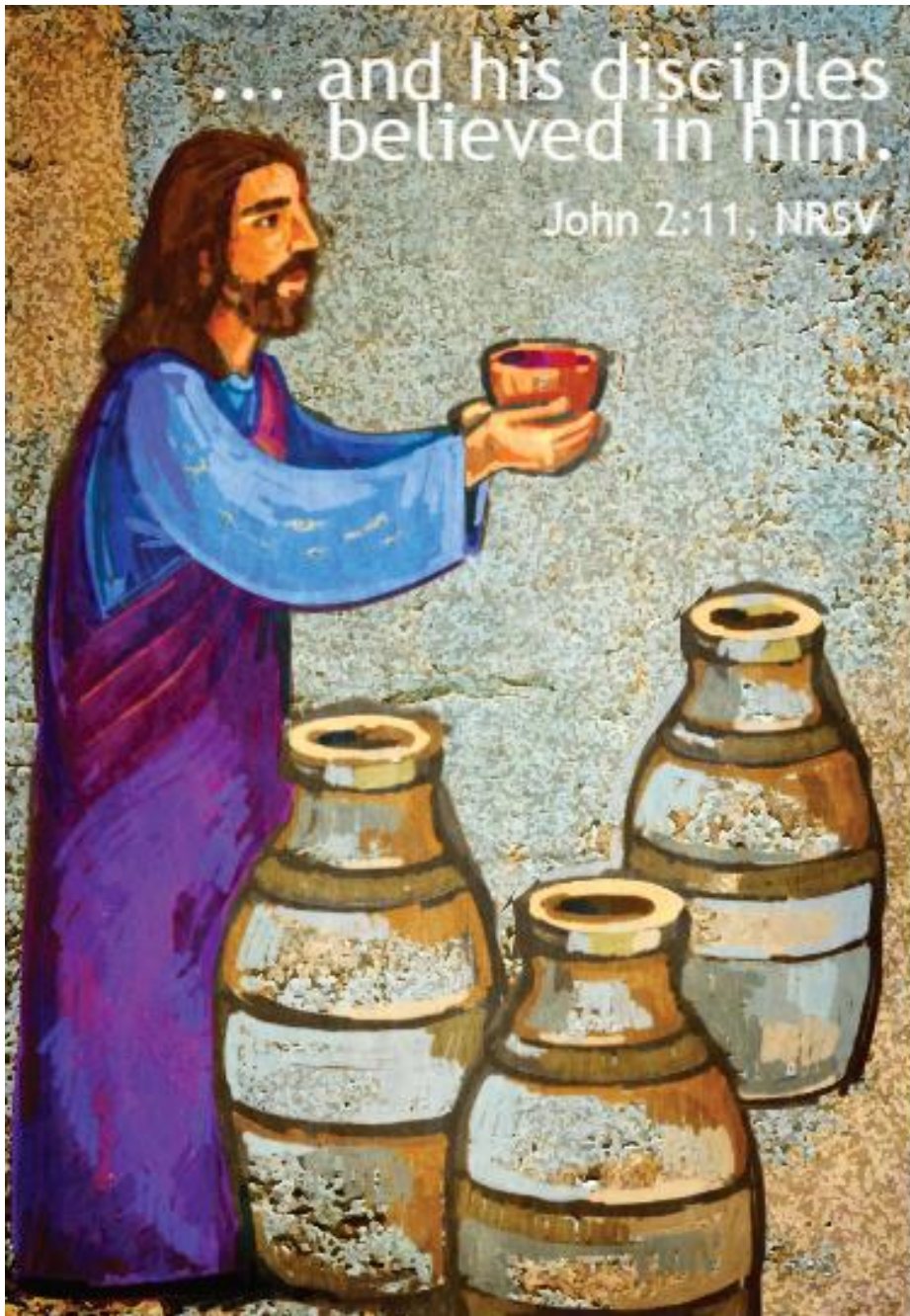


... and his disciples  
believed in him.

