

ZIONNEWS

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PASTOR'S DEVOTIONAL "ATTICS"

There's something about attics that have always fascinated me. They can mesmerize and paralyze. They're good for tripping and forgetting this present world. It's best not to risk a visit to the attic unless one is prepared to let twenty minutes become half a day.

The "I remember" room, it brings lumps to the throat or chuckles of recollection. With half a century for forgetting I can smell my grandparents' attic yet, and see it too. Seed corn by the chimney, National Geographics and Time magazines that go back to the 1930's piled against the wall, sentimental throwaways that just wouldn't be thrown, and things outgrown or out of date.

I think one needs to visit the attic of the heart, the musty, back spaces of the mind, to bring to remembrance the days when one clung to too small a God and confessed an inadequate creed, too cramped for the human situation. My opinion anyways.

It is well that we visit our attics. But, as my grandmother used to say, "Don't drag things down."

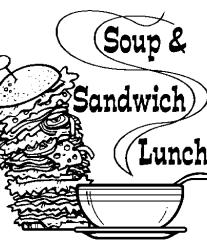
There's beauty and deep meaning in the attic, but it mustn't be the living room. It's not for changing, just remembering. And to live is always to change.

For those of us who have spent our life in the church, don't we know it.

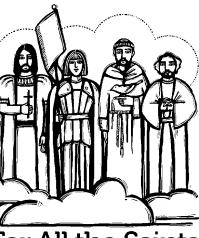
Peace be with you,

Rev. Douglas Reble
Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON



On Sunday, November 11, following our worship service, you are invited to remain for a soup and sandwich luncheon in benefit of Homes For Hope, which builds homes for people in need throughout Central America. Walter Mueller will be going to El Salvador from November 17 to 30. We will send him off with prayers, along with some of his fellow mission trip participants, on the 11th, as well. All are welcome to the lunch. A free will offering will be received.



ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP

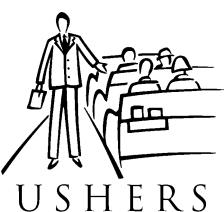
On Sunday, November 4, our parish, together with Christians around the world celebrates the Festival of All Saints. A time to celebrate the triumph of the Lord of Life Jesus Christ over the powers of death, the day is traditionally the time Christians remember those by name who have died since the last All Saints' Day. Indeed it is a good time to remember all our loved ones who have died and to praise our Lord for his victory over death and the grave. Our All Saints' liturgy will be celebrated at the 10 AM service. Come and worship!



DANCE NIGHT AT ZION

By popular demand, the Congregational Life Committee is hosting another night of "Dancing With The Sippels" on Saturday, November 10 beginning at 7 PM. Our leaders and "teachers" are Bruce and Beth Sippel who are ballroom dancing "afficionados."

All you need to bring is yourself (with or without dance partner), your own beverage of choice and a snack to share. Feel free to invite a friend to this evening of fun. A great way to celebrate Martin Luther's birthday!



USHER'S WORKSHOP

Wayne Young, chairperson of our Worship and Music Committee and Pastor Doug are hosting a workshop for usher captains, ushers, and those who might want to be ushers on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 PM lasting no more than one hour. This gathering is in support of the people who do this ministry. Also, with one Sunday morning service and a more fuller service, ushers sometimes need to help people with seating as well as receive the offering. Thanks for coming out ushers!



MARCO BURAK CONCERT

Join our own Marco Burak and his colleagues Michel Allard, Michael Dobinson, as they present premiere performances of new musical compositions, some reflecting various responses to the War of 1812 as part of their final "MMMM Composers In Concert" presentation for 2012. The concert takes place on Saturday, November 3, at 4 PM, at Zion. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Friendship Meal ministry program of our congregation.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SNIPIT

Sunday School has been underway for a little over a month now and it has been wonderful to see all the children. There are many returning children and some new faces as well which is so nice to see. We would like to thank all our teachers and helpers that volunteer their time as they play a large part in the success of the spiritual guidance of our children. We look forward to a continuing great year ahead.

