candace Rose-Smith, Lori Selles, Marion Kraft, Larry Seegmiller
- Absent: Veli Rautio
- Guest: Doug Malliff
- Mona welcomed the group and Lori opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00pm.
- Agenda was approved as amended. M.s.c.
- Minutes from October 14, 2008 Council Meeting were approved as amended. M.s.c
- A Finance Committee Meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:00 at the church.
- A 2009 Budget Planning Meeting is planned for Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:00pm at the church.

Move - Pastor Olson

- Motion 33-08 November 11, 2008
- Council approved \$7,259.94 be paid to Pastor Svante Olson for his moving expenses as per Call Committee budget.

Vision Visit

- Mona asked for comments from council members about the presentation on November 4 from Pastor Smith and Jim Homer regarding the benevolence goals for the ELCIC. Their presentation focused on all the work that Synod does, highlighting comments from many of the leaders of our Synod. They spoke of encouraging congregations to increase their benevolence to support the wider church, and asked congregations to set goals. Zion's 2008 commitment for benevolence was at 10% of our total budget.
- Myrna Pilatzke has made an offer to arrange a Christmas Dinner as a kick-off 'fundraising event' for benevolence. Council was receptive to her enthusiasm and idea, but will ask her to consider a January date as December is already a very busy month.

Endowment Ballot

- Reminder for committees to get their requests in as soon as possible.
- Personnel Committee reported that a 6-month review was held with the Organist. A report is on file. We are still utilizing our list of 'occasional' organists for the Saturday evening services.

Pastor's Report

- Sunday December 7, 2008 - we will be welcoming a number of new members to Zion.
- German Christmas Service is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008 at 4:30pm. Pastor Martin agreed to send notices to area churches with info on this service. Marion, Candace and Elizabeth will look after bulletin announcements, etc.
- Motion 34-08 November 11, 2008
Move that loose offerings and otherwise undesignated funds received during the German Christmas Service on December 20, 2008 be forwarded to St. Joseph's Food Bank and the Salvation Army Food Bank. M.s.c.

Finance

- Doug presented statements and advised that our givings are down, but since expenses are also down, we are surprisingly in surplus right now. Some committees have not submitted their 2009 budget requests. Doug will be away from Feb. 1 - April 17, 2009.

Transfer

- Motion 35-08 November 11, 2008

That council endorse the transfer of membership from Zion Pembroke to Faith Lutheran Church in Deep River of Carolyn Zucharuk. M.s.c.

Correspondence

- Mona read a Thank you letter from Pastor Martin for the celebration of Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Nursery

- Barry will speak to Carolee Slote regarding the Nursery and her roster of volunteers. On a recent occasion, there were no volunteers in the Nursery.

Worship Service Taping

- Candace will follow up with Murray Sell about this.

Christmas

- Council agreed that Zion will have ONE Christmas Tree for the front of the church this year, to be placed to the left of the altar.
- Motion to go in camera. M.s.c
- Motion to go out of camera. M.s.c.
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Council Meeting - December 16, 2008

- In Attendance: Pastor Martin, Sandra Graham, Barry Gorr, Marion Kraft, Bev Barber, Elizabeth Graham, Gerry Vandersleen, Larry Seegmiller, Pastor Svante, Lori Selles, Veli Rautio, Doug Malliff (ex-officio, Treasurer)
- Regrets: Pam Duplessis, Robert Lindeman (ex-officio), Candace Rose-Smith, Mona Zadow
- Marion welcomed the group and Gerry opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00pm.
- Agenda was approved as presented. M.s.c.
- Minutes-November 11th Council Meeting were approved. M.s.c

Correspondence

- Motion 37-08 Dec. 16, 2008 - Renewal for Radio Broadcast - December 16th, 2008
- Council has agreed to accept a new agreement with Star 96 for

broadcasts for the year 2009 for a price of \$275 plus GST per broadcast.

