



Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School

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Newsletter

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1. Devotional from Pastor Kyle Eddy: Rivers of Living Water for You

John 7:37-39

As the Day of Pentecost nears, we hear Jesus' gracious promise: "*Whoever believes in me... out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.*" That word *whoever* is such a gracious word! Who is whoever? Anyone who believes! The gift of the Holy Spirit is not reserved for a select few, but poured out freely on all who trust in Christ— young and old, near and far, strong and weak.

Jesus speaks this promise to a thirsty world. We know that thirst well. We see it in restlessness, in searching, in the quiet ache for something lasting and true. Left to ourselves, we draw from empty wells. Left to ourselves, we are bone-dry. But Jesus invites us to come to Him and drink deeply. He alone satisfies. He alone gives life.

At Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled this promise. The risen and glorified Christ poured out the Holy Spirit on His people, and He has not stopped pouring. The Holy Spirit comes to us through the Gospel, creating faith, forgiving sins, and anchoring us in Christ. He is not a trickle, but a river—bringing life where there was none.

And this gift does not end with us. The Spirit who dwells in believers also flows outward. He works through ordinary words, simple acts of love, and faithful witness to bring others to Christ. It is not our strength that matters, but His power.

So we come thirsty—and we leave filled. In Christ, the river never runs dry, and His Spirit alone fully satisfies our deepest need.

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

Friday, May 1st, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.
Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Fifth Sunday in Easter Worship Service.

The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6).

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.
Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Sixth Sunday in Easter Worship Service, Holy Communion.

God gives life to all people and calls them to seek Him, yet in sin we turn instead to idols. Therefore God has appointed Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, through whom we receive forgiveness, new life, and hope.

Advokate’s annual Baby Bottle Campaign runs from May 10th to June 21st.

Talk to Penny, Elaina or Gerald to pick up your Bay Bottle.

This Fundraiser is supporting Hope for Women Pregnancy Services in its goal to raise awareness about the life-saving mission of Advokate to create educated communities where families thrive, and babies' lives are valued and welcomed.

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society**

in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!
Please contact Penny if you need a ride.



Friday, May 15th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Ascension Sunday Worship Service.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and then ascended to the Father, filling all things and giving gifts to His Church. Though hidden from sight, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments, continuing to bring repentance and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. In His Church, Christ blesses us with forgiveness and joy, lifting us up to share in His heavenly life.

Sunday, May 24th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Day of Pentecost Sunday Worship Service, Holy Communion.

From His open heart, our crucified and risen Lord pours out His Holy Spirit in “rivers of living water” (John 7:38) and invites everyone who thirsts to come to Him and drink freely (John 7:37). Through this life-giving work of the Holy Spirit, we hear our pastors “telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God” (Acts 2:11), and “everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

Friday, May 29th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12
Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, May 31st, 2026

- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- 10:30 a.m.

Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service.

The Triune God created all things good, yet through sin creation fell into death and decay. According to God's plan, Jesus was crucified and raised, and He pours out the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. By Baptism and teaching in the Church, the Triune God recreates us in the image of Christ and declares His work very good.

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting

On the agenda: Review of Financial Statements, Adoption of Annual Budget, Directors' Reports, and Election of Directors.

Sunday, June 7th, 2026

- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service, Holy Communion.

Thursday, June 11th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting of the **LWMLC Prince George Society**

in the downstairs meeting room at ZLCS; all ladies are welcome!

Please contact Penny if you need a ride.



Saturday, June 12th, 2026

• 2:00 p.m.

ZLCS Farewell; Celebrating 27 Years of Faithful Service

No RSVP necessary, just drop in when you can make the time.

We are looking forward to catching up with you again.



