

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Joy, Todd, Gwen, Jim, Bernice, Dan, Mike, Jack, Cindy, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Katie, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. Jan. 13</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour
<u>Tues. Jan. 14</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Greenwood Court Worship 6:00-10:00 PM Sing For The Joy Of It practising in Sanctuary 6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. Jan. 15</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 7:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting in Parlour
<u>Thurs. Jan. 16</u>	12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour 2:00 PM Knollcrest Worship 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 7:00 PM Choir in Chapel 7:00 PM Shelterlink in Parlour
<u>Fri. Jan. 17</u>	2:00 -3:00 PM Marek in Sanctuary
<u>Sun. Jan. 19</u>	* EPIPHANY 2 * 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School



**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Audrey Miller & Mervyn Dietz
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd
Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Mary-Lou Drown
Counting Captain: Irene West
House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz



The
Baptism
of our
Lord

January 12, 2025

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: 29

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Children’s Message

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/bosn4eC0qd4?si=uI0gIZS0_CdzF8Yn

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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



WELCOME BACK: This morning we welcome back Gavin Yeomans as our guest pianist. Thank you for joining us Gavin!



COFFEE HOUR: A Coffee Hour, hosted by Joanne & Tom Cosstick is being held next Sunday, January 19th immediately following Worship. This is a great opportunity to mingle with your parish family. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

"Thank you Joanne & Tom for hosting for us!"

Your Congregational Life Committee would like to hold more coffee hours for you to have an opportunity to visit and catch up 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 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 **canned vegetables 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.

