



Zion Lutheran Church and Christian School

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Newsletter

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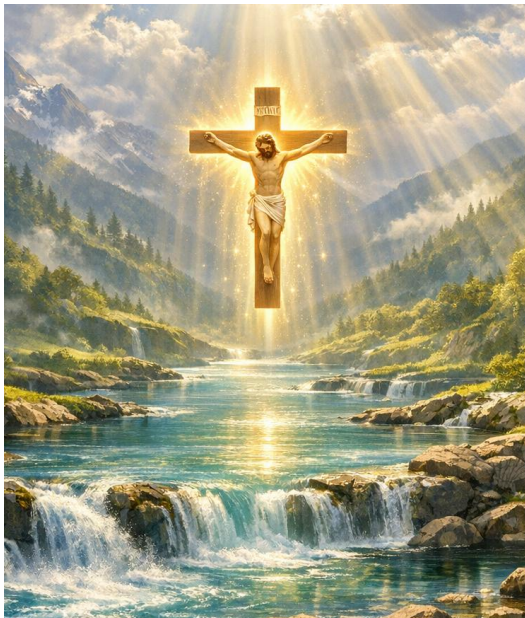


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1. Devotional from Pastor Kyle Eddy: Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37–39

We all have “fly-over lands” in life—dry places we want to avoid. Failures, broken relationships, haunting memories, dashed dreams, unmet desires, loneliness, and the weight of our sins can leave us parched and weary. We may wish to simply fly over these deserts, but we cannot.

Yet it is precisely in these deserts that Jesus stands and cries out:

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. As the Scripture has said, ‘Out of His heart will flow rivers of living water.’” (John 7:37)

On the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles, as water was poured out at the temple in thanksgiving and prayer for rain, Jesus declared that He Himself is the true well of salvation. From His heart flow “*rivers of living water*”—the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon all who believe.

Jesus knows the desert places of human life because He entered them Himself. On the cross, He became the thirsty One for us. Bearing our sin and sorrow, He cried, “*I thirst*,” and from His pierced side flowed blood and water. Through His death and resurrection, Christ became the well of salvation for a thirsty world.

So when guilt accuses you, turn to Jesus. When your strength fails, turn to Jesus. When life feels barren and dry, turn to Jesus. With joy, draw water from the well of salvation.

The living water Jesus gives is the Holy Spirit, poured into your heart through His Word and Sacraments. In Baptism, He washes you clean. In Absolution, He speaks forgiveness. In the Lord’s Supper, He feeds you with eternal life. Even when you do not feel His work, His promise remains sure.

This living water does not remain still. The Spirit flows from you in rivers of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and faithfulness. Christ sends His people into the dry places of other lives. They carry His life-giving Word.

The deserts of life are real. But Christ’s living water has not run dry. From His pierced heart, rivers of life still flow for you.

—Pastor Kyle Eddy.

2. Services and Events:

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.

Worship Service; Second Sunday after Pentecost; 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 13th, 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!

Sunday, June 14th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Third Sunday after Pentecost.

The Lord our God saves us in love and cares for us by the ministry of the Gospel; pray earnestly for the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers ...

Thursday, June 18th, 2026

- **Last day of school** for our students.

Sunday, June 21st, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion.

Be bold in obedience and confession, fear no persecution; you are worth far more than sparrows; the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

- **Last Day of Advocate's Baby Bottle Campaign.**

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

Enjoy good food in good company and please bring a dish to share if you can.

Sunday, July 5th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion.

Sunday, July 12th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday, July 19th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday, July 26th, 2026

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

Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson

Young or old, everybody is welcome to join us!

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

Worship Service; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

Enjoy good food in good company and please bring a dish to share if you can.

3. Notices:

- * **Bible Study – A Longer Look at the Lesson**

This Bible Study series will take a longer look at the readings for each Sunday's service. You can find the planned readings in the emailed weekly bulletin.

- * **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.

Prayers of the Church will be shared with the congregation.

Please continue to keep Lily, Gerald, Michelle, Margaret, Robert, Joan, Doug, Paul, Lily, Juana, Tom, Cheryl, Rae, Gertie, Lillian, and Anneliese in your prayers.

