

### **Altar Guild**

The altar guild sets up the communion vessels and puts the flowers in the sanctuary each Sunday. Twice a year the altar guild gets together to clean the communion vessels. What better way to serve our Lord and church.

### **Choir**

Zion has a long-standing tradition of fine choral music. We currently have one mixed choir that sings music from a variety of styles, both traditional and contemporary. Although reading music is an asset, it is not a requirement to join this group of dedicated volunteer musicians.

### **Zion Lutheran Women (ZLW)**

We are a Christ-centered community of women committed to nurturing our faith and spiritual strength to enable us to be people of God in mission. Sharing and expressing our faith in action and working towards justice and peace. We welcome all women to our monthly meeting held usually the first Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall.

### **Kitchen Coordinators**

The kitchen group coordinates and serves a luncheon following a person's funeral to their family and friends here in the Parish Hall.

### **Library**

Each Sunday morning the library is opened after the worship service. It is located in the southeast corner of the Parish Hall. Staff is on hand to assist you or you may peruse the books at your leisure. There is a selection of books and videotapes for children and adults. Cassette tapes of our worship service are made available to you and/or to share with others.

### **Quilting Group**

The quilting group meets every Monday to quilt together 60-70 quilts every year. These quilts are packaged up and sent to the Head Office in Winnipeg where they are shipped overseas through C.L.W.R. Quilts are also donated to the O.P.P. to give to accident victims, to the hospital for needy moms and usually one is sent to a seminarian at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. The quilters also put together baby layettes. The number of layettes sent to developing countries depends on donations from Z.L.W. and congregational members.

### **Pastoral Care**

The pastoral care group meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Our goal is to visit our sick and shut-in members. We attend and assist worship services that our pastors conduct at the city's senior residences. Following the service we stay for a visit.

### **Sunday School**

The Sunday School proclaims the gospel message of Jesus Christ for children ages 3 -12. Each Sunday morning classes are held for approximately 1 hour after children have participated in liturgy at 10:00 a.m. worship. Our curriculum follows the common lectionary and includes God and Creation, 10 Commandments, the Holy Trinity and the life teachings of Jesus. Children learn through reading, singing, and creating crafts.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes are provided for youth who are preparing to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and to enter into greater participation in the life of the church. The two year Confirmation Program is instructed by pastors and lay teachers.

### **Youth Group**

Zion's youth group gathers together to have fun learning about God, participating in outreach projects and making friends.

### **Golden Age Group**

The Golden age group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. with Bible Study, programs and pot luck suppers. In early October we have our annual fall bus tour. All seniors are welcome. Come and join us.

### **Cemetery Committee**

The cemetery committee has full charge of the cemeteries of the congregation. They keep the records in good order, provide proper maintenance and appearance of all cemetery properties and allot graves according to regulations of the congregation and the laws of the Province of Ontario.

### **Christian Education Committee**

This committee's concern is with the growth of persons in Christian faith and life. It meets regularly to develop, coordinate and supervise programs. Sunday School, Youth groups, Vacation Bible School and the library are some of the programs for which this committee helps to organize.

### **Church Council**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Council is made up of 12 members elected for a term of 3 years. Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month, is accountable to the congregation and works in consent with synod and it's guidelines.

### **Endowment Fund Committee**

Through the endowment fund the church witnesses to the needs of the greater community. Each year the interest earned by the fund is distributed to worthy causes selected by the congregation on a basis whereby each vote is honoured.

**Finance Committee**

The finance committee meets yearly and together with the input from Council and other groups at Zion formulate a budget each year to guide the offerings given so they may be used wisely to the Glory of God.

**Hospitality Committee**

We commit ourselves as a church to share our gifts. We will seek ways of working cooperatively where ever we are able.

**Personnel Committee**

The personnel committee, acting on behalf of the Church Council and congregation, is responsible for matters concerning salaried personnel.

**Property Committee**

This committee sees to the proper maintenance and protection of all property of the congregation.

**Social Ministry Committee**

We promote E.L.C.I.C. and community programs that support people in our local, national and global communities. Programs supported include two local Food Banks.

**Stewardship Committee**

This committee endeavors to evoke and promote the expression of Christian faith in daily living; teach the Christian use of money and gives knowledge of the congregation's local, national and world wide ministries; leads all members to higher levels of proportionate giving for the Lord's work.