Thanks,
Mitzi Podann & Tina Small, Sunday School Co-ordinators

P.S. As in other years, parents are asked to not come into the Sunday School area until the classes are over at 11:30 AM. You are invited to go downstairs into our Fellowship Hall for coffee or cold drink or feel free to sit in the sanctuary while you wait. Thanks for understanding.

P.P.S. If you require envelopes for your child's Sunday School offering just ask the Sunday School Co-ordinators, Mitzi Podann or Tina Small.

P.P.P.S. **Heads Up! This year we will be returning to what we used to do at Zion. The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday evening, December 16 at 7 PM.**

WOMEN OF FAITH NEWS

Our Women of Faith group happenings during November are as follows:

Monday, November 5: The WOF Board meets at 7 PM.

Tuesday, November 13: The Gleaner Circle of WOF meets at 2 PM around the theme of "Remembrance Day."

Wednesday, November 28: The Mary Martha Circle of WOF meets at 7:30 PM.

Saturday, December 1: The WOF gather at 9 AM to pack the Christmas Shut-in Baskets. Cookies will be needed.

Sunday, December 2: The WOF Christmas dinner takes place. More information will follows.



Funeral Luncheon

We are need in of several people to help us with the work of our church.

☺ We are currently looking for ladies to help in flower arranging. This job is a one month a year job working with another person.

☺ We are also looking for ladies who are willing to be convenors for funeral luncheons. (We desperately need help in this area).

You do not have to be a member of WOF to volunteer. Please pray carefully and say yes in doing either tasks.

Roll call for CLWR Learning and Living Kit. The item, this month, is one metric ruler (30 cm), one pencil sharpener, and one eraser. There is a box, at the back of the church, for you to drop off your items for those who would like to help in our ongoing project.

For more information about WOF Happenings, please contact the WOF President Linda Springer at klspringer@rogers.com or 519-273-2093.



ZION TABLE FOR SENIORS

Our next gathering of Zion Table For Seniors, our ministry which promotes fun, food, and friendship takes place on Tuesday, November 27 at 12 noon. Please let Doris Bartlett (519-271-9622) or Phyllis Jeffery (519-271-3668) know by Monday, November 19 if you can attend. Lunch cost is only \$10.

Our after dinner entertainment is the gifted Randy Satchell of Mitchell. Randy entertained at our 85th Birthday Party in June and was very well received. All are welcome!

FRIENDSHIP MEAL NEWS



Our Friendship Meal ministry continues to serve the people of our community who are in need. Of course, given these difficult economic times the need increases. Our next Friendship Meal is Friday, November 30. Thank you "ministers" of Zion for your continuous support and help which is a great blessing. Questions?

Call our coordinators Ingrid Fraser (519-271-4382) or Pastor Robert Hutchison (519-271-5808). They'd love to hear from you.

P.S. Due to the number of community Christmas dinners that are held in and around Stratford in December, we are going to have no Friendship Meal in December. We'll give our volunteers a well-deserved rest but we'll be back in January.

NOVEMBER 2012 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers assist with our Sunday morning worship services. Listed below are those who serve in November as a reminder and as a thank you for serving.

Date	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Readers	Usher Captain	Counting Captain
Nov. 4	Mike Bondi & Stephen Fischer	Scott & Janice Beirness	Joanne Wallace	Wayne Hinz	Steve Arand
Nov. 11	N/A	Sharyn Cheney	Melissa Tuer	Jerry Terhaerdt	Brian Stever
Nov. 18	N/A	Brayden Broadfoot	Bob Gladding	Jerry Terhaerdt	Brian Stever
Nov. 25	David Bennewitz & Verne Hammer	Brian & Sharyl Coe	Susan Steven	Tom Cosstick	Liz Bomasuit



