

October 1st, 2023 ANNOUNCEMENTS for the East Kootenay Lutheran Parish

EKLP serves the communities of Cranbrook, at Mt. Zion Lutheran; Elkford, at Immanuel Lutheran; Fernie; and Kimberley.

We are CARED FOR AND CARING IN JESUS' NAME.

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Services

Praise God!

We are holding Sunday services at Mt Zion (Cranbrook) at 10:00 am; and at Immanuel (Elkford) at 3:00 pm.

Please Note: *Our worship services at Trinity (Fernie) are on hold until further notice. Please join with either our Cranbrook or our Elkford congregations.*

Please visit our website www.eklutheran.ca for updates on all our locations & inspirational resources

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 21st – Pastor Steve Snipstead from Faith Free Lutheran Church will be teaching a seminar, details

October 28th EKLP Parish Council Meeting: Being held at Mt, Zion 10:00 am

Please go to the following links to view the following special services:

Pastor Siemen's message from September 24th: <https://youtu.be/5lURQHfIeBl>

Installation of Joshua Mah from September 24th: <https://youtu.be/6Zg1G7sVfCA>

Mt Zion Announcements

➤ **Saturday Oct 14th:** Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am

➤ **RightNow Media** – Sign up for this is available, please see Sandra Lusk for more details (250-426-8755)

➤ **Thurs Prayer Meetings:** Every Thurs at 1:00 pm. Join us as we pray for our members and the world.

➤ **Sunday Prayer Meeting:** 9:00 am being held before the service. Please join as all are welcome.

➤ **Tuesday Bible Study:** 7:30 pm on the Book of Romans

➤ **Friendship & Foodbank Sunday:** Will be Held on October 22nd instead of October 8th.

➤ **A Christmas Eve Play is being planned:** Please see Associate Pastor Joshua for more details

Pastor's Schedule

October 1 – Mt Zion 10:00 am Service of Praise {Associate Pastor Joshua}

October 1 – IMM No Service

October 8 – Mt. Zion 10:00 am Communion Service {Pastor Gordon}

October 8 – IMM 3:00 pm Communion Service {Associate Pastor Joshua}

October 15 – Mt. Zion 10:00 am Service of Praise {Associate Pastor Joshua}

October 15 – IMM No Service

Scripture Readings – Sundays

October 1st “Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

October 8th “Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost”

Psalm 19:7-14, 1 Peter 1:22-25 and James 1:19-25

October 15th “Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost”

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:4-13

In the church, communication is the key that unlocks God's message.

The Importance of Effective Communication

It may seem obvious that communication is important, but let's break down all of the different channels of communication that need to go well in order for a church congregation to work as a unit.

In order to bring the spiritual element to life, lots of logistical things need to get handled.

That's why church committees, leaders, stewards' musicians, your pastor and everyone in between needs to be able to communicate effectively.

Together, these individuals create a team where the following gets handled:

- All elements of the service, from the sermon to the [bulletin](#).
- Planning ahead for each new church season.
- Event planning. This can include fundraisers, mission trips, vacation Bible school, etc.
- Budget planning. This includes church maintenance, salaries, service and more.
- Crafting a message to foster a church community.

Beyond just communicating within the [church leadership](#) and committees, this group needs to be able to translate an overall message to the congregation and [new visitors](#).

Even beyond just the church community, the church often needs to communicate to the surrounding community to coordinate events, promote a positive message and engage new church-goers.

Here are the different ways effective communication in the church can help your congregation:

- Transparent and honest communication can help individuals feel safe in expressing their concerns. When people can voice themselves, they are more likely to work together to build a better church, rather than just leaving the congregation.
- Open and loving communication will help your church foster a close-knit community, no matter the demographic or the size of the congregation.
- Effective communication is the best way to call people towards ministry. Turning ideas and messages into action is a hope for any congregation.
- Consistent communication helps to keep people informed. At the bare minimum, communication keeps everyone on the same page about events, deadlines and expectations.

Chuckle of the Day:



"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"