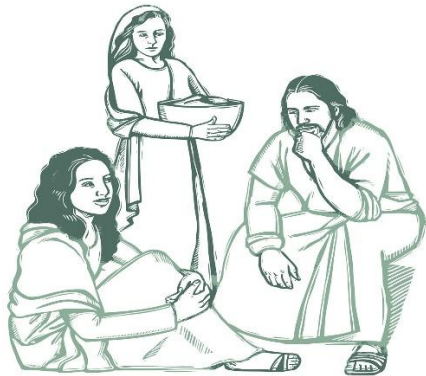


But the Lord answered her,

*"Martha,
Martha,*

you are worried and
distracted by many things."

LUKE 10:41, NRSV



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Pentecost 6

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GATHERING

Prelude

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Call to Worship: “Touching Him” by Ray Boltz

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Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm: 15

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Hymn 754: “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

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Postlude: "Alleluias"

arranged by Noel Rawsthorne.

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: Lucy, Jamie, Gertha, Marg, Doris, Marleen, Nancy, Bonnie, Elaine, Garry, Glenn, Joy, Todd, Gwen, Jim, Dan, Mike, Jack, Cindy, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Katie, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Melinda, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;

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

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. July 21 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tues. July 22 7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall
8:30 AM-5:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Parlour
2:00 PM Greenwood Court Worship

Wed. July 23 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall

Thurs. July 24 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 25 8:00 AM-5:00 PM Playmakers in Fellowship Hall

Sun. July 27 * Pentecost 7 *
10:00 AM Worship
2:00 WE THREE KINGS CONCERT

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, July 27th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Ellen Wolfe & Carmen Beck

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaardt

Altar: Sister Jean

Reader: Carmen Beck

Counting Captain: Irene West

House of Blessing: Wayne Faulhafer



ANNOUNCEMENTS




WELCOME: This morning we welcome Mike Brine as our guest soloist.

Mike Brine lives near St. Marys, Ontario. He is an amateur musician and is part of the Kirkton United Church Congregation. He regularly provides music ministry for his church and others in the area. Mike studied both piano and voice while he was in high school, and he considers music to be a lifetime hobby. He has played in several Praise Bands and served as church organist at Woodham United Church for more than 10 years. He currently works in the insurance industry, and lives on a farm near St. Marys, Ontario with his wife Patty. They have two adult children. Matt and his wife Katie live close to St. Marys, while Kim and her partner Jordan live in Vancouver.

Thank you Mike for being with us and sharing your

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY DISCUSSION SERIES:



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HURON PERTH
Let's Talk About...
Types of Dementia
Join us on ZOOM for our Summer discussion series!
Wednesdays, 1:30 pm on ZOOM

July 2	Alzheimer's disease
July 9	Vascular dementia
July 16	Lewy Body Dementia
July 23	Frontal Temporal Dementias
July 30	Young Onset Dementia


Register at: www.alzheimer.ca/huronperth
or bit.ly/ASHPEducationHour
1-800-561-5012 or info@alzhp.ca

SHELTERLINK WORKSHOP: “Landscape of Emotion” Youth Art Workshop is being held on July 23, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Shelterlink, 130 Youngs Street, Stratford. Open to youth (16-24) in Perth County with lived experience of homelessness, addiction, or mental health challenges. Through art therapy, participants will explore grief, healing and personal

growth in a safe, supportive space. This free workshop is led by Registered Psychotherapist Vanessa De Groot (Kind-Hearted Studio), *Landscape of Emotion* invites participants to reflect on their emotional journey through creative expression in a safe, supportive space.

Register Now

Space is limited. Please register by contacting:

 Ashley: ashleym@shelterlink.org

 Lisa: lisai@shelterlink.org

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL: Avon Church is hosting a free community meal at the Local on SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND at THE LOCAL, 612 Erie Street. Everyone is welcome to attend!

