

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

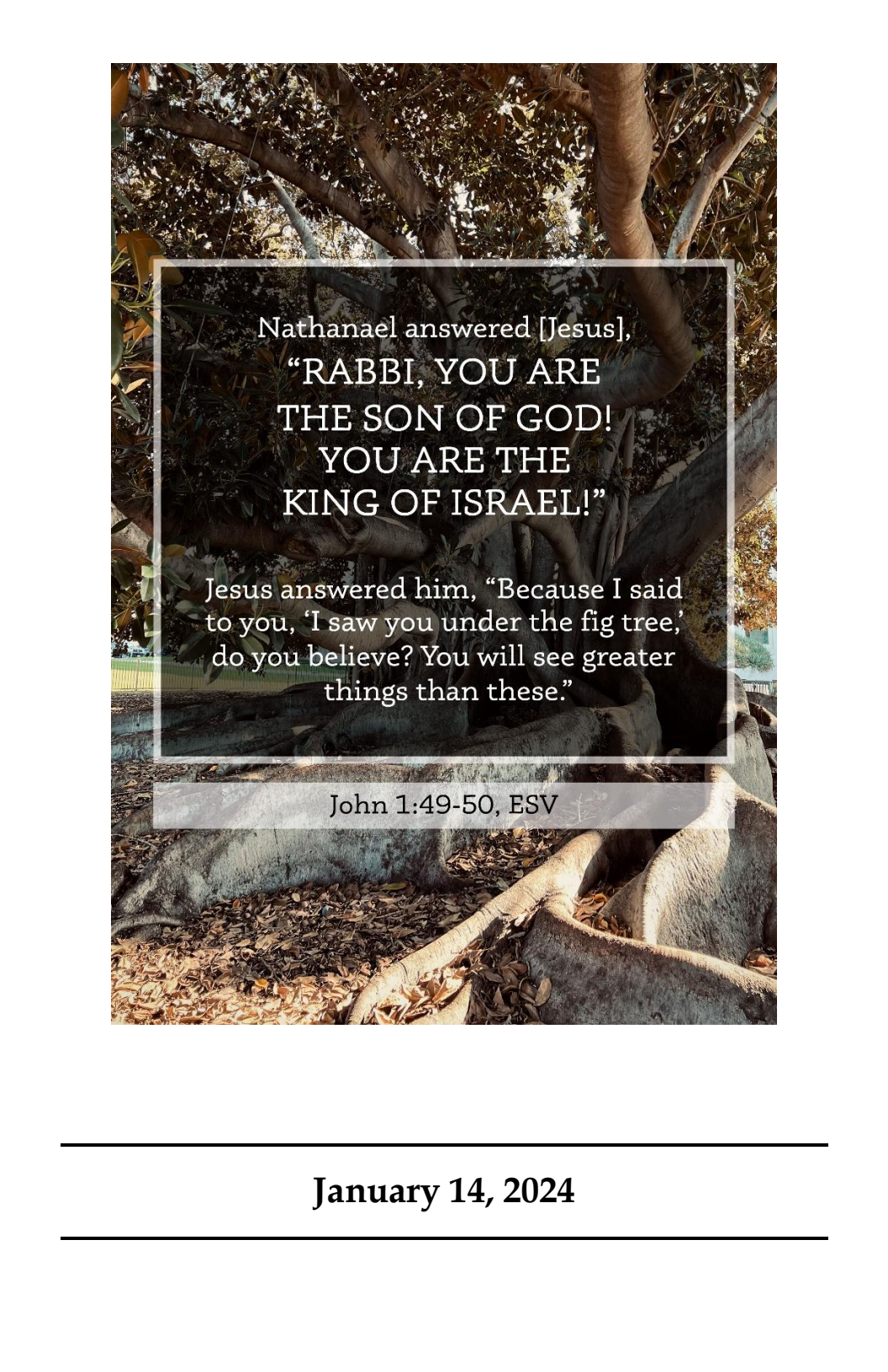
>for our members and friends with special needs: Marlene, Joyce, Audrey, Susan, Bernice, Maria, Margaret, Miles, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Hans, Margaret, Isabelle, Ingrid, Al, Melinda, John, Dan, Brian, Paul, Glenn, Jim, Nya, Lynnette, Cathy, Brock, Katana and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. January 15</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6:00 PM Pathfinders in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Youth Symphony in Parlour & Shuffleboard Room
<u>Tues. January 16</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. January 17</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office 4:30-7:30 PM Playmakers Return in Shuffleboard Room
<u>Thurs. January 18</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 2:00 PM Knollcrest Worship 4:15 PM Confirmation in Parlour 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall
<u>Sun. January 21</u>	10:00 AM "Epiphany 3" 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Reader: Mary-Lou Drown
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker	Counting Captain: Dianne Yundt
Altar: Sister Jean	House of Blessing: Wayne Faulhafer



Nathanael answered [Jesus],
“RABBI, YOU ARE
THE SON OF GOD!
YOU ARE THE
KING OF ISRAEL!”

Jesus answered him, “Because I said
to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’
do you believe? You will see greater
things than these.”

John 1:49-50, ESV

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Epiphany 2

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GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 696: “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,
for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know
you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more
nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: 1Samuel 3:1-20

Psalms: 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn 574: “Here I Am, Lord”

Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

MEAL**Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

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Hymn 810: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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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. *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

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in loving memory of *Grace (Weitzel) Mallon*.



PHYLLIS JEFFERY TURNS “100” on January 31, 2024! A card from our congregation has been designed by Brian Coe. You are invited to sign this card for Phyllis which is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary today and will be on January 21st and 28th.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: Anyone wishing to receive this book of daily reflections which comes out every three (3) months, please contact Jane in the office during office hours Tuesdays to Fridays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM 519-271-8527 for more information.



QUILTS FOR SALE: It sure is *cold outside!* How nice it would be to be inside snuggled under a beautiful quilt made with TLC by our quilting ladies. You can have this by coming and having a look at these beautiful quilts during office hours: Mondays 8:30 to 11:30 AM, Tuesdays to Fridays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY is, once again, offering “**Education Hour**”. You are invited to join their Public Education Coordinators for a one-hour virtual presentation on **brain health, cognitive changes and dementia**. Please see the enclosed insert for dates and topics being offered and instructions on registering.

On the reverse side of the Alzheimer’s insert this week is an invitation to join in on “**Talk with the Doc featuring Dr. Alexandra Peel, Geriatrician**”. The topic will be “**Dementia Day-to-Day**”; more specifically **weight loss, hydration, nutrition and daily routine**. All this is taking place on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 1:30 P.M.** Please see the insert for details on how to register.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received an updated list of much-needed items from the House of Blessing. To help them 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 canned tuna** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.