



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



*Christ the Lord
is risen today*

Hallelujah!

A Life Worth Living

Bishop Michael Pryse

It's interesting that while the Western Christian world speaks of Thomas as "doubting Thomas", the orthodox church of the east calls him "believing Thomas" in reference to his exclamation "my Lord and my God" after having seen Christ and touching his wounds! They choose to honour his exclamation of faith rather than his quite understandable – and temporary – expression of doubt.

Jesus, of course, honoured Thomas's questioning in a very special way! Think about it for a moment. He came back, just for Thomas! He'd already visited the others. He returned just for Thomas and said, "Peace be with you. Touch my hands touch my side. See and believe."

Friends, never, ever be ashamed of your doubts and questions. And let's be honest; if you don't have any, you are either kidding yourself or have fallen asleep. Frederick Buechner tells us that "doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving!" Indeed, more faith is often expressed in an honest doubt or question than in a pious platitude uttered with barely a minimum of thought or conviction.

The disciples of old could not reveal Christ while they remained safe and hidden behind closed doors. Their witness couldn't even convince Thomas, one of their own companions! Neither will our witness convince modern day Thomas's so long as we claim a similar posture. Those who are seeking a new experience of faith will not be easily drawn to churches that comfortably assume the fact of their own relevance or give too-easy answers. Folks who are seeking a deeper experience of theological inquiry will struggle to maintain connections with faith communities that are intolerant of their questions.

We need to follow Jesus' example and open ourselves to the honest questioning of those who come seeking a new truth. We need to equip ourselves with the tools needed to engage in responsible and mature theological reflection, confident in the knowledge that our faith tradition is robust and strong enough to bear the weight of our critical self-reflection.

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Indeed, if that faith tradition is to carry any real authority, beyond mere lip-service, such reflection is of absolute necessity.

An old saying tells us that ships that remain in the harbour are safe ships. But that isn't what ships are made for! The same is true for the ship that is the church. It can remain safe in the harbour; disciples can remain safe, locked away behind closed doors. But that's not what this ship has been made for and that's not what disciples are made for.

Like Thomas, a spiritually hungry world is pleading "Show us your wounds." They are looking for a body of believers that resembles Christ's Body, a church that is visibly following Him in the way of the cross. And unless we are serious about providing that kind of a witness, all our busy chit-chat about evangelism and outreach is really just a lot of self-serving, empty talk. We are about to enter the season of Easter – the season of resurrection and new life. It's an opportune time for us to take a good hard look at the witness we are providing. It's an opportune time for us to join with Thomas in His great confession "My Lord and my God!" It's an opportune time for us to reveal the crucified and risen Lord and thereby reveal a life truly worth living!



Bishop Michael Pryse is the Bishop of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. Read more on his blog at easternsynod.org This article was reprinted with permission March 15 2016.

Newcomer Family Update



In honour of new baby Ben, son and brother of Esperance, Shinga and family, the Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership group, has planned a potluck dinner and celebration to

welcome the new baby into our midst!

When: Saturday April 21, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Where: Mount Zion Lutheran Church

More info to come.

Lenten Series Explored *Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous Spirituality*



Deacon Scott poses with the story board completed during his presentation at Christ Lutheran on the final evening of the joint Mid-week Lenten/Learning sessions when Mount Zion partnered with *Christ Lutheran, St. Columba and All Saints Anglican* for a five-week series that explored Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous spirituality.

The story board was sketched during each of the sessions by artist Janet Holmes, a member of All Saints Anglican.

Upcoming Area Events

Wed. April 11 - 7:00 pm - Imam Abdul Mannan Syed Nadwi of the Waterloo Masjid (corner of Erb & Westmount, Waterloo), the place of prayer for our local Muslim neighbours, has graciously offered to give us a tour of the Masjid, share with us some of the basic understandings of Islam, and answer questions we may have. Bring your friends and family for this opportunity.

