



Our Mission

We are a welcoming, caring community, called by Christ, and enabled by the Spirit, to share God's love by living our faith.

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(See Amazing!...

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Annual General Meeting

Make your voice heard on February 5!

a reminder from your Church Council

Mount Zion's Annual General Meeting – the highest decision making gathering of the congregation – will take place on **February 5, 2012 immediately following the 10:00 am worship service.**

The purpose of the meeting is to reflect on the congregation's past year of Ministry, and to set the agenda for the future. This involves reviewing the contents of the Annual Report - seeing what you, your Council and committees accomplished during 2011, and what is planned for 2012 and beyond.

It also means discussing, becoming engaged in those plans, and committing support for them. It requires taking responsibility for the financial future of the congregation by approving a budget for 2012 - and then actively supporting that budget with personal offerings.

This year, the budget and the plans it supports, need thoughtful reflection as Mount Zion is standing at a crossroad in its ministry and vision. **ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION SHOULD ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** so they can actively participate in the decision making process.

If something makes it *impossible* for you to attend this important meeting, you can still make your voice heard by casting a proxy vote. A proxy is a very poor option to being there in person, to hearing what is happening and contributing with your comments and thoughts, but a proxy does at least enable you to vote. You can obtain a *proxy vote* form by contacting the church office.

How does a proxy work? A proxy is a document that allows you to sign over your right to vote to someone else. That person could be a family member, a member of Church Council, or any other adult member who (You will want to make yourself aware of *Continued on Page 3*

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Lutheran Church
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Service

The changing face of Mount Zion

- Pastor Krister Ulmanis

People are always coming and going in a congregation. There are the obvious births and deaths, the joinings, the transfers in and transfers out. And then there are the leavings that are not so easily known.

Children and grandchildren grow up and go off “temporarily” to university, to new jobs, new relationships and new lives elsewhere – and many never quite return. Sometimes a family member – or a whole family – stops coming to church or simply moves elsewhere. In many of these instances, the church is the last to be told what is happening in busy lives – and our membership records never quite catch up.

Discrepancies in member numbers are something Church Council has become very aware of in recent years: there has been a decline in worship attendance, in Sunday Church School attendance, and in the volunteer base we draw on for ministry and service activities – and for financial support.

Accurate membership numbers are important. As we look at the mission and vision of Mount Zion, we cannot pretend that we are the same church we were 10 years ago, or even five years ago (in 2006, Synod records still showed our Mount Zion family as numbering more than 800). So when we look at our finances, our volunteer base, and how we do ministry, it’s critical that we take into consideration the major changes in our membership that have occurred.

Disturbing statistics

Looking at those changes was a task I undertook on Council’s behalf this past fall.

I started with reality: with the last full year’s worship attendance figures – as recorded in Mount Zion’s 2010 Annual Report to the congregation.



The 50th Anniversary Congregational Photo

Those figures were disturbing; because the report showed *average attendance* at worship in 2010 was **37 for the 8:45 service**, and **119 for the 10:45**. That’s a total of **156 attendees** – not necessarily members – on an average Sunday. And that raises the questions: just who are Mount Zion members? And how many are there?

To arrive at a more current and accurate membership number, I devoted a week in October to gathering names from all available records in the church office to see who should appear on what membership list.

Our Synod and National Church Offices ask for a Parochial Report each year which looks for two figures: the number of active members in the congregation, and the number who are inactive. But how do we determine who is an active member in good standing? For that, I turned to Mount Zion’s *Constitution, Bylaw #3, Section 7* which offers this definition:

“A Member in good standing is one who partakes of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, supports the church with offerings and participates in the life and worship of the congregation, and is faithful in carrying out the responsibilities of membership.”

Applying the definition revealed some startling statistics in October. Since then, changes and

refinement produced these totals as of December 15, 2011:

Adults (baptized and confirmed)	397
Children (baptized)	<u>47</u>
TOTAL:	444

Just five years ago a “comparable” total was **822**. Ten years ago it was **810**.

Precise numbers may be debatable because there have been changes in reporting and reporting methods over the years. But there is no doubt that there has been a significant change in our membership numbers, and we cannot pretend Mount Zion is the same church it was 10 years ago.