M.s.c

- Council accepted resignation by Dave Metzger Jr. from the Cemetery Committee. Council will arrange for a thank you letter to be sent to Dave. Veli will arrange a Cemetery Committee meeting to select a chair.
- Council discussed a request to include financial information in the bulletin. Doug will include a statement in the Treasurer's Report in the Guiding Light. It will state what the monthly budget requirements are and what the contributions were.
- Council discussed a request from Weight Watchers to rent the Parish Hall. This item will be tabled to find out more information.
- Council discussed the memo from the Eastern Synod regarding the National Convention. Registration is required by February 13th, 2009. Pastor Martin will attend and a congregational member will be selected at the annual general meeting.

Old Business

- 2009 Budget. Council discussed the 2009 Budget. Doug will update the Budget to reflect changes in Jean's contract and benefits.
- Changes are being made to the way the Continuing Education Fund is administered. The Church will submit the budgeted amounts to a fund administered by the Synod. The Pastors can then access the funds through the Synod.
- Council discussed the Surplus. \$10,500 will be carried over to the 2009 Budget. The remainder of the surplus will be used to pay off the loans and go toward the building fund to replace the roof.
- Motion 38-08 Dec. 16, 2008 Surplus
We so move that the surplus for 2008 for Zion Lutheran Church is \$10,500 -be used as a carry over for 2009 and \$10,000 to pay off some of our foundation repair loans and the rest to be put into the property fund. M.s.c
- Motion 39-08 Dec. 16, 2008 2009 Budget
Council approves the amended budget for the Congregational Annual Meeting as proposed. M.s.c
- Doug Malliff will arrange for the internal audit to be completed in January.

Abuse Document

- Tabled for discussion at January Council meeting.

Nominating Committee

- We have four names that will be brought forward at the annual general meeting.

Remote Microphone

- A remote microphone will be purchased for Pastor Svante. Gerry will speak with Murray to arrange a meeting to discuss the options for a microphone.

Pastor's Reports

- Pastor Martin and Pastor Svante reviewed their activities. The Pastors will discuss the possibility of having a New Year's Eve service.

Endowment

- Tabled for discussion at January Council meeting.
- Motion 39 - 08 Dec. 16, 2008 Transfer
To endorse the transfer of membership of Jennifer Macklin to St. Timothy's Lutheran Pembroke. M.s.c

Appreciation Celebration of Robert Lindeman

- Marion will coordinate a token gift for Robert for presentation in January.
- Motion 41-08 Dec. 16, 2008 Seminary Student Needs. We so move to set aside \$1000 into a Seminary student need fund. Money to be taken out of unused expense account for the anniversary committee. M.s.c.

Computer for Pastor Svante

- A computer will be purchased for Pastor Svante. This will be coordinated by Pastors. Budgeted amount for purchase is \$900.

Deep River Lutheran Church

- Marion has received a verbal request from Deep River Lutheran Church to share a Pastor. We will ask the request to be put in writing and copied to Bishop Pryse.

Installation Service

- Pastor Martin will coordinate the date for Pastor Svante Olson's installation service.

Committee Reports

- Youth Group-Gerry provided an update on the caroling the Youth Group is doing on December 18th.
- Confirmation Classes - Pastor Svante will take over the Senior Class Confirmation in mid-March.

- Nursery - Carolee's name will be added to the bulletin as organizer of the Church Nursery.
- Evangelism - Council discussed the possibility of reinstating the Christmas Potluck and various Christmas activities. Will be tabled to be discussed later in 2009.
- Property - Gerry reviewed the options for the roof repair options; steel vs. shingles. A recommendation for installation of shingles will be brought forward at the annual general meeting. Council agreed to allow property to try clearing only the Centre steps at the front.
- House Rentals - Options for the Miller Street apartments were discussed. An update will be provided at the next Council Meeting. An option will be brought forward at the annual general meeting.
- Archiving - Robert Lindeman and Tanya Zadow are beginning work on the archiving of Zion files.
- Annual General Meeting will be February 22nd, 2009.
- Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 13th, 2008 at 7:00pm.

