

# Zion Lutheran September 2017



The focus of this newsletter is to update and inform Zion's members of the activities starting up this September.

We welcome you back.

We acknowledge that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Metis people.

## *Pastor Brad's Notes*

Over the course of the summer there has been a meaningful change in my life as your pastor. Significant in title, but not in workload.

I was appointed the new dean of the Northern Ministry Area by Bishop Michael Pryse. I accepted this position after discussion with the Zion council. I replace Pastor Glenda Morrissette who has served well in this capacity for a number of years. Glenda is stepping down for a medical leave and I ask prayers for her and the congregation that she serves: Trinity, Sudbury.

The Northern Ministry Area includes congregations in: Sault Ste. Marie, South Porcupine, Massey, Elliot Lake, Sudbury, North Bay and Magnetawan.

The work of the dean is to coordinate with a team 1-2 gatherings per year, install new pastors and to offer exit interviews with outgoing pastors and their communities. The dean also gathers 1-2 times a year with other deans and ministry leaders in retreat. The first of these gatherings is October 2-4. Any expenses related to the dean's position will be assumed by the Eastern Synod and therefore will not have a negative financial impact on Zion.

Please pray for me, Zion and the Northern Ministry Area in this time of Transition. *Peace, Pastor Brad+*

## **Confirmation Classes and Confirmation Sunday**

The current Affirmation of Baptism class consisting of Kiara, Meadow and Noah are quickly finishing up their time of instruction. Over the summer they have been working on a Ten Commandments journal. In their final fall sessions they will work on an art project and their faith statements that will be presented in worship.

On Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> our confirmands will publicly affirm their baptisms. This is a special year in that it also coincides with the 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation. Plan to wear red on that day and to celebrate with the three youth of Zion.

*Romans 12:9-16*  
*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another...*

## Red Shirt Sundays

Pastor Brad and Karen have been struggling to find an appropriate name for the Sundays when we don't have Sunday school, the praise chorus sings, and the songs are sometimes arranged differently.

They are not fans of "family worship" as all worship should welcome families in many forms. They are not fans of "intergenerational worship" as all worship should include the voices of many generations – young, old and everything in between. They are not fans of "contemporary worship" as all worship should be contemporary – speaking to and addressing contemporary concerns and needs.

So they have used Red Shirt Sunday to describe those days when the regular worship pattern is altered. Children are encouraged to stay in worship the whole time and worship with parents and grandparents, and the praise chorus sings. The red shirt name comes from the colour of the shirts that the chorus wears ... red. There will be several Sundays planned throughout the year in which we will hold these services. Look to the calendar or speak to Karen Kettles about participating in these worship services. The choir is constantly growing and there is always room for another musician in the band.

## Sundae Sunday

On Sunday, September 10th the youth of Zion will be hosting a Sundae Sunday during the fellowship hour. The youth will provide ice cream and lots of toppings. They ask you to consider giving them a donation towards youth ministry at Zion. It will be the first of many fundraising events this year held by the youth of Zion as they plan to travel to Thunder Bay to join 1000 youth from across Canada. The 2018 Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth Gathering is being held in Thunder Bay from August 15-19 at Lakehead University.

The theme of the gathering is Threads. From the CLAY website we read:

Stories are the diverse threads that God weaves together to form the tapestry of our lives. They can be ancient, personal, intimate, and can help us find meaning and purpose. We gather stories from each other and from our surroundings. Join youth from across Canada at threads, where we will learn how to discern our God-given stories.

If you or one of your children/grandchildren is interested in going to the next gathering speak with Pastor Brad.



## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Sunday will be **October 8th**. As has become our custom Zion will have a bilingual (Finnish/English) worship service on that day. Pastor Paul will lead Zion in worship as Pastor Brad and family will be on vacation. Plan to attend this special worship service of thanksgiving to God for all that God has given to us.



The Sudbury Catholic/Lutheran Conference -- Nord500North (A conference in Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Movement to be held Thursday and Friday, September 21 and 22, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Sudbury.) If you have registered, inform Pastor Brad by **September 17th** to co-ordinate rides from the Sault.

