

# *Zion Evangelical United Church*

*1886 ~ 2026*

*Empowered by God's Love  
for 140 Years!*

## *Our History Continued*

*1986 marked 100 years for Zion. The Logo was:  
"1886 People of Zion Rejoice 1986".*

*Also, in 1986 Zion purchased the house on the corner opposite  
the church owned by Herb Baird, an Official Board Member and  
Elder who passed away.*

*In 1987 we purchased another bus to replace the old one. In  
1989 a computer was purchased for the church office. The  
Manse was officially sold at the end of June for \$112,000.00.*

*A new building project was undertaken to allow handicap access  
and the doorway at the Fellowship Hall entrance was changed  
to include a ramp and the minister's office was moved to allow  
a washroom to be put in on the main floor with wheelchair  
access. The project cost was \$44,957.75. A government  
grant of \$21,000.00 was received leaving Zion's share at  
\$23,957.75 which was covered in the special offerings to the  
Building Fund.*

*Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Rev. Sheldon Alley

*June 7, 2026*

*Our Mission Statement*

*"To be a welcoming, Christ centered community, empowered to share God's love and to make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer, and acts of caring."*

**Prelude**

**Shelley Jodoin**

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

**Rev. Alley**

*As we gather together, we acknowledge that our buildings and ministries are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin People who have inhabited and cared for these lands for time immemorial. We express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided and will continue to provide.*

**Announcements**

**Eunice Getz**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Rev. Alley**

**Hymn**

***Be Thou My Vision***

**#562**

**Call to Worship**

Come, let us celebrate the abundant love of God.

**We rejoice that we are drawn together in Christ.**

Come, let us celebrate God's love offered to us forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope.**

Come, let us celebrate that we are children of God.

**We rejoice in God's everlasting love as children of God together.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Creating God, radiant with Grace; every part of creation sings to your glory. We come today with open hearts to bring peace and healing to all people.

**Creating God, Love Divine, we come today with open hearts to provide and protect all children of the earth. We come today with open hearts to respect the earth, and all the gifts of the earth. We come today with open hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.**

Creating God, who has always created and is always creating we come to you today in our brokenness. We are surrounded by the wonders of your creation; and yet we confess that we often lose sight of these wonders.

**We forget to recognize your presence in the world today and in our lives. We confess that we don't see you in all of creation. We recognize that we don't always treat others as we wish to be treated, even those within our own community. We confess that sometimes our own pain colours the way we view others.**

We confess that we see that there are many lost in the world today, but we are so concerned with our own lives that we don't make time for others. We confess that we need your guidance and presence in our lives and in the world.

**Creating God, thank you for your patience as we lose our way. We know that you are always there waiting for us. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Assurance**

God's love and promises are new every day. They flow to us like a river. Know that you are drenched in God's love this day and every day. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all what we need in order to be faithful. Friends, believe in and receive the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

**Youth Time** (*Children exit for Sunday School following lesson.*)

## Prayer for Understanding

Holy Mystery, we receive your word into this service and into our lives. Give us the courage to listen. As the Scriptures are read, may your Spirit rise up in us—not for certainty, but for wisdom, not for comfort alone, but for truth. Give us ears to hear beyond the words, and hearts wide enough to be changed by what we find. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

Sherry Blaedow

*Hosea 5: 15 and 6: 6 (pg 874)*

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 33: 1-12

Shout to God for joy, you righteous!

Praise is fitting from loyal hearts.

**Give thanks to God with the harp,  
sing praise to God with the ten-stringed lute.**

Sing a new song to God; play skillfully and with shouts of joy.

**For the word of God is true; God's every deed is faithful.**

You love what is right and just;  
the earth is full of your constant love.

**By your word the heavens were made;  
the countless stars by the breath of your mouth.**

You gathered the waters of the sea as in a goatskin;

**You stored the deep in cisterns.**

Let all the earth fear you, O God,  
**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe.**

For you spoke and it came to be;  
you commanded and it stood firm.

**You foil the plans of the nations,  
and frustrate the schemes of the peoples.**

Your counsel, O God, shall stand forever,  
the purposes of your heart through all generations.

**Happy the nation who has you as God.**

**Happy the people you choose as your own.**

Our heart rejoices in you, O God,  
because our hope is in your holy name.

Let your steadfast love be upon us as we put our trust in you.

Scripture *Matthew 9: 9-13 (pg 941)*

*"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God."*

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

#665

### Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet the needs of the lives touched by the work of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. Amen.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Loving Presence, we thank you for the grace that meets us in brokenness and beauty alike and for each breath, each kindness, and each story told in courage. **God of all mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray for the forgotten places—in our world and in ourselves, where systems crush spirit and silence takes root.

**God of all mercy, hear our prayers.**

We remember the ones whose names are erased—the last, the least, and the lost. **God of all mercy, hear our prayers.**

We lift those in this community whose hearts are heavy with grief, whose minds carry anxiety, whose bodies are weary or unwell.

**God of all mercy, hear our prayers.**

We pray for ourselves—that we might be tender with our blind spots, honest with our fears, and bold in our hope.