Sat. April 14 - 10 am - 3 pm - Bloom Where You Are Planted - KW Women of Faith Spring Event

Wed. April 25 - 7:00 am - Interfaith Community Breakfast - see Pastor Philip for tickets.

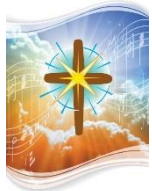
Sat. May 5 - A bus trip to the Woodland Cultural Centre with members of the Grand River Ministry Area

“Singin’ for all God’s Children”

Gloryland Chorus and special guests to present May 6 benefit concert for Open Sesame Headstart Preschool

By Pauline Finch

For more than two decades, K-W’s **Gloryland Chorus** has shared the vibrant four-part harmonies of old-time Southern Gospel music around southwestern Ontario and beyond.



The three-dozen or so members do it not only for their love of singing together, but also to support local charities and social outreach programs. By partnering with host churches and organizations

over the years, Gloryland has helped raise thousands of dollars through audience donations for worthy groups like Ray of Hope, Lutherwood, Hospice of Waterloo Region, Nutrition for Learning, and the Mennonite Central Committee ... to name just a few.

On **Sunday May 6** at 3 p.m. Mount Zion will host the **Gloryland Chorus**, directed by Bob Loeb sack, along with “surprise” musical guests, in a special fund-raiser for our **Open Sesame Headstart Preschool** – the first such event in the program’s 48-year history.



As Open Sesame is the only preschool of its kind remaining in Waterloo Region,

more children need its unique early education services to prepare them for success in the public system; and that means more funding support is urgently needed to expand its teaching staff. Gloryland Chorus has generously agreed that all donations in excess of expenses will go Open Sesame (with charitable receipts issued by Mount Zion).

So watch for the posters and social media postings, circle May 6 on your calendar, and come out to enjoy “Singin’ for all God’s Children.”



Mount Zion Café

Now Serving Lunch

April 11 & April 25

from 10 am,

with lunch at 11:30 am – 12 noon.

Bring a friend or meet a new friend. Transportation will be available to those who need a ride. Please call the church office with a request for a ride.
(519 886 5820)



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CLWR and crisis response: how do they do it?

Mary Thompson, Service Committee

Mount Zion's Adopt-a-Cause for April through June 2018 is Canadian Lutheran World Relief, or CLWR. CLWR is a registered charity, partnering with and acting on behalf of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Lutheran Church -- Canada (LCC).

CLWR is an organization of modest size. According to its 2016-2017 annual report, it had revenue of \$6.4 million, of which 51% consisted of donations from congregations, individuals and agencies, and 48% consisted of grants. About 88% of its budget was allocated to "global support". Yet CLWR enables us to respond to many of the major disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. How can the agency accomplish this feat?

In some situations, CLWR is involved directly. We all remember that, starting in the summer of 2016, a wildfire that burned for many months destroyed around 10% of homes in the community of Fort McMurray, Alberta. In the aftermath, more than \$527,500 was raised by Canadian Lutherans and others in response. With these funds, CLWR was able to support the efforts of the ELCIC, the LCC and the Mennonite Disaster Service to provide help in rebuilding and psychosocial services.



CLWR in Fort McMurray, Alberta Photo CLWR

Sometimes CLWR will form teams of support workers with disaster-response expertise at an affected site.

Just recently, in January 2018, CLWR announced a new project in a community in Cuba, in response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Irma, which had landed in early September 2017. The aims of the project are supplying food and shelter, addressing water and sanitation needs, restoring employment and building community resilience.

An awe-inspiring web of partnerships

In other cases, CLWR works indirectly through an awe-inspiring web of international partnerships.

CLWR's primary international affiliation is with the Lutheran World Federation's Department for World Service (LWF-DWS), which has programs in 24 countries/areas. Currently, for example, LWF-Nepal as "implementing partner" is responding to catastrophic flooding in that country that occurred in August 2017. As in Cuba, the priorities in Nepal are to help those affected meet their water, sanitation and shelter needs, and then to provide support as people rebuild their lives and livelihoods. With our donations, CLWR is joining with other charities and with Global Affairs Canada to help fund this effort.

