

The envelope can be dropped off either (a) at the church office weekday mornings; (b) dropped off in the locked mailbox; or (c) mailed to the church. It is recommended that members choose either (a) or (b).

The ballots must be received in the church office **no later than 12 noon on Friday, March 11.**

If anyone has any questions in regard to these procedures, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Jeff or a Council member.

VOLUNTEERS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND ARE NEEDED in order to celebrate our weekly Worship. If you are able to help us out by volunteering for any role (Usher, Reader, etc.), please contact Jane in the office 519-271-8527.

At this time, there is an urgent need for a volunteer to be Usher Captain of our Team 6. If you can fulfill this role for us, please contact Jane in the office.

***A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!***

ESPECIALLY DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES!!

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for the family of Carl Marklevitz as they mourn his passing.

>for our members and friends with special needs: Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Elizabeth, Maria, Brian, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Jane, Brian, Murray, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Muriel, Katana, Brian and Kolby.

>for those who have no one to pray for them.

SERVING ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Sister Jean Widmeyer

Usher Captain: Volunteers Needed

Counter: No Counters

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Carmen Beck

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team

Counter: Liz Bomasuit Team



TRANSFIGURATION *of the Lord*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 2022

GATHERING

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HYMN 838: “Beautiful Saviour”

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Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: 99

Second Lesson: 2Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon:

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HYMN 315: “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

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HYMN 631: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Dismissal

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.

WELCOME BACK: We are pleased to be celebrating this morning’s “in-person” worship with you once again.

Please note that pre-registration is still required until further notice. *As well, COVID protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) remain in place. Please call Jane to register at 519-271-8527 before 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.*

A WARM WELCOME to Franklin Famme who will be filling in for Laura this morning and next Sunday as well. It is nice to have you back Franklin; and we want to say “THANK YOU”!

ASH WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday, March 2. An “in-person” worship service with the distribution of ashes will take place at 7:00

p.m. If you plan on attending, please call Jane to register before 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL: Nominations are now open for three (3) positions on Congregational Church Council. Your nominations can be submitted in advance of or in person at the Annual Meeting, which is slated for **Sunday, March 13, 2022**. Please send nominations to Kevin Tuer kevintuer@gmail.com or 519-273-6205 or to any other church council member.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: There are three (3) vacant positions to be filled on The Endowment Fund Committee in 2022. The time commitment is not great, only three (3) or four (4) meetings per year. If you feel you could serve in this way, please contact Marg Lamont at 519-271-3575.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: Pastor Jeff is, once again, walking as a member of the “Holy Walkers” from the Stratford and District Council of Churches in support of two (2) local organizations that help people in need in our community: *Stratford/Perth ShelterLink* and the *Stratford Connection Centre*. You can sponsor his walk by visiting www.enoy.org or by contacting Pastor Jeff at laustsen311@gmail.com

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 **body wash and feminine pads (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as large cans of soup or canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, chicken)** 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.

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: is taking place on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Army Navy Air Force on Lorne Ave. by appointment. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283 / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

ANNUAL MEETING: The following information regarding the *Annual Meeting* will also be published in the March Newsletter:

Our 2021 Annual Meeting with “limited” attendance is scheduled for **SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**.

The annual congregation meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will meet on ***Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service.*** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be several ways to participate in this year’s meeting which resemble those of last year:

- ▶ Limited in-person seating, to a maximum of 60, will be available in the sanctuary; ***those attending the congregation meeting need to reserve a seat by calling the church office before 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11.*** A separate phone call is not necessary for those members attending worship that morning as long as you inform Jane whether or not you will remain for the congregation meeting.
- ▶ The meeting will be available on Zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person. Voting on motions will be available via Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting.
- ▶ For members receiving their Newsletters via email - the Annual Reports, which include the Committee Reports, Financial Statements, etc., will be sent to you via email. For those members who do not receive their Newsletters via email - copies of the reports can be picked up at the church office weekday mornings or, Jane can be contacted at the church office and, a request can be made to receive a hard copy of the reports. She will arrange to have the reports delivered to your home.
- ▶ Absentee ballots will be available for those members who do not attend either in-person or via Zoom. To receive absentee ballots, please contact Jane at the church office to request a ballot(s). The ballots can be picked up at the church office during office hours Tuesday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or she will make arrangements to have them delivered to your home. The absentee ballots will list the motions that will be made at the meeting. The motions will contain the names of the members making the motions as well as the names of the members seconding the motions. If anyone has any questions regarding a motion, please do not hesitate to contact the members making or seconding the respective motion. Once the ballot is completed, place the ballot in the envelope provided and seal the envelope.