**God of all mercy, hear our prayers.**

Loving Presence, gather all our whispered prayers, those spoken and those unspoken, into your great heart. We pray in the name of Jesus who both invites and commissions us into the work of spreading love and light to all people, and in the words we now say together in the way were taught to pray: **“Our Father...”**

**Hymn**

***Here I Am, Lord***

**#589**

**Benediction**

Go now, with your name spoken in love by the Holy One. Go, with your shadows named and held, your wounds neither hidden nor glorified. Go, as people unafraid to speak the truth—even the hard truth—because you are rooted in grace. **Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Shelley Jodoin**

## ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Family & Friends of Zion,**

*Welcome one and all!*

### **Coffee Time**

*Birthday Cake Sunday will follow our Service. Thank you to Laurie Schroeder and Sheila Neuman for hosting the celebration of all our June birthdays.*

### **Following Coffee Time**

*It would be greatly appreciated if we could have some volunteers to help put away the long tables in the Fellowship Hall and get the round tables set up.*

### **Trinity Sunday Communion Service**

*Our service was amazing! Our combined choir, the youth time bells presentation, the congregational singing, the delicious luncheon and time of fellowship made for a truly memorable Sunday. We are very grateful for all the effort that went into preparing for this special day. Thank you to Rev. Alley and Rev. Susan deHaan for their leadership.*

### **Joint Profile & Search Committee**

*At our last meeting on May 20th Victoria Andrews from Regional Council answered several of our questions and directed us to get our Church Profile and Minister Job Description prepared and ready to post onto the Church Hub. This enables potential candidates to see online what our church is all about. Another meeting of our team is scheduled for June 18th at 1:00 either by Zoom or in the Wesley Library.*

### **Zion Board Meeting**

*A meeting will follow our Worship Service on Sunday, June 14th.*

### **Special Upcoming Service—Hugli's Blueberry Ranch Picnic**

*June 28th at 11:00, a Potluck Luncheon will follow the Service, please bring finger foods, Zion is asked to provide some drinks, Rhodina will bring a large canteen of water.*

### **Bernadette McCann House**

*Thank you everyone for your generous donations to this important cause. These items will be taken to the shelter the week of June 8th to 12th.*

### **Zion's Spring Yard Sale**

*Our sale was a huge success. Thank you so much to all our people who came out to make our sale work so smoothly. Thank you to Mike Kearns, Willy deHaan and Kathy Ness who sold several large items in our parking lot. Thank you to Susan Hanniman and Joan deHaan who looked after our Bake Table, to Heather Lariviere who ran our Boutique and to Joan Buder and Sherry Blaedow who were in charge of our Main Cash.*

*We are very grateful to all our workers who looked after our customers and kept all our items tidied up during the sale. Thanks to Shirley Popkie, Betty Wodzak, Bev Jones, Eunice Getz, Debbie Kearns, Jonathan Buder, and Blainne Blaedow for pitching in.*

*We earned a grand total of \$2236.50. We still had a lot of items that we were able to donate to the Big Give Away which took place on June 6th.*

*Thanks so much to Ellard Popkie, Larry Dament, Joan Buder, Heather Lariviere, Mike Kearns, Eunice Getz and Sherry Blaedow who loaded up vehicles to bring to Pine Ridge Family Church this past week. What an amazing accomplishment!*

### **Outreach Committee Meeting**

*A brief meeting will take place today during Coffee Time to decide on disbursement of funds. Your ideas will be welcomed as to how to share our funds to support others. Presently, our Outreach money balance is at \$2584.38. Some suggestions to think about would be Golden Lake Camp, Wesley Soup Kitchen, The Grind, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Daily Bread Ministries, etc. Also, will we be setting a date for an upcoming fundraiser such as a Fall Fair, a Tea,...?*

### **Updating Our Directory**

*Please find forms hanging from our office bulletin board if you have any changes to your contact information. This will assist us in keeping our office directory accurate for future mailings and making phone calls. We respect your right to keep your information private. Please let us know if those are your wishes. Forms can be dropped off to our church office.*

**If you have prayer requests** for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825.

**Keep in your prayers** those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times.

*We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Willy deHaan, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.*

### **New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$5058.95**

*Wow! We are getting closer to our goal. Hopefully, our workers will be able to coordinate their schedules soon to begin work on our new sign.*

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**\*See Details on Office Bulletin Board**

Postings from First Step Options:

*\*Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign—Mother's Day to Father's Day*

Resurrection Lutheran Church:

*\*Annual Public Bible Reading—June 7th from 1:00 to 2:30*

Trinity United Church in Forester's Falls:

\*Pork BBQ—June 7th from 4:30 to 6:30 at 1982 Forester's Falls Road, dinner includes pork on a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, cold and hot drinks and desserts, \$20 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under, takeout is available

Mount Zion United Church:

\*Memorial Service—June 14th at 2:00 at Historical Site, Kirche on Baron Canyon Road, Special Music, Strawberry Social

Wesley United Church:

\*Card Party—June 15th with Luncheon beginning at 11:30

Beachburg Pastoral Charge:

\*Hosted by St. Andrew's in Beachburg & Trinity in Forester's Falls  
Camp Service at Golden Lake Camp June 28th at 3:00 led by Rev. Kevin Moratz, music, camp songs, and tour of camp

Camp Lau-Ren:

\*Open House—June 13th from 11:00 to 2:00 at 210 Lau-Ren Road in Laurentian Hills Township west of Deep River, tour of the camp, hear about programs, free BBQ, donation envelopes available

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