The important part is determining what that means for us *now* - when we look at the Mission and Vision of Mount Zion: when we look at the finances, the volunteer base, and how we do ministry. The importance of both outreach and member growth are acknowledged in the congregation’s *Strategic Directions*.

More to be done

There is more to be done to fine tune our lists of inactive and active members, and I will be working with a small ad hoc group to continue this work in early 2012. Questions to be addressed include: are there members on the active list who should not appear there, and are there some on the inactive list who belong on the active listing? Are there names that should be removed all together? In some instances, answers may be obvious. In others, more research may be needed and contact made with people to find answers.

And we need to be careful and sensitive as we proceed. In my experience I have learned that some people find it difficult to think of their children or other relatives being removed from our member lists – even though they have not been to church or contributed financially (See 3:7 above) for many years.

I discovered their concern is that, once removed from a membership list, these family members (or

friends) will be denied pastoral ministry when they need it – e.g. for a baptism, marriage, or funeral.

I assure them, most emphatically, that ministry does not work that way. Mount Zion is here for people, regardless of current membership status. That is our mission. Our need for accurate membership lists is a very practical one: to help us make informed decisions on how we strive to carry out that mission.

Make Your Voice Heard

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what issues are coming up at the meeting, and to give clear instructions to your proxy on how he or she is to vote for you.) Giving someone a proxy vote is something that should not be done lightly. Although it removes you from participating in any debate, it DOES NOT absolve you from your member responsibility to honour and support the decisions that are made at the Annual General Meeting. (Similarly, a member who does not attend the meeting OR exercise a proxy vote, is still obligated to support any motions passed or financial commitments made.)

Questions about the Annual General Meeting, about your role in it, or about proxy voting? Check out Bylaw #1(Sec 8.10) under the Documents heading on the Mount Zion website. Or contact Church Council members or the church office at mtzion@mzlc.ca

Service Committee launches *Adopt a Cause 2012*

Barb Barnes, Service Committee Member

In keeping with our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's objective that we be a church "*in mission for others*", and our own Mount Zion mission statement describing ourselves as a "*caring community*", we launched our first quarter focus for "Adopt a Cause" on January 1, 2012 with the focus being on **Mary's Place, January 1 – March 31.**

The YWCA has operated a women's residence since 1905 when it was known as "*The Berlin Young Women's Christian Association*". It was run out of a rented building in the (Kitchener) downtown area. In 1915 they moved to the 84 Frederick St. location and were known as the YWCA.

In 1990, with more supportive programs added and more need for short-term and emergency shelters, other residences were added to the YWCA including a 45 unit supportive housing building in Waterloo known as Lincoln Road Residence. It was then decided that the YWCA needed another name to distinguish the residence/shelters from the Y as an organization and from the other Y programs. It was at this time they came up with "*Mary's Place*". The



name Mary was chosen for Mary Kaufman, the first President of the 1905 "*The Berlin Young Women's Christian Association*".

The programs the YWCA/Mary's Place run

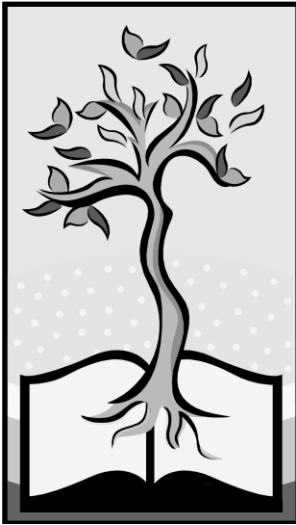
are very diverse. In addition to sheltering women there are programs for children, prison based counselling, and they speak out on issues that affect women and families. A couple of years ago when need arose, men, as part of a family unit, were added to the residences as a number of families came in need. The Y is now providing the shelter to keep families together with supports.

For this first quarter of 2012 we at Mount Zion are gathering items from the Mary's Place Wish List:

- Pillows, single bed sheets (only), blankets,
- towels, face cloths,
- dishes, cutlery and mugs.
- **New** PJ's, underwear,
- slippers & socks in various male and female sizes.
- Toiletries – male and female, hair brushes, combs, makeup, razors, shaving cream,
- tampons, toothpaste.
- Gift Cards – Tim Horton's, McDonald's, Zehrs, Sobeys, and Zellers.
- Bus tickets.

