

Fall, 2017 - Inviting People to
Share the Joy of God's Love!

GOOD NEWS FROM Zion



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Welcome Back!

Join Us for 10:30 Worship

September brings a new season of our church year, with lots of new programs and events underway, to help us to live faithfully, joyfully, and in a way that makes a difference. **There's a place for everyone to take part.** You will find joy in worshipping together and through helping others!

This Fall features a great Sunday School Program, "**Kids Own Worship**;" our fantastic Youth Group, "**Friday Night Noiz**" headed by Youth Leaders Courtney and Alex; a new Wednesday Night Bible Study series, "The Five Solas" highlighting the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation; great new music for our many choirs; and lots of Special Sundays and Special Events to keep you coming back for more! **Don't Miss A Sunday!**

Visit our Family Centre

The Nursery & Family Quiet Room are for infants and toddlers who want a switch from hard pews and a large, formidable sanctuary to a **small, cozy, warm room** with soft rocking chairs and a quiet, soothing atmosphere occupied by a few toys and books that your children will love!

These rooms on the **second floor of the church** overlook the sanctuary through one-way glass and have the sounds of the church service softly piped in through speakers so that parents **don't have to miss a thing!**

Come take a break in peace and tranquility while enjoying the best seats in the house!

Minister Associate

Rev. Andrew Hutchinson

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Andrew Hutchinson, who has been such a blessing to us during Rev. Rollwage's Moderatorial year, will be joining our staff as Minister Associate. The Session and Congregation realised a number of years ago that we needed additional ministry staffing, and the Congregation provided approval and funding at our most recent Annual Meeting. Upon the request (and to the delight) of Session, Andrew agreed to serve in this capacity beginning this September. We look forward to the many ways in which Andrew's ministry will be a blessing to us!

The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation

500 years ago, Martin Luther ignited the Reformation, leading to the establishment of the Protestant Church, and ultimately giving birth to our own Presbyterian Church in Canada. The events of 500 years ago laid the groundwork for how we worship God, what we believe about God, and how we live as faithful Christians.

But what was the Reformation? What is Protestantism? How are we different from the Roman Catholic Church? What led to the establishment of the many Protestant denominations?

Our Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday Sermon Series this fall will seek to answer these questions and nurture (and challenge) our faith, bringing us back to the core truths and principles of the Reformation which brought our church into being. Don't miss a Sunday - or a Wednesday - as together we grow in faith and commitment to God.

THE “FIVE SOLAS” OF OUR FAITH

A NEW STUDY IN 9 PARTS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPT. 13 – NOV. 8, 7-8:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. From humble and unlikely beginnings, the Reformation would shake the foundations of the Western world, and lead to the birth of the Protestant church and its many denominations, and ultimately Zion Presbyterian!

But what triggered the Reformation? What led to the split from the Roman Catholic Church? Who were the main personalities involved? What did they - and we as modern-day Protestants - believe? Why does what happened 500 years ago matter to us in 21st Century Canada? What is our relationship with the Roman Catholic Church - and other denominations - today?

Our study, THE “FIVE SOLAS” OF OUR FAITH, seeks to answer these questions and more. The Solas are the cornerstone beliefs of the Reformation -

SOLA SCRIPTURA (“Scripture Alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

SOLA FIDE (“Faith Alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

SOLA GRATIA (“Grace Alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

SOLUS CHRISTUS (“Christ Alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Saviour, and King.

SOLI DEO GLORIA (“To the Glory of God Alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.

**Come and be a part of this fun, interesting, challenging and inspiring study.
No experience necessary! Coffee and tea will be provided! Bring a friend! Bring two!**

Check the Sunday bulletin and our website for more Bible Study start times coming up later this month! Sunday Evening, Tuesday Morning, and Tuesday Evening Home and Church - Based studies are all starting again - a great way to learn more and make new friends!

Important Sundays for Your Calendar

There's something for you every week!

September 3 – 10:30 Service Time Resumes

Sept. 10 – Mermaid Memorial Service 3 pm

Friday, Sept. 15, 7 pm Youth Group KickOff!

