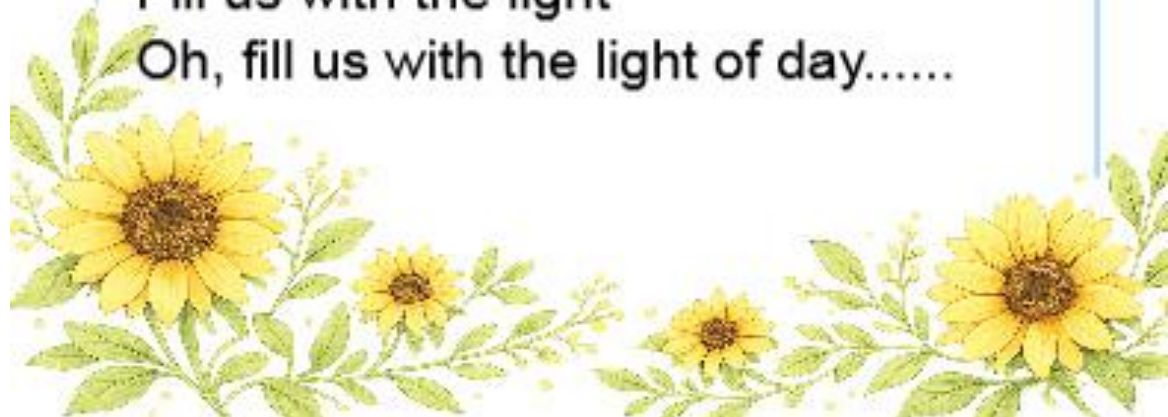




Joyful, Joyful  
Lord, we adore Thee  
God of glory  
Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Hail Thee as the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light  
Fill us with the light  
Oh, fill us with the light of day.....



# **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## People of Zion

Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen

Sister Jean Widmeyer

Stéphane Potvin

Laura Burton

Éric Charbonneau

## Ministers

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

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**Hymn 640: "Our Father, by Whose Name"**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: 66:8-20

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

## Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: John 14:15-21

**Children's Anthem: "Joyful, Joyful" (Words are on the front cover)**

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/PKGVpCL2XIA?si=la7ik4xYGSFhwBuj>

**Hymn 806: "O God, My Faithful God"**

Nicene Creed

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**Choir Anthem: "Jubilate"**

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

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**Postlude: Toccata in E minor**

**by Johann Pachelbel**

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: Liz, Gertha, Peter, Marilyn, Isabelle, David, Carol, Bev, Jim, Wayne, Matthew, Marjorie, Bill, Marie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Jim, Jack, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Paul, Wendy, Devon, Hollice, Maria, Tom, Marian, Leanne, Al, Brian, Paul, Nya, and Cathy;

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

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

<u>Mon. May 11</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6-8 PM Girl Guides in Girl Guide Room 7:00 PM Choir in Chapel
<u>Tues. May 12</u>	7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Greenwood Court Worship
<u>Wed. May 13</u>	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship 5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal
<u>Thurs. May 14</u>	12 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 2:30 PM Hillside Worship 4:30 PM Confirmation in Parlour 6:30-8 PM Girl Guides in Fellowship Hall
<u>Friday, May 15</u>	ZIONEWS DUE
<u>Sat. May 16</u>	10:00 AM McNaughton Dedication Service in Chapel Lunch in Parlour following service
<u>Sun. May 17</u>	* <b>EASTER 7</b> * 10:00 AM Worship

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters: VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**Usher Captain:** Brian Coe

**Altar:** Sister Jean

**Reader:** Linda Faulhafer

**Counting Captain:** Isaac Whittaker

**House of Blessing:** Gerry Rehberg



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE – Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

As you may or may not be aware, we have had an Automated External Defibrillator for some time in our possession. It is to be used as an immediate step when someone does not respond when shaken or is not breathing normally. The first action, of course, is to call 911, but in the meantime, the AED is to be started immediately before the arrival of the paramedics.

In order that we have members aware as to how to use the AED, the Congregational Council is planning to have an AED Training Meeting in due course. The objective of this one-hour Training Meeting is to give attendees the ability to be knowledgeable on how to operate the system, if required.

If you are interested in learning the operation of the AED System, please inform Jane Kelly, our Parish Administrator, of your interest by Friday, May 15, 2026, in order that we can schedule the Training Meeting accordingly. It is our hope that our ushers, staff, a member of any committee in the church or any interested members will take this opportunity for this learning experience.

