THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

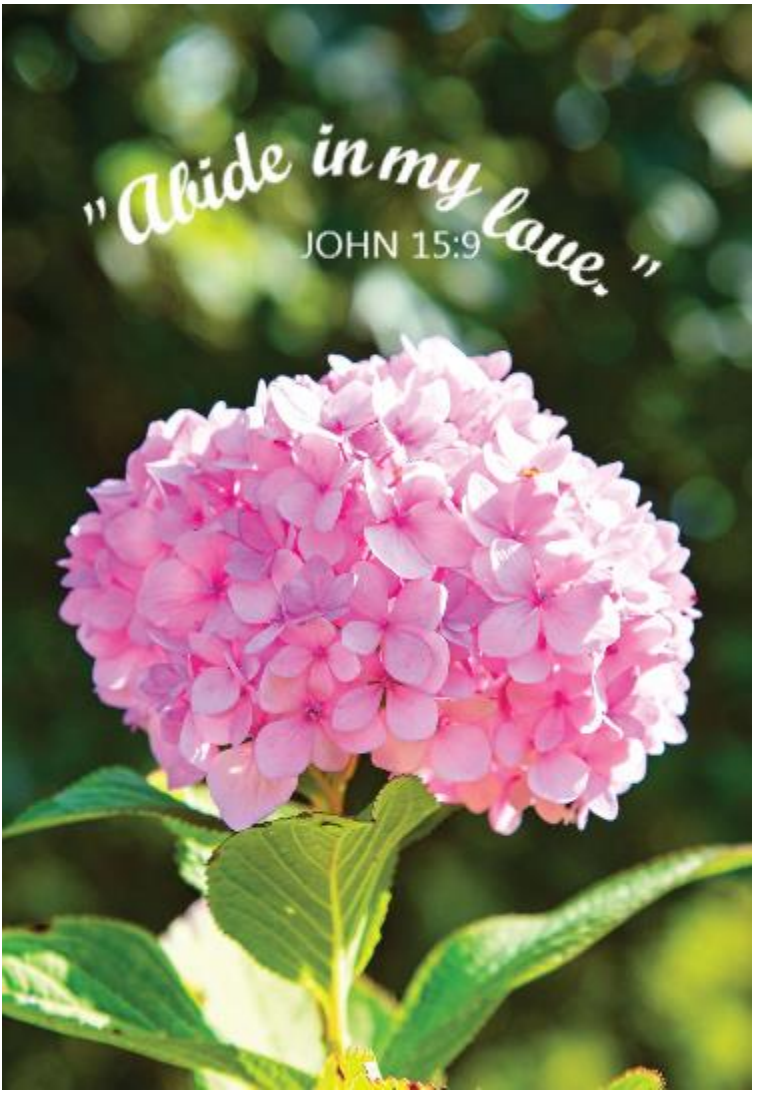
>for our members and friends with special needs: Paul, Wendy, Joan, Judy, John, Devon, Hollice, Marlene, Joyce, Bernice, Maria, Miles, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Ingrid, Al, Melinda, John, Dan, Brian, Paul, Glenn, Nya, Lynnette, Cathy and Katana;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. May 6	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour
Tues. May 7	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Worship at Greenwood 6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Rotary in Boardroom
Wed. May 8	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office 2:00 PM Worship at McCarthy 4:30-7:30 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry in Parlour
Thurs. May 9	12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 2:30 PM Worship at Hillside 4:15 PM Confirmation in Parlour
Fri.. May 10	3:00-9:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall
Sat. May 11	9:00 AM-6:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall
Sun. May 12	**"Easter 7"** 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12H AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker
Altar: Ellen Wolfe
Reader: Glenn Rittinger
Counting Captain: Cheryl Cade
House of Blessing: Paula McNaughton



May 5, 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stratford, Ontario

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People of Zion	**Ministers**
Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen	**Pastor**
Sister Jean Widmeyer	**Visitation Minister**
Paul Shilton	**Minister of Music**
Laura Burton	**Organist**
Éric Charbonneau	**Pianist**

Easter 6 **May 5, 2024**

GATHERING

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Hymn 389: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing""

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

> **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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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

WELCOME: This morning we welcome Pastor Adam Snook from Synod as our Guest Speaker. It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning Adam!