GodRocks

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

Zion is hosting this year's Vacation Bible School with the tentative theme: God Rocks: Starlight Rescue. In a few weeks we will have our first planning strategy meeting. This is a week long event and a wonderful opportunity for those high school students looking to earn their 40 community hours. The VBS Kit supplies everything we need for worship, music, crafts, games and food. We bring the spirit, willingness and enthusiasm. Watch for more details later this month.

In Memory...

+ **Lornie Adolf Hoffman** was born to William and Annie (nee Antler) Hoffman on February 25, 1930. He was baptized into the Christian faith at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Alice on March 30, 1930, and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Woito Station, on November 21, 1943. He married Geraldine Marion Weckwerth on Valentine's Day - February 14 - 1953 in Pembroke by the late Rev. M. Voss. The happy couple had four children - Barbara Hampel (Barry), Timothy Hoffman (Colleen), Thomas Hoffman (Janice) and Heather Burnett (Steve).

Throughout his life, Lornie enjoyed the outdoors, the bush, playing cards, and listening to music by Johnny Cash. He worked for thirty years at Smurfit in Pembroke. In his spare time, he and Geraldine built several houses. Lornie is remembered as an honest man, open to his heart, a family man and a hard worker. He was not hard to please, and in his late years would be consoled simply by a box of chocolates and some mousse to keep his hair tidy.

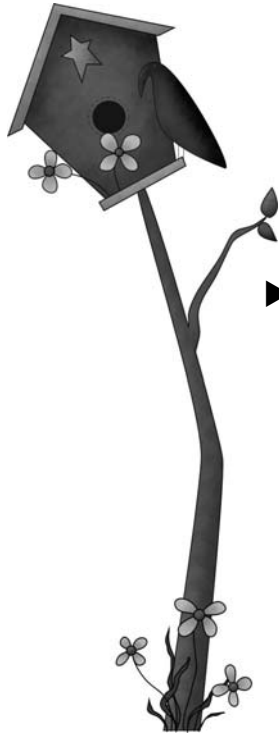
On January 14, 2009, Lornie passed through the gate of death, with loving family by his side at Miramichi Lodge. He was in his 79th year. He leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Geraldine; children Barbara, Tim, Tom and Heather; grandchildren Darrell, Nathan, Jason, Jeffrey, Michael and Melissa; great grandchildren Cole and Janessa; brothers Arnold, Garnet (Margaret), Elroy (Myrna); sisters Arnetta Silke (late Gordon), Evelyn Sitter (late Lyle) and Lila Leach (Jack); and several nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his parents William and Annie, and sister, Floreida Smith (late Earl).

Lornie's funeral was held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pembroke on Saturday, January 17, 2009, with his burial in Zion's cemetery planned for the Spring.

"The light shines in the darkness;

And the darkness has not overcome it ..." (John 1:5)



Notes & News

- ▶ **2010 Eastern Synodical Scholarship Fund Forms**
Application forms for the 2009 - 2010 Eastern Synodical Scholarship Fund are available from the church office. The deadline for application is May 18, 2009. The purpose of these funds is to encourage, through financial support, Christian young people enrolling in post-secondary educational institutions. This support is designed to enable them to pursue a vocation in society as Christian men and women. Please call the church office at 613-732-8792 for more information.

- Submitted by Jean Rutz.

- ▶ **Reflections of a Century**

The Leader: Eganville, Ontario. January 28, 2009

50 Years Ago -- January 23, 1959

Rev. M. Voss passes at Pembroke. Members of Grace Lutheran Congregation, Eganville, particularly the older members to whom he ministered faithfully for a period of 34 years, deeply mourned the passing of Rev. Max Voss at his home in Pembroke on Sunday morning. He had been assistant at Zion Lutheran Church there since 1948.