Mary's Place will be pleased to accept donations of any (or all) of the above items. Used clothing is also welcomed, but due to limited storage space at 84 Frederick, it is requested that used clothing donations be dropped off at other locations. For a list of these places please call Barb Barnes at 519-886-3263 or email b.barnes@rogers.com You can also call Margaret Murison 519-885-5022 or Ann Crossman at 519-884-3077.

You will notice a new banner in the narthex promoting the Service Committee's "Adopt a Cause" for 2012. On the table directly below the banner is a box where you can deposit Wish List items you may want to contribute to Mary's Place. (Additional copies of the Mary's Place Wish List are available on the table.) Financial donations can also be made through your regular church envelope simply by putting the words "Mary's Place" on the "Other" line.



LifeLong Learning –

Join us in the New Year for two LifeLong Learning events. The first will begin on January 18/19 and run for 4 weeks. The topic for the New Year will be a focused Bible Study.

The second will run conjointly with Holden Evening Prayer during the Season of Lent. Topic to be announced.

Youth give of their treasures to help with 2011 deficit.

On November 27, 2011, the youth of Mount Zion, after prayerful and thoughtful conversation, donated \$1000 to the 2011 deficit. They have always appreciated the support the congregation has given to them, and in turn wanted to support their church by participating in paying down the deficit. The youth talked about a donation amount that would honour their commitment to the congregation, and not leave them financially strapped while planning for the 2012 National Youth Gathering in Saskatoon this coming summer.

Open Sesame Receives ELCIC Grant

Open Sesame again received \$2000 from the ELCIC Compassionate Justice Initiative. We are very thankful to The Missions Committee of the Eastern Synod to choose Open Sesame to receive this grant. It is help like this from the Eastern Synod that enables us to continue to provide help to special needs children in the Kitchener/Waterloo area.

Mount Zion Women's Annual Retreat

It's time to mark your calendar with the date for our Annual Women's Retreat. Those dates are Fri. April 20th -- Sun. April 22nd. Pastor Joanna Miller from Zion Phillipsburg will be our leader this year. We will be choosing our theme at our Retreat Planning Meeting in January. Watch for more details in the next Mountaineer or Sunday bulletins.

Carol Ziegler

Mount Zion Book Club Meets Feb 15



The first gathering of the new Mount Zion Book Club will take place on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to participate. The book to be discussed is *The Best Laid Plans* by Canadian author Terry Fallis. This book is a satirical look at Canadian politics, and won the Stephen Leacock award for humour.

Jackie will be borrowing a book-club set of 10 copies from the library in early January. If you would like to use one, please let her know. She would also welcome any suggestions you have for future books to be read. Contact her at 519-885-6821 or jackienunns@sympatico.ca

Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast will meet January 14 and 28th, February 11th and 25th. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak with Gerry Roeder (gerryroeder@hotmail.com).

Help Save the Friendly Visitors Ministry

Carol Ziegler

I am sure that some of you may be asking - "What is the Friendly Visitor Ministry all about?"

Sharon Egerdeen is the current co-ordinator and I was the first when it all began in 1968. I'm writing this article to inform you about why Sharon and I believe this Ministry is so important and needs to continue.

In 1968 Pastor Norman Lange had a vision about beginning a visiting committee that would reach out to members of our congregation who were unable to attend weekly worship; either because of sickness or due to age related complications in their lives. He asked me if I would co-ordinate and organize such a group.



What a "Blessing" this Ministry became as I gathered women (and yes men too) to form a visiting committee, (not connected to ELW) that would bring "the church" to fellow members of our church family, who would have otherwise felt cut-off from Mount Zion. Pastor Norm had us check back with him, after our visits, in case those visited had a concern which he needed to address.

Sharon and I both agree that our lives have been enriched and we have learned so much from the people we have visited over the years. Personally I would never have met so many wonderful members of Mount Zion without being a part of the Friendly Visitors Ministry.

I have been informed that there are only four of us left to do visiting and there are still many who would benefit from a monthly visit. So, what is the solution

to this sad situation? Well, maybe we need to regroup, with some people visiting in person and others visiting by telephone.

We are hoping to add new members to our committee and your only qualifications needed are a caring heart and a listening ear. People of any age or gender can become a Friendly Visitor. These visits may be done in either the daytime or evening and you need only give an hour or two a month of your time, or less if it is a phone call. (There are very few visits made during the summer).