ACT Alliance

Both CLWR and LWF are part of something bigger. They are members of the ACT Alliance, a coalition of 146 churches and faith-based organizations working together in more than 100 countries. In 2015, according to its website, the ACT Alliance responded to 43 emergencies worldwide. When Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in October 2016, LWF mobilized emergency relief in collaboration with the ACT Alliance. Our Hurricane Matthew donations through CLWR would have been channelled directly to these efforts.

In 2016 -2017 CLWR joined the Humanitarian Coalition, a network of seven NGOs: CLWR, CARE Canada, Islamic Relief Canada, OXFAM Canada, OXFAM Quebec, Plan

Canada and Save the Children Canada. The stated purposes of the Humanitarian Coalition are fundraising and coordination, bringing Canadians together to contribute and to save lives in major global emergencies. Using a “rapid response network” of private sector partners, it coordinates communications in order to inform the public and reach a wide pool of potential donors. Meanwhile, its member agencies may well be “on the ground providing clean drinking water, medical assistance, food, sanitation facilities, building materials, plastic sheets, and other essential supplies to those in need”. And the reach of the Humanitarian Coalition extends even further: it has counterparts in nine other countries, and the ten together form what is called the Emergency Appeals Alliance (EAA).

Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund

On October 31, 2017, the Canadian government set up the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund to provide humanitarian assistance to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and pledged to match donations to registered charities made between August 25 and November 28.



Through the We Care Program, which launched in 2005, CLWR has shipped over \$4.2 million in material resources to 19 countries around the world! Photo CLWR



People survey a site damaged by the earthquake in Kathmandu, Nepal, April 25, 2015. REUTERS/Navesh Chitrakar Photo CLWR

Donations to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund could be made through CLWR, and the matching opportunity was publicized by the afore-mentioned Humanitarian Coalition. Through CLWR and other charities, Canadians donated over \$12.5 million to this cause, which became over \$25 million with government matching.

When a natural disaster strikes, or a humanitarian crisis unfolds, there are usually several channels through which we can send help. CLWR cannot carry our response to them all, but it provides a good way in a surprisingly large number of cases!

Gladys Roeder – a life of many blessings

Gladys was born Gladys Olivia Schmidt on June 23, 1925 on a farm near the rural hamlet of Crosshill, Ontario. She was one of five girls in the family (one of whom passed away at birth). After reaching Grade 8 in



the one-room schoolhouse at Crosshill, Gladys went to work on the family farm, honing many of the kitchen and sewing skills that would later come in handy as a parent and volunteer.

The Schmidt family attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wellesley and when it came time to prepare for Confirmation, 14-year-old Gladys walked more than four miles from her home to attend classes at the church. Being confirmed was a major event in her faith journey. "I was born into a Christian family and was raised with Jesus always being an important part of my life... I was taught to pray and read the Bible for as long as I can remember."

After leaving school, Gladys took some courses and seminars offered by the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, held in the Wellesley Town Hall. It was at these sessions where she met Reuben Roeder, a local carpenter. The two "clicked" and were married on November 23, 1945. They honeymooned in Preston (now part of Cambridge), "which was all we could afford back then." Preston's other honeymooner attractions remain a mystery!

The newlyweds then moved to Waterloo, where they lived on Amos Avenue and attended St. John's Lutheran Church. Between 1946 and 1962, the Roeders had six children – one daughter and five sons – "all of whom are still married to their original spouses ... lucky me!" Gladys also feels very blessed to have 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren in her large family.

Gladys worked at a variety of jobs, both part-time and full-time; these included well-known Kitchener-Waterloo places like K-W (now Grand River) Hospital,

the Flying Dutchman Motel, and the cafeteria at Wilfrid Laurier University, which was her last full-time position before retiring in 1985. Reuben worked as a carpenter for most of his career; his last position was ten years spent as a custodian with the Waterloo Region Board of Education.

