#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Brad, 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. June 17 8:30 AM-4:00 PM Royal Conservatory in Sanctuary

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour

Tues. June 18 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. June 19 9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

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

7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting in

Parlour

Thurs. June 20 Pastor Jeff & Susan are at the Eastern Synod

Assembly

Fri. June 21 Pastor Jeff & Susan are at the Eastern Synod

Assembly

Sat. June 22 Pastor Jeff & Susan are at the Eastern Synod

Assembly

Sun. June 23 "PENTECOST 5"

10:00 AM Worship - " - Guest Speaker from

**Stratford Connection Centre** 

#### \*\*COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING WORSHIP\*\*

12:00 Noon–6:00 PM Long & McQuade Spring Concert in Sanctuary

#### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Bob & Marilyn Wells
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerdt
Counting Captain: NO

COUNTERS

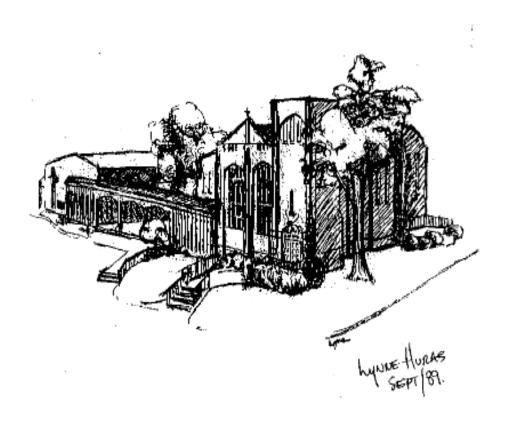
Altar: Carmen Beck House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz

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Pentecost 4

June 16, 2024

People of ZionMinistersRev. Jeffrey LaustsenPastor

Sister Jean Widmeyer Visitation Minister Paul Shilton Minister of Music

Laura Burton Organist Éric Charbonneau Pianist

#### **GATHERING**

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#### Hymn 640: "Our Father, by Whose Name"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: 92:1-4, 12-15

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/live/XyKHqQEMLpEger">https://www.youtube.com/live/XyKHqQEMLpEger</a>

#### Hymn 516: "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

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Hymn 514: "O Word of God Incarnate"

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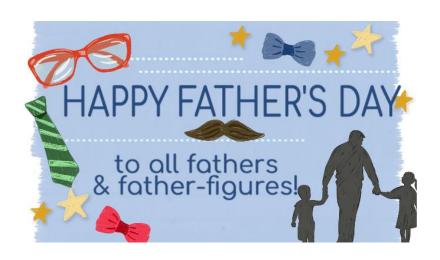
Postlude

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. 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**

<u>THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR</u> this morning are placed in loving memory of our dear parents, John and Catherine Baker and Harry and Anny Terhaerdt, by the Baker and Terhaerdt families.

**WELCOME:** This morning Éric has arranged a special treat for you. He will be joined on the piano for the prelude/postlude by a friend from North Bay, Chloe Weston. Enjoy as four hands play on one keyboard. "Thank you Éric for arranging this treat and "Thank You" Chloe for joining us! We also want to wish Chloe a "Happy Birthday" as I have been told it was her birthday yesterday, Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### ELECTORAL NOMINEES FOR BISHOP AND VICE-

CHAIRPERSON: This year, Bishop Pryse will be concluding his twentysix 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 vicechairperson, 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: <a href="www.easternsynod.org">www.easternsynod.org</a>. 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).

#### STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION REMINDER

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

**BETHEL COMMUNITY MEALS:** The hard-working organizers of the Bethel community meal are now on a much-needed rest for July and August. We will let you know when they start up again in the fall. We wish them a safe and happy summer holiday!!!!

#### 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

#### ELCIC & CLWR JOIN IN PRAYER AND ACTION ON JUNE 20

World Refugee Day is observed across the globe on June 20 each year. During this week, please join the ELCIC and CLWR in prayer, meditation and action in lifting up the plight of displaced people around the world, and God's call for us to respond.

Please see the enclosed pamphlet for more information.



#### A Prayer For World Refugee Day

By Rev. Susan C. Johnson National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)

Jesus,

You and your family were refugees in Egypt, escaping violence and hardship.

Open our hearts to the plight

Of refugees and displaced persons.

Grant us the grace to support the work Of agencies like Canadian Lutheran World Relief Who provide care to those in camps, Waiting and wanting to go home. Grant us the hospitality and welcome To receive refugees into our churches and communities Through sponsorship programs.

Grant us the courage to advocate with government For more open and generous policies toward refugees. All these things we pray in your holy name.

Amen.

# <u>10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE</u> – REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

You are invited to the Stratford Perth Museum on **SUNDAY**, **JUNE 23**<sup>RD</sup> or choose to *Hike on your Site* – whether that be a family cottage, at your workplace or in your neighbourhood – as part of this year's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Hike for Hospice!

A "Thank you" to the 115 participants who have already registered. If you have been considering joining the hike, please do, and help them surpass last year's attendance of 250 hikers.

Regardless of how, when, and where you choose to Hike, come on out for a BBQ lunch, music, games, cake and more!

#### Event Day Schedule:

- 10:30 a.m.: Registration
- 11:00 a.m.: Formal greetings & moment of reflection
- 11:15 a.m.: Walk as a group
- 11:30 a.m.: BBQ lunch, music and activities for all ages
- 12:00 p.m.: Fundraising update & CAKE!
- 12:30 p.m.: Closing remarks

Wondering how you can make a difference by hiking for hospice?

- Set yourself a goal of \$350\*\*
- Donate \$35 to start your fundraising
- Ask 9 friends to sponsor you for \$35 each

#### \*\* Why \$350?

That's the amount Rotary Hospice must fundraise daily, per resident room, every year to offset the operational costs not covered by Ministry of Health funding.

There is no cost for an individual to stay at Rotary Hospice, however there is a cost to operate the hospice.



QUILTS FOR SALE: There is still a large variety of quilts for sale by our talented quilting ladies. 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.





# 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.
- $\cdot$  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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Stratford, ON N5A 1J7 519.272.2294 www.shelterlink.org





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

Learn more about our food bank!





House of Blessing

# FOOD DRIVE

# **MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

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



Thank you for your support!