## The Ontario Finnish Resthome Foundation



**Date: Friday, September 8, 2017**

**6:00pm at Algoma's Water Tower Inn & Suites  
360 Great Northern Rd. Sault Ste. Marie Ontario P6B 4Z7**

For more information about this event speak with Sandy Fulcher or call 705-945-9987 ext.257

### Start-up of Sunday School

Sunday school begins again on **Sunday, September 17**. We will again be following a rotation model in which the classes hear and retell one bible story over the course of several weeks. The story telling happens in a variety of ways: drama, art, cooking, video, games and more.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteer instructors/teachers. Please consider sharing your gifts with the children of Zion.

Also tell your children and grandchildren about this time of learning and fun at Zion. Children 3 + are welcome to join the class.

Our classes will begin with a welcome and opening by Pastor Brad at 9:45 in the basement Sunday School room. The class then will run about a half hour allowing the children to join the congregation in prayers, peace and communion.

For more information please speak with Pastor Brad.

### *ZION QUILTERS*

There is a wonderful ministry that occurs most Thursdays in Luther Hall in the basement of Zion. At 1pm several women gather to create works of art from thread and material. They have been doing this for years, not for the glamour or the recognition but for other reasons. One of their latest creations was bound for a future seminarian at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Sometimes it is a personal project that they work on together.

If you have a few hours to spare on a Thursday afternoon, a good thumb to guide a needle, and a willingness to learn you might consider joining the Zion quilters.

Call Fern Sandvik to find out when the September start date will be.

**Communion to Shut-ins or Hospital Visits**  
Please let the church office (705-253-8703) or Pastor Brad (705-949-9156) know. Unless you share this information with us, we have no way of knowing due to privacy issues....

**Council Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**  
**Please check your emails and mail slot at the church for information papers.**

**LCW (Lutheran Church Women) will meet on Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fireside Room. All women are invited to be part of this group.**

**Vincent Place Hot Meal Program is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30pm. Zion serves a 'meat loaf' dinner. Please volunteer even for a few hours. Contact Melanie 705-736-2828.**

## Coffee Funds

Each week a group of volunteers provides a fellowship time after worship at Zion. There is coffee, tea and usually a goody or two. This is offered as a gift to the people of Zion. However just beside the fellowship space is a small colourful house on a table. In the house people are invited to place coins, bills or other financial donations to the fellowship ministry of Zion. These funds that are collected then are sent on to an outreach ministry chosen by the Zion church council.

This year, a water ministry in the Pikangikum First Nation, north of Red Lake. We are working with the Anglican church's Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (like CLWR) and with their National Aboriginal Bishop Mark MacDonald to help with installing water systems in the First Nation.

At the end of August just under \$300 was sent from the first funds collected over 6 months. Please consider giving generously to this mission and ministry.

---

The Sewing Room @ Zion meets each Friday from 9:30 am until noon.

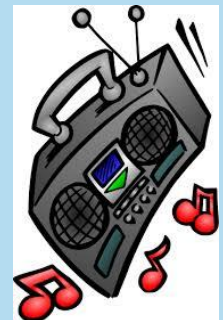
Come as you are able to and/or sew from home on the projects we are working on. All projects worked on are for 'outreach mission' (not bazaars or fundraisers). Donations of material especially cotton are appreciated.

This is interdenominational ... you do not need to attend Zion to be part of this group. Attendance each Friday is not necessary, just as you are able to come. There is no session on Friday, September 22nd due to the Sudbury Conference.

For more information speak to Pat Mathews 705-945-8741

The Manna Basket Sunday is the last Sunday in September (the 24th). Donations of food are given to Pauline's Place Youth Shelter. Non-perishable items can be brought any Sunday during the month.

Something New to the Sault - Christian Radio coming 'KFM - 106.5' Look for this on your radio around mid-September!



## **'JAM Sessions' at St. Jerome's Catholic Church**

Interdenominational music, instruments, voices, fun.

Happens every LAST Sunday of the month at 1 pm. If you play music, bring your instruments. If you enjoy singing, come and check this out!

What a fun relaxing way to spend a Sunday afternoon with other Christians.

This is not a church service...just a musical jam session!