Think ahead to that time when you may be unable to attend worship at Mount Zion. Wouldn't a visit from a member of your church family assure you that you had not been forgotten.

Give this Ministry some prayerful consideration and call Sharon Egerdeen at 1-519-843-7098 or Betty Behm, at the church or her home at 519-896-2245, if you have any questions about becoming a Friendly Visitor.

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Please send your comments, ideas and updates to
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A Stewardship Moment



Your Stewardship team will be very active in 2012 – beginning with the introduction of *Mount Zion Member Temple Talks* in January.

Scheduled for once a month, at both worship services, these

three to five minute presentations will give individual members an opportunity to share their experience and vision of our Church, and to acknowledge what being a member of Mount Zion means to them.

Information shared could include:

- how long you have been a member
- why you joined Mount Zion
- what things you appreciate most about our Church
- why you decided to join the...(choir, ushers) or serve on a committee, council etc.
- what “rewards” you have experienced through your serving

If you are interested in participating by contributing a *Mount Zion Member Temple Talk*, please contact either Judi Harris or Gerry Roeder.

Mitten Tree



This year Mount Zion’s Mitten Tree resulted in the following donations to Anselma House: two scarves, 25 pair of mitts, six hats, two mitt & scarf sets, six hat & scarf sets,

twelve hat & mitt sets, two hat, scarf, & mitt sets, one pair of booties for a total of 46 items. Thank you to everyone who donated and thank you to Joan & Jacqueline Schweitzer for organising this ministry.

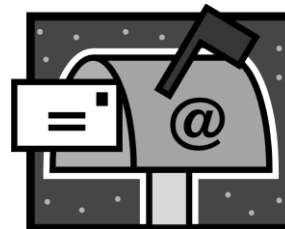
We Care!!



On behalf of the service committee, we would like to thank all of those that participated in our recent “We Care Bag” outreach. Once again the members of Mount Zion have shown that *we are a welcoming, caring community, called by Christ and enabled by the spirit, to share God’s love by living our faith*. This year we increased our contribution by an overwhelming 60% for a total of 132 bags divided into the following categories – 35 hygiene, 10 baby, 21 sewing, 7 personal and 59 learning and children’s kits that will be distributed to those in need around the world! Thank you again for continuing your support of these very important ministries!

Submitted by Shawn Rogers on behalf of the service committee

Be on Mount Zion’s email List



Every Sunday morning we send announcements to those on our email list. If you do not receive the emails it means you are not on our list. To get on

the list, please fill in the slip on the back shelf in the entrance way and drop it in the box marked “INTERNET SLIPS”

Meet the Intscherts

Judi Harris

Picture this. The year is 1956 and walking down Amos Avenue in Waterloo is Pastor Delton Glebe with an entourage of Roeder children. They are heading for the home of Michael and Lilly Intschert. Their mission is to invite the Intschert family to join with others who are forming a new congregation in the Westmount area of the city. *“To answer ‘yes’ was not difficult”* says Michael. *“This would be much closer than St. Peter’s and easier to bring our children for Sunday School”*.

So it was that the names of Michael and Lilly appear on the list of the 146 charter members who organized into Mount Zion Lutheran Church on January 27, 1957. The promise which they signed said:

“As members of the congregation we pledge to support its efforts and do all within our ability to advance its growth. We will also support the greater work of the church and the advancement of the kingdom

of Christ through the benevolence program of the church at large.” And now, 44 years later, Michael and Lilly are still active in our midst!

Entering the Intschert home a few weeks ago I was greeted with the largest array of wood carvings that I have ever experienced apart from my visit to Oberammergau! I was immediately reminded that we owe a word of gratitude to Michael for sharing his wonderful hobby with everyone at Mount Zion. First and foremost in my mind’s eye are the nativity figures that we recently enjoyed, his stations of the cross and his depiction of the Last Supper.

Michael and Lilly have 2 children, Mike and Angela, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren! Michael took up carving after retiring from BF Goodrich where he worked for 32 years. Lilly, whose hobby is

sewing, was employed for many years as a supervisor at Forsyths.