Franklin Famme & Stephanie MacDonald on November 9



Verdella Harloff, September 26
Jack Listman, September 27
Gordon Ruller, October 20

ZION CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>
Monthly Requirements	\$28,000.00	\$4,600.00
September Income	\$26,007.18	\$3,400.00
September Expenses	\$25,774.51	\$3,400.00

CURRENT FUND DEFICIT (as of September 30, 2012): \$38,548.77

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT



Last year the island nation of Samoa made the choice to just skip a day. Like Lords of Time, they eliminated December 30th altogether, and jumped from the 29th to the 31st. Now there was method to their madness. Samoa was on a different side of the International Date Line from her primary trading partners, New Zealand and Australia. When it was Monday in Australia it was Sunday in Samoa. When it was Friday in Samoa it was Saturday in Australia. That meant that there were only three days available for trade and commerce each week. By moving one time zone over, suddenly there was greater potential for commerce and gain.

Of course the people whose birthdays were on December 30 didn't get a special day that year! But it was a small price to pay for the possibility of greater commerce. Still, it's a reminder that we manage the way we use this precious gift of time, and that, regardless of what name or number we give to a day, we have a limited number of days to do the Lord's work. Whether we call this Saturday, Sunday, a day of rest, or the catch-up day for all that remained undone during the week, there is only one who reigns, and our offerings are an integral part of our service.

Something to think about!

WLS INVITES YOU!

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is hosting an all day event on Monday, November 12 from 9 AM to 4 PM entitled "A Dialogue On The Role Of Religion And Spirituality In The Aboriginal Worldview." Key note speaker is the Rev. Ray Aldred, a status Cree from northern Alberta who teaches theology at the Ambrose Seminary in Calgary. The afternoon panel is made up of Myeengun Henry, an elder and aboriginal traditional counselor from the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation near London, Ontario and the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, the Anglican Church of Canada's first National Indigenous Bishop.

Register online at www.seminary.wlu.ca Forms by November 5. For more information contact Dorinda Kruger Allen at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary at 519-884-0710 x3241. Cost of the event is \$30 or \$20 for students.

CLWR NEWS



Canadian Lutheran World Relief, through its We Care program, ships thousands of goods to people in need every year, thanks to congregations, service groups, and individuals. In the spring of 2013, CLWR will be sending their first ever shipment to El Salvador, where our partners have identified a need for school supplies. Zion Church, through our Women of Faith group, will be collecting items for these Living and Learning Kits. These kits, make a real difference in the lives of young students and improve their quality of education. Look to the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter to see how you can help. Thank you for your gifts.



COMMUNITY SENIOR PROGRAMS

Tri-County Mennonite Homes is offering a public education night entitled "Transitions In The Latter Years" on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 PM at the Greenwood Court Auditorium, 90 Greenwood Dr., Stratford. The retirement years are full of change and transition in many ways; physical changes may dominate our thinking but spiritual and emotional transitions are equally numerous. Dr. David Grant of Waterloo, a physician with 32 years of experience of caring for the elderly and Rev. Bev Suderman-Gladwell, a Mennonite Chaplain at Parkview Mennonite Home, will discuss these changes focusing on such questions as "Living And Aging Well," "Is It Time To Move?" and "End Of Life Considerations." There will be time for questions. All are welcome. No admission fee. Refreshments to follow.

Family Services Huron-Perth offers support for older adults and their caregivers through their Stratford office at 142 Waterloo St. South or by calling 519-273-1020. Counselling and information is offered around such topics as: coping more effectively with age-related changes; managing caregiver stress, exploring accommodation problems; identifying elder abuse and learning what to do about it; grief and loss; finding community and/or government services.

MISSION IN THE WORLD UPDATE

Dear Friends *In Mission for Others* through Global Mission,

I am grateful to have this opportunity to express my appreciation to you on behalf of the many people the ELCIC impacts through Global Mission.

