

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Tony, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Judy, John, Devon, Hollice, Marlene, Joyce, Bernice, Maria, Miles, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Ingrid, Al, Melinda, John, Dan, Brian, Paul, Glenn, Nya, Lynnette, Cathy and Katana;

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. May 27

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour

Tues. May 28

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

9:30-11:30 AM Alzheimer's in Parlour & Chapel

Wed. May 29

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office

Thurs. May 30

10:00 AM Worship & Music Meeting in Parlour

12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

Sat. June 1

2:00-4:00 PM Piano Recital in Chapel

Sun. June 2

“PENTECOST 9”

10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Tom & Joanne Cosstick

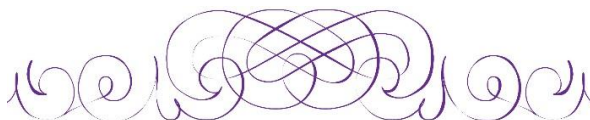
Reader: Isabel Cook

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick

Counting Captain: Mary-Lou
Drown

Altar: Shirley Whittaker

House of Blessing: Heather
Broadfoot





May 26, 2024

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Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 413: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/HoEVy32hQTU>

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Affirmation of Baptism

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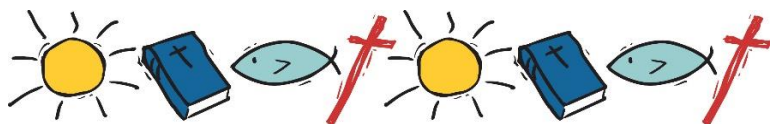
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Zion Lutheran Church welcomes our **visitors and guests**. We are pleased that you have come to join us in the worship of our God of grace and love. May you be strengthened and uplifted in our time together. *Please sign our guest register and make 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. **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



A *special welcome* to all who worship with us on this *Confirmation Day* at Zion Church. You bless us with your presence on this very special day in the life of our community of faith.

Our confirmands affirming their baptism today are: ***Cassandra Lynn Bundscho, Colin Michael Bundscho and Noah Louis Steven Kaufman.***

Following today's worship service, the confirmands will gather at the altar with Pastor Jeff for pictures.

WELCOME BACK: This morning we welcome back our guest pianist, ***Mia Masui.*** It has been a while since Mia has joined us for worship. Mia is a pianist from Osaka, Japan and is currently based in Stratford, ON and active all around Southwest Ontario. She holds a Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University (Sackville, NB) and a Master of Music in piano performance and literature from Western University (London, ON). She enjoys not only playing solo piano pieces; but, also enjoys making music with others and teaching piano to her students. Aside from playing piano, she is working on training her six-month old cocker spaniel puppy!

"Thank You" for joining us this morning Mia and sharing your amazing talent!



TESSA ANNE WEIDNER
daughter of Andrew & Susan Weidner
and
Granddaughter of Willi Hausleitner
&
TUCKER JAMES MORTON
son of James & Dianne Morton

were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, May 18th, 2024.

Congratulations to the happy couple and their families!

INNERchamber is delighted to present the 6th and final concert of their 14th season – *Meditations* – this afternoon (Sunday, May 26, 2024).

Location: Factory 163 at 163 King Street, Stratford, ON. Light dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

With the lengthening days, the world breathes deeply with the sense of renewal that comes with spring. The warmth of the sun gives us an opportunity for reflection and introspection, contemplating the winter now past and dreaming of the summer to come. Sunlit meditations by Damase, Pentland and Luedeke performed by Liesel Deppe (flute), Julia Seager-Scott (harp) and Ben Bolt-Martin (cello).

Tickets are on sale at www.innerchamber.ca

AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL:

This afternoon, Sunday, May 26, 2024

194 Avondale Ave.

(Entrance off Huntingdon Ave.)

5:15 P.M. Meal Start time

Sit-Down Meal OR take-Out Option

Meal: Sausage on a bun, sauerkraut, pasta and veggie salad, chips, celery and carrots, special Camp Bimini Dessert.

All are welcome !!

ELECTORAL NOMINEES FOR BISHOP AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

This year, Bishop Pryse will be concluding his twenty-six years of service as our bishop. At the Eastern Synod Assembly that will meet on June 20-22 in Toronto, we will be electing a new bishop to lead us into the next chapter of our life together as a synod. While the election will involve both lay and clergy delegates from across the synod in keeping with our Lutheran tradition of electing synodical leaders, this year the synod has begun a new process of identifying nominees who are being presented as candidates for the office of bishop. Four nominees have been identified in this process: Pastor Carla Blakley, Pastor Katherine Gohm, Pastor Jennifer Hoover, and Pastor Adam Snook. Our synod constitution also makes allowance for nominees to be entered into the voting process on the first ballot, so it is possible that other candidates will become a part of the election process. The assembly will also be electing a new synod vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer, as well as members of the Synod Council and delegates to the 2025 ELCIC National Convention. It promises to be a most important assembly as we discern who will become the person to serve as our bishop, providing oversight and guidance as we face the challenges of being the church of Jesus Christ in the coming years.

Information about each of these nominees can be found on our synod website: www.easternsynod.org. May we pray for the delegates to the assembly that God may continue to provide us with leaders who will be faithful to Christ's call to "*be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8).

BRING OUT THE WHOLE FAMILY to the 3rd Annual Family Day on Sunday, June 2nd from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Rostock Community Center (10 km north of Sebringville, ON on County Road #135) hosted by Stratford & District Right To Life Association.

Games, Children's Play Park, BBQ and great fellowship!

Hot dogs & Hamburgers & drinks provided. Please bring a salad, side or a dessert.

Donations only!

RSVP to Virginia Miller (519)393-8400 or Mary Kay Lobsinger (519)273-5356.

AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH INVITES YOU to an Indigenous Sharing Circle and Lunch; led by Christin Dennis (Indigenous Knowledge Carrier) and Catered by the Howling Moon, Stratford

Saturday, June 8, 2024

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

(please enter off Huntingdon Ave.)

Tickets are \$35.00 each, and include a lunch

Comprised of a variety of Indigenous food

To reserve your ticket, please email: eventsavondale@wightman.ca or call 519-271-7946 x 223 and ask for Aleah. Please note: tickets can be purchased by cheque, cash, or e-transfer only.

For e-transfers please use email: avondaleuc@wightman.ca

Please RSVP before you e-transfer

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENTS FOR JUNE

Saturday, June 8th 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

Tuesday, June 18th 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Best Western: The Arden Park Hotel, 552 Ontario Street

By Appointment. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283/www.blood.ca/GiveBlood App

JAZZ VESPERS: The next Jazz Vespers at **St. James Anglican Church on Mornington Street** will be **Sunday, June 9 at 4:00 P.M.** with **Steve Holowitz**, piano (Music Director of St. James Westminster Anglican Church in London) and **Paul Stevenson**, trumpet. You are invited to this informal evening workshop service. Free will offering.

WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, June 11, 2024
WHERE: Demetres Restaurant
TIME: 11:30 A.M.

Please contact Darlene Illman at 519-271-0996 by June 4th to let us know if you are able to come.

All ladies of the church are welcome!!

AN EVENING OF SUPPORTING VETERANS Gala Dinner in
Support of the Legion Branch 008 Stratford

June 15, 2024

Doors open 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. for Cocktails

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. – 3 Course Meal

With Feature Speaker

TIM TAYLOR

Musical Performance by

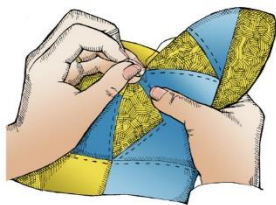
DANA MANNING

\$150 per person

Intimate Venue / Limited amount of tickets available

Email stratfordlegion008@gmail.com

Or call: (519) 271-4540



QUILTS FOR SALE: Our talented quilting ladies have been very busy. As a result, they have a large selection of beautiful quilts for sale. Some of these gorgeous quilts are now on display on the coat racks at the back of the Sanctuary with the sizes and prices on each quilt. If you can, please support our quilting

ladies for all of their hard work by purchasing a quilt either as a gift or as a treat for yourself. For more information or to purchase one of

these beautiful quilts, please see Irene Ehgoetz or give her a call at 519-271-8878.

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:

- 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.

CLOTHING UPDATE: As of this week Stratford Connection has asked for no drop offs of clothing as storage space has become a problem. The St. Paul’s clothing area is only open Saturday. They are now taking clients to Goodwill to get them clothing whenever it’s needed. We want to “THANK YOU” for your support and encourage you to take any unused/unwanted clothing to Goodwill.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received a bulletin insert (which is included with today’s bulletin) for the House of Blessing’s “*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.

SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES: Enclosed with today’s bulletin is an information brochure from Shelterlink Youth Services. Please take a few minutes to look it over to have a better understanding of the work this important organization does in our community.

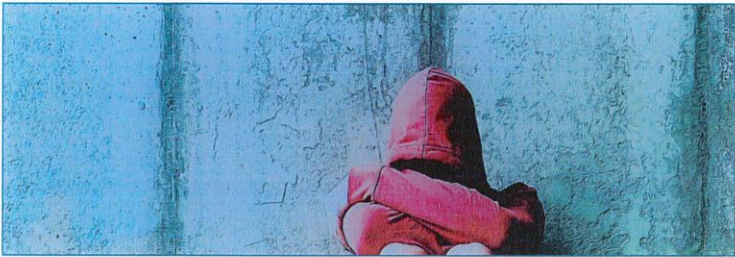
CUPPA CANDLES: **ROTARY HOSPICE** has a volunteer who makes lightly scented candles using tea cups and saucers which hold the wax. They are looking for donations of tea cups and saucers to use in the making of these candles. If you are house cleaning, downsizing or cleaning out your

china cabinet and have some that you can donate they would be greatly appreciated. For drop offs: Rotary Hospice is staffed 24/7 so teacups and saucers can be dropped off anytime. Their address is 80 Greenwood Drive. They are located behind Greenwood Court (you have to pull in their driveway at 90 Greenwood and follow it all the way around back to find them). Ring the intercom at the front door and leave the teacups and saucers with reception.

The **CUPPA CANDLES** are for sale at reception but they are also incorporated into their “*Care Bundles*”. A “*Care Bundle*” is given to family after their loved one has died, as they are leaving the hospice. The bundle also includes information from their social workers on grief and bereavement and resources to support this next step of their journey.

Rotary Hospice is very grateful for any donations you may be able to offer.





Supporting Perth County youth aged 16-24 experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness.

SHELTER

- 24/7 support for youth experiencing homelessness.
- 15 short-term emergency shelter beds.
- Basic needs (meals, clothing, personal care items, showers, laundry facilities, respite from the elements).


OUTREACH

- Support for youth in community at risk of homelessness.
- Prevention and diversion services.
- Family mediation and reunification.

130 Youngs Street – 3rd Floor
Stratford, ON N5A 1J7
519.272.2294
www.shelterlink.org



STRATFORD


House of Blessing
FOOD BANK

Spring
FOOD DRIVE



MISSED US?

Drop donations off year-round:
423 Erie Street
Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 12:15PM
12:45PM - 4:30PM

**Learn more about
our food bank!**



STRATFORD

House of Blessing
FOOD BANK



Spring
FOOD DRIVE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Assorted Crackers
- Cereal
- Canned Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce



**Thank you for
your support!**