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 the church office at zion@zlcs.com

5. Saying Farewell at Zion Lutheran Christian School

Zion Lutheran Christian School, a small school that made a big difference, will be dismissing its students for the last time on June 18th, 2026.

Our students didn't just learn about math and science in our school, but they also learned about the Word of God and about Christ's love for each one of us.

We are very grateful for the faithful service of our dedicated principals, teachers, support staff, and volunteers, who made our school possible for all these years.



As we are now entering into a new chapter in the history of Zion Lutheran Church, Principal John Haeussler and Pastor Kyle Eddy want to share their thoughts and memories with you.

Principal John Haeussler

I have mixed emotions as we bring this school year to a close.

In some ways, it was a very typical year for ZLCS. There were lots of the traditional activities like our Hallelujah Day, the Christmas program, skiing trips, special days, and of course heading out to Ness Lake. These days always help make each and every year special.

But we all know that this was not a typical year at Zion. This was the last year. Since January, when we announced that the school would be closing, I couldn't help but think after every special event that this was the last one. The last Science Fair. The last Crazy Hair Day. The last overnight trip with my Grade 5-7 students. Part of me is sad about this. I will miss building relationships with students, parents and staff. I will miss planning all those special events and trips. I will miss being a part of this school family.



But a bigger part of me is thankful. Thankful for the tremendous opportunity I had to be a part of this wonderful community for the past 14 years. Thankful for the memories. Thankful for the relationships. Thankful for you and for the support you have given me over the years.

ZLCS has been in operation since 1999. For 27 years, this school has touched the lives of many students and families with the Gospel of Christ and the message of salvation. Isaiah tells us that God's word does not come back empty, that it will accomplish what it was sent out to do. I am confident that the seeds that have been planted over the past 27 years will bear fruit (and indeed, already have!).

As this chapter in our church's life comes to a close, new opportunities await. Each of our students and staff will be heading off to new schools to build new relationships, new memories.

As a congregation, we now face new challenges. What will our ministry in Prince George look like moving forward now that our school is closing?

I know that change and uncertainty is not easy, but you can rest assured in the fact that God has promised to be with us, promised to love us, promised to preserve his church. Those promises will never change.

As you reflect on the last 27 years of school ministry at Zion, you may be sad to think that it is all over. That's all right – it's OK to be sad. Just remember to be thankful and find joy in knowing that you helped make this place what it is. That you were a part of something special. We all were.

Although I will be starting a new teaching job at Sacred Heart in the Fall, I am still a member of the Zion family. Together we will move forward, finding new ways to connect with our community and with each other through God's Word and Sacrament.

I often end my year end message to school families with the phrase "Let's do it again in September!" I guess this year is a little different.

I have confidence that whatever the future holds, it will be good.

Good because God is with us. Good because God is good.

Perhaps a more appropriate final message would be the Aaronic blessing from Numbers 6:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

John Haeussler

Pastor Kyle Eddy



This month marks the final chapter of Zion Lutheran Christian School. On June 13, the school will host an open house celebrating all that the Lord has done through our school over the past 27 years. The final day of classes will be June 18, and on Sunday, June 21, we will officially bring this ministry to a close.

I will miss the thunder of the 5-6-7 class trooping up and down the stairs.
I will miss leading chapels and sharing the gospel with students.
I will miss all the little faces that have become a regular part of my weekdays.
I will miss interacting with the other school staff and volunteers.
I will miss knowing that our congregation is helping to fill a need for solid Christian education in our community.

Although we grieve this ending, we also have the opportunity to reflect with deep gratitude. God has richly blessed our school through the years with faithful staff, students, families, and supporters. He has blessed students with the teaching of the Gospel and Christian education. And we can be thankful that His love and guidance will continue in the lives of all who have been part of Zion Lutheran Christian School. As one chapter ends, we pray that God will lead us faithfully into the next opportunities He has prepared.

“Merciful Saviour, preserve all who have been part of this school in the true faith. Though this institution closes, let Your Word continue to dwell richly in their hearts, and gather them always around the preaching of the Gospel and the gifts of Your holy Church. Open our eyes to new ways to serve our community and proclaim Your saving Gospel.
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
In your name, Amen.”

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

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

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

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