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# ***ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen

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## **Ministers**

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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The Holy Trinity

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## **GATHERING**

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**Hymn 413: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: 8

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Celtic Alleluia



Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/KyUDrpinMzM?si=Qyf98OGXSIV93tCz>

**Hymn 414: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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**Choir Anthem: “Alleluia to the Triune Majesty”**

**Rowland H. Prichard**

**MEAL**

**Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

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**Distribution Hymns: 673, 676**

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**Hymn 415: “Father Most Holy”**

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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: Audrey, Beth, 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. June 1</u>	2:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30-6:30 PM Éric in Sanctuary SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Tues. June 2</u>	9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 3:00 PM CFUW in Boardroom SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Wed. June 3</u>	2:00 PM Council of Churches Executive in Parlour SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Thurs. June 4</u>	SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Friday, June 5</u>	9:00 AM WOF making sandwiches SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Saturday, June 6</u>	Avon using gravel parking lot for Garage Sale/Bake Sale SISTER JEAN AWAY
<u>Sun. June 7</u>	* <b>PENTECOST 2</b> * 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 NOON Long & McQuade in Sanctuary SISTER JEAN AWAY

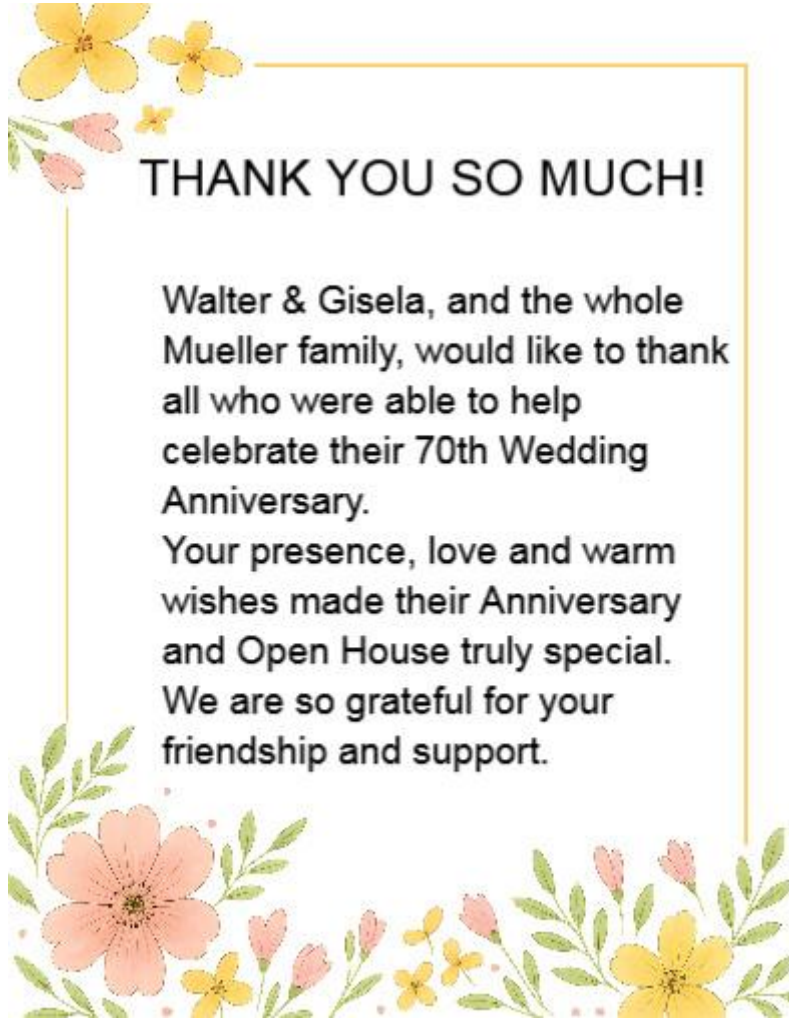
## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Wayne & Linda Faulhafer  
**Usher Captain:** Brian Coe  
**Altar:** Carmen Beck

**Reader:** Carmen Beck  
**Counting Captain:** Janet Chandler  
**House of Blessing:** Janet & Gerry Ahrens



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ONRUSH MUSIC FESTIVAL PRESENTS: "THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON"

Live at Avondale, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

Featuring the Eclipse Players  
Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Visit [onrushfestival.ca](https://onrushfestival.ca) for tickets

In support of  
United Way Perth-Huron / United Housing



**Think green and bring your own plate & mug.**

[info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca)

**519-625-8602**

**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.

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>**.

**HAM & STRAWBERRY SUPPER:** Avondale United Church  
194 Avondale Ave., Stratford  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026  
Eat in & Take-Out from: 4:30-6:30 pm

**Menu:** Ham, pasta salad, carrot salad, coleslaw, bun, strawberries, cake (takeout),  
Ice cream (eat in)

**Tickets will be on sale for \$25.00 each and are available weekdays at the Church Office from:  
May 20-June 15 (519-271-7946; 9 am-3 pm Monday-Thursday, 9 am-12 pm Friday)**

**Tickets sales are limited, so be sure to get yours early!  
All proceeds support Avondale Ministries.**

### **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)

### **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

### CREATION CARE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Trinity Lutheran 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 **rice 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.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**  
**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**  
**FOR OUR CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON AT 2:00 PM**

**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**