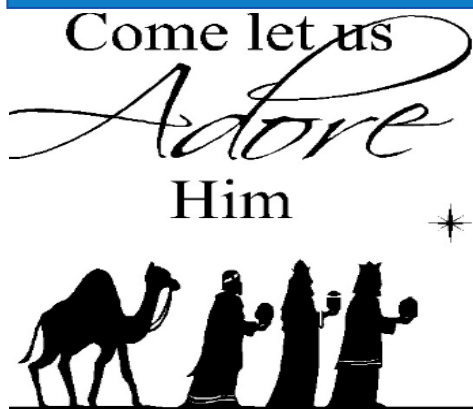
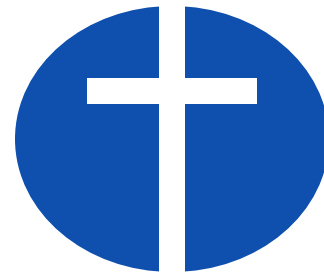


# Zion Lutheran NEWSLETTER

## *January 2019*



### **New Mission Statement**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ:  
Believing, Witnessing, Teaching,  
Sharing and Serving with all.

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.

Mark 1:9-11  
New Revised  
Standard Version  
(NRSV)

### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; <sup>[a]</sup>with you I am well pleased."

### Mission Sunday + January 27th

On Sunday, January 27th we will welcome National Anglican Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald to Zion. He along with Archbishop Anne Germond will be our guests for our annual Mission Sunday. Bishop Mark will be the guest preacher while Archbishop Anne will be presiding at the table for communion.

We are pleased that National Bishop Mark will be with us as we have been working with him through the Anglican's PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund), much like our CLWR to help with a water project at the Pikangikum first nation in Northern Ontario. For the last 2 years Zion's coffee funds each Sunday has been going to this very worthy cause.

Please plan to attend this worship service and welcome both Bishop Mark and Archbishop Anne into our community.

### Annual Meeting – Part 2

In addition to the Superbowl there is something else important happening on Sunday, February 3. We will be holding part 2 our Annual meeting. The meeting will occur immediately after our 10 am worship service. To attempt to get a larger cross section of our members, worship on this day will be in both English and Finnish. Our Annual Reports will be available the week before to help guide our discussions and sharing.

On February 17 the new council will be installed and prayed for as they take up leadership in the church for 2019.

## Ordination to the Diaconate

This information comes from the Diocese of Algoma. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters as Lana will be ordained a deacon in Christ's Church.

From the Diocesan website:

Archbishop Anne is pleased to announce that, God-willing, on the Feast of Timothy and Titus - January 26th 2019, Ms. Lana Grawbarger will be ordained to the sacred order of vocational deacons in Christ's church. Lana serves as the lay incumbent for St. John's Anglican Church in Garden River where Chief Shingwauk envisioned a teaching lodge and where he is buried. Community leaders and elders recognize Lana's leadership in the community beyond St. John's and rejoice with her and her family.

The ordination service will take place in the Garden River Community Centre with our National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald, preaching. All are welcome to attend this celebration as we welcome a new deacon in our midst. The liturgical colour is red. The exact time of the service will be posted in early January once further plans are discussed.

Your prayers are requested for Lana and the Garden River Community as we prepare for this celebration.

*Almighty God by the preaching of your apostle Paul you called your servants Timothy and Titus and made them trusted partners in the work of spreading and establishing your gospel. Strengthen us in this present time to stand fast in all our adversities and to live in true godliness, that with confidence and gladness we may look for the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen (Collect for Timothy and Titus)*

### **Lutheran Church Women (LCW)**

The next meeting will be on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 1:30 pm hosted by Bonnie Henry and Elvi Riutta.

Through money raised by Bake Sales and by serving funeral lunches, **the LCW voted at their last meeting to pledge \$12,000 towards the needed roof repairs.**

Their hard work by fundraising efforts are a blessing to our church.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Save these dates!**

### **St. Vincent Place Hot Meals:**

Wed., January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Wed., April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wed., August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Wed., November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Dinner 2019 on December 18<sup>th</sup>  
*(There were quite a few new groups signing up to serve the meals. That means Zion has four dinners that they are responsible for in 2019.)*  
*Everyone contributes to the Christmas meal.*  
See Melanie Wheelan.

### **Joyful Noiz Sundays (formerly Praise):**

January 27<sup>th</sup> (practice Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>)  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> (practice Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>)  
April 28<sup>th</sup> (practice Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>)  
June 9<sup>th</sup> (practice Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>)

*Did you notice NOIZ is simply ZION spelled Backwards?*  
Come join this group!  
See Arianna Christenson, Dara Rankin, or Karen Kettles.

**KFM Radio for Life 106.5** (Christian Radio)

I heard a story told on the Saturday morning program "Sunny Side UP" (from 10 to noon) which comes from our Sault Ste. Marie radio station location. Sarah McKenney from our church is often heard here giving the weather report or sharing some of these little stories. This story was about The Ant and a Leaf.... my shortened version .... A wealthy man sat on his balcony enjoying the sunshine and having a morning coffee when he saw a little ant carrying a big leaf several times bigger than itself. He saw the ant face many obstacles getting that leaf moved to his destination. At one point there was a crack in the pavement. The ant paused for a while, analyzed, and then laid the leaf over the crack, walked over the leaf, picked the leaf up from the other side then continued its journey to its destination. For being such a tiny creature, he marveled at its cleverness.