Max Emil Voss was born near Drage on the German-Danish border and attended primary school there and preparatory school and seminary at Brecklum, Germany. He came to the United States in 1897 and attended a Lutheran seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, being ordained to the ministry on July 10, 1898. His first pastorate was in South Dakota, where he received a salary of \$10 a month. After two years there, he came to Canada and served as a missionary in a large field covering Whitney, Maynooth,

Lyndock, Petawawa and Chalk River. From 1903 to 1909 he served as Pastor at Wiarton, where he married the former Annetta Allenson. Later he was at Baden and Hespeler and in 1914 became pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville, which he served for 34 years, for a few years at first also ministering to the Lutheran people of Gratten, Silver Lake and Sebastopol. During his ministry there he built new churches at Eganville and Sebastopol.

- Submitted by Allastier Schultz.

► Quilters In Mission for Others

The following is a report given at the ELW February meeting by Noreen McAuley, a member of Zion's Monday morning quilting group. As it explains some of the tasks carried out by the group, she was requested to submit it to the Guiding Light so others could also become more aware of the quilting group's work In Mission for Others.

"I'd like to talk about the Quilters ... recently we had a lot of material (and stuff) turned in to us. Some very interesting and unusual items showed up - even dresses with patterns still pinned to material, cut out, but not yet sewn. I brought a couple of interesting items to show you, but first I want to share with you news about the quilters and what their work entails.

It took 2 ladies 3 mornings, till almost the noon hour, to sort these things ... some to go to Leslie Hein (who cuts the material and sews the small squares into quilt tops); some to go to others in the group, who take suitable (and not too suitable) big pieces home to make quilt bottoms; some to be kept to put between the top and bottom for fillers; some to go to places such as the Prospector, Salvation Army, Value Village, etc., and some heavy material to a member of our congregation who may use it to make lap robes.

Yarn goes to members of quilters to use for baby sweaters (for Baby Bundles), and we have one member in our congregation who will take it and knit or crochet baby sweaters or lap robes. She will also gladly accept new yarn donations.

Some material is only suitable for dusters - for June Popke, and other material may be only suitable for grease cloths at a garage. And some, a small amount, may even have to be discarded. You can imagine the time and energy it takes to sort and transport the material to all these locations. However, we do appreciate receiving all this material.

There is much more involved besides quilting each Monday from 9 to close to 3, and now, most of our ladies are up in years - with aches and pains, and have

family members with aches and pains, not to mention numerous doctor appointments! Our main purpose is for World Relief, but we've put together and quilted for special occasions, such as our Anniversary Quilt, which I believe took us 4 days to complete and some did work on it at home besides. There are some ladies who take quilts home every week to bind, taking more time out of their 'home' time.

Then there is all the flannelette to cut and hem for diapers (for Baby Bundles) - it takes several hours or most of the day, to measure and cut the diapers, and then they are taken home to hem. I would like to thank Sandra Sell, who takes time out of her busy schedule, to assist Audrey Mielke (Quilting Group Convener) in purchasing all our flannelette and gets us a discount because she has a membership card at Fabric Land. Our flannelette alone costs us this year \$253.12 (128 meters @ \$3.50) which we purchased for half price.

And then there are the Baby Bundles (layettes) to sort and pack. This will take 2 or 3 ladies a whole morning or more. We also need flannelette nightgowns for the Baby Bundles. One lady from our Quilting Group sews and donates several each year, plus this past year, a lady from our congregation, made several and donated them. If items are missing from Baby Bundles, Audrey takes the time to purchase the items needed to complete the layette.

Some of our members are getting frail and we would welcome new members. Our small ecumenical group enjoys the social get together, and we really miss it when we have to cancel because of a snowstorm.

Leslie Hein brought bags of tops last Monday, which he put together, reaching a total of 100 tops for the year (an annual goal he often exceeds). We may be getting close to that number in bottoms, so the work is stacking up and never ends.