Although they began their local church membership at St. John's, the Roeders were among a number of young families in their Waterloo neighbourhood who received a visit during the mid-1950s from Rev. Delton Glebe, who told them about a new Lutheran congregation starting up nearby. Gladys explained that after "talking to neighbors and others, we decided to transfer our membership to Mount Zion." And that's how their growing family became charter members; she still remembers attending the very first service, held at Empire School a short block away from our present building.

During more than six decades at Mount Zion, Gladys has served our congregation in numerous ways; on Church Council, the Worship and Music committee, Funeral Committee, Prayer Vine, volunteering at Open Sesame, kitchen events, and the Quilting Group – to name just a few.

These days, she's probably best known for her work with our very dedicated quilting women, who've turned out numerous beautifully hand-stitched creations since the group started in the basement of the original parsonage soon after our congregation's founding. (*There will be more about the history of our quilters in next month's issue ... don't miss it!*)

"I truly enjoy all the friendships I have made over the years at our church," she said. "It's become my 'home away from home'. I treasure our Sunday Services and all of the social events that take place on a regular basis."

She especially enjoys the quality of our music and worship: "Our choir has grown over the past number of years and has never sounded better ... We have also

been blessed with outstanding leadership from all the Pastors that have been part of our church.”

At age 92, another aspect of Mount Zion that Gladys appreciates is the importance of building accessibility.



Gladys surrounded by her children front row: Paul, Gladys, Carol - back row: David, Ron, Gerry, Doug

Safety railings, two street-level entries, a modern lift, and seating areas with room for mobility devices are just a few assets that help to keep our older members active and comfortable, no matter what activities and programs they take part in.

Pondering her vision for Mount Zion gives Gladys mixed, but mostly optimistic feelings. “I’ve seen Mount Zion during a time when we had two services, two Pastors, and lots of children in our Sunday School,” she recalled. “It would be my vision to see our congregation grow and return to those days, but times have changed. For now, I pray that Mount Zion will survive well into the future, but with the age of most of our members this will be a real challenge ... I don’t know what the solution is to get back to where we once were, but hope we will never stop trying.”

All in all, however, “the Lord has been very good to us.”

(Gladys was interviewed first by son Gerry Roeder and then by committee member Pauline Finch with follow-up questions. We thank her for her patience and enthusiasm in sharing her story.)



Thank You Open Sesame Supporters -

Carol Ziegler

A "Big Thank You" to all of you who dined out with us at Boston Pizza on Monday, February 26th. Open Sesame raised a total of \$265. that evening. Donations we've received since means that the total from Open Sesame's newest fund raiser has come to over \$300. It was a fun evening with delicious food and all for the benefit of Open Sesame Headstart Preschool.

Also in February, we received a \$2,000 Grant from the Savvas Chamberlain Family Foundation. We thank them for their continuing support of Open Sesame.



You will have another opportunity to help Open Sesame on Sunday, May 6th at 3 p.m. The Gloryland Chorus, plus a group of young people called the Crescendo Choir will perform at Mount Zion. The theme of the concert will be "Singing for All of God's Children" and the free will offering will go to Open Sesame Headstart Preschool. We are very grateful that they have chosen to support us with this concert. We hope to see you there.



