



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.

Special Congregational Meeting

September 25, 2011

To follow a single service
at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a Council motion regarding Pastor Krister's renewal Call to Mount Zion.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Debate lively at National Convention

by Pastor Krister Ulmanis

As 350 delegates and over 150 visitors convened at the ELCIC National Convention in Saskatoon July 14-17, 2011 with the theme *Covenant People: In Mission for Others* many of the same contentious issues that were on the table for the 2009 convention were present again. However, unlike 2009 it is fair to say that the mood of this convention was, with a few minor exceptions, more collegial and positive even though the debate was lively and the line-ups to the microphones were long.

One of the actions of the Convention was to re-elect Bishop Johnson as National Bishop for a second 4 year term. She received 238 ballots out of a possible 350. In her address following the announcement, Bishop Johnson thanked delegates for trusting her with the call to National Bishop. "Four years ago you honoured me with this election," she said, "and I feel just as honoured today."

By far the most debated and the most contentious issue before the convention was the Social Statement on Human Sexuality and the motions that arose from this statement. In the end, delegates approved an Affirmation Concerning the Unity of the Church; a policy statement allowing rostered ministers to preside at or bless legal marriages, including those between same-sex couples, according to the laws of the province; and a policy paving the way for the ordination and installation of gay and lesbian pastors. Details on these motions can be found at <http://www.elcic.ca/In-Convention/2011-Saskatoon/documents/SectionF-NCCReport.pdf> (go to page 99-100)

The concern I have around these votes was the reality that it was a 60/40 split in the yes/no vote. This will, in my opinion, further divide the church and I was left to ask myself the same question as Mount Zion's delegate for the 2009 convention, Pr. Judi Harris, asked – can the ELCIC exist agreeing on unity with diversity? (*Mountaineer Sept. 2009*)

The other main topic for this convention was the proposed Structural Renewal Task Force Report. The recommendations include: that the ELCIC be re-organized into three synods; existing conferences be reconfigured into "areas" (groupings of congregations) supported by leadership teams; conventions of the National Church and synods be held triennially; and National Conventions be smaller in size. The entire report is here - <http://elcic.ca/Structural-Renewal/documents/SRTFReport2011.pdf> continued on page 7



An Inspiring Duo

– Charlie and Rhoda Ernst

By Pastor Judi Harris

Believe it or not, Charlie was the talkative one when I visited him and Rhoda several weeks ago! As we enjoyed a treat of strawberries and ice cream Charlie recounted stories of his birth in Philadelphia, a move to York, Pa. where his family owned a store, thence to Toronto and on to Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia in 1935. (For details on some of Charlie's escapades during these early years you might ask to read the autobiography that he wrote as a gift for Rhoda on their 50th wedding anniversary!)

Following grade 11 Charlie found a job at the local post office which he found himself managing at the age

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of 16 and for which he was paid \$1.00 a day. After the post office Charlie moved on to work in a shipyard, then a foundry and, in 1942, he signed on with a couple of oil tankers and had many adventures on the high seas. This sea-faring life led Charlie to join the Navy, to meet Rhoda during training in Toronto and then, on

July 28, 1945 to marry her in Hornings Mills United Church with the reception at the nearby farm home of Rhoda's family. For a short time, until Charlie's discharge, the newly-weds lived in Halifax and then made their way to Waterloo.

In the years that followed Charlie worked at a variety of jobs, eventually finding his niche as a Stationary Engineer. Rhoda, who once thought of a nursing career, found work at the Merchants Rubber plant and, in 1949 gave birth to Jim, followed in a few years by Anne and Charles. As Rhoda busied herself with home-making and mothering, Charlie set himself to build a house – the very same home which they still enjoy on Erb Street.

One day, in the mid 1950's, Rhoda, always gracious and hospitable, welcomed into their home Pastor Delton Glebe who had come to tell them about a new Lutheran congregation he was growing in their area. An invitation was extended for Charlie and Rhoda to "come aboard". Although they were active members at St. Mark's their pastor Jensen said "You have an obligation to go" So "go" they did a way back then – and, like those Energizer bunnies, they're going yet!