We ship twice a year, a total of approximately 60 to 70 quilts, approximately 50 Baby Bundles, lap robes and blankets given to us. Items are packed into boxes and labeled, and then a member or members lug them out to their vehicle and take them to Home Hardware for shipping to Winnipeg. Lap robes are also distributed to senior homes, including last year to veterans in the Perley Home in Ottawa and to anyone who may be in need of one.

If anyone is interested in seeing our "warehouse," come in on a Monday and I will give you a tour.

Items of Interest:

A large broadcloth with "Bread Cover" embroidered in corner; perhaps to cover newly baked bread, or prior to baking while rising. Noreen used most of this cloth to make tea towels for Zion's kitchen.

Several colourful blocks, waiting to be made into cushion tops.

An orange piece with unidentified work on it, not smocking but much larger, like a braid; it was suggested it was meant for a cushion.

Any queries about Quilting Group, please feel free to contact Audrey Mielke, convenor, or Noreen McAuley.

- Submitted by Noreen McAuley.

► Letter from the Bishop

February 11, 2009

To the leaders and members of Zion Lutheran Church, Pembroke, Ontario.

Grace and peace to you. It is a pleasure to bring you greetings from the officers and members of Synod Council.

We have recently closed off the books on the synod's fiscal year 2008. You will not be surprised to learn that, from a financial perspective, it was a difficult year for us. You may have experienced many of the same challenges in your family, your congregation and your community.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to the ministries of the wider church through your benevolence and designated offerings. You will find the details of how much your congregation gave, and to which causes, on the enclosed report.

It is important that every member of the Eastern Synod be aware of how important their benevolence offerings are to the ministry we share. For every \$1,000 contributed by your congregation:

- \$290 develops greater theological understanding and ministry skills in seminary students and ordained pastors.
- \$240 brings the gospel to communities where we have not previously had a presence, including some of the fastest-growing areas in Canada; and reaches out to young people in church camps and campus ministry centers.
- \$170 reduces poverty and hunger in Canada and around the world.
- \$150 extends the reach of our church across Canada and around the world, through the ELCIC and its national and international mission partners.
- \$150 comes back to congregations to strengthen their delivery of local ministries.

This is the work of God's kingdom that we do together because we could not possibly have the same impact acting independently. It is a crucial part of the ministry carried out by your congregation. You should be justifiably proud of what we are able to accomplish as a Synod. I hope that you will share this

information with all of your members using whatever opportunities and media are available to you. Be creative!

As a Synod, we encourage every congregation to bring its benevolence giving back up to historical levels. Only two decades ago the average proportional gift was one and a half times higher than it was last year. For your congregation the benevolence goal may be a tithe of your total receipts, or it may be considerably higher than that. Whatever your situation, I urge you to grow continually in faith, in ministry and in generosity.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in the ministry we share as God's people. May God continue to bless your ministry in 2009 and the years ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Michael J. Pryse

Benevolence - Regular Benevolence

February 1, 2008.....	\$3,539.80
February 5, 2008.....	\$2,575.00
February 28, 2008	\$2,675.00
April 8, 2008.....	\$2,675.00
May 6, 2008	\$2,675.00
June 10, 2008.....	\$2,675.00
July 16, 2008.....	\$2,675.00
September 9, 2008.....	\$2,675.00
October 7, 2008	\$2,675.00
November 6, 2008	\$2,675.00
November 11, 2008	\$2, 675.00
December 9, 2008.....	\$2,675.00
January 7, 2009	\$2,675.00
Subtotal	\$35,539.80

Benevolence Commitment: Annual \$32,000.00

Directed Gifts - Wepler B

January 7, 2009	\$45.00
January 16, 2009	\$30.00
Subtotal	\$75.00

GHDA - GHDA Undesignated

February 1, 2008.....	\$45.00
February 28, 2008.....	\$1,050.00
February 28, 2008.....	\$600.00
April 8, 2008.....	\$625.00
May 6, 2008.....	\$115.00
June 10, 2008.....	\$145.00
July 16, 2008.....	\$105.00
September 9, 2008.....	\$255.00
October 7, 2008.....	\$40.00
November 6, 2008.....	\$725.00
December 9, 2008.....	\$225.00
January 7, 2009.....	\$1,253.00
Subtotal	\$5,183.00