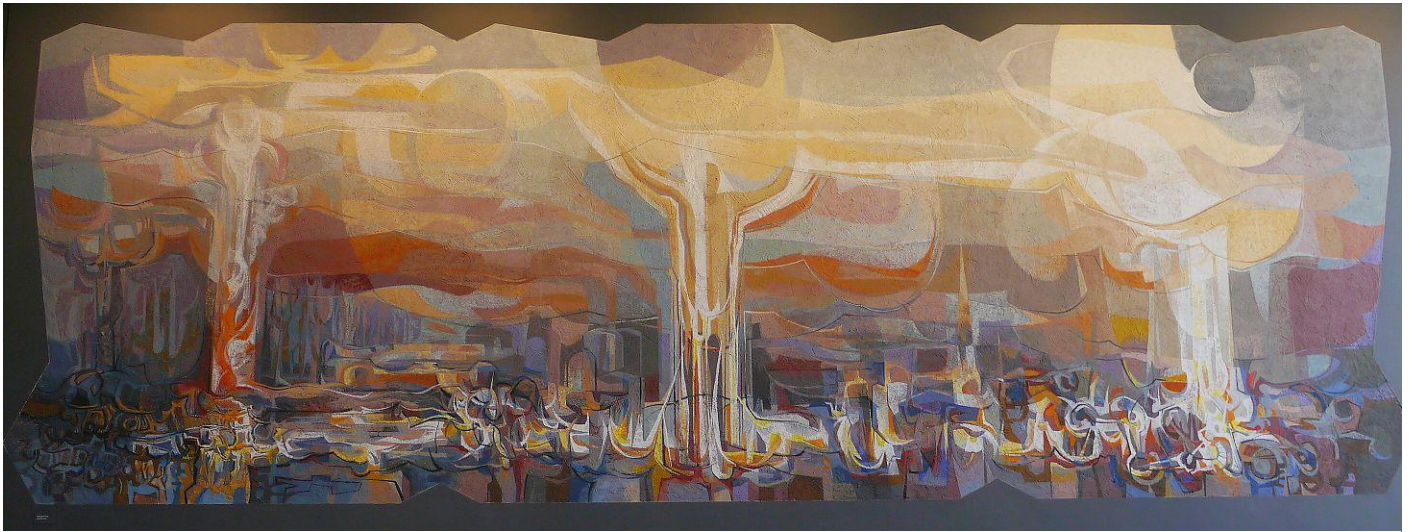
Rev Rosalyn Elm, Priest in Charge Parish of Six Nations was the special guest speaker at the March 14 Wednesday Lenten service held at Mount Zion. More than 60 people attended the soup supper which preceded the lecture. Thanks to all who made soup to welcome our guests.

Photo: Dennis Eaton

The Resurrection and Art

Some observations with a local touch

Jim Millar



Enlightenment by Kitchener artist Jack Bechtel with permission Kitchener Public Library

If one attempts the exploration of images associated with the history of painting it becomes a bit of an exercise. Google will provide images – Piero della Francesca (ca. 1416-1492), Caravaggio (1571-1610), Raphael (1483-1520), Rubens (1577-1640), and a brief explanation perhaps – but nothing of substance.

Their paintings reflect the era in which they were produced, showing Christ as the central figure, often richly illuminated and rising upwards. He is the most important subject and the rest of the pictorial “materials,” whether human, landscape, or buildings, are arranged to add to the overall effectiveness of the total composition. Your eyes are guided, often quite subtly and skilfully, to the eventual conclusion. Yet for all the sophistication of printed books and digital screens, reproduced images often fail to produce anything beyond what they are – reproductions.

What can our postmodern world say about the Resurrection? Even though it is an essential event of Christianity, what happened on Easter more than

2,000 years ago can seem distant, somehow too remote and mythical for us today, in 2018. It remains a concept, not an experience.

But stop for a moment: I have an idea. Go to the main Kitchener Public Library on Queen Street North. There in the spacious Reading Room, carefully preserved during the building’s recent massive renovations, you will find “Enlightenment,” the imposing south wall mural painted in 1963 by Kitchener artist Jack Bechtel (1923-1966).

I met Jack many years ago and respect his approach to visual art. For me, this particular work seems relevant to Christianity because it abstractly symbolizes not only a sense of resurrection, but also the

Holy Trinity.

Three columnar figures seem to be emerging from a sea of shapes, people, objects or forms. Much of the work is about forms, most of a similar or related shape, elongated horizontally or vertically, painted mostly in

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related (analogous) colours, except where a contrast in colour or light and dark, movement and direction provides most of the tension. A painter moves the eye.

This is a just short explanation of the physical aspects of “Enlightenment.” It’s by no means complete, but a place to begin thought.

