

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Ingrid, Marlene, Dan, Jack, John, Darlene, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;  
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

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**THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

<u>Mon. July 24</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlour
<u>Tues. July 25</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. July 26</u>	1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office 6:30 PM-9:00 PM Anchor of Hope in Fellowship Hall
<u>Sun. July 30</u>	10:00 AM Worship

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**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

<b>Greeters:</b> Robert & Beverley Keutsch	<b>Reader:</b> Isabel Cook
<b>Usher Captain:</b> Jerry Terhaerd	<b>Counting Captain:</b> Audrey Miller
<b>Altar:</b> Carmen Beck	<b>House of Blessing:</b> Jan Bennewitz

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*You have received  
the Spirit of adoption  
as sons, by whom*

*we cry,*  
**"ABBA!"  
FATHER!"**

ROMANS 8:15, ESV

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Sunday, July 23, 2023

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# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen

Sister Jean Widmeyer

Paul Shilton

Laura Burton

Éric Charbonneau

## Ministers

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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Pentecost 8

July 23, 2023

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Prayer of the Day:

**Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm: 86:11-17

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Wa9BX2BnrmE?feature=share>

**Hymn 781: “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

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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. *Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff.* We hope that you will 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. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle.

***Please note that masks are now “optional or personal preference”. Disposable masks remain at all entrances for those wishing to continue to wear one.***

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS:** We would like to congratulate Amber Mae Laukka and Joshua Anthony Koot who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 15, 2023. With Pastor Jeff officiating.

**HOUSE OF BLESSING:** We have received an updated list of items for July which are currently needed at the 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 **cereal or kids snacks** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

**RALLY SUNDAY:** will be held on September 10.

**We will meet at Upper Queens Park at 11:00 a.m. for our Service.**

There will be a brown bag lunch (bring your own) afterwards. Bring your lawn chair as seating is limited. We look forward to seeing everyone on September 10 at 11:00 a.m.

## **BLOOD DONOR EVENTS IN AUGUST:**

**Tuesday, August 1      1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

**Saturday, August 12    10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

**Tuesday, August 22    1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

By appointment. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283 or  
[www.blood.ca/GiveBloodApp](http://www.blood.ca/GiveBloodApp)

## **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY HURON PERTH EVENTS IN AUGUST**

We have, once again, been asked by Christie Bannerman, Public Education Coordination to share the upcoming programs taking place in August, 2023. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

Please note: the "Education Hour" is a one-hour virtual presentation. If you are unable to participate in this program at home, you are welcome to participate by going to the West Perth Public Library, 105 St. Andrew Street in Mitchell. (519-348-9234) Calling ahead is not necessary.

# Alzheimer Society

HURON PERTH

## EDUCATION HOUR

Join our Public Education Coordinators for one-hour virtual presentations on brain health, cognitive changes and dementia. Bring your questions!

Thursday August 10  
1:30 P.M.

[Dementia 101](#)

Thursday August 17  
1:30 P.M.

[Brain Health 101](#)

Thursday August 24  
1:30 P.M.

[What is MCI](#)

Thursday August 31  
1:30 P.M.

[Living Safely with Dementia](#)

Thursday September 7  
1:30 P.M.

[10 Warning Signs](#)

Thursday September 14  
1:30 P.M.

[Types of Dementia](#)

Thursday September 21  
1:30 P.M.

[Brain Changes 8 A's](#)

Thursday September 28  
1:30 P.M.

[Communication Tips](#)

Self-Register:

[www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth](http://www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth)

Questions: 519-482-1482 or 519-271-1910



## Dealing with the Feelings

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# CAREGIVING 101

Becoming a Caregiver is a significant change that often leaves little time to process. Take some time. Equip yourself for this journey with this 4-week virtual program. Minimum numbers needed for program to run. Registration required.



### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CAREGIVER?

**Tuesday**  
**August 1** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

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**Tuesday** **CAREGIVER STRESS**  
**August 8** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

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**Tuesday** **GRIEF AND LOSS**  
**August 15** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

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**Wednesday** **GUILT AND OTHER  
TOUGH EMOTIONS**  
**August 22** 2:30 - 4:00 PM

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CALL THE OFFICE AT 519-271-1910 OR 519-482-1482  
OR REGISTER AT [WWW.ALZHEIMER.CA/HURONPERTH](http://WWW.ALZHEIMER.CA/HURONPERTH)