GHDA - Project Burma

June 10, 2008.....	\$240.00
Subtotal.....	\$240.00

Seminary Appeal - General Appeal - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

December 9, 2008.....	\$100.00
Subtotal.....	\$100.00

Seminary Appeal - Vision 2000 - Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

February 1, 2008.....	\$124.00
February 28, 2008.....	\$24.00
April 8, 2008.....	\$34.00
May 6, 2008.....	\$12.00
June 10, 2008.....	\$12.00
July 16, 2008.....	\$12.00
September 9, 2008.....	\$714.00
October 7, 2008.....	\$32.00
November 6, 2008.....	\$20.00
December 9, 2008.....	\$24.00
January 16, 2009.....	\$12.00
Subtotal.....	\$1,020.00

Camp Appeal - Camp Lutherlyn

February 28, 2008	\$79.00
April 8, 2008.....	\$30.00
June 10, 2008.....	\$172.00
July 16, 2008	\$90.00
Subtotal.....	\$371.00

Eastern Synod Lutheran - Subscriptions - Eastern Synod Lutheran

February 28, 2008	\$25.00
July 16, 2008.....	\$10.00
December 9, 2008	\$304.00
January 16, 2009.....	\$97.00
Subtotal.....	\$436.00

Total Received**\$42,964.80**

► **PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance (See form on next page)**

Have you thought of Pre-authorized remittance? No need to write cheques! No scrambling around looking for cash on your way out the door for worship! You select the amount, and can change it any time, however many times you want! Withdrawals are done automatically from your bank account, once a month. Consider PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) for your giving to the church - you'll be a great help in meeting the financial commitments of the church. If you are used to making weekly contributions, some monthly equivalents are:

- \$10.00 weekly is about \$45.00 monthly
- \$20.00 weekly is about \$90.00 monthly
- \$30.00 weekly is about \$130.00 monthly
- \$40.00 weekly is about \$175.00 monthly
- \$50.00 weekly is about \$220.00 monthly
- \$60.00 weekly is about \$260.00 monthly
- \$70.00 weekly is about \$305.00 monthly
- \$80.00 weekly is about \$350.00 monthly
- \$90.00 weekly is about \$390.00 monthly
- \$100.00 weekly is about \$435.00 monthly

For more information, contact Jean Rutz (administrative secretary) during office hours, leave voice mail (613-732-8792), or email office@zionlutheran.ca.



Zion Lutheran Church - Pre-Authorized Remittance Program Authorization

I hereby authorize Zion Lutheran Church, 454 Miller St., Pembroke, Ontario K8A 5Z4, to cause a cheque to be drawn on my account, **each month**, as a contribution by me to Zion Lutheran Church, as follows:

Total **monthly** contribution to Zion Lutheran Church of \$ _____
distributed as CURRENT \$ _____ + SPECIAL \$ _____ .

Please indicate which ministry the special funds, above, are directed to

\$ _____

Contributor's Name _____

Current Envelope Number _____

Bank/Trust Company Name _____

Bank/Trust Company Address _____

Account Number _____

Type of Account _____

Date _____

Signature _____

This authority may be changed or cancelled by the contributor at any time.

1. To ensure accuracy, a sample cheque marked "**VOID**" must accompany this form.
2. **Total monthly contribution** should equal **Current** plus **Special**.
3. **Special** may include any one of the ministries for which contributions are normally accepted through the regular envelope system, ie, the Building Fund, Global Hunger, Vision 200 Seminary Appeal , etc.
4. The transfer of contributions to the ministry of Zion Lutheran Church will begin in the month following receipt of this authorization.

