



*Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026
Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Worship Service by Rev. Sheldon Alley

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 and Acknowledgment

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

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Call to Worship

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

That we may share God's love and life. May we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

The living Christ is with us.

Let us worship and Praise God!

Reflection on International Women's Day

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, Fount of Every Blessing, we come to you this morning, opening our parched places to receive the springs of living water you offer to us.

Prayers of the People

God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision. You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before You now. We now lift up to you those whom we pray for today. **Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care. **Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus, the living water, we lift up these prayers. As we travel this Season of Lent may we reflect on the needs of world, looking first deep within ourselves and then sharing that with others. May we remain disciplined in the ways of our faith. May we strive to grow in this season. In every decision going forward, let love be our guide. These things we pray in the name of Jesus. And if you feel led to do so we continue to pray in the way we are taught saying, **“Our Father...”**

The Joint Profile & Search Committee attended an online workshop yesterday at Wesley entitled, "Shaping The Future."

Zion's Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for May 23rd. Please be thinking about items you could donate to our sale while doing your spring cleaning. Items can be stored on our stage prior to the sale.

Outreach Project for Lent is to collect for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please help us fill our collection box at the parking lot entrance before Easter arrives. A donation container can be found on the back table in the sanctuary, as monetary donations are also much appreciated. A list of items is included in the bulletin.

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, Reg Getz, Tim Getz, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney Krieger, Wayne Lemke, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder. Les and Janice Reavie, and Martin Verkruisen.

New Sign Funds Raised To Date--\$4128.95

Thank you for your continued support. By writing, "New Sign" on your offering envelope, your amount will be added to the fund.

An Open Door Bible Study During Lent

Zion, Calvin and Wesley congregations are invited if interested in pursuing spiritual growth and discussing our faith. Please see details about the Bible Study on our Community News bulletin board.

Other Community News—See Details on Bulletin Board

Postings from First Step Options:

*Free Support Group for Hope & Healing After Abortion—April 7th

*Nurture Language and Early Literacy Free Workshop—April 15th

*Dinner, Drama, and a Difference Fundraiser—May 2nd

Fundraising Event for Camp Lau-Ren:

*Release Your Creativity Paint Evening—April 10th

Words of Wisdom

"Lent is a journey inward, so that Easter can be a celebration outward."

**OUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME
1886—2026**

NEW PIECE OF HISTORY FOR THE WEEK

In 1915 William Markus, a member of the congregation was appointed one of the lay delegates of the Canada Conference, to the General Conference of the Evangelical Association held at Los Angeles, California.

In 1916 the Annual Canada Conference convened in Pembroke for the first time. One of Zion's laymen paid the complete travelling expenses of the delegates and ministers from and to Toronto. For the occasion, a basement was added to the church building.

In 1919 the congregation procured land for a church cemetery. The merger of the "Evangelical Association" and the "Evangelical Church" in 1922 meant that the congregation was to be known for the next twenty-four years as Zion Evangelical Church.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Donations for Lent

Here is a list of suggestions based on what we need. These donations are primarily for preparing our meals in house. We try not to duplicate the work of St. Joseph's Food Bank, so our suggestion list is short.

Canned Goods

- Diced Tomatoes
- Soup: Tomato, Beef Broth, or Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sauces: Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce, Tomato Paste, Salsa, Gravy, Soya Sauce
- Canned Vegetables: Corn, Peas, Peas & Carrots, (No Green Beans, please)
- Canned Fruit: All kinds
- Canned Protein: Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Ham, Turkey, Beans (only kidney beans)
- Mayo
- Salad Dressing: Caesar, Ranch, French, Greek

Dry Goods

- Pasta: Macaroni, Lasagna Noodles, Spaghetti, Penne
- Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate
- Parmesan Cheese
- Vegetable & Olive Oil
- Spices: Oregano, Italian Seasoning, Onion Powder, Thyme
- Onion Soup Mix
- Sugar: White or Brown
- Flour

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