All are welcome to join in **"COFFEE HOUR"** being held following worship. Come and enjoy a delicious coffee and homemade treats while mingling with your church family. Pastor Adam will also be present. Please feel free to speak with him or ask him any questions you may have.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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.

Please remember that Sunday School ends at 11:15 A.M. We ask that parents/guardians wait until that time before coming for your children.

The last day for Sunday School is Sunday, May 12th. The children will be singing in church on Sunday, May 12th, which is also Mother's Day.

In order to organize classes and arrange for teachers, we are reaching out to all parents wishing to enroll their child(ren) in the Sunday School program. If you could please email me the child(ren)'s name(s), current grade(s) as of September, 2024, and whether or not they would be participating in Sunday School to Paula at pauley_mcnaughton@hotmail.com.

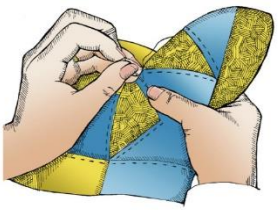
Please note that any child turning four (4) years of age in 2024 is eligible to start Sunday School in September, 2024.

Once we have our students registered, we will be in a better position to arrange our classes.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your assistance and co-operation!

Paula McNaughton
Sunday School Coordinator

MOTHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12TH: If you haven't found that perfect present for your "special" Mother, our talented quilting ladies have a beautiful selection of quilts for sale. They are now on display in the Parlour with the sizes and costs on each quilt. 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 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.

BETHEL COMMUNITY MEAL: The next Bethel Community Meal is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.** and will be held in the Fellowship Hall here at Zion**. All are welcome!!**

The ladies of Bethel hosting this meal would like to extend a warm welcome to any one who may be interested in assisting with this meal. The more the merrier!

AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS:

Boreal's "Songs of Renewal" concert
Saturday, May 11, 2024; 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford, ON
Concert starts at 7:30 P.M. (Doors open at 7:00 P.M.)
Tickets $25.00 available at the church office: 519-271-7946.
Proceeds from this event support the ministries of Avondale United Church.

STRATFORD CONCERT CHOIR PRESENTS:
"SUMMER SONG"
Saturday, May 25, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Avondale United Church
194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

For tickets and information, please visit
stratfordconcertchoir.org
or Blowes Stationery, 34 Wellington Street

WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S: Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 A.M.
Take part in Canada's biggest dementia fundraiser. Support a walk in Clinton, Exeter, Goderich, Listowel, St. Marys, Stratford or Wingham.

For more information visit www.walkforalzheimers.ca or call the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth at 519-271-271-1910.

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.

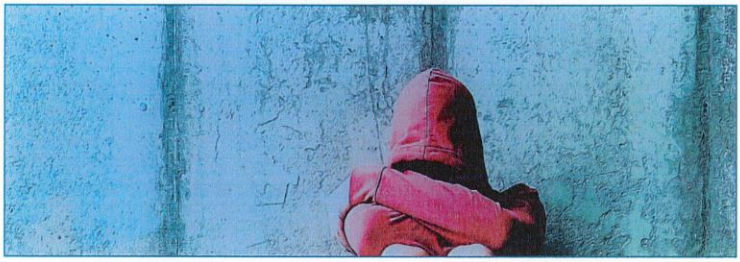
SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES: Enclosed with today's bulletin is an information brochure from Shelterlink Youth Services. Please take a few minutes to look it over to have a better understanding of the work this important organization does in our community.

CUPPA CANDLES: **ROTARY HOSPICE** has a volunteer that uses tea cups and saucers as holders for her homemade lightly scented candles. They are looking for donations of tea cups and saucers. 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.

Shelterlink
YOUTH SERVICES



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

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· 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

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· Prevention and diversion services.
· Family mediation and reunification.

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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!

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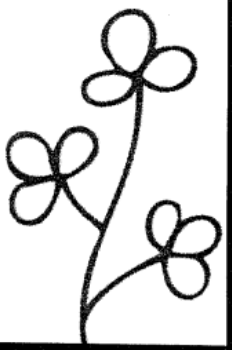
House of Blessing
FOOD BANK

Spring FOOD DRIVE

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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



Thank you for your support!