

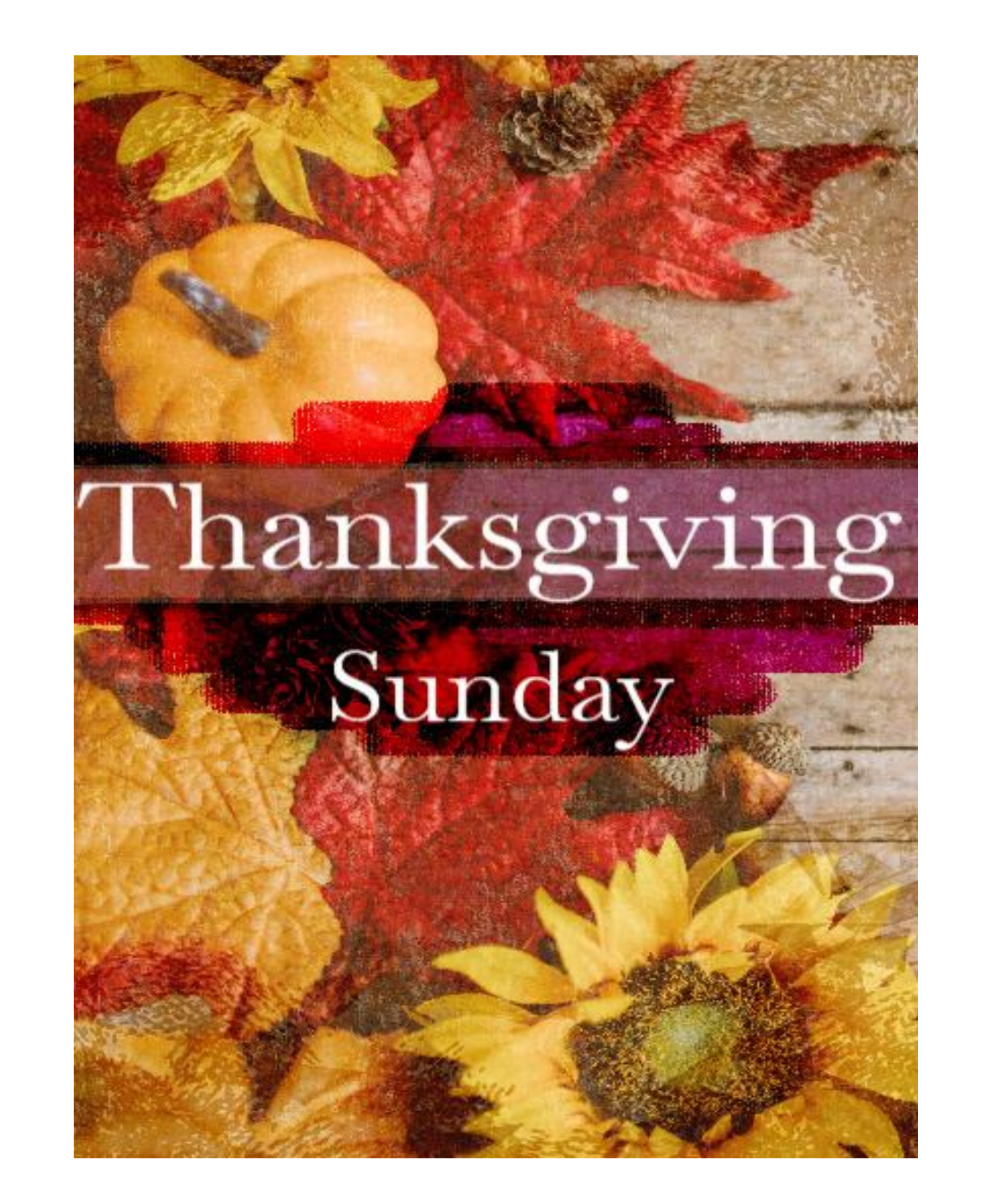


LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR;  
**THEY DO NOT SOW  
OR REAP**

OR STORE AWAY IN BARN,  
AND YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER  
**FEEDS THEM.**

ARE YOU NOT MUCH  
MORE VALUABLE THAN THEY?