I couldn't help but marvel as Charlie and Rhoda described the many ways in which they have given of their time and talent to Mount Zion over the past 60 years. Charlie, with several other men ("It was all men back then. The women stayed home; the men went to meetings", said Rhoda) formed a steering committee to get the new congregation underway and then it was on to several terms on church council and numerous other committees whose meetings often went on until the "wee hours" of morning. There were numerous "leaps of faith" as members struggled to raise funds for the purchase of a parsonage and property on which to build a church. On a "wing and a prayer", says Charlie, "I was one of fifteen to sign a note" as collateral for the first building.

Rhoda and Charlie have memories of early worship services at Empire School where furnishings had to be set up and taken down every Sunday and where, with the pulpit situated under the basketball hoop,

Pastor Glebe appeared to have a "halo". They remember Sunday School in the basement of the 1st parsonage on Empire Street, a very active ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Women) the beginning of *Open Sesame* and "wise decisions on the calling of

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Caring Connections

Betty Behm, Parish Nurse

Souper Sunday is September 11 following the worship service.

Do you have a favourite soup you would like to prepare and share? Would you like to assist in the kitchen that day? We also need veggies and bread and butter that day. Each year I am truly amazed at the variety of delicious soups we get to sample and I am truly grateful for all the wonderful assistance that helps to make the day a success. The free will offering goes to the Alzheimer's Society of Kitchener- Waterloo. This year some of the offering will go towards the annual maintenance of our Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Please sign the sheet in the narthex if you would like to contribute your time and talent. Join in the fun and fellowship as we enjoy lunch and catch up after the summer.



Walk to Bethlehem

During the twelve weeks leading up to Christmas the Health Council invites you to get fit physically, mentally and spiritually. As you go about your daily physical fitness regimes, simply add up your points. These will be changed into kilometers as we proceed to Bethlehem in time for Jesus Birthday. There is also a scripture meditation for you to reflect on each week. Folders will be available for pick-up on Soup-er Sunday. We don't start tracking for a couple of weeks so you have plenty of time to choose your physical activity. Let's get fit, have some fun and reflect on the biblical teachings that are offered. If you don't want to do it alone, get the whole family involved.



Super Singles will meet for their lunch outing on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Open Sesame...things to think about

On September 13th. Open Sesame will start its 42nd year.

42
Years!

This summer it received a Compassionate Justice Grant of \$2000 from the Eastern Synod. It also received generous financial support from several members of the congregation.

We have had some response for our plea for volunteers but we could still use more help in the classroom.

We are looking forward to another year of helping special needs children. **Ann Crossman**

Be an Assisting Minister

a wonderful way to express your participation

The fall is almost here and

Mount Zion is looking for some additional members to join the



Assisting Minister Team.

The Pastors and any of the current team members would be happy to talk to you about what is involved.

You might want to know:

You can choose how often you wish to assist

- You can also choose the dates that suit you best
- You will receive training from one of the Pastors
- You do NOT have to sing BUT Scott is extremely helpful if you would like to try
- We have team members of all ages and are proud to say we now have two teenagers. So we are grey blond and brown haired and lots in between!!
- This service is not difficult and is very rewarding

This is a wonderful way to express your participation in the life of Mount Zion. Please consider joining us. Speak to either of the Pastors, or to Stephanie von Schilling at **Stephanie@vonschilling.ca** or phone: 519-884-5429

Mount Zion Women's "Retreats":


have become an "outreach" that touches 10 congregations

-from Carol Zielger

This past spring, women from Mount Zion - and nine other congregations - gathered at Camp Edgewood for a weekend of study, worship, reflection, crafting, walking, lively talking, good fun and good food.

That's the proven recipe for a successful Mount Zion Women's Retreat. And it's been working amazingly well for 26 consecutive years.

