



ALL SAINTS' DAY



November 2, 2025

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All Saints' Sunday

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GATHERING

Prelude: "At the River"

by Aaron Copland

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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Postlude

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: Judy, Marjorie, Erika, Bill, Marie, Lucy, Jamie, Marg, Doris, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, Jack, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Paul, Wendy, Joan, Devon, Hollice, Joyce, Maria, Tom, Marian, Leanne, Isabelle, Al, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. November 3</u>	1:30-3:30 PM Alzheimers in Parlour 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Parlour 7:00-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall
<u>Tues. November 4</u>	9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
<u>Wed. November 5</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 3 00 PM Council of Churches Executive in Parlour 5:30-7:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
<u>Thurs. November 6</u>	11:00 AM Spruce Lodge Worship 12:00 Noon Bible Study in the Parlour 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 5-7 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room 6:30-8:00 PM Girl Guides in Fellowship Hall
<u>Fri. November 7</u>	9:00 AM WOF making sandwiches in kitchen
<u>Sat. November 8</u>	4:00 PM MMMM Concert in Sanctuary
<u>Sun. November 9</u>	* PENTECOST 22* 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Tom & Joanne Cosstick
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick
Altar: Carmen Beck

Reader: Fritz Steigmeier
Counting Captain: Laurie Snow
House of Blessing: Paula McNaughton



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Immediately following Worship this morning you are invited to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a warm cup of coffee, tea, water or juice and a “special” treat made by our ladies of Congregational Council. All are welcome!! Enjoy!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

The children of the Sunday School are helping with the greeting today. Thank you to Janet and Gerry Ahrens for helping the children with the greeting.

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

A REMINDER – THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 PM TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW HAMBURG (23 Church Street, New Hamburg) presents Ian Sadler, Concert Organist performing selections from Bach*Handel*Purcell*Schumann*Widor in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Trinity’s Gabriel Kney Pipe Organ.

\$20 General Admission; \$5 age 16 & under. Online tickets can be purchased through telc.ca.



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 soup, stew and chili or peanut butter** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

MMMM COMPOSERS IN CONCERT: On **November 8th at 4 PM**, Marco Burak (former Zion organist) and friends present a concert of new music. Marco, along with Emmanuel Dye, baritone, will premiere a set of three German songs, based on poetry he found written on scraps of paper among his mother's journals. The concert will also feature new classical guitar music by Doug Peterman, and the ever intriguing electronic/acoustic music of master 'electracoustmatician' Michael Dobinson. Admission by donation (pay what you wish).

HOLIDAY MARKET & SILENT AUCTION: **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH; 10AM – 3 PM**
WOODLAND TOWERS, 639 WEST GORE ST.

**** Admission by Donation ****

All proceeds go towards enhancing their Residents’ Activity Programs

Confirmed Vendors: Creative Corner Woodland Towers – Fifth Avenue - Pampered Chef – Pat’s Puddy Creations – Linens by Laureen – Health and Wellness Happy Co. – A Spice Affair – Light of Grace Décor – Colleen’s Crochet – Blessed Baby Creations – Gifts by Nancy – Dianna’s Bakery – Knitting by Marion – Scentsy – Nancie’s Wonderful Creations – Maple Lane Pottery – Judy’s Crafts and Décor – Cozy Cuddles by Susan – Stitch by Stitch – Crafts by Darlene – Stampin’ and Craftin’ by Grandma Shier – Stained Blass, - Photos and Cards – Amigurumi Crochet – Schmidty’s Custom Epoxy and Woodworking – Jenny’s Peanut Brittle.

Donuts and Refreshments will be available for purchase

NOVEMBER 15, 2025 “SITARSKI PERFORMS BARBER” at Avondale United Church,

194 Avondale Ave. – 7:30 PM

Conductor: William Rowson

Guest Artist: Stephen Sitarski, Violin

Scan the QR code below for more info and tickets:



WOMEN OF FAITH UPDATE: The Women of Faith will be meeting in the Church Parlour on **November 29th at 9:30 AM** to package the ***WE-CARE Christmas Gift Bags***. These will be delivered within the following week (November 29th to December 6th).

After packaging the Gift Bags, they will be going to Demetre's Family Eatery at noon (November 29th) to share a Christmas Luncheon together. All ladies of Zion Church are welcome to join them. Please call Darlene (519-271-0996) or Wendy (519-271-4664) by **November 24th** to confirm you are coming.

HEAVENLY HOOPS: Bethel's youth basketball program, *Heavenly Hoops*, is gearing up for another season and are asking for your help! Volunteers are especially needed in the following areas:

- Kitchen (popcorn & coffee)
- Assistant Coaches
- Scorekeepers
- Hall Monitors
- Clean-up Crew

Heavenly Hoops will run from **January 10 to April 4, 2026**. If you are able to lend a hand, even for a few Saturdays, they would love to have you on the team! For more info or to sign up, please contact Les Holiday at hoops@bethelstratford.org.

Thank you for supporting our community and kids!

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES AND FRIENDS are holding two Christmas Markets this November. Your purchase of these unique, fairly traded and handcrafted product supports employment and skill development. Come check it out at WK United Mennonite Church, Waterloo (November 13-15) and MCC Ontario, Kitchener (November 27 & 29). Details can be found on the bulletin board poster located by the offices.