The Intscherts recall that Mike was one of the first young people to attend Confirmation Camp at Edgewood and have vivid memories of the congregation’s first year of worshipping at Empire School where church furnishings and chairs had to be set up each Saturday and taken down again on Sunday. *“Those were good times of fellowship with Ross Zinken, Lloyd Cassidy, Orley Neeb and others”*, Michael remembers. Many times, after the Saturday set-up was done, the group gathered in St. Agatha for “refreshment” and more conversation.

Over the years Michael and Lilly have both served as ushers; Michael has been on the Property committee and Lilly assisted with the nursery and funeral lunches. *“We tried to help as much as we could”*, says Lilly and Michael adds *“whatever*

the pastor asked, we did.” They especially recall a meeting at Pastor Glebe’s home where they discussed the first church building and committed to seeking pledges from families to pay for it. *“We were lucky to find nice land when the neighbourhood was just starting and it was high ground which suited the name ‘Mount Zion’”*.

The Intscherts’ happiest memories include the dedication of the first building, several anniversary services, the confirmation and marriages of their children. They are grateful that Mount Zion has always been a *“close-knit congregation”* with very little dissension. And, in their opinion, the hardest times, over the years, have had to do with raising funds, Sunday sports and store openings. Both are in agreement that *“Sunday should be sacred”*.

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In considering the present, Michael and Lilly are quick to state that they are still very happy to be members, that they like the size of the congregation, it's good children's program and the friends that they have here. *"We have good pastors and teachers. The change has been hard, but good."* Looking ahead, they believe that the congregation will be *"bigger and better"* and they pledge, as they did many years ago, to *"support the leadership"*.

I concluded my visit to the Intscherts with a happy heart and a lighter step. Their optimism and positive outlook is inspirational and I hope that their example will motivate each one of us as we continue to live out our mission statement of being a *"welcoming, caring community"*.

If The Weather Outside Is Frightful



The weather outside is frightful and you're wondering whether a service might be cancelled. In that unlikely event, the information will be available on the home page of our website www.mzlc.ca The church's answering machine will also carry news of the cancellation. We will try to have it listed on 570 News Radio on the A.M. dial.

January Youth Events



St. James is hosting a Youth Retreat January 20-22 at Camp Edgewood. If you would like to attend, please speak to PT ASAP.

January 27 – Glow in the Dark Mini Golf - @7pm - \$10.95/person or \$7.95/person if we manage to gather a group of 15.

2012 Fundraising Opportunity – Our first fundraiser event for 2012 will be discussed at the Parent/Youth Meeting on January 22. If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to participate in the fundraising project, please speak with Pastor Tanya.

National Youth Gathering 2012

There is a parent and youth meeting scheduled for January 22 to discuss the *2012 National Youth Gathering* in Saskatoon, Sask.

This meeting is important for all youth who are planning to attend the event, as we will be discussing the cost, travel arrangements and upcoming fundraisers to help pay for our trip. The meeting starts at **10 a.m. sharp**, in the Fellowship Hall!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to go to the event, please speak with Pastor Tanya.

Confirmation Camp 2012

There is a parent and youth meeting scheduled for January 22...to discuss Confirmation Camp 2012. The meeting will cover cost, registration questions, and important information about Camp. The meeting will begin at **10am sharp**, in the Lounge.



A Somewhat Belated Thank you

Perhaps you were not aware that Jim managed to break both arms performing a less than stylistically perfect dive to the basement floor at our daughter's home.

What made this unfortunate experience a lot more bearable were the prayers and kindness of many, among them the Mount Zion family. There are a considerable number of good cooks within this group and they supplied generous amounts of delicious food.

You may know that Sandra is unable to do various tasks, and since her assistant was incapacitated, life slowed to a crawl. Hence the supply of meals proved to be an outstanding contribution to our peace of mind and health.

We are appreciative and humbled by the response.

Thank you to all, especially Nurse Betty. She proved to be not only a provider of practical assistance but a gold mine of "small information" regarding procedures, possibilities, pain management and expectations.

Bless you all for your thoughtfulness and assistance.

From Sandra and Jim Miller

We Need You

Mount Zion is in need of people willing to serve on Church Council. This coming Annual Meeting we need to fill four positions. Service on Church Council involves as a minimum a monthly Council meeting and acting as liaison on one of the church committees. No previous experience needed. If you are interested in serving on Council please speak with Dave Heldman, Chair, Pastor Tanya or Pastor. Krister.