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The background of the image is a collage of autumn-themed elements. In the upper left, there is a small, light-colored pumpkin. To its right is a large, vibrant red maple leaf. Below the pumpkin is a smaller, darker red leaf. In the lower right, there is a large sunflower with bright yellow petals and a dark brown center. To the left of the sunflower is a large, light-colored leaf. The entire collage is set against a light, textured background.

# Thanksgiving Sunday

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**Sister Jean Widmeyer**

**Laura Burton**

**Éric Charbonneau**

## **Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Visitation Minister**

**Organist**

**Pianist**

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**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**October 13, 2024**

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## **GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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**Hymn 693 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

First Reading: Joel 2:21-27

Psalm: 126

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

Children's Message

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/lb0eT11uQXg?si=aB3jh39sbFEYrYVvm>

**Hymn 764: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

Holy Baptism

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Sharing the Peace

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## MEAL

### Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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Communion Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

**Distribution Hymns: 679, 733**

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

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## SENDING

Blessing

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**Hymn 681: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”**

Dismissal

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**Postlude: “Rondo”**

**by John Bull**

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.***



## **THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Mike, Jack, Ralph, Cindy, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Katie, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Glenn, Nya, and Cathy;

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

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

Mon. Oct. 14

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour

7-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall

Tues. Oct. 15

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 9:00 PM Concert Choir Board Meeting in Parlour

Wed. Oct. 16

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

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

5:45-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room

Thurs. Oct. 17

12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

2:15 PM Knollcrest Worship

5:15-6:45 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Shelterlink Board Meeting in Parlour

Fri. Oct. 18

2:00 – 3:00 PM Marek & Barb in Sanctuary

Sat. Oct. 19

1:00 – 5:00 PM Schade Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall

Sun. Oct. 20

“PENTECOST 22”

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Paul & Janet Jeffery

**Usher Captain:** Jerry Terhaerd

**Altar:** Shirley Whittaker

**Reader:** Murray Scholl

**Counting Captain:** Janet Chandler

**House of Blessing:** Janet & Gerry Ahrens



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning we welcome to our Zion family:



*Monroe Caroline McKenzie*

&

*Mya Leigh McKenzie*

Twin daughters of Carleigh Jaye McKenzie

Congratulations to all!

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING:** As in the past, the “Thanksgiving” offering envelopes for this year will be apportioned one-half to the House of Blessing and one-half to our Current Fund.

“Thanksgiving” offering envelopes are available on the tables at each of the entrances and on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Offerings for Thanksgiving may be made up to and including **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your continued support.

## **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY HURON PERTH INVITATION**

Join the Alzheimer Society’s Public Education Coordinators for a one-hour virtual presentation over the next eight (8) weeks on brain health, cognitive changes and dementia. Bring your questions!

This week’s presentation in this series:

**Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Topic: How is Dementia Diagnosed?**

## **STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING– EMPTY BOWLS:**

Drop-in fundraising event **OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 1** at 423 Erie Street, Stratford

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday      9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Monday and Wednesday      9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

- Artist & Potters’ Bowls available at \$30 each
- Local Restaurants featured daily with purchases
- Optional foodbank tour

***SILENT AUCTION*** open all week, closes at 2:00 P.M. November 1<sup>st</sup> and winners notified.

**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 **pasta or pasta sauce** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

**CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (HURON PERTH ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES):** Present “Mental Health and Addictions: Services & Stories” on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. at Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford. Please enter off Huntingdon Ave. This is free to the public.

Local mental health, addictions, shelter & 2SLGBTQIA+ service providers, and those with lived experience will present information regarding trends, local services & community stories.

Please RSVP to: [eventsavondale@wightman.ca](mailto:eventsavondale@wightman.ca) by: October 1, 2024.





**In response to the escalation of violence in Lebanon, CLWR is joining Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition to raise funds to rush assistance to people in need.**

Your donations to CLWR will support our local Act Alliance partners responding with emergency supplies, clean water and protection for the vulnerable.

Please join us in prayer for those affected and consider donating today to have your gift doubled. Visit **[clwr.org/lebanon](http://clwr.org/lebanon)** or call **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST) to learn more.



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