

offering program. Thank you!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS: Donations are now being accepted until the middle of December so the Women of Faith can purchase flowers to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations. If you wish to donate, please put **“Christmas Flowers” and your name on a separate envelope** and place it on the offering plate; or drop it off in the locked mailbox, or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your gift.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: for our Grade 5/6 class. If you are interested, please contact Paula McNaughton by email: pauley_mcnaughton@hotmail.com or by calling her cell after 6:00 p.m. at 519-274-4121.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Sharon, Susan, Steve, Nya, Dan, Jane, Maria, Bob, Brian, Murray, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, Jack, John, Katana, Ron, Brian and Kolby.
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Usher Captain: Brian Coe Team

Reader: Marilyn Wells
Counter: Tim Iredale Team



First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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Prayer of the Day:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon:

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Postlude

Zion Lutheran Church **welcomes our visitors and guests.** We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. Plan to be with us, again, at your earliest opportunity.

All people of faith and those who seek faith are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This morning, we will be distributing the Lord's Supper in a continuous fashion. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

NEW ADVENT BANNER - Our Advent worship is blessed this year by our new Advent banner that was crafted by members of our Thursday Confirmation Class. The words on the four candles correspond with the themes of this season of waiting and preparation for the coming of our Lord:

Listen: "Listen, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." - Isaiah 43:19

Wait: "Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I will wait all day long." - Psalm 25:5

Be Glad: "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy,

all you upright in heart.”-Psalm 21:11

Proclaim: “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you may also have fellowship with us.”-1 John 1:3

The class members who created this banner under the direction of Susan Laustsen are Ellen Bondi, Macy Kollman, Summer Kollman, Mayla Laukka, Collin Sousa and Kayla Winter-Pacheco.

BAPTISM: This weekend we are blessed to welcome a new member to our Congregation through the Sacrament of Baptism:

“OLIVIA CLAIRE WEST” daughter of Joshua & Michelle West was baptized on November 27, 2021.

BC FLOOD RELIEF - Canadian Lutheran World Relief invites you to pray for the people of British Columbia who are suffering from the massive floods and landslides that have devastated parts of the province and displaced thousands of residents. CLWR is accepting donations on its’ website at clwr.org/BCfloods or by emailing a cheque to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: To help the House of Blessing with their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this time last year, as you are able, if you could bring **hygiene items such as body wash and feminine pads; or food items such as peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables** for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. If you pre-register for Sunday morning worship, I will have your envelopes on the table at the entrance of the church. We will try to deliver as many as possible within Stratford; so please check your mailbox regularly. If you wish to pick up your envelopes or if you live outside of Stratford, you can pick them up just inside the doors off the side parking lot.

Please DO NOT use your 2022 envelopes until January, 2022. Please call Jane in the office 519-271-8527 any weekday morning if you cannot find your offering envelopes or if you wish to start receiving them. You may also contact the office if you wish to switch to **POP, the pre-authorized**



Upcoming Musical Guests

DECEMBER 5 - Next Sunday, December 5, 2021 we welcome Paul’s musical guests, **Andrew Chung on violin and Leisel Deppe on flute** who will be participating in our worship.

Andrew Chung is a core member of the London Symphonia, while also serving as Artistic Producer. Andrew also performs regularly with the Hamilton Philharmonic, and the Stratford Festival Orchestra. Andrew spent a number of years living in Sydney, Australia performing with the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra at the Sydney Opera House. He has performed recitals in Australia and Canada, including appearances as part of Stratford Summer Music. On baroque violin, he has performed with Nota Bene Baroque Players, the Aradia Ensemble and at the Grand River Baroque Festival. In 2010, Andrew started INNERchamber in Stratford and is its’ Artistic Director.

Liesel Deppe is a Stratford-based flutist, who has played with the local chamber music group, INNERchamber, since it’s inception. She is also a member of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra and London Symphonia, while also pursuing other performance opportunities in the area. Liesel originally hails from South Africa, but now calls Canada her home.

DECEMBER 12 - On December 12, 2021 we will welcome Paul’s musical guest, Trumpeter, Larry Larson.

Larry Larson enjoys a career with a great deal of variety. He is the Principal Trumpet of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony; leads his own jazz combo “Larry’s Jazz Guys”; and has spent many a season at the Stratford Festival, both in the orchestra and on the legendary Fanfare Trumpet team. Larry is thrilled to be making music today with two dear friends, Paul and Laura!