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Newsletter

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staying connected



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1. Who Do You Say Jesus Is?

Matthew 16:15-17

“[Jesus] said to [his disciples], ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.’” (Matthew 16:15–17, ESV)

In a world overflowing with opinions but lacking certainty, Jesus asks the question that matters above all others: **“Who do you say that I am?”** (Matthew 16:15). Every other question in life depends upon the answer. The world’s solutions never work because they get this first question wrong.

The world offers many responses. Some call Jesus a great teacher, a moral example, or simply one option among many. Yet none of these answers can save. St. Peter confessed, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** This confession is the foundation of the Church because it is the truth revealed by the Father. This is **God’s** answer.

Jesus is **the** Christ—the Anointed One who fulfilled God’s saving plan for you once and for all. He is **the** Son of the living God, true God from eternity, who alone has authority over your sin, death, and grave. By His death on the cross and His victorious resurrection, He has accomplished the forgiveness of your sins and opened the kingdom of heaven to all who believe.

Because Jesus is the Christ, His promises cannot fail. He continues to build His Church upon this confession, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Through the preaching of His Word and the forgiveness of sins, Christ still gathers, strengthens, and preserves His people in the one true faith.

When life’s questions seem overwhelming, and the world offers only uncertainty, return to Peter’s confession. Anchor yourself in Christ each day through simple practices: pause to pray and call upon His name, gather regularly for worship, and read God’s promises in Scripture. Repeating Peter’s confession—whether silently in your heart or spoken aloud—can refocus your trust in Jesus. Everything rests upon Jesus. He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, who gave Himself for you. In Him you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. And because He lives, you may face every day with confidence, knowing that everyone who calls upon His name will be saved.

--Pastor Kyle Eddy

2. Services and Events:

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

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

Worship Service; Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Feeding the 5,000; God's free feast vs. labouring for what can't satisfy.

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

Jesus and Peter walking on water; Jesus' divine majesty and power.

Sunday, August 16th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Jesus' mercy for the Canaanite woman; salvation for all tribes, peoples, and nations.

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

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

Worship Service; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Peter's confession: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'

The building of the Church, the Office of the Keys (Pastoral Office).

Sunday, August 30th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

- **Fellowship Potluck after the Service.**

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

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

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

Worship Service; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

The deadly danger of sin; the importance of salvation; the importance to warn others of sin so they can be forgiven and you can "gain your brother".

Thursday, September 10th, 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, September 11th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

- 10:30 a.m.

Joint Parish Service and Picnic at Vanderhoof Lutheran Church.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Forgive your brother from your heart-you are not God-God is the one who judges.

The Prince George location will be closed!

Everyone is welcome to join us at 181 Douglas St, Vanderhoof, BC.

Please let us know if you need a ride: zion@zlcs.com or (250) 562-2777

Sunday, September 20th, 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; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

Friday, September 25th, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group for Teenagers Grade 8 to 12

Games, Bible Study, and Fellowship

Sunday, September 27th, 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; Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **Holy Communion.**

- **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:

**Father in heaven, strengthen us by Your Spirit in life and in death,
in times of joy and in times of sorrow.**

Teach us to put aside our own wills and to trust in Your good and gracious will.

We commend to Your mercy all who have asked for our prayers.

Be with them and with all who are in need. Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayers of the Church will be shared with the congregation.

Please continue to keep your brothers and sisters in Christ 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 zion@zlcs.com

5. About our Youth Group

- **IMPACT Youth Gathering (June 27-30, 2026)**



Pastor Kyle and four of our youth attended the IMPACT Youth Gathering at Pines Bible Camp in Grand Forks, BC. There, they explored what it means to be branches in the Vine (John 15:5), worshipped with other Lutheran youth, made new friends, and enjoyed a variety of camp activities.

Our group tried archery, tackled a high ropes course, raced down a slip-and-slide, swam, played wide games and board games, created arts and crafts, sang around campfires, and served by clearing rocks from the river swimming area.

Pastor Kyle led daily Bible studies for a small group and also learned more about building and nurturing a strong youth group community and culture.



The youth are deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for them, supported their fundraisers, and gave generously to make this trip possible.

As we look forward to future activities and gatherings, we invite our congregation to continue supporting our youth ministry through prayer, participation, and giving.

Your ongoing encouragement makes a real difference! Please remember: Our youth are not just the future—they are part of Christ's body today!

- **Regular Friday Night Youth Group Meetings**

Our youth met every second Friday from September through June, from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

They played games outdoors and in the gym, studied the Ten Commandments, and participated in a W.A.G. (What About God?) Box.

Youth anonymously submitted questions about God, the Church, the Bible, and other topics into the W.A.G. box, which Pastor Kyle answered at the following meetings.

Special events included bowling, baking Christmas cookies for our homebound members, and an end-of-season party.

Youth group will resume Friday, September 11, 2026.

6. LWMLC Prince George Society Announcements

- The **Prince George Society of LWML-Canada** held their elections on **May 14, 2026**.

The results are as follows:

- ~ President – Penny, backup Tasha
- ~ Treasurer – Shirley, backup Mavis
- ~ Secretary – Kayla, backup Cheryl

All ladies are welcome to attend our meetings with Bible Study and Fellowship on the 2nd Thursday of the month starting September 10th, 7 pm at the church

Watch for other new and exciting events coming in late summer and fall!

- **Save the Date! Thursday, September 3, 2026, 6 p.m.**

Enjoy **Dinner Out and Fellowship with your Sisters in Christ**

Location revealed when you RSVP

Please RSVP by August 27 to: zion@zlcs.com



Celebrate Life **GALA**



Silver Table

\$400

~ 1 Table of 8 Seats

Works out to \$50.00 per person

~ 2 Tickets to Pre-Dinner Reception

~ Preferential seating based on level of sponsorship

~ Acknowledgement on Screen

***Let Penny know if you are interested in participating
in sponsoring a Silver table and she will coordinate and book***

General Seating is FREE, but RSVP is required.

Please note that if you wish to sit at the same table as other friends/family in the General Seating section, you may need to arrive early in order to save spots.

For more information and RSVP for individuals

<https://celebratelifegala.ca/prince-george/#>

Event Schedule

6:00pm Pre-Dinner Reception for Sponsors

6:15pm Doors open for main event

7:00pm Main event begins, dinner buffet open

9:00pm Main event concludes

When

7pm - 9pm

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Where

Prince George Conference
& Civic Centre

808 Canada Games Way
Prince George, BC V2L 5T6

Dinner will be served buffet style.

If you or your guests require any dietary specific meals

such as gluten-free or vegetarian, please email info@advokate.ca or call 604-852-4623 x4

Menu

Starters

Fresh Baked Rolls, Tossed Green Salad, Caesar Salad

Entrees

Herb & Garlic Roasted Chicken Breast with Mushroom Sauce, Seasonal Vegetables, Rosemary
Roasted Potatoes, Three Cheese Tortellini or Stuffed Pasta with Marinara Sauce,
Fresh Baked Rolls

Desserts

Assorted Dessert Squares
Coffee & Tea

(Matthew 11:28) **Jesus said:**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”



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We are always looking for **Suggestions** about new content or how we can improve our website and newsletters.

Please feel free to share your ideas with us! Email: zion@zlcs.com

7. Zion Lutheran Church Contact Information:

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

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