It all started in 1986 under the leadership of Judi Harris and Helen



What started as a simple in-house gathering has certainly become an amazing outreach event

Lange. Judi was then Mount Zion's Director of Education Ministries, and Helen was the energetic wife of Pastor Norman Lange. The theme of that first retreat was *Feet*, and that memorable weekend has been credited as a factor that led Judi Harris back to seminary studies – and into full time pastoral ministry.

In 1995, by which time Helen and Pastor Norman were at St. Peter's in Gadshill, women from two other churches were invited to join in the retreat. After that, invitations were extended further, reaching women in various local churches.

At this year's retreat (April 29-May 1) 24 "retreaters" from 10 Lutheran

congregations attended: Mount Zion, Maranatha Mission and Redeemer, Waterloo; St. Peter's, Gadshill, St. James, Millbank, Trinity, New Hamburg, and from Kitchener: St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Phillip's, and St. Stephen's.

What started as a simple in-house gathering has certainly become an amazing outreach event – and one that is funded completely by those attending.

Eager participants, thoughtful themes and talented leaders (from Pastor Judi Harris in 1986 to Pastor Karen Kuhnert in 2011) have been credited with the success. You can get a taste from this sampling of themes: *Holy Mirth – The Sign of a Soul Set Free* (1996); *The Cup of Our Life* (2003); *Engage in Creation* (2010) and *Memories are Made of This* (2011).

Carol Ziegler says the carefully planned programs for the weekends include study sessions on the chosen theme; worshipping together; enjoying Spring, with walks through Camp Edgewood, our Synod's family camping facility at Eden Mills; socializing, and, of course "delicious meals organized by Pat Edwards (Mount Zion), Sandy Dotzert (St. Peter's, Gadshill) and Pam Buchan (Mount Zion)."

Carol is the "official" Den Mother for the retreats– looking after registrations and organizing the weekend. Wilma-Marie Bindernagel (St. Mark's, Kitchener) assisted this year's retreat leader in preparing worship.

In addition to memories, participants always leave with a souvenir – a craft created during their time together. This year it was decorated picture frames. In other years garden stepping stones and balls and memory boxes were popular mementoes. Helen Weber (St. Mark's, Kitchener) has been the craft leader for the past two years. Previously, Marianne Cook (Gadshill) and Deborah Pryce (St. Phillip's) served in that role, carrying on after Helen Lange's death in 2003.

As Carol puts it, "Camp Edgewood is a very special place to us, and each year we look forward to our weekend there in April. We are renewed spiritually – and by seeing friends we have made over the 26 years we have gathered for Mount Zion Women's Annual Retreats."

Want to hear more about the Retreat weekend? Talk to Carol, Pat Edwards, Pam Buchan or these other 2011 participants from Mount Zion: Kristina Kuhnert, Rosalind Marshall, Virginia Slack, Anne Woolner.

Get ready to hear some great stories. And there's more to come that **you** can be part of: the **2012 Retreat** will be held **April 20, 21 and 22**. Be forewarned, Carol has already had her first call – from another congregation - about the 2012 Retreat. You can contact Carol now for pre-registration information. (Sorry men, but only women are qualified to register!)

Learning ...a lifelong activity at Mount Zion

Nursery



The Nursery will be fully staffed starting on September 11. For further information, please speak with Donna Harris.

Sunday School

Sunday, September 11th is Rally Sunday. Join us for a morning of worship and fellowship.

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Sunday School
Registration

11 a.m. - Souper Sunday - a time of fellowship and food

Confirmation Information

This year we will be focusing on Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

1st Gathering – Sunday, September 18 @ 9 a.m. – Introduction for new confirmands and their parents

1st class – Thursday, September 22 @ 7pm-9pm – for both Jr. & Sr. Classes – Introduction to each other, Covenant Agreement,

2nd class – Sunday, September 25 @ 9:00am

Youth Programming



Thursday, September 29th, 7pm – the youth are invited to come to the church for a time of fellowship and getting to know one another. We will be discussing the fall program and the youth will have an opportunity to discuss what activities, fundraiser, and fellowship events they would like to see happen during the fall.