September 17 – Sunday School Registration

October 1 – World Communion Sunday

October 8 – Thanksgiving Sunday

October 29 – Reformation Sunday

November 5 – Remembrance Sunday

Dec. 3 – 1st Sunday in Advent – Communion

– 7 pm Advent in Mermaid

Dec. 10 – 7 pm Memorial Angel Service

Bible Studies - Your Choice!

There are many great options for Bible Study at Zion - which one is best for you?

**Beginning Sept 12 - Tuesdays, 10:30 am
Ladies' Ecumenical Bible Study**

in the Zion Church Lounge

Beginning Later Sept - Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

At the home of Dorothy Taylor

Beginning October - Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

“Paul's Life, Letters, and Theology”

In the Zion Lounge - Led by Kent Brown

ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS FROM 10:30-11:30AM

Pre-KINDERGARTEN-Grade 9

The weather may be getting cooler but things are heating up on our new children's worship starting Sept. 17th!



Children's church is where your preschoolers, elementary and youth build their worship foundation. This is where they focus on God in a personal way-and experience children's worship through uplifting songs and fun, memorable Bible learning through children's church lessons. Kids sing and celebrate God's goodness and love!

This year, join our preschool group with stories, crafts and puppet skits. Elementary kids will work through Kid's Own Worship material focusing on the book of Genesis this fall. It involves Bible stories, interactive games, prayers and sing-a-long songs all teaching about God's unconditional love!

Junior High Aged Youth: you will be joined with some fabulous leaders to teach you about God's endless love in lessons involving situations that youth face day to day and how God guides them to solution.

Throughout the year, all children will be giving back to the community by fundraising for various charities through God's ministry.

Parents are invited to come downstairs on registration day to register their child and then stay to learn about this year's program. If you would like to be a part of the program, do not hesitate to contact Debra-Lynn Trainor or Tonya Gray. We would love to have you join us!

REGISTRATION IS SUNDAY, SEPT. 17th!

Like us on Facebook under
"Zion Sunday School"

YOUTH GROUP

**FRIDAY
NIGHT
NOIZ!**

**FRIDAYS, 7-9 PM
STARTING SEPT. 15**

Friday Night NOIZ is gearing up to start our fourth year! Our first night will be Friday, September 15th from 7:00-9:00. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to join us. With a new team of volunteer leaders, this year of NOIZ will be bigger and better than ever. We hope to see you there!

Courtney and Alex

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<http://zionpres.org/zion-youth-group/>

We are preparing for the fall and excited about the start of our music programs at Zion. We would love to have YOU in one of the following choirs:

Legato (Ladies): Ages 16...up

We meet every second Wednesday evening from 6:45-7:30. This group is for all ladies who do not want to have the weekly commitment of Senior Choir but who enjoy group singing. Give yourself a two-week trial - come to rehearsals and test the water!

1st Rehearsal: Wednesday, September 20 - 6:45

Marcato (Men): Ages 16...up

We meet every second Wednesday evening from 6:45-7:30. This group is for all men who do not want to have the weekly commitment of Senior Choir but who enjoy group singing. Come and enjoy the fellowship and thrill of making music for the Lord!

1st Rehearsal Wednesday, September 13 - 6:45

Senior Choir

We meet every Wednesday from 7:30-9:00. We welcome new members at any time of the year but especially in the fall which is a great time to try new challenges. This is a very low stress, low pressure, “fun” rehearsal each week with others who are learning, laughing and loving God.

1st rehearsal Wednesday, September 6 - 7:30.

Cantabile Choir (children) ages 8...up

We meet every Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. This is a great opportunity for learning to sing, read, perform and share God’s word through music.

1st Rehearsal Saturday, September 16.

Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler and more reasonable. - Martin Luther

Zion Missions: Working Together... To Make A Difference

We all know that God makes a difference in our lives.
But God also calls us to make a difference in the lives of others.
That’s what Missions is all about.

We reach out in many ways, including the Upper Room (our city outreach to the hungry), Camp Keir (our Island outreach to children and youth), and the Canadian FoodGrains Bank (our outreach to the world’s neediest people).

Why not join us, through contributing to Missions through your Offering, to responding to special appeals and projects as they arrive, through volunteering your time, or serving with the Missions Team?

Talk to Ron MacMillan, Roger Balderston or the minister, for more info.

You can make a difference!