What does it all have to do with the Resurrection? Well that’s really up to you! The magical part lies in the meaning or suggestions of meanings that this (or any other painting) convey for you.

For those of us who need symbols, this work by Jack Bechtel can do that, right here in Kitchener-Waterloo. Viewing such a painting must become a personal experience – much like the Resurrection. You can bring your attitudes, beliefs, imaginings and longings to a work of art and, as they say, let it wash over you!

It does take time and patience, however. Look again; let your eyes move horizontally, vertically. Notice how the colours lighten as your gaze rises. How much space do you feel? Now I see fire, flames – wait, isn’t that biblical?

As in many situations in this life (and the next?) the creator’s genius determines to a large degree the meaning of their art. Amen.

Recycling at Mount Zion

We are working hard to educate all the users of our building the “art” of recycling.



The Region of Waterloo sends out updates on acceptable items to place in various bins. Our challenge is to stay on top of the current guidelines.

Tip #1 Use the green bin for paper plates and napkins which can be composted along with all food scraps,

Tip#2 Plastic cutlery and drinking straws cannot be recycled. They go in the trash.

CLAY 2018 –

“Threads” coming to Thunder Bay!

This summer, CLAY – Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth – will host “Threads,” an incredible gathering of young people from across Canada in Thunder Bay, Ontario, **August 15-19.**



Congratulations to our Mount Zion participants – Aiden Boyd, Lauren Harris and Hanne Kuhnert – who will travel with Peter Kuhnert as

group leader. Accompanying them will also be youth from St. James Lutheran, St. Jacobs (Pastor Karen Kuhnert).

At “Threads,” participants will encounter scripture in new and meaningful ways, experience ancient and modern styles of worship, learn together in special interest forums, enjoy fantastic social events, make connections with their peers from all over our huge country, and celebrate our life together. What’s not to love about a program like that?!?

Keynote speaker will be “storyweaver” and slam poetry artist Steve Greene, born in Montreal to a family with deep faith and story-telling roots in Barbados and West Indian culture. Steve will speak at large-group gatherings, reflecting on and weaving together stories from a wide variety of tellers, places, and scripture.

At the very heart of things, youth will connect with what it really means to be children of God, to affirm and respond to God’s grace and faithfulness in ways that are intentional, practical, memorable and meaningful.

Funding for the trip comes from a generous FaithLife Financial grant and a number of church fund-raising events and projects. Special thanks to Mount Zion for supporting this endeavor.

Financial Update– February 2018

A note from Finance

1. Our financial status for the two month period ending February reflects a deficit of \$2,745 in the “**Ministry & Mission (current) Account**” compared with a budgeted deficit of \$3,558. The favourable deviation of \$813 was due to higher income accounting for \$2,309 offset by higher expenses accounting for \$1,496.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Better/ (Worse)</u>
Total receipts	\$51,437	\$49,128	\$2,309
Total Disbursements	<u>54,182</u>	<u>52,686</u>	<u>(1,496)</u>
Deficit	\$(2,745)	\$(3,558)	\$ 813.

Comments:

- Member regular envelope contributions were \$1,056 better than plan.
 - Facility and parking income was \$337 higher
 - Other income was higher by \$916 due primarily to \$1,079 in higher than planned earnings on our Endowment funds.
 - Disbursements were \$1,496 worse due to high snow removal costs and boiler repairs
2. Your support of **Benevolence** to the Synod and other designated causes totalled \$21,082. Included in this are grants of \$9,000 for Open Sesame, and \$6,688 for Six Nations/TRMA Partnership. Regular benevolence totalled \$3,962 which was remitted to Synod. Donations to other causes was \$1,432.

Bridges VBS

Coming July 9 to 13, 2018

9 am to 4 pm

Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Waterloo

Our theme, Rolling River Rampage, invites us to "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!"

Bridges VBS is an area-wide, Vacation Bible School with ELCIC churches participating from around Waterloo Region



Registration will be open to all children ages 5-11 (by Dec. 31, 2018)

Cost is \$100 per child for the week including all lunches, snacks and a t-shirt.