**STRATFORD
CONNECTIONS**

URGENT NEEDS

**Volunteers for
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Razors
Toothbrushes
Basic t-shirts (medium)
Ground coffee
Packaged grab & go snacks!
Deodorant**



**THANK
YOU**

STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: Please see the list for the latest "**much needed**" items. Whatever help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

Please Note: Due to limited space, Stratford Connection Centre is not able to accept donations of clothing. If you have clothing to donate, please take it to Goodwill as this is where Stratford Connection takes their homeless for clothing.

HOWEVER, donations of socks, underwear, hats, scarves and mittens (preferably water proof mittens) are needed and accepted at Stratford Connection. Thank you!

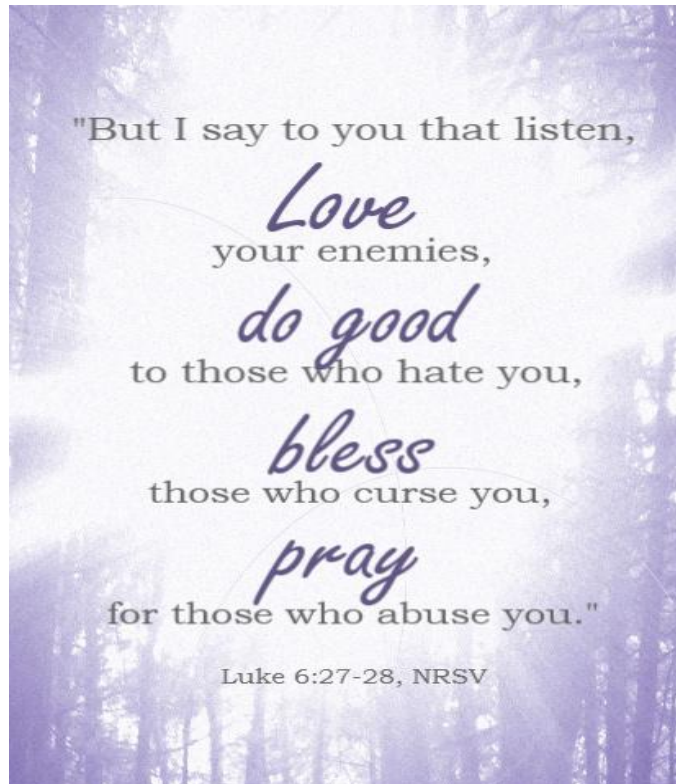
Please drop off donations in the bins at the back of the Sanctuary or inside the office entrance door.

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!

OUR SENIORS' LUNCHEON on **Friday, November 14th from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM** will feature a speaker from the Stratford Connection Centre, Sarah McIntyre-Roy.

In support of the Stratford Connection Centre, we are asking all those who are able to please bring one (1) item from the "Urgent Needs" list with you to the luncheon. Thank you for your generosity.

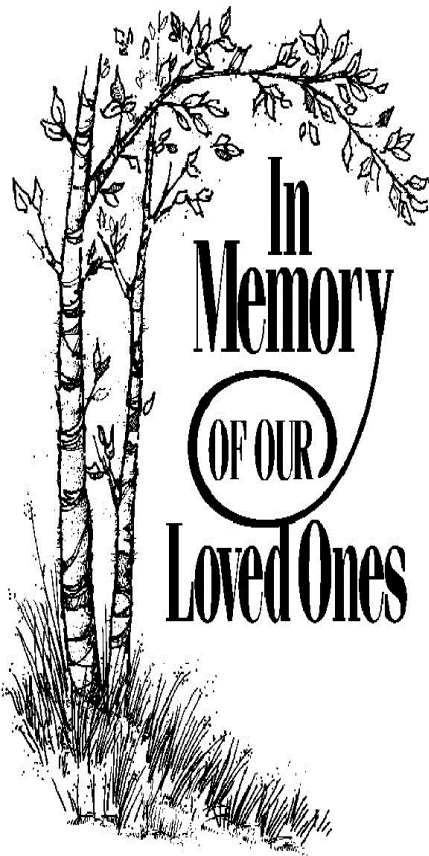


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REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: Today, our parish, together with Christians around the world celebrate the Festival of All Saints. A time to celebrate the triumph of the Lord of Life Jesus Christ over the power of death, the day is traditionally the time Christians remember those by name who have died since the last All Saints' Day. Indeed it is a good time to remember all our loved ones who have died and to praise our Lord for his victory over death and the grave.

On this "All Saints' Sunday" we remember all of our loved ones who have died during this past year, namely:



+*Wayne Brown*
+*Anne Cooper*
+*Allen Drown*
+*John Fuhry*
+*Graham Greene*
+*Willi Hausleitner*
+*Marilyn Hayler*
+*Emma Herman*
+*Pat Hislop*
+*Dan Horst*
+*Phyllis Jeffery*
+*Joan Kuno*
+*Doris Laustsen*
+*Paul Laustsen*
+*Florence Leasa*
+*Stephen Leasa*
+*Elizabeth Mikler*
+*Maxine Scholl*
+*William Sylvester*
Rheo Thompson
+*Ingrid Vollmer*