The flyer is a colorful collage celebrating the 27th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Christian School. It features a large title 'ZLCS FAREWELL' in orange and green bubbly letters. A green circle indicates the date 'JUNE 13 2-4 PM'. The school's logo, a purple cross with 'ZLCS' and 'Established in 1999', is centered. Photos include children playing, a piano recital, and a church service. Decorative elements include a yellow sun, a pink butterfly, a yellow banana, and an orange character. Text at the bottom provides the address '180 Tabor Blvd' and contact information: 'For More Info: 250-562-2777 principal@zlcs.com'.

ZLCS FAREWELL

**JUNE 13
2-4 PM**

**Zion Lutheran
Christian School**
Established in 1999

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
@2:30**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO
HELP US CELEBRATE
27 YEARS OF ZLCS!**

180 Tabor Blvd

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Sunday, June 14th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

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Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday Worship Service.

Thursday, June 18th, 2026

- **Noon Dismissal**

Last day of school for our students.

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday Worship Service, Holy Communion.

Last Day of Advocate's Baby Bottle Campaign.

Friday, June 26th, 2026

- **7:00 p.m.**

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

- **9:30 a.m.**

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Check your weekly bulletin for the readings planned for this Sunday.

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

- **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday Worship Service.

3. Notices:

* **Details of events can change on short notice.**

Please check out our website for Updates and for more information.

<https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>

- * Find us on **You-Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran> if you are unable to attend in person and want to watch our **live-streamed worship services**, or if you want to rewatch a previously recorded service.

4. Prayers of the Church and Prayer Chain

Let us pray: **Gracious Lord, You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Be with those who are lonely or live by themselves. Give them comfort in Your Word and joy in Your presence. Teach them to find peace in Your love and joy in loving their neighbours.**

Have mercy on those in our church family who struggle with sickness, financial burdens, or other troubles. Provide for their daily needs, strengthen their faith, and give them hope in Your promises. Grant them peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Prayers of the Church will be shared with the congregation.

If you have prayer requests you would like to share with the congregation, please call the office at 250-562-2777 or send an email to zion@zlcs.com.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). Please let us know if we can help carry your burden in any way.

The **Prayer Chain** is a line of communication among Christians who are willing to be 'On Call' and will pray immediately for any specific need for anyone who requests their prayers.

The members of the prayer chain will keep your prayer requests **strictly confidential** unless you have specifically requested they also be shared in the prayers of the Church!

If you are in need of prayer, please don't hesitate to call the church office at 250-562-2777 or Shirley at 250-964-3411.

If you would like to participate in the prayer chain, or want to know more about it, please contact Penny Bobier at penbob@shaw.ca.

5. The History of Zion Lutheran Christian School

Around the year 1994, the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church wanted to create a place where children would learn not only about the Word of God in its purity, but also language, mathematics, history, etc.



After five years of planning, Zion Lutheran Christian School opened its doors for the first time in September 1999.

13 students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 were taught by the school's first principal and teacher, Corinne Coles-Mohns.

The original School Board Members (1998/1999) included Lynn Giese (chair), Irmgard King, Uwe Finger, Leslie Burke, Vivian Biederman, and Ken Leboe.



Picture: **Opening Ceremony, September 18, 1999.**

Adults from left to right:

Daryl Becker (School Executive – LCC ABC District), RCMP Officer Terry Fehr, Mayor Colin Kinsley, Pastor Alan Visser, and Principal Corinne Coles-Mohns.

Our students were encouraged to see the work of God in the world around them, and within their own lives; and our teachers experienced the joy of being able to freely teach the children about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

ZLCS was a place of evangelism where faith in Christ was both planted and nurtured.

Picture:

Our students at the Christmas program at the Golden Age Social in December of 2013.



Over the years, ZLCS has raised money for several charities locally, provincially, nationally, and globally.

Notably, our school has raised over \$10 000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Keeping our school alive and well maintained would not have been possible without the generous help of parent and church volunteers.

We thank you all for your support!



Left picture: Fall of 2014;
Replacement of the original
wooden playground with
the help of parents and
church members.



Right picture: June 2019;
Principal John Haeussler
acknowledging Dietrich Hess
for his 20 years of faithful service
as the school's volunteer custodian.