Women's Group – Helped Needed



The Women's group is looking for someone who might be interested in leading a Book Study in the fall. If you are interested, or have questions about this ministry opportunity, please speak with Pastor Tanya.



Men's Breakfast

The tentative dates for the Men's Breakfast will be September 17, October 1, October 15, October 29, November 13, November 26, December 10. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak with Gerry Roeder.

Adult Learning – Fall 2011

Join us this fall for two opportunities for continuing education at Mount Zion. In October we will be holding the sessions on Wednesday evening (7-8:30 p.m.) and Thursday afternoon (2-3:30 p.m.) We will be focusing on the topic: **The Nature of Evil** and will discuss



Session 1 - What is Evil? What does the Lord's Prayer mean when it says 'Deliver us from evil?'

Session 2 - Evil in the Bible – Romans 7:15-25a and other Biblical references

Session 3 – little 'd' devil vs. big 'D' Devil – A Lutheran Understanding

Session 4 - Does God will evil and suffering in the world and in our lives? Do Lutherans believe that humans are born evil or choose to do evil?

During the **Season of Advent**, join us after mid-week Holden evening worship on Wednesday evenings, when we will focus on **Prayer** with Jackie Nunns.

News about Canadian Lutheran World Relief

By Mary Thompson, Service Committee

Canadian Lutheran World Relief is the agency of our church for promoting social justice and quality of life, in this country and throughout the world. CLWR supports **long-term community development** – for health, education, agriculture, and environment protection -- in areas of the world where people are struggling with poverty. We as congregations and individuals lend support through our donations, and by participating in CLWR programs such as **Gifts from the Heart** and **We Care Kits**.

Since its beginning in 1946, CLWR has worked to help **resettle refugees** in Canada, and this is still an important part of its mission. Mount Zion is currently assisting a local resident to sponsor a refugee from Eritrea, working with the CLWR office in Toronto.

CLWR is also engaged in **disaster relief**. For example, following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, CLWR partnered with Church World Service to support the relief effort, ministering to 25,000 people in evacuation sites in the north-east part of the country. CLWR is currently working with other members of the Lutheran World Federation ministering in Kenya to refugees from the famine and unrest in Somalia.

On the home front, CLWR has committed funds for humanitarian aid to those coping with the Slave Lake wildfires and floods in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and

has appealed for donations to support this work.

CLWR has scheduled a **Global Encounter** trip to Southern Africa, to take place February 23 to March 7, 2012. This is an opportunity for a small group of travelers to visit some of the people and places that are being helped by CLWR. For more details, see the CLWR website, **www.clwr.org**

Donations to the causes of CLWR can be made in our regular offering envelopes; at the website **www.clwr.org** ; by toll-free telephone at 1-800-661-2597; or by sending a cheque made payable to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6.

This article is part of a periodic look at the work of Mount Zion's Service Committee featuring projects that we are involved in outside our walls.

National convention

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After much passionate debate the recommendation was approved. There will be motions to the Synod Conventions in 2012 that will need to be passed before this structural renewal can be implemented.

As with any Convention there were guests from various groups and worship in various forms interspersed with the debates but it is fair to say that the vast majority of the time was spent on the items written about here.

Charlie and Rhoda

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pastors". They remember volunteering at *Open Sesame* for over 40 years , serving on the Visitation Committee and the prayer chain, and helping out in the community - at *Habitat for Humanity, Out of the Cold* and *Trinity Village*. And now they look forward to their newest ministry – just across the street - befriending the residents of *SHOW* (Supportive Housing of Waterloo). When asked about the biggest challenge for Mount Zion, Charlie and Rhoda agreed that it is the present time – Pastor Mark's leaving, Pastor Tanya's maternity leave, Pastor Krister's illness – but they feel fortunate that we have two pastors and much appreciate Pastor Krister's determination. Their hope for the future of the congregation is "survival" as they pray for the active participation of younger families, children and youth. At the same time, with faith and confidence they declare that "things will work out!" To that I add "Amen" and my heartfelt thanks to this dynamic duo whose optimism, enthusiasm, dedication and faithfulness are truly an inspiration for us all!