## SUNDAY SCHOO REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Parents/Grandparents: Have you registered your child(ren) or Grandchild(ren) for Sunday School? Registering them is not a commitment for them having to be here every Sunday. Registering them 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 2026 right through to children in 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) and current grade(s) as of September 2026. You may email the information to [zionluth.ssooord@outlook.com](mailto:zionluth.ssooord@outlook.com).

All children/grandchildren of members need to be registered to attend Sunday School. Any visiting families with children four (4) years of age in 2026 are welcome without registering.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

Paula McNaughton  
Sunday School Coordinator

12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE: There's something special about coming together for this day, walking in memory, in honour, and in support of compassionate hospice care in our community. Whether you join on Hike Day or make it your own and Hike on Your Site, every step counts.

Register today and take advantage of their **Early Bird Draw**. Sign up by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** at midnight and you'll be entered to win the Ultimate Local Day Out prize package, which includes:

Family River Adventure Pass from The Boathouse  
4 Muffins or Scones from The Little Kitchen on York  
Four Dirty Sodas from Corner Store Candy Co.  
4 Ice Creams from JENN & Larry's Ice Cream Shoppe  
2 \$85 Gift Cards from Pursuit Climbing

Whether you hike in honour of a loved one, in gratitude for the care you or someone close to you received, or simply to give back, **every step helps** ensure that individuals and families have access to comfort, dignity and support when it matters most.

Gather your friends, family, colleagues, or group members and be part of something meaningful on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**.



## 70th Wedding Anniversary

**OPEN HOUSE: WALTER & GISELA MUELLER WILL BE MARRIED "70 YEARS" ON MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

**You are invited to help celebrate. There will be an Open House on: Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Griffith Auditorium at Spruce Lodge, 643 West Gore Street, Stratford. God has blessed them with much love, health and many wonderful memories over the years. Come share some of your memories as your gift to them.**

**JOY ON THE JOURNEY hosted by Elgin Keen-Agers**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**Catered Lunch - \$21 / Person**

**Elgin Missionary Church Fellowship Hall**

**Special Guests: Bill & Mary Lemmon**

**Call Elgin Missionary Church to Register by MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 519-271-5407**

**JAZZ VESPERS**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4 pm**

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
41 Mornington Street, Stratford**

**Featuring:**

**TIM ELLIOTT & OUR LITTLE BAND**

**All welcome  
To this informal  
Evening Worship Service  
(Free Will Offering)**

**L'ARCHE STRATFORD'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AFTER PARTY:**

Registration is open for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & After Party at the Stratford Municipal Golf Course on **Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Lunch is served at 12:00 P.M.

Shotgun starts at 1:00 P.M.

with the After Party happening at 4:00 P.M.

Contact Wendy [admin@larchestratford.ca](mailto:admin@larchestratford.ca) for more information

**BETHEL KIDS 2026 SUMMER CAMPS**

July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

- Ocean Explorers Camp

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

- Around the World Camp

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

- Colour Wars Camp

August 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

- Camp Carnival

\$200 per week

\$175 per additional child registered

Register at [mybethel.ca](http://mybethel.ca)

**CREATION CARE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**Trinity Luthern Church, New Hamburg**

**August 17 – 21 Full Day! 9 am-4 pm**

**Ages 5 – 11 as of December 31, 2026**

**Outdoor activities \* crafts \* science \* music \* and more!**

Register online at [telc.ca](http://telc.ca)  
(Registration closes June 30<sup>th</sup>)

Financial assistance available.

Please contact Pastor Tanya Varner ([varner@telc.ca](mailto:varner@telc.ca)) prior to registration.

**STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE:** Below is an updated “Needs List”:

- Single serve snacks
- Basic socks
- Laundry soap/pods
- Coffee & sugar (always)
- Bus tickets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Razors

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday between 12-4:30 pm.