Congratulations Neil and Lois

The people of Mount Zion wishes to extend our sincerest congratulation to **Neil & Lois Moore** who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on December 28th.

Thank You

Thank you to **Barb Barnes** for decorating the chancel area with the poinsettias and to all who helped in the Christmas tree decoration.

Walk To Bethlehem – We Made It!!!

Throughout the fall and Advent Mt Zion's Health Council has been sponsoring a "Walk to Bethlehem" journey. As a congregation we made the journey, in actual km, with the goal to reach Bethlehem. It is a combination of gentle exercise – including items that you are already doing - and spirituality.

How far did we get? The total km for the walk we need to reach is **20.320 km**. The **FINAL** total was 24,726km. Well done Mount Zion!!

FINANCIAL REPORT *(Preliminary)*

- Year to Date as of December 31, 2011

CURRENT: (In support of ongoing ministry & programs)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Diff.
Income	\$295,769	\$295,473	\$ 296
Expense	<u>293,632</u>	<u>295,473</u>	<u>1,841</u>
Balance	2,137	0	2,137
Plus transfer from youth	<u>1,000</u>		<u>1,000</u>
Final Balance – Surplus	\$ 3,137		\$ 3,137

- Our deficits and now surplus has accumulated monthly as follows:

January	\$ (2,058)	July	\$ (166)
February	(2,571)	August	(5,726)
March	(5,219)	Sept	(5,915)
April	(1,789)	Oct	(3,005)
May	(856)	Nov	1,177
June	(2,340)	Dec	<u>31,605</u>
	Total net surplus for the year		\$ 3,137

BENEVOLENCE: (To support the broader church & community Outreach)

Regular Benevolence (Budgeted)

Synod	\$ 38,070	\$41,500	\$(3,431)
Open Sesame Support	-	5,000	(5,000)
Service Ministry	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$ 39,570	\$48,000	\$(8,431)

- This category of benevolence is part of regular envelope designated giving.

Special Benevolence –Designated appeals

Synod – 2010 makeup	\$ 4,298
CLWR	11,565
Open Sesame	12,108
Other	<u>9,047</u>
	\$37,018

- This category of benevolence is from “special” appeals including numerous items such as CLWR, Open Sesame, Food bank, WLS, Outdoor ministry, HOF, Youth, Mary’s Pl. etc.
- The special \$4,298 contribution to Synod is a makeup for our shortfall to 2010 - funding coming from growth in the Endowment funds as approved at the Annual meeting.

CAPITAL: (To support our facilities with upgrades & major repairs)

Income	\$15,038	\$15,500	\$(462)
Expense	<u>4,382</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>618</u>
Balance – Surplus	\$10,656	\$10,500	\$ 156

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Thank you Mount Zion members!

- Richard Brubacher – Chair,
Finance Committee

It is a delight to report that, based on preliminary results, our financial picture has improved sufficiently to enable us to exit 2011 with a **surplus** in the current account. This is a significant milestone, and speaks to the commitment that Mount Zion’s members feel, and show, to this congregation’s ministry.

As Finance has been reporting monthly, we were running a deficit which grew to almost \$30,000 by October of 2011. Thank you for answering the call to clear this deficit – and enabling our Church to enter its 56th year of ministry with a clear financial slate to face the increased challenges of 2012.

The challenge for each of us in 2012 is to continue the momentum displayed in our financial support of the ministry model which we have undertaken. Our co-pastor team was not truly in place until August of 2011, but for 2012 financial support will be required for a full 12 months. Further 2012 details and budget proposals, along with more detailed 2011 financial results, will be presented for review and consideration at the **February 5, 2012 Annual General Meeting.**



Together in Worship

Sunday, January 1

THE NAME OF JESUS

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

Friday, January 6

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 8

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:50 a.m.

Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 15

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:50 a.m.

Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10;
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 22

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class **NO CLASS**

Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 29

4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Holy Communion 8:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:50 a.m.

Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:45 a.m.

Readings:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Funerals: Dorothy Knechtel

entered into life eternal on December 4, 2011. A family graveside service will be held at St. James Lutheran Church Cemetery, North Easthope Twp.

The nursery is looking for more volunteers to assist on Sunday morning during worship. Currently we have four nursery leaders. If you are able to share your gifts with our children, please speak to Donna Harris (Coordinator)

