THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. March 25 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. March 26</u> 7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall

Wed. March 27 9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office 4:30-7:30 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room

Thurs. March 28 "Maundy Thursday"

12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour

7:00 PM Worship

Fri. March 29 "Good Friday"

10:00 AM Worship

Sun. March 31 "Easter"

10:00 AM Worship

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Robert & Beverley Keutsch
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker

Reader: Carmen Beck
Counting Captain: NO

COUNTERS

Altar: Sister Jean & Ellen Wolfe House of Blessing: NO PICKUP

SERVING GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Ellen Wolfe & Carmen Beck Reader: Isabel Cook Usher Captain: Brian Coe Counting Captain: NO

COUNTERS

Altar: NO COMMUNION House of Blessing: NO PICKUP

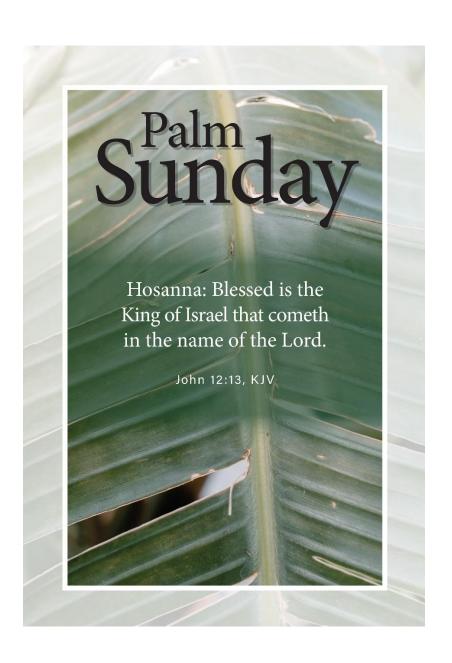
SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31st AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Gerald & Isabel Cook
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerdt
Counting Captain: NO

COUNTERS

Altar: Carmen Beck & Irene Ehgoetz House of Blessing: Gerry

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Laura Burton Organist Éric Charbonneau Pianist

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Palm Sunday Liturgy

Palm Sunday Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Blessing of the Palms

Hymn 344: "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Prayer of the Day:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion According to St. Mark: Mark 14:1-15:47

Sermon:

https://www.youtube.com/live/PnuQ11tEmB0?si=Nn1tGjn4Ri7J-zLT

Hymn 351: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Installation of Congregational Council Members and Officers

Prayers of Intercession Sharing the Peace Page 128 Choir Anthem: "Alleluia" William Boyce **MEAL** Offering Hymn 186: "Create in Me a Clean Heart" Offertory Prayer Page 129 The Great Thanksgiving Page 129 Communion Prayer Page 133 The Lord's Prayer Page 134 Distribution of Holy Communion Distribution Hymns: 349, 353 Post-Communion Blessing Post-Communion Prayer Page 136 **SENDING** Blessing Page 136 Hymn 338: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Dismissal Page 137

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.

Postlude

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. We are making available a small number of individual glasses filled with non-alcoholic white wine. These are for those not wishing to partake in the red wine containing alcohol. 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: We are pleased to welcome back Charmaine Fopoussi as our guest pianist this morning. Thank you Charmaine for joining us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A reminder that Sunday School will end at 11:15 A.M. We ask that parents/guardians wait until that time before coming for your children.

A reminder to all that we are a **nut-free** Sunday School. We have a student in our Sunday School who is allergic to nuts.

THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST.

EASTER FLOWERS: As is our custom here at Zion, donations are still being accepted so the Women of Faith can purchase flowers and decorate the church for our Easter celebrations.

Please write "Easter Flowers" and your name on a separate envelope and place it on the offering plate, in the locked mailbox, or bring it in to the church office any weekday morning.



Maundy Thursday	March 28th	7:00 P.M.
Good Friday	March 29th	10:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday	March 31st	10:00 A.M.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING: The "Special Easter Offering" this year will be divided equally between Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our Current Fund. These offerings may be made up to and including Sunday, April 7th, 2024. Thank you for your support!

STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: The Women of Faith would like to "thank you" for your support to the Stratford Connection Centre.

The current needs for the coming weeks are:

- Spring coats
- Underwear (men and women's size medium)
- Hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and brush)

- Single serve snacks (granola bars, apple sauce, bear claws, cheese and crackers)
- Bottled water
- Food Basics gift cards

Collection bins are conveniently placed at the back of the church and also near the office. Items are picked up and delivered weekly.

