

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 10

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour

Tues. June 11

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

2:00 PM Worship at Greenwood

Wed. June 12

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

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

2:00 PM Worship at McCarthy Place

5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal in Fellowship Hall

Thurs. June 13

12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

2:30 PM Worship at Hillside

Sun. June 16

“PENTECOST 4”

10:00 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Ellen Wolfe &

Carmen Beck

Usher Captain: Brian Coe

Altar: Ellen Wolfe

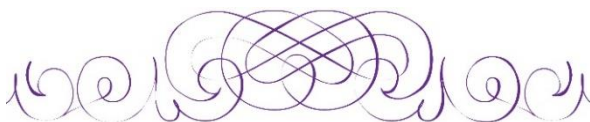
Reader: Aline Kouhi-Klemencic

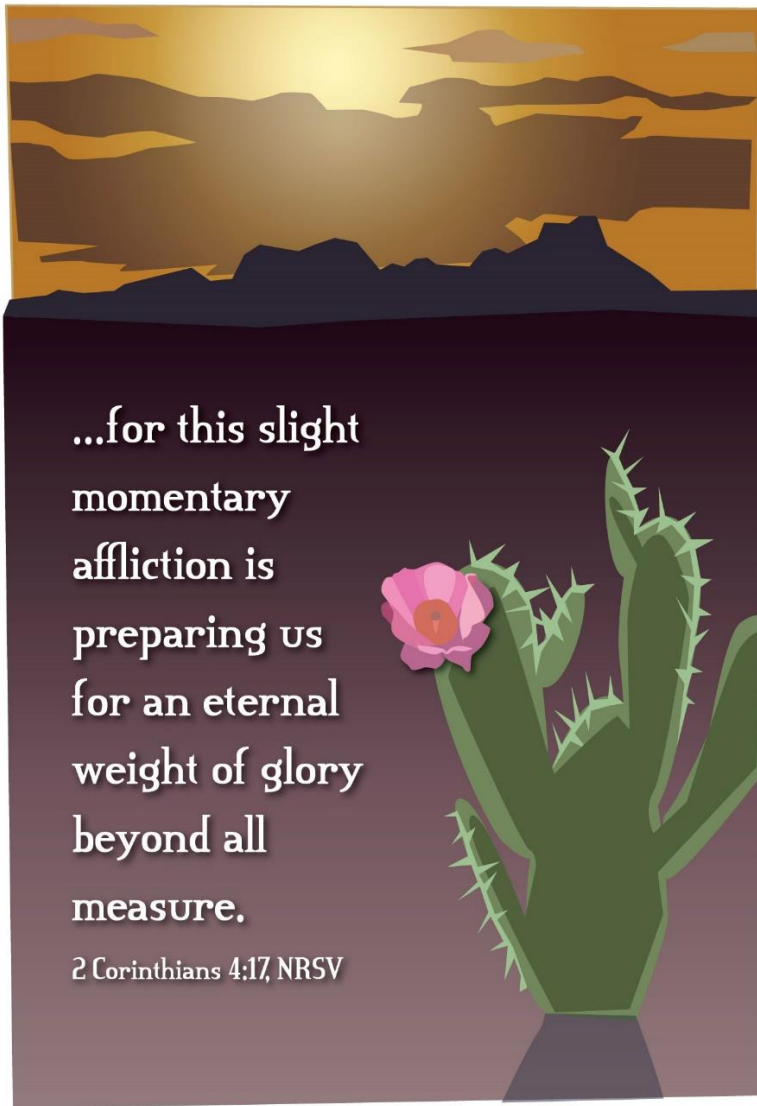
Counting Captain: Mary-Lou

Drown

House of Blessing: Janet & Gerry

Ahrens





June 9, 2024

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Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

PENTECOST 3

June 9, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 705: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm: 130

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/aDXOUorxiJ8>

Hymn 443: “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

Holy Baptism

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the Peace

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MEAL

Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Distribution Hymns: 652, 785

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Hymn 543: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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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



This morning we are so pleased to welcome into our Church family through Baptism

“Emery Marie Patterson”

daughter of

Jacob and Rebecca (nee Wilker) Patterson

Congratulations to the Patterson family!

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).

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENTS FOR JUNE

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 REMINDER: Jazz Vespers is this afternoon at **St. James Anglican Church on Mornington Street 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.

HUMANITARIAN OUTREACH REMINDER: To the many members of Zion, who have been team members, friends and supporters of the Humanitarian Outreach, **Jean & Ken Aitcheson** invite you to share in the joy and honour of the *Order of Canada* at a **reception this afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at Downie Optimist Hall in St. Pauls.** If you have any questions or are wanting more information, call Jean at 519-276-1975.

WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING REMINDER:

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!!

BETHEL COMMUNITY MEAL: The next community meal sponsored by Bethel Church will take place this **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall here at Zion Lutheran Church. **This is the LAST community meal until September, 2024.**

**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

10TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE – REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !

You are invited to the Stratford Perth Museum on **SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD** 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 10th 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: Our talented quilting ladies still 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 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.

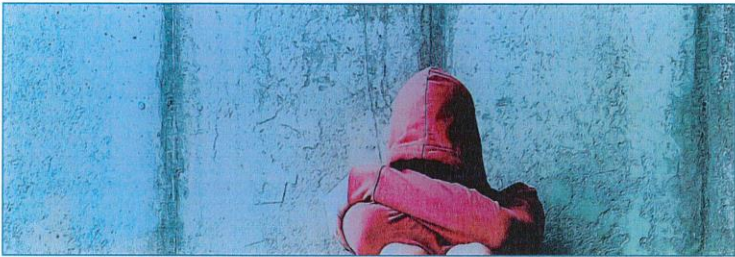
STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: The Women of Faith would like to "thank you" for your support to the Stratford Connection Centre.

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.



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

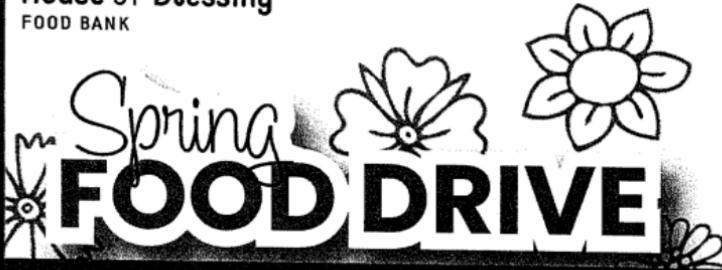
**Learn more about
our food bank!**



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!**