FINANCES

Aloha from Maui. This month's report comes to you from the tropical island of Maui, Hawaii. Technology seems to have no bounds as I am able to keep an eye on our finances from a distance. We are doing very well here and have been involved with the Kihei Lutheran Church. We will be attending a whale watch with them on March 1. This is a relatively small church (180 baptized) but have many mainland visitors each Sunday. During this time they schedule 2 Sunday services to accommodate all the people. This very talented church has 2 choirs, hula group, and a chimes section. They were able to conduct their AGM between services. WOW !

By the time you read this, our AGM will have been completed and the chart below reflects the finances as of February 17, 2009. This year's budget requires a weekly average of \$6000. To date our average is a little over \$4900. We still enjoy a surplus at this time, but the Church's insurance bill around \$10,000 will be due shortly. All our expenses are below budget requirements so far.

Here are the Finances as of February 17, 2009.

Income	2009-02-17	Budget 2009
Regular Offerings	\$34,322.00	\$312,000.00
Loose Offerings	\$186.10	\$4,046.14
Cemetery / Interest Income	\$4,450.08	\$7,400.00
Other Income	\$335.00	\$1,400.00
Directed Gifts	\$857.05	
Surplus / Deficit	\$10,453.86	\$10,453.86
TOTAL INCOME:	\$50,604.09	\$335,300.00
Expenses	2009-02-17	Budget 2009
Benevolence	\$2,575.00	\$32,500.00
Committees	\$3,089.51	\$36,550.00
Utilities	\$2,164.31	\$24,900.00
Operating Expenses	\$6,448.86	\$65,909.00
Payroll / Benefit Expenses	\$20,381.38	\$175,441.00
Directed Gifts	\$346.87	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$35,005.93	\$335,300.00
CURRENT SURPLUS / DEFICIT	\$15,598.16	

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

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PRAYER CONCERN FOR MARCH 2009

Papua New Guinea

On March 6, 2009, people will gather in 170 countries around the world to celebrate World Day of Prayer written by the committee from Papua New Guinea. It is a land of incredible beauty and variety, the “land of the unexpected”.

PNG is a matrilineal society, where the mother is entrusted with the guardianship of her family. Even though women have this status, their literacy rate is only 51 percent. Violence against women is common and employment opportunities are limited.

PNG is currently experiencing rapid population growth and has the highest reported HIV/AIDS cases in the region. As well, Papua New Guinea is a country of destination for trafficked women and children from Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and China. PNG does not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking, and lacks victim protection services or even a procedure to identify victims of trafficking. The country relies on assistance from Australia to keep out illegal cross-border activities.

This year, during World Day of Prayer, we pray for the women of PNG and for improved access to education

and employment. We pray that the government will strengthen and enforce laws that protect all from enslavement and trafficking. We pray that world governments will take action to stop global warming which threatens vulnerable countries like Papua New Guinea.

Marilyn Fortin, a WICC Council member, is on the executive of the WDP International Committee. She lives in Morden, Manitoba.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2009

In Christ,
there are many
Members yet
one Body

Friday, March 6th
2:00 and 7:30pm
Calvin United Church
The Rev. Suzanne Nadon

from the heart

5 Finger Prayer - Submitted by Jean Rutz

This is beautiful - and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1 Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2 The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3 The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the Prime Minister, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance. Also include our servicemen and women here and abroad who always stand tall in the duty of defending and protecting our nation. They need God's strength and comfort.

4 The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5 And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

March Volunteers

Altar Guild

Saturday-Angela Lubitz & Flora Schrie

Sunday-Irene Kennedy & Cheryl Sack

Sextons

Sunday 01 - Edgar Roesler

Wednesday 04 - Vincent Rosien

Saturday 07 - Vincent Rosien

Sunday 08 - Don Hoffman

Wednesday 11 - Vincent Rosien

Saturday 14 - Mel Pilatzke

Sunday 15 - David Lehman

Wednesday 18 - Mel Pilatzke

Saturday 21 - Mel Pilatzke

Sunday 22 - Leslie Hein

Wednesday 25 - Vincent Rosien

Saturday 28 - Joel Nieman

Sunday 29 - Edgar Roesler

Sound System

Sunday 01 - Brent Wolfgram

Sunday 08 - Dan Dole

Sunday 15 - Kevin Rutz

Sunday 22 - Murray Sell

Sunday 29 - Scott Slattery

Ushers

Sunday 01 - Don & Elsolene Hoffman,
Harvey Kumm, Jack Rosien.