We also thank all the volunteers who generously donated their time and talents to help with lunch and recess supervision, help our students with reading exercises, prepare school lunches, organize fundraisers for the school, serve as drivers on field trips, and support the school in all the many other ways!

Between 1999 and 2004, each year an extra Grade was added to our school's program.

In June 2004, the first Grade 7 class graduated from ZLCS to move on to High School.



Since 1999, Zion Lutheran Christian School has enrolled an estimated 225 unique students, representing approximately 110 families from our community. An estimated 110 students have graduated from our school and moved on to High School. Average enrolment per year since 2010/2011 was 34 students.

The Serving Principals were:

Corinne Coles-Mohns (1999-2002)

Shelaine Clasper (2002-2010)

Celena Spencer (2010-2012)

John Haeussler (2012-2026)



The **Original School Logo** was designed by Ted Giese.

Fun fact: Ted Giese also designed the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary of our church!



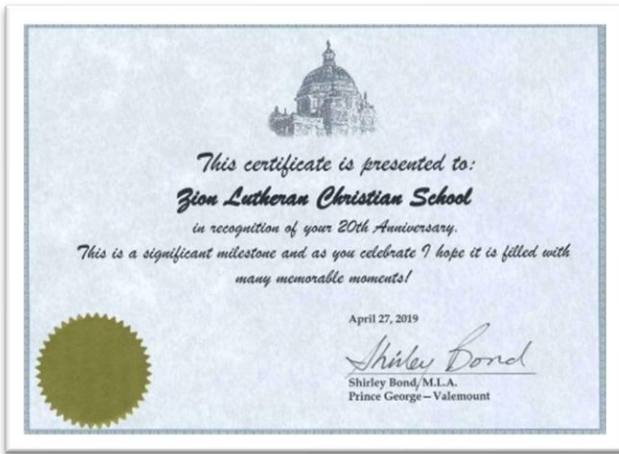
Around 2009, Josie Hess designed the **Current Logo**, adding the circular part and the ribbon at the bottom. It compliments the original logo very well!

Our school has marked **Four Anniversaries**.

Quilts commemorating the **10th and 20th Anniversary** are displayed in the narthex.



The **15th Anniversary** in May 2014 was celebrated with a handbell concert, put on by our Grade 5 to 7 students. Mayor Sherri Green attended the celebration.



The **20th Anniversary** certificate presented to ZLCS in April 2019 by Shirley Bond, MLA for Prince George-Valemount is displayed in the narthex.

The **25th Anniversary** was celebrated in May 2024 with a fundraising dinner and auction. Pictured from left to right: Leslie Burke, Penny Bobier, Randy Bobier, Greg Giese, Lynn Giese, and John Haeussler.



For 27-years ZCLS welcomed many families and placed Christ in the center of students' lives.

In January 2026, Mr. Haeussler announced he would be resigning from Zion Lutheran Christian School effective the end of this school year.

The School Board carefully weighed different options and possibilities, and with prayerful consideration, the recommendation to the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church was made that ZLCS close its doors effective June 30th, 2026.

On January 11th, 2026, the congregation made the difficult decision to accept this recommendation. **ZLCS will cease operations on June 30th, 2026.**

With heavy hearts, Zion Lutheran Christian School will dismiss its students for the final time on June 18th, 2026.

We are very thankful to God for the blessing of our school these past 27 years!

Since 1999, many changes have occurred in our school; students, families, teachers, principals, and educational assistants have all come and gone, but one thing has remained the same: God's steadfast goodness and provision!

6. Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School Contact Information:

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except statutory holidays.

School Hours: 8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on school days (Office closes at 12:30 p.m.!))

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Church Website: <https://zionpg.lutheranchurchcanada.ca/>

School Website: <http://zlcs.com/wp/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@zion-vanderhoof-lutheran/streams>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Zion-Lutheran-Church-and-Christian-School/100064320926931/>