A while later, the ant had reached its destination which was a tiny hole in the floor which was the entrance to its underground dwelling. The large leaf would not fit into the tiny opening which was the destination for it. It simply couldn't fit into the hole!

The tiny creature after all the hard work and cleverness it showed during the journey with the leaf had to leave it behind and went home to his destination empty-handed.

In many ways, this is like our own lives.

We worry about family, jobs, money, clothes, where we will live, what fancy things we can gather up during our lifetime on earth, what vehicles we will drive, what trips we will take ... only to abandon all these things when we reach our own destination – The Grave.

We don't realize in our life's journey that these are just burdens that we are carrying with utmost care and fear of losing them...only to find that at the end, they are useless, and we can't take them with us.

***1 Timothy 6:7***

***For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.***

**Psalm 150 Club**

(date night for couples...or for gathering with friends)

Music and munches. Drinks available for purchase at the cash bar. Suggested donation when entering is \$10. Money raised for the Pregnancy Centre. Come for an hour or two or stay for the whole evening at the ***Moose Lodge. Next night is Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 until midnight.*** See Pat & John.

**Sunday School**

Over the next month our Sunday school children will be exploring the story of Samson through video, craft, games and food. They will meet: January 13, 20, February 3 and 10. A new session will begin on February 17.

As always Pastor Brad is looking for you to share your gifts and talents with the children of Zion. Like to craft? Bake? Play games? Please contact pastor Brad.



## UPDATE OF AMOUNTS FOR THE ROOF/FURNACE REPLACEMENT

To date the amount pledged is \$74,700.

Susanne Walls is the Chairperson of Fundraising.

Activities held:

Comfort & Joy (chili & music) \$2,230

Lead by Karen Kettles

Christmas Bake Sale \$2,595

Lead by Fern Sandvik

Apple Pie Making \$4,800

Lead by Susanne Walls

Newfie Kitchen Party \$1,835

Lead by Nancy & Mike Hill, Donald Stares  
and Pat & John

Total amount fundraised is \$11,460

Karen Kettles pulled a lot of talent together for the music "Joy" part of the Comfort & Joy including the members of Zion's choir and the Algoma Festival Choir. The great selection of chili "Comfort" was made by Zion volunteers. As Karen shared "It took a whole team to host this event and she is so thankful to all involved".

Consider leading a fundraiser. Bring suggestions to Susanne.

### **The Sewing Room @Zion**

Sewing started up on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to noon. Our project is ***pillow case dresses***. People who enjoy sewing from home are welcome to make some to donate. Others can come and join us when they are able on ***Friday mornings***. We don't work on stormy or icy days. See Pat Mathews.

### **'Crossing the Waters' Video Study (3 sessions remain)**

Following Jesus through The Storms, The Fish, The Doubt, and The Seas was postponed in December with all the activities taking place that month. It is being **re-scheduled to February 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>**. After the service join us up at the front with your coffee to watch the remaining Video. The video is 10 minutes long with a 20-minute discussion to follow. See Pat & John & Pastor.

### **Soup, Conversation and Reflection**

Pastor Brad has been gathering on the last Wednesday evening of the month (give or take) offering a quiet time to eat together, talk with one another and to pray using reflective worship patterns, like Taize, chant, and Holden Evening Prayer. The soup is good and hot. The sharing is hopeful and the worship allows a time to pause, give thanks and release our burdens to God.

Soup is served by 5:30 with everything wrapping up before 7pm. The upcoming dates are: January 23, February 27, March 20, April 24, May 22, June 26, and July 31.

### **Coldest Night of the Year WALK for St. Vincent Place**

Consider putting a team together for this walk or sign up with an existing team.

Jennifer Sarlo is the Event Director for the walk. Check out the website at

[www.cnoy.org/saultste.marie](http://www.cnoy.org/saultste.marie) for more

information. The walk takes place on February 23, 2019 from St. Vincent Place.

### **Shawarma Night Fundraiser** (with

proceeds going towards the operating fund) will be held Sat., January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 until 8 pm. Tickets are pre-sold until Sun. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Call Arianna Christenson 705-206-5955 if you are interested.

### **Pastoral Hospital or Home Visits:**

Pastoral visits are available and welcomed by Pastor Brad. It is important that ***you inform the Church Office or Pastor Brad of anyone wishing a visit. Home Communion is available.***

# An Ecumenical Service of the Word & Prayer for **Christian Unity**

Sunday, January 27, 2019 | 2pm  
St. Andrew's United Church  
1712 Wellington St. E, Sault Ste. Marie  
705-254-6661



**JUSTICE AND ONLY JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE.**

DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** Ecumenical Planning Partners: Anglican Church of Canada,  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Roman Catholic Church, United Church of Canada

