#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

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

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

#### THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. August 5 OFFICE CLOSED

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour

<u>Tues. August 6</u> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Wed. August 7 1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office

2:00 PM Sandra Mogensen in Sanctuary

Sun. August 11 "PENTECOST 12"

10:00 AM Worship Sister Jean on Vacation

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Darrell & Judy Renecker
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker
Altar: Shirley Whittaker

Reader: Murray Scholl
Counting Captain: Irene West
House of Blessing: Gerry

Rehberg





Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3, NIV

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#### **PENTECOST 11**

August 4, 2024

#### **GATHERING**

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## Hymn 656: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm: 78:23-29

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

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Gospel: John 6:24-35

Sermon:

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/live/FGAlFr\_MuSk?si=lJjgN6QT29Uwcdo}$ 

## Hymn 576: "We All Are One in Mission"

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#### **MEAL**

## Offering Hymn 182: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns: 461, 533

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Hymn 655: "Son of God, Eternal Saviour"

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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**



# FUND RAISER "CONCERT" COMING TO

ZION: Our
Congregational Life
Committee has been
busy planning a Fund
Raiser Concert for a
much-needed stair
lift.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29,
2024 FOR "ONE
MAN, Three
Legends" starring
Roy LeBlanc & The
Royal Tribute Band.

Enjoy your favourite songs by Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

Tickets can be purchased online for those having access to a computer OR through the office if you are not able to purchase online. Please note: purchases through the office are CASH ONLY. Please refer to the enclosed leaflet for more information.

\*\* PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD \*\*

## FOOD HANDLERS CERTIFICATION COURSE

We were advised by the Huron Perth Health Unit during our recent inspection of the kitchen that the "Food Handlers Certification" is still a requirement. Therefore, we advise that a "Food Handlers Certification Course" is being offered by the Huron Perth Public Health this fall. The course is being offered both on-line or in-person. We are recommending that <u>all</u> groups that serve food take this course this fall. We were informed that their requirement is that one person at each event have the Food Handlers Certification.

For those members planning on taking the course, we would appreciate you advising Jane Kelly, our Parish Administrator, of your intent by **September 27**<sup>th</sup> so that we have a listing of who will be taking the course.

The Huron Perth Health Unit indicated to us that they will be advising us when the course becomes available to the public.

Bethel Church, who oversees our monthly joint Community Meal, were on site the day of our recent inspection of our kitchen so they are fully aware of this requirement and are proceeding accordingly.



QUILTS FOR SALE: Our quilting ladies are taking a much-deserved break for the summer. There is still a large variety of quilts for sale made 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. There are more

quilts on display in the Parlour. 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 "most-



needed items list" from the House of Blessing. To help them with their significant increase in the number of people using their services, as you are able, if you could bring **cereal or assorted crackers** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

## **SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES:** Shelterlink Youth Services,



located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at 130 Youngs Street, supports Perth County youth ages 16-24 experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness.

Their "Shelter" offers 24/7 support, 15 short-term emergency shelter beds, and basic needs (meals, clothing, personal care items, showers, laundry facilities, respite from the elements).

Their "Outreach" program offers support for youth in the community at risk of homelessness, prevention and diversion services and family mediation and reunification.

Any support that you can provide is greatly appreciated. For more information you can call 519-272-2294 or visit their website <a href="https://www.shelterlink.org">www.shelterlink.org</a>.

## **STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE**: The Women of Faith would

like to "thank you" for your ongoing 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 OR Gatorade
- \* Food Basics gift cards

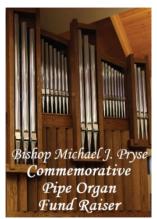
\*Food Basics gift cards will be used for bottled water and/or Gatorade.
This will eliminate you from handling cases of water.

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.

CASAVANT PIPE ORGAN IN KEFFER CHAPEL is to be refurbished and rededicated as the "Bishop Michael J. Pryse Commemorative Pipe Organ". Given Bishop Mike's love for congregational worship, the song of the people, and his longstanding support of Martin Luther University College, it is a fitting tribute for such a life of service. Our congregation has been invited to contribute to the goal of raising \$10,000 to make this refurbishment and rededication possible. This appeal provides an opportunity to tangibly express our gratitude to Bishop Mike while supporting efforts which are close to his heart. Any contributions exceeding the campaign goal will be set aside for the organ's ongoing preservation and upkeep.

For those not familiar with the Casavant pipe organ in Keffer Chapel,



here is some background. "This remarkable instrument was commissioned in 1974 as the centerpiece of Wilfrid Laurier University's Church Music program. Under the direction of Dr. Barrie Cabena, the instrument was designed solely to support congregational worship and train musicians who would do so. It accomplished this through a simplicity of design and brilliance of tone that is truly remarkable. In the ensuing years, though the Church Music program was discontinued, the organ has consistently been used to support the worship life of both Martin Luther

University College and Wilfrid Laurier University. In recent years, the organ has also been employed in creative and collaborative efforts with other musicians and instrumentalists, supporting new expressions of worship and engaging an even wider community."

If you are able to contribute to this great tribute, you may do so through e-Transfer (be sure in the message to note that it is for the "Bishop Michael J. Pryse Commemorative Pipe Organ Appeal") or through your weekly offering envelopes or in a plain envelope with your contact information on the outside for a receipt; again directing the donation to the "Bishop Michael J. Pryse Commemorative Pipe Organ Appeal". Thank you for your support.