Youth completing grade 6 and up are welcome to join the fun as helpers and volunteers!

Registration opens March 1, 2018

Watch for details coming soon on facebook or at bridgesvbs.weebly.com

You can be part of this event! Area congregations are invited to help out by volunteering or donating supplies.

For more information check out bridgesvbs.weebly.com or email Heidi Van Schaik at bridgesvbs@gmail.com

Our program is run entirely by volunteers like you!



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. (Isaiah 43:2)

Financial Update – Two Months ending February 28, 2018

By Richard Brubacher – Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee

The summaries below reflect the actual cash flows for the two month period ending February 28, 2018, and the position of our bank accounts. Comparative data is displayed for our budget commitment and the prior year.

Ministry & Mission (Current) Account - Cash Flow Basis

	2 Months - 2018		Comments re: Differences to plan	2 Months
	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members	27,611	26,555	- better than plan \$1,056	29,365
Receipts from Facility Rentals & Parking	14,406	14,014		7,663
Rental income reserved to Capital	(2,200)	(2,145)		-
Other Receipts - (Plate, Endow. Int., grant)	11,620	10,704		7,558
Deficit Reduction Response	-	-		300
Total inflow	51,437	49,128		44,886
Cash Outflow				
Disbursements - Staff & operating costs	54,182	52,686	- worse \$1,496 (snow removal)	46,662
Total outflow	54,182	52,686		46,662
Net Cash (Outflow)/inflow	(2,745)	(3,558)	- \$813 better than Budget Plan	(1,776)
Cash balance (overdraft)	15,851	12,540		14,591

Benevolence Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members - General Benev.	3,962	4,000		4,274
Receipts for designated appeals	17,120	-	- Incl. Grants \$15,688	13,884
Total inflow	21,082	4,000		18,158
Cash Outflow				
Payments to Synod	3,962	3,875		4,274
Payments to other designated appeals	17,120	125		13,884
Total outflow	21,082	4,000		18,158

Capital Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Receipts from Members	890	1,038		846
Transfers from Ministry & Mission acct	2,200	2,145	- Rental income reserved from MM acct.	-
Total inflow	3,090	3,183		846
Cash Outflow				
Capital Expenditures	140	1,350		-
Total outflow	140	1,350		-
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	2,950	1,833		846
Cash Balances	51,197	50,081		34,953

Rental Property Account - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Rental Income from Tenants	5,560	4,380		6,740
Transfers from Capital Account	-	-		-
Total inflow	5,560	4,380		6,740
Cash Outflow				
Current Expenditures - Properties	2,588	2,208		2,158
Capital Improvements to Properties	-	-		-
Total outflow	2,588	2,208		2,158
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	2,972	2,172		4,582
Cash Balances (overdraft)	(2,162)	(2,962)		(20,483)



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter  Sunday	2	3	4 Mountaineer 7:30 am	5 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	6 Student Dinner 5:00 pm	
8 Communion Service 10:00 am	9	10	11 Mount Zion Café 10:00 am Visit to Waterloo Masjic 7:00 pm	12 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	13 Student Dinner 5:00 pm Mountaineer Deadline	Confirmation Da 9:00 am -3:00 pm EWP Shower & Potluck 6 – 7:30 pm
15 Choir Practice 9:15 am Communion Service 10:00 am	16	17 Council Exec 9:30 am	18 Meeting of Church Councils 12 – 2 pm St. Matthews Conestoga Worship & Music 7:00	19 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	20	
22 Communion Service 10 am.	23 Kiwanis Festival	24 Kiwanis Festival	25 Kiwanis Festival <i>InterFaith Grand River Breakfast</i> 7:00 am Mount Zion Café 10:00 am	26 Kiwanis Festival Choir Practice 7:30 pm	27 Kiwanis Festival	
29 Communion Service 10:00 am	30	May 1 Church Council 7:00 pm				