REMINDER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Parents/Grandparents: Have you registered your child(ren) or Grandchild(ren) for Sunday School? Registering them is not a commitment for having them here every Sunday. By registering them, it helps us arrange our classes and arrange for the number of teachers we need.

Children/Grandchildren eligible for Sunday School include any child turning four (4) years of age in 2025 right through to Grade 6.

If a child(ren) has left the Sunday School program for any reason and would like to return, they are more than welcome!

It is quite easy to register them. All we require is the child(ren)'s name(s), current grade(s) as of September 2025. You may email the information to pauley_mcnaughton@hotmail.com (between pauley and mcnaughton there is an underscore).

All children/grandchildren of members need to be registered to attend Sunday School. Any visiting families with children 4 years of age in 2025 right through to Grade 6 are welcome without registering.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

WATER BOTTLES: We are looking for empty 4 Litre bottles to fill with the water from our dehumidifiers as this is used for the humidifier for the grand piano. Our goal is to have a good supply on hand to save us from having to buy distilled water through the winter. If you have any empty 4 Litre bottles to donate, kindly drop them off at the church office any weekday morning between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or you can place them under the table at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. 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 fish (tuna and salmon) and canned meat (ham, chicken, turkey)** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: “**RIDE FOR REFUGE**” This family-friendly fundraising event is happening **Saturday, October 4th**, and it’s a chance for our church community to come together, get active, and help make a real difference for our neighbours in need. Below is the information they have provided to us:

It All Starts With Team Captains!

Every great team starts with a bold leader—and that could be YOU (or someone in your congregation)!

Team Captains are the heart of the RIDE. They rally their crew, raise funds, and keep the energy high. As a captain, you’ll:

- Choose a team name (it can be as simple as your church’s name, or something fun, punny, or creative)
- Recruit a group of teammates to ride or walk with you (aim for 8–10 or more!)
- Lead by example with your own donations and words of encouragement
- Keep your team motivated with fun updates and progress shoutouts

We’ll be there every step of the way with tools, resources, and support to make it easy and rewarding.

👉 **Ready to rally your team? Register as a Team Captain today at rideforrefuge.com/location/stratford**

Volunteers Welcome Too!

Not quite ready to form a team? No problem—there will also be opportunities to serve as a volunteer on event day! Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

Let’s Make an Impact Together

This event is more than just a fundraiser—it’s an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community! By participating in Ride For Refuge, your church can actively live out His call to love our neighbours, care for the vulnerable, and pursue justice for those in need. We’d be honoured to have your church represented at this year’s Ride and to partner with you in bringing hope, dignity, and practical support to those who need it most, right here at home.

If you have any questions or would like help getting started, we’re here for you—just reach out!

STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: Please see the list below for the latest “**much needed**” items that has been posted for June, 2025. Whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

**Please drop off donations in the bins located at the back of the Sanctuary
or inside the office entrance door.**



The sandwich makers for the Connection Centre would greatly appreciate donations of food gift cards from Walmart or Food Basics. Any support you are able to provide is most welcome.

Thank You!

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HUGO COLIN  **ROY LEBLANC**  **OLIVER STEINHOFF** 

JULY 27 ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
2PM 202 ERIE STREET
STRATFORD, ON

WWW.TICKETSCENE.CA/EVENTS/50328

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH is thrilled to announce that we are hosting our “2nd Concert” to raise funds for our much-needed stair lifts!

“WE THREE KINGS”

Featuring Three (3) World-Renowned Tribute Artists from Three (3) Countries

Depicting Three (3) Decades of the King of Rock & Roll!

Hugo Colin (United States) ♥ Roy LeBlanc (Canada) ♥ Oliver Steinhoff (Germany)

Next Sunday, JULY 27TH @ 2:00 P.M.

Zion Lutheran Church
202 Erie Street
Stratford, ON

The date is quickly approaching, there are still a few tickets left through the Church Office (519-271-8527) Tuesday through Friday mornings for \$40.00 each or through Ticketscene www.ticketscene.ca/events/50328

Please Spread The Word!