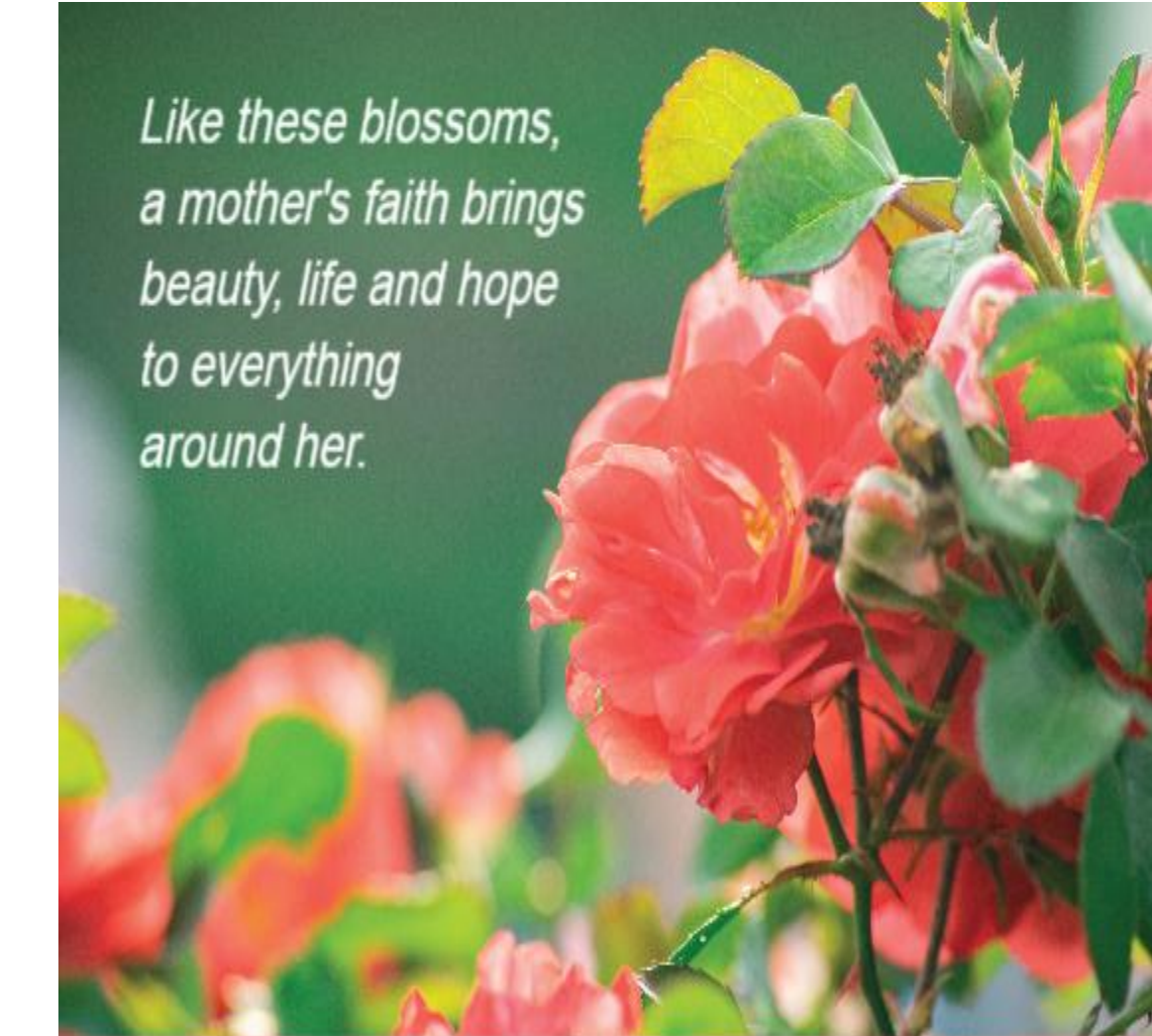
Please contact them if an alternative drop off time is necessary at 519-271-6819 ext 405 or by email [connectioncentre@cmhahuronperth.com](mailto:connectioncentre@cmhahuronperth.com).

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

Thank you for continuing to support the Connection Centre so they can support our vulnerable neighbours! ❤️



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 **pasta and sauce** or **baked beans** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.



*Like these blossoms,  
a mother's faith brings  
beauty, life and hope  
to everything  
around her.*

**Happy  
Mother's  
Day**

**CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> HERE AT ZION**

**MIKE & SUE WEBER  
& FRIENDS**  
*Perform Classic Country Music*



**SUNDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**(2:00 – 4:30 pm)**

**AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

202 Erie Street, Stratford

**A FUND RAISER FOR ONGOING MAINTENANCE FEES OF CHAIR LIFTS**

**Tickets: \$35.00**

**CALL: 519-271-8527**

**Refreshments Available**

**DON'T MISS  
OUT! GET  
YOUR TICKETS  
NOW!**

**CALL THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE AT 519-  
271-8527  
WEEKDAY  
MORNINGS  
FROM 8:00 A.M.  
TO 1:00 P.M.**

**OR**

**PURCHASE ON  
SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT  
THE BACK OF  
THE  
SANCTUARY  
BEFORE OR  
AFTER  
WORSHIP.**

**YOUR TICKET  
IS WAITING  
FOR YOU!**

**NEED A  
MOTHERS' DAY  
GIFT,  
BIRTHDAY  
GIFT OR  
PERHAPS A**

**TREAT FOR A FRIEND? BUY A TICKET!**

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE AND HEAR SOME GREAT  
CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC!**

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! THANK YOU!**