QUILTS FOR SALE: Our talented quilting ladies still have some beautiful quilts for sale. They are now on display in the Parlour with the sizes and costs on each quilt. Just a reminder that Mother's Day is May 12th and will be here before we know it. To receive one of these

handmade quilts would thrill any Mother (hint, hint)! Or perhaps you would like to treat yourself and purchase one as

a lovely accent to a couch or chair in your own home. If you would like more information or to purchase one of these beautiful quilts, please see Irene Ehgoetz or give her a call at 519-271-8878.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received a bulletin insert (which is included with today's bulletin) for the House of Blessing "Spring Food Drive" which lists the most-needed items. To help them with their significant increase in the number of people using their services, as you are able, if you could bring **something from their list** and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING FUND RAISER: We have been made aware by Shane Thurman of Live Well Fundraisers that he is working with Eva at the House of Blessing in a community collaboration to raise funds and support two (2) new local businesses. With the blessing of Patrick, owner of the two (2) Domino's Pizza locations in Stratford, they are able to make this happen. He has asked that we share the enclosed flyer with our members here at Zion. Chances are you are aware of the unfortunate growing need for food banks in Canada. You may be aware of how most small businesses fail within the first five (5) years and are struggling to pay back Covid loans. This fundraiser helps address both by providing value on things families will purchase anyway.

By purchasing the fundraiser at one of the local businesses listed, families save money on pizza they will buy anyway during the year while helping the food bank. Two new local businesses get more awareness because you shared. As an incentive to come in, coffee lovers receive a free coffee for purchasing at *Bake My Day* and *The Bean* or \$5.00 off a haircut at *Fitzy's Fades*. Both

businesses receive a portion of the funds from the \$25.00 purchase as well to help them with needed cash flow in their early days.

For more information please see the enclosed flyer.

<u>INNERchamber Reminder</u>: that their 4th concert of their 14th season – "Sefarad" – is being presented this evening at Factory 163 at 163 King Street, Stratford, ON. Light dinner begins at 5:30 P.M. Concert begins at 7:00 P.M.

From time immemorial until they were expelled in the late 1400's, Jewish people lived on the Iberian Peninsula, which in Hebrew they called *Sefarad*. Tamar Ilana passionately shares the timeless art of the Sephardic people through the fiery language of Flamenco.

Tickets are on sale at www.innerchamber.ca.

AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL REMINDER:

The Community Meal at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave. is taking place today at 5:15 P.M.

Please use the entrance off Huntingdon Ave.

The meal is a "Jiggs Dinner" consisting of Cottage Rolls, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Turnip, Mustard Pickles, Pickled Beets, Dinner Rolls and Blueberry Grunt for dessert. All are welcome!

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: The next Blood Donor Clinic will be held on Tuesday, March 26th from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road. Appointments are required. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283 or online at www.blood.ca/GiveBlood App.

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR: You are invited to join the Watoto Children's Choir as they sing, dance, and share their stories of restoration and hope on April 4, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at Elgin Missionary Church, 4192 Perth Line 36, Stratford.

Enjoy this free concert featuring music from the new album, "Better Days—There Is Hope".

TRI-COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS – HURON/OXFORD/PERTH:

Presents "Pollinator Gardens 101" on

Saturday, April 13th, 1-4 P.M. at the MacKay Seniors Centre, Goderich Saturday, May 4th, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M., Avondale United Church, Stratford Saturday, May 11th, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M., Innerkip Lions Centre, Innerkip

Design, choose native plants and create a successful pollinator garden.

Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite: tricounty.eventbrite.com.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: John, Devon, Hollice, Marlene, Joyce, Audrey, Susan, Bernice, Maria, Miles, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Hans, 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.



House of Blessing

Spring Prince FOOD DRIVE

MISSED US?

Drop donations off year-round:

423 Erie Street

Monday - Friday

8:30AM - 12:15PM

12:45PM - 4:30PM







WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT. STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING AND SAVE MONEY ON

DOMINO'S PIZZA?



Domino's Pizza in partnership with LiveWell Promotions, is excited to present an extraordinary fundraising opportunity. By participating, you not only save money but get to support Stratford House of Blessing.



IT IS VALID AT BOTH STRATFORD DOMINO'S LOCATIONS

CERTIFICATE INCLUDES:

- **2** FREE MEDIUM 3 TOPPING PIZZAS
- **5** 40% OFF PIZZA COUPONS
- **5** BOGO PIZZA COUPONS
- **5** BOGO STUFFED CHEESY BREAD COUPONS





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FROM EACH SALE WILL BE DONATED TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE OF STRATFORD BLESSING.

If you think your family will eat 2 or more pizzas between now and Dec 31, 2024, please consider purchasing our fundraising certificate to save money and help Stratford House of Blessing.

These fundraising certificates are available to purchase at the following retail locations.

- Bake My Day & The Bean
 Receive a free small coffee with purchase of this fundraiser
 107 Downie St
 548-585-0008
- Fitzys Fades Barbershop
 Receive \$5 off a haircut with purchase of this fundraiser
 182 Ontario Street
 226-317-5132

