



For thus says the LORD the God of Israel:

The jar of meal

will not be emptied

and the jug of oil

will not fail...

1 KINGS 17:14, NRSV

"THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE
INTO THE TREASURY THAN
ALL THE OTHERS.



Mark 12:43-44, NV

THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH,
BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY,
PUT IN EVERYTHING."

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024

GATHERING

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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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.



THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Bernice, Dan, 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:

<u>Mon. Nov. 11</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour 7-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall
<u>Tues. Nov. 12</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Worship at Greenwood Court 3:00 PM CFUW in Boardroom 6:00-10:00 PM Sing For The Joy of It rehearsing in Sanctuary 6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. Nov. 13</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 2:00 PM Worship at McCarthy Place 5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal in Fellowship Hall 5:45-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
<u>Thurs. Nov. 14</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 2:30 PM Worship at Hillside 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 5:15-6:45 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Chapel
<u>Fri. Nov. 15</u>	2:00 – 3:00 PM Marek & Barb in Sanctuary
<u>Sun. Nov. 17</u>	* PENTECOST 26 * 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Brad & Sherri Beatty AND the
The Sunday School Children

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd

Altar: Carmen Beck

Reader: Linda Faulhafer

Counting Captain: Irene Ehgoetz

House of Blessing: Mary Mueller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS THIS MORNING: You may have noticed some “little greeters” helping Gerry and Janet Ahrens greet you as you entered for worship this morning. We are thrilled to have our Sunday School Children assist in worship in this “special” way!

“Thank you children and good job!”

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

Please note that the Sunday School Wing is a “NUT FREE” area!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW “MINISTER OF MUSIC”: As many of you know, Paul Shilton, our past Minister of Music, resigned a few months ago due to health issues.

We are excited to introduce our new Minister of Music, *Andrew Elian*. Andrew comes to us with both, a vast knowledge and experience in music. He has begun practising with the choir and we look forward to his leadership in our Worship and Music Ministry.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: Included in the Newsletter envelope was a Deficit Letter from our Treasurer, Gerald Cook. It is mentioned in this letter that a “Current Fund Deficit” envelope was enclosed. Please accept my apology as I forgot to include the Current Fund Deficit envelopes in the mailout.

Current Fund Deficit envelopes have been placed at all entrances for you to use. I do apologize for the inconvenience this has caused.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: We are advising that there is a slight change to the office hours as follows:

The office will be open to members as well as the public:

MONDAYS	8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS	8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The phone will continue to be answered until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday to Friday. For emergencies, you may call the Church cell 519-274-1300.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation!

COFFEE HOUR: Your Congregational Life Committee would like to hold more coffee hours for you to have an opportunity to mingle with each other after worship. In order to do so, they are looking for volunteers to assist in hosting a coffee hour.

A “Sign Up” sheet has been placed on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. If you are able to host or participate in a coffee hour, please sign the sheet or call Jan Bennewitz at 519-271-6073. Thank you!

STRATFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: presents

“DOUBLE BASS LEGEND - JOEL QUARRINGTON”

Avondale United Church – 194 Avondale Ave.

Saturday, November 16th at 7:30 P.M.

Principal Conductor: William Rowson

“MEMORY & AGING PROGRAM” is being offered in Stratford, once again, by the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth. This 4-week “Healthy Brain Workshop” answers questions like:

- What kinds of memory changes should I expect as I grow older?
- What changes are normal and which ones are not?
- Can I improve my memory?

The course takes place on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon from and runs from November 21st to December 12th. The only cost is \$25.00 for your workbook. Registration is required as group size is limited.

To register: call 1-800-561-5012 or email: christyb@alzhp.ca or jeanettes@alzhp.ca.

LUNCH AT THE LOCAL

The LOCAL is a community/organization that serves the needs of the residents of Stratford. It is known for providing meals on Monday evenings and lunch on Fridays at noon for the hungry/lonely in our community. We at Zion are invited to come and eat, learn about the programs at the LOCAL and tour the facility on **Friday, December 6th at 11:30 a.m.** The LOCAL is located at 612 Erie Street (the old Co-op).

At this meal the Deaconess Community is presenting an award of \$12,500 USD (about \$17,000 Canadian) to the LOCAL to continue its work among the residents of Stratford. Sister Jean is a member of the Deaconess Community and nominated the LOCAL for this gift. The Deaconess Community received a bequest and proceeds from the sale of property. The Community policy is to tithe all bequests. Therefore, \$140,000 was available for ministry projects and the LOCAL was chosen to receive this gift in the amount of \$12,500 USD.

If you are interested in learning about the ministry of the LOCAL, please come to lunch, meet Executive Director, Margaret Smart, learn and tour its facilities. If you plan to come, please let Sister Jean know, so that we can let our hosts know how many are coming for the lunch.

JAZZ VESPERS: Paul Shilton’s Quartet will be the featured musicians for the next Jazz Vespers at St. James Anglican Church on Sunday, November 24th at 4:00 P.M. The musicians are:

Paul Shilton	Piano
Larry Larson	Trumpet
Mike McClellan	Bass
Dave Campioin	Drums

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS INFORMAL EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



Donations are now being accepted until the middle of December so the Women of Faith can purchase flowers to decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations. If you wish to donate, please put **“Christmas Flowers” and your name on a separate envelope** and place it on an offering plate located at the back of the Sanctuary or at the ramp entrance; or drop it off in the locked mailbox, or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your gift!

GIFTS FROM THE HEART: CLWR’s Gifts from the Heart 2024 Christmas Catalogues have arrived. You will find copies at each of the entrances. “Share God’s love with the world and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others with Gifts from the Heart!”

New for this year is a colouring contest! All ages are invited to participate and win \$500 to spend donating items from this year’s catalogue. Simply print off the illustration of the scene from Lake Chad, where farmers are fighting to restore an unraveling ecosystem and you could win one of 6 prizes thanks to Martin Luther University College, plus a CLWR swag prize pack. Submission details and the colouring page can be found at www.clwr.org/colourcontest. Good luck!!

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