Come raise your voice: Retell, Reclaim, Rejoice!



Raise your voice in a Synod-wide gathering on **October 23, 2011 at 2 pm!** This special celebration marks the conclusion of our Synod and Seminary anniversary year of *Remembering for the Future*. Voices from across our synod are converging on St. Peter's Lutheran in Kitchener, Ontario, to create a mass choir which will sing Bach Cantata No. 80, based on the Reformation chorale *A Mighty Fortress*. And mighty it will be when choristers are joined by the fifteen piece orchestra all directed by Dr. Peter Nikiforuk. Singers representing nearly every conference from Sudbury to Montreal have made plans to attend.

The Bach Cantata of our Lutheran heritage retells and reclaims the gospel message proclaimed through music that has inspired Christians around the world. Rejoicing in our future will also be pivotal to our worship experience. Integrating today's technology, we will explore our hopes and dreams for the future. Your participation in congregational song and prayer will be a vital element in our worship

together. This special worship celebration will also be taped for broadcast on CKCO TV on Reformation Sunday.

Please come and add your voice to this unique worship gathering as we close our anniversary year. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 23, 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, ON.**

It is not too late to become a choir member. For nitty-gritty details, or to register to participate, contact Choir Coordinator Scott Knarr at Mount Zion, Waterloo. e-mail: scott.knarr@mzlc.ca. Or call him at Mount Zion at (519) 886-5820. Rehearsal schedules and recordings of individual parts can be found at



<http://www.mzlc.ca/worship-music/synodchoir>



Have Banner will travel

Margaret Murison, left and **Barb Barnes**, right crafted this colourful banner on behalf of Mount Zion. They are pictured here with Judi Harris chair of our Service Committee. The banner was made in support of *Roll With the Declaration*, a national campaign organized by KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives to raise awareness about the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Trek 4 Kids

On Sunday May 15th a team of dedicated trekkers from Mount Zion braved the elements and took part in the House of Friendship Trek 4 Kids event. Our team this year consisted of **Judi Harris, Charlotte, Shawn and Molly Rogers and Wanda, David and Margaret Murison**. We succeeded in raising \$2,225 which will enable 4 plus children to attend summer camp. Many thanks to those who contributed by sponsoring the Mount Zion team, including a donation from the Gloryland Singers.

Margaret Murison

Summer means barbecue and fresh vegies at Supportive Housing of Waterloo

Barb Barnes

The newly housed tenants at the SHOW building have been doing a lot of cooking on the barbeque on the patio this summer. Chicken seems to be popular with the addition of vegetables from the tenant garden. We grew cucumber (one of the favourites), zucchini, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, and some herbs. I watched the other night as one of our better tenant chefs, carved up a cucumber and made cream salad. I noticed there was quite a bit but as I watched and we talked, he said, "Do you think this is enough for two?" I said it might be enough for four. I found out he was cooking not just for

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himself but for another tenant as well. I have noticed this happening more and more over the past year that those who are self-sufficient are reaching out to help those who are not.

In June SHOW (Supportive Housing of Waterloo) celebrated its first year in our brand new building with a barbecue. We have taken 30 people off the streets and given them security, hope and a place to get some of the help they needed. According to statistics we still have a long way to go to solve our homelessness in the KW area.

It was recommended that at the beginning in June of this year we go to a volunteer double staffing model during the hours from 4 p.m. to midnight. Finding and scheduling volunteers was not an easy task, but once we got going on it more and more volunteers came on board. It has been a success and the tenants have enjoyed meeting and chatting with different people during this time. A number of these volunteers are from Mount Zion.