Saturday 07 - June Popke, Don Markus.

Sunday 08 - Steve Boland, Dalton
Biggs, Don & Elsolene Hoffman.

Saturday 14 - Dale & Lois O'Brien

Sunday 15 - Wilmer, Joshua & Kyle
Verch, Bernie Schutt.

Saturday 21 - Myrna Pilatzke, Erica
Loevenmark.

Sunday 22 - Cheryl Sack, Barry Grosskleg,
Andrew Zadow, Edgar Roesler.

Saturday 28 - June Popke, Don Markus.

Sunday 29 - Sandra Sell, Fred & Cindy
Thrasher, Ronald Ruhnke.

Greeters

Sunday 01 - Edith Brumm

Saturday 07 - Waveney Kenny

Sunday 08 - Millie Schiemann

Saturday 14 - Cora Weichenthal

Sunday 15 - Myrna Valliant

Saturday 21 - Kathy Nieman

Sunday 22 - Willis Resmer

Saturday 28 - Doris Biesenthal

Sunday 29 - Robert Lindeman

Worship Assistants

Sunday 01 - Debra Wegner

Saturday 07 - Erica Rutz

Sunday 08 - Holly Wagner

Saturday 14 - Troy Dupuis

Sunday 15 - Rebecca Fardy

Saturday 21 - Mary Brown

Sunday 22 - Sandra Sell

Saturday 28 - Kevin Boland

Sunday 29 - Lorraine MacKenzie

March 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p>2 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation 7:30pm Christ in our Home</p>	<p>3 9:45am Staff Meeting 10:00am Heritage Manor Service 6:30pm Web Page Design Course 7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>4 8:30am PACA Meeting 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service with Guest Pastor Randy Liedtke 8:00pm ELW Meeting 8:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 7:00pm KidzFest Meeting at Pentecostal Church 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>6 2:00pm & 7:00pm World Day of Prayer Service @ Calvin United Church 7:00pm Marriage Preparation Course @ Grace Eganville</p>	<p>7 3:00pm Archive Meeting 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:00am-4:00pm Marriage Preparation Course continues @ Grace Eganville</p>
<p>8 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Meeting after Service.</p>	<p>9 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation 7:00pm Property Meeting 7:30pm Christ in our Home</p>	<p>10 9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Course 7:00pm Congregational Church Council 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>11 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service with Guest Pastor Charlie Nolting 8:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>15 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p>16 9:00am Quilters Note: there is <u>no</u> 1st Year Confirmation Class tonight due to March break. 7:30pm Christ in our Home</p>	<p>17 9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Course 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>18 9:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Service with Guest Pastor Annette Smith 8:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 11:00am Quiet Communion 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>20 7:00pm Youth</p>	<p>21 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>22 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p>23 9:00am Quilters 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation 7:30pm Christ in our Home</p>	<p>24 9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Course 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>25 9:30am Pastoral Care 6:00pm Lenten Supper 7:00pm Mid Week Lenten Service with Guest Pastor Susan Clifford 8:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 2:30pm Golden Age 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 4:30pm Worship Service with Holy Communion</p>
<p>29 10:00am Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School</p>	<p>30 9:00am Quilters 7:30pm Christ in our Home</p>	<p>31 9:45am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Web Page Design Course 7:15pm Martial Arts</p>	<p>New This Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir practices will be held on Wednesday, rather than Thursdays. The Web Page Design Course begins on Tuesday, March 3. 			

