

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

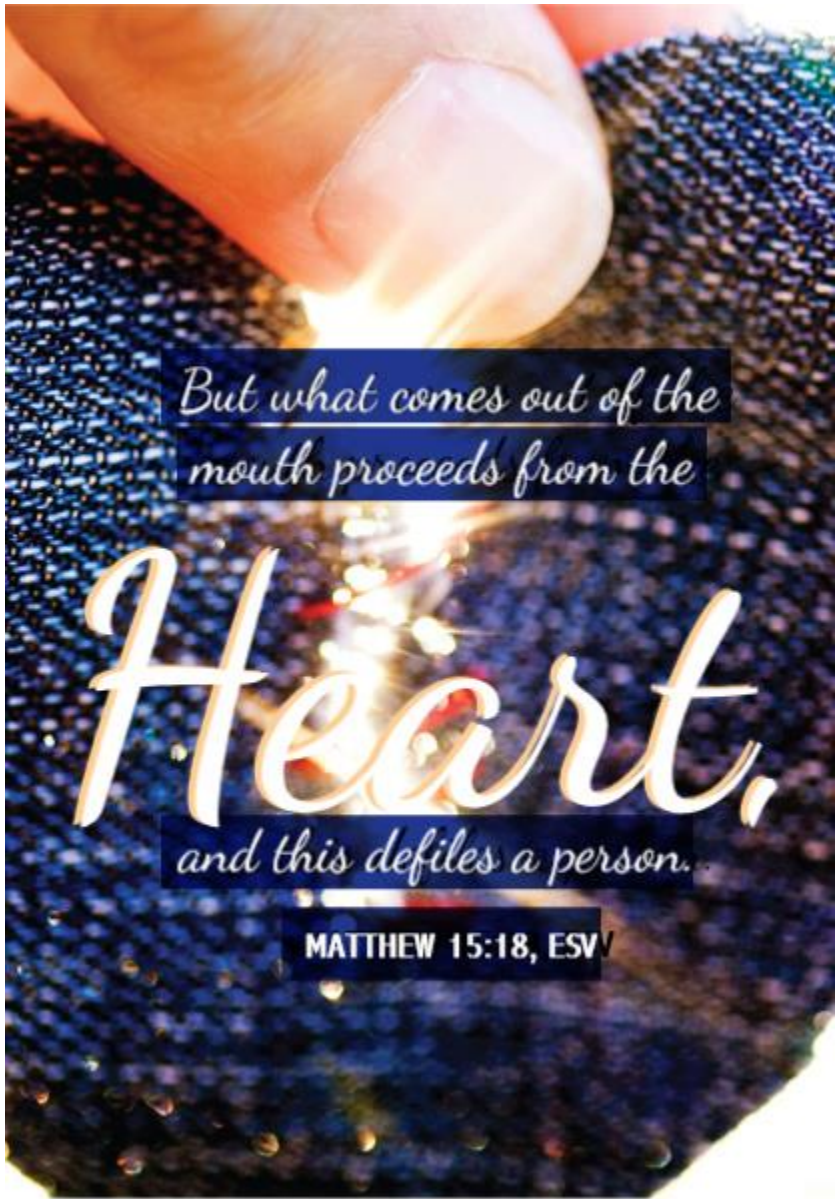
>for our members and friends with special needs: Margaret, Susan, Isabelle, Neil, Ingrid, Marlene, Dan, Jack, John, Darlene, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. August 21</u>	OFFICE CLOSED 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlour
<u>Tues. August 22</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall Pastor Jeff & Sister Jean return
<u>Wed. August 23</u>	1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office
<u>Sun. August 27</u>	10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Brad & Sherri Beatty	Reader: Isabel Cook
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd	Counting Captain: Carmen Beck
Altar: Irene Ehgoetz	House of Blessing: Gerry Rehberg



*But what comes out of the
mouth proceeds from the*

Heart,

and this defiles a person.

MATTHEW 15:18, ESV

Sunday, August 20, 2023

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Pentecost 12

August 20, 2023

GATHERING

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Prayer of the Day:

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 56:6-8

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon

Hymn 759: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: This morning we, once again, welcome Pastor Tim who is filling in for Pastor Jeff. “Thank you” Pastor Tim for celebrating worship with us.

JUST A REMINDER: Pastor Jeff will return from his vacation on Tuesday, August 22nd. Sister Jean will also return on Tuesday, August 22nd.

In the meantime, if you need a Clergy member please call the office 519-271-8527 (Tuesdays to Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). If you call outside of office hours Jane will be checking for messages regularly.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received an updated list of items for August 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 **kids snacks (nut free granola bars, fruit cups, fruit leather, etc.)** 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 at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road:

Tuesday, August 22 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

By appointment. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283 or
www.blood.ca/GiveBloodApp

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY HURON-PERTH EVENTS IN AUGUST

We have, once again, been asked by Christie Bannerman, Public Education Coordinator 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.

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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

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

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

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

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

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL THE OFFICE AT 519-271-1910 OR 519-482-1482
OR REGISTER AT WWW.ALZHEIMER.CA/HURONPERTH