When I take my turn as a volunteer for one of the shifts, I find myself being introduced by tenants to mothers, daughters, and sisters and brothers. Connections back to family are taking hold. My chats with some are very uplifting as they talk to me about the progress they have made and their plans for going forward.

There will be a transition coming in the next few months. The YWCA, who currently manages the building, will be leaving us at the end of December and we will be putting in our own staff. The

process for this new staffing model has begun.

It has been exciting to watch the progress the tenants are making,



particularly over the last six months. Several have jobs, both part-time and full time. Others have gone back to school and I see them doing homework at the computers in the common room area. Still others are keeping busy by volunteering at other outreach centres.

This progress could not have happened without your support, your volunteer hours and your donations. Thank you. We are dependent on the kindness of the community for donations to keep our building going. Donations can be made on line at **showaterloo.org**, through your regular church envelope, or monthly through PAR. Thank you!

Mount Zion is a founding member of Supportive Housing of Waterloo. Barb Barnes, as well as being the Volunteer Coordinator is our representative on the SHOW board.

What's his name again?



What's his name again? If this is a common discussion for you after church Sunday mornings, you will want to participate in Mount Zion's Picture Directory Project.

We are producing a pictorial directory in order to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith community.

Remember it's free but we need you to participate.

Please make an appointment to have your picture taken and you will receive a directory and purchase pictures only if you wish.

Sept. appointments are Thurs. Sept.15, Fri. Sept.16 2:30-8:30 and Sat. Sept. 17 9:30-3:00.

I need some volunteers to do phoning and be hosts as well. Give me a call.

Dorothy Hobson 519-884-3354

Habitat Workers Will Be Hungry!

Wednesday, September 14

Once again it's our turn to feed the volunteers who are building homes on Howe Drive in Kitchener.

Lasagna and dinner rolls will be purchased. We need donations of veggies & dip, salads, fruit, cookies & muffins.



Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Judi Harris at (519) 883-8276

Deliver items to the church by 9.15 am on the 14th.

A big "Thank You!"



First Annual Mount Zion Golf Tournament

Foxwood Golf and Country Club- Baden Ontario

Saturday, September 24, 12:30pm - 8:00pm

Shotgun start 12:30pm

Format: Best Ball

Price \$ 125.00 (Dinner Only: \$30.00) Includes- 18 holes of golf, power cart, full buffet dinner, guaranteed prizes and a day of fellowship and fun in support of Ronald McDonald House at Sick Kids Mac Master Hospital.

Supporting Our Ministry

As of July 31, 2011

<u>CURRENT</u>	2011	2010
Income	144,133	155,543
Expense	159,311	197,200
Balance	-15,178	-41,657
<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>		
Synod	22,378	22,783
CLWR-Undesignated	4,786	3,571
CLWR-Japan Earthquake	1,384	0
CLWR-Great Slave Lake (Alberta) Fires	105	0
CLWR-Somalia Famine	503	0
CLWR-Saskatchewan Flooding	499	0
Open Sesame	5,360	8,340
Other	17,100	17,276
<u>CAPITAL</u>		
Income	7,084	7,754
Expense	460	9,845

Scouting at Mount Zion

September brings the start of a new scouting year. Mount Zion is the proud sponsor of scouting and groups are using our church rooms for their activities.

If you have a son or daughter between the ages of 5 and 26 join us Monday, September 12th for registration between 6:30 and 8:00pm, here at Mount Zion. Become a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer, Rover or Leader with the 10th Waterloo Scout Group and share in the fun and excitement of Scouting!

For more information on the registration, or about scouting, please contact Group Commissioner Bryan Hastie at bryan.hastie@rogers.com or Scout Leader Virginia Slack at v.slack@rogers.com.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

You are invited to attend the launching of Lutheran Campus Ministry's book titled "Lutheran Campus Ministry-Waterloo 1947-2011". It will take place Saturday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. at Mount Zion. Dinner will be prepared by Caribbean Kitchen at a cost of \$15 per person.- followed by entertainment. Come, reminisce and share memories of Campus Ministry from 1947 to the present. Please RSVP to Anne Woolner (annewoolner@hotmail.com or 519-743-2277).