The support you provide through your designated gifts to ELCIC Global Mission is truly inspiring. Last year ELCIC Global Mission (GM) giving exceeded \$209,000, of which \$69,365 was for the Companion Synod Program. These funds were provided by numerous congregations and individuals.

LONG-TERM MISSIONARY UPDATES

Lori Endress returned from Thailand in June of 2011 and has retired in the Winnipeg area.

In 2012, decreases in benevolence to the National Office meant difficult decisions for National Church Council. As a result of benevolence shortfalls, Rev. Brian Rude was recalled as of December 31, 2012 from active service in El Salvador. Rev. Rude will remain in El Salvador following retirement from the ELCIC's roster and we give thanks for his many years of faithful service to the church and the people of El Salvador.

We welcomed Rev. Fran Schmidt back to Canada from four years of service in Peru and we thank her for her leadership within the church there. Rev. Schmidt chose to not renew her contract and returned to Canada in June 2012.

Thank you to all, congregations and individuals, who generously supported Lori Endress, Rev. Rude and Rev. Schmidt in prayers and through designated giving. We ask for you to consider continuing your financial support to enable the ELCIC GM to be *In Mission for Others* in the world through ministry in the other existing mission areas. Directed giving to ELCIC GM individually and as a congregation can be done

through your congregation and also on the ELCIC website at: www.elcic.ca/global-mission.

LOCAL PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY ELCIC GM

ELCIC GM remains committed to the full administration, funding and supervision of these ELCIC existing programs areas. However, we urgently need your support in order to fulfill this commitment to these vital ministries.

Peru; Rev. Yoli Zavaleta in the Amazon Mission: The Peruvian Lutheran Church (ILEP) is a young church of only eighteen years. They have approximately four hundred and forty members in thirteen churches.

In Iquitos, the Northern region of Peru, Rev. Zavaleta continues the work of Rev. Katharine Bergbusch as a pastor at the mission congregation of Fiel es Dios (God is Faithful). Iquitos is only accessible by boat or air; it is a delightful region to visit. The small congregation of Fiel es Dios is a vibrant congregation. Your financial contribution goes a long way to support Rev. Yoli and the Fiel es Dios congregation.

Patagonia Mission, Argentina; Rev. Sergio Utz and a new IELU Mission Pastor: In the Patagonia Mission in Argentina, Rev. Sergio Utz, and a pastor soon to be determined, faithfully serve local mission congregations. Since 2002 the ELCIC GM shares a joint mission with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELU) in Southern Argentina in supporting this mission. Your continued funds support Rev. Sergio Utz in Esperanza del Sur (Hope of the South) congregation in Esquel and Cruz del Sur (Southern Cross) congregation in Bariloche as well as work with Mapuche aborigines at Cushmen.

Funds also support the mission at San Juan Bautista congregation in Comodoro Rivadavia who had been served by Rev. Gustavo Gomez and are presently in a call process. In April of 2012, Rev. Gustavo Gomez was elected as the President of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina.

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

ELCIC GM continues to be in close relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) Global Mission and as a result of this partnership, the ELCA has opened positions for ELCIC youth (between ages 19-29) to participate in Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). YAGM is a youth volunteer program in which youth are placed for year-long volunteer service positions in various countries.

In 2012, Jane Gingrich was selected through the YAGM program to go to Madagascar. YAGM volunteers are responsible to raise \$4,000.00 through local fundraising initiatives.

In 2013, in partnerships with Canadian Lutheran World Relief, we hope to have two ELCIC youth participate in the YAGM volunteer program. Youth between the ages of 19-29 are welcome to apply through the ELCA YAGM website. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2013.

Thank you for your past support which has enabled this rich work to be undertaken! And thank you for your continued support and future engagement *In Mission for Others* through your support of ELCIC GM. Your support is vital to continuing in these ministry areas.

If you would like any additional information, I would welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,
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Assistant to the Bishop, Global Mission
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