John 2:11, NRSV





JOHN 2 : 10, ESV

"EVERYONE  
SERVES  
THE GOOD  
WINE  
FIRST...  
BUT YOU HAVE KEPT  
*the good wine*  
UNTIL NOW."

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January 19, 2025

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## **People of Zion**

**Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen**

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**Andrew Elian**

**Laura Burton**

**Éric Charbonneau**

## **Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Visitation Minister**

**Minister of Music**

**Organist**

**Pianist**

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**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 19, 2025**

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**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

**Amen.**

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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 have with us, once again, Gavin Yeomans as our guest pianist. Nice to see you again Gavin and thank you for joining us!

**COFFEE HOUR THIS MORNING FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** A Coffee Hour, hosted by Joanne & Tom Cosstick is being held this morning immediately following Worship. Please do come down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a hot fresh cup of coffee, tea or juice and a delicious treat made by your Congregational Committee ladies. We look forward to seeing you!!!



“Thank you again 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!



**WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL:** is resuming on the **FOURTH (4<sup>TH</sup>) WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH** at 1:30 PM commencing Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

You are invited to the parlour following worship for coffee and/or tea and cookies.

We look forward to seeing you!!!

**STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE:** Below is the latest “**much needed**” list. We have been advised that donations have dropped off significantly. Whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

- Handwarmers
- New, warm socks
- Non-perishable snacks
- Bottled drinks
- Vaseline or lip balm
- Wet-wipes
- Kleenex

- Freezer bags or drawstring bags
- \$5-\$10 Tim Hortons gift cards

They are also accepting:

- Water-resistant gloves
- Winter coats and snowpants in good condition
- Winter boots in good condition
- Therman wear (long-johns, base layer)
- Laundry soap
- Large bottles of shampoo and body wash
- Hot chocolate, coffee, tea
- New underwear (men's and women's)

They currently are well stocked with toothpaste, toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products.

**Please contact them ahead of dropping off donations.**

**They can be reached at 519-271-6819 ext. 405.**

**AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL: Sunday, January 26, 2025**

194 Avondale Ave. (Entrance off Huntingdon Ave.)

5:15 PM Meal Start Time

Dine-In Only

Meal: Shephard's Pie, Asian Cabbage Salad, Rolls, Pickles, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

**INNERchamber** is delighted to present the 3<sup>rd</sup> concert of their 15<sup>th</sup> season – ***Transplanted*** – on **Sunday, January 26, 2025.**

Location: Factory 163 at 163 King Street, Stratford, ON. Light dinner begins at 5:30 PM.  
Concert begins at 7:00 PM.

“We whose families have only recently come to Turtle Island bring with us our cultural legacies.

**Mezzo-Soprano Maria Soulis** and **The INNERchamber Ensemble** share pieces tied to their various heritages as well as larger scale works “transplanted” into our intimate concert space.”

**Tickets are on sale at [www.innerchamber.ca](http://www.innerchamber.ca).**

**SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES, STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE:**

**“COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR”**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

“The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities. Let's change the tune for people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness....because it's cold out there.”

**Walk / Fundraise / Donate / Volunteer / Team up with friends**

**[stratford@cnoy.org](mailto:stratford@cnoy.org)**

**Or call toll free 1-877-743-3413**

**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 boxed **Mac & Cheese or cereal** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.



## **THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Glenn, Joy, Todd, Gwen, Jim, 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:**

Mon. Jan. 20

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour

7-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall

Tues. Jan. 21

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Stratford Concert Choir in Parlour

Wed. Jan. 22

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Festival Hydro in Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour

1:30 PM Communion Service in Chapel – followed by coffee in Parlour

7:00 PM Future Directions in Parlour

Thurs. Jan. 23

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM Festival Hydro in Fellowship Hall

12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour

4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour

7:00 PM Choir in Chapel

Fri. Jan. 24

2:00 -3:00 PM Marek in Sanctuary

Sun. Jan. 26

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10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Tom & Joanne Cosstick

**Usher Captain:** Tom Cosstick

**Altar:** Shirley Whittaker

**Reader:** Carmen Beck

**Counting Captain:** Irene West

**House of Blessing:** Wayne Faulhafer