Cost Suppers at the Seminary

Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsors Cost Suppers every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Seminary lunch room. These suppers are hosted by various churches and provided to the students for a nominal cost of \$3. If you are interested in hosting one of these meals, please contact Anne Woolner (annewoolner@hotmail.com or 519-743-2277) for more information or to sign up for a supper. Many of the students report that these suppers are the highlights of their weeks. Lutheran Campus Ministry greatly appreciates the support that Mount Zion has always given this ministry in the past.

Hospital Visitation

Please help the Mount Zion pastoral team provide an effective Hospital Visitation Ministry. If you, or someone you know, are admitted to the hospital remember to let the Church know (519.886.5820) so a visit can be made.

With new privacy laws in place there is no way for the pastors to know who is in hospital unless someone connected to the patient lets us know. Thank you.

Choir Rehearsals Begin

All are welcome - we'd be happy to have more singers in Mount Zion's choir this September! We are a friendly bunch of folks who enjoy singing and making music for worship. We use all talents from those just finding their voice to the experienced singer. The first rehearsal is Thursday September 8 at 7:30. A full schedule can be found at www.mzlca.ca. Navigate to the Choir Page found in the Worship and Music section

Bus and Boat Trip



Please join us to experience a Fall Tour to Points North, **October 4th**.

Enjoy the sparkling waters, windswept pines, and the rocky grandeur of Muskoka,

Georgian Bay- 30,000 Island. Fall colors should be at their peak.

We will also be going to St. Marie among the Huron's. Lunch will be served on the boat.

First 50 to sign the sheet on the narthex bulletin board will go. **Total cost is \$89.00.** For more information please call **Burt Huehn at 519.743.8292.**

Youth Event At Wonderland



Hope you still have your calendars marked for **September 10th**. That's the day youth from K/W will go on an all day event at Canada's

Wonderland. *The cost is \$40 cash or cheque* (payable to Alicia Becker) and can be dropped off with Pastor Tanya. Please note that payment is non-refundable but you can transfer your spot to another person.

Current, incoming and graduate confirmands, family and friends are all welcome but payment has to be received by Pastor Tanya by **September 1st** in order to secure your spot. Please note that this is as Eastern Synod event so youth ministry from other congregations will be participating.

A **Facebook page** with more details is up and can be found at;

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=222512497780999>

Let's have a day of fun as a group with other Lutherans from the area!!

Health Update from Pastor Krister

Dear friends,

Recently I had an appointment with the oncologist/radiation specialist at Princess Margaret Hospital for a follow up to the radiation therapy.

It is all good news. There is no cancer found where the radiation took place and there is no new cancer either.

There is still some road to travel before being back to 100% as the hormone treatment continues (hot flashes) until mid-September but I am well on the way.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Pr. Krister



Celebrations

Ed and Ladona Riegert celebrated their 55th Anniversary on August. 24 with a trip to Europe.

Ann and Richard Crossman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 14



In Worship Together

Sunday, September 4

PENTECOST 12

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Exodus 12:1-14,
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14,
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 11

PENTECOST 13

Soup'r Sunday

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31,
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12,
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 18

PENTECOST 14

Confirmation

(for 1st years and parents)

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Readings:

Exodus 16:2-15,
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30,
Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 25

PENTECOST 15

Confirmation 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting to follow

Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7,
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13,
Matthew 21:23--32

Emmett Andrade, son of Rick and Robin, was baptized on August 7, 2011

Tyley Minna Delion, daughter of Leslie Delion was baptized on August 28, 2011

Both Pastor Krister and Tanya officiated at the funeral of **Mary Poeschner** Tuesday, August 23, held at Erb and Good Funeral Home

Prayer/Healing Station occurs on the third Sunday of the month

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