



**Jesus said,
"It is not the healthy
who need a doctor,
but the sick. ...
For I have not come
to call the righteous,
but sinners."**

Matthew 9:12-13, NIV

June 7, 2026

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Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 7, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 556: "Morning Has Broken"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm: 50:7-15

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

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Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon

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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.



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:

Mon. June 8 2:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Tues. June 9 7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM Greenwood Court Worship
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Wed. June 10 5:00 PM Bethel Community Meal
Kinnaris in Sanctuary to Practise
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Thurs. June 11 12 Noon Bible Study in Parlour
2:30 PM Hillside Worship
6:00 PM AED Training in Parlour
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Friday, June 12 9:00-6:00 PM RCM in Sanctuary & Court Yard Entrance
12:00-2:00 PM Seniors' Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Saturday, June 13 2:00 PM McCarthy Place Worship
SISTER JEAN AWAY

Sun. June 14 * **PENTECOST 3** *
10:00 AM Worship
COFFEE HOUR
3:00 PM Kinnaris Spring Concert in Sanctuary
SISTER JEAN AWAY

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Janet & Gerry Ahrens
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd
Altar: Shirley Whittaker

Reader: Tom Waschkowski
Counting Captain: Shirley Whittaker
House of Blessing: Wayne Faulhafer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAZZ VESPERS

Sunday, June 7th, 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)

HIDDEN ACRES MENONITE CAMP & RETREAT CENTRE:

59TH Annual Chicken BBQ & Pie Auction Fundraiser
Tuesday, June 9, 2026~ 5:00-7:00 pm

Tickets: 1 Piece Meal
\$22

2 Piece Meal
\$27

Eat in or Take Out

Advanced Tickets Only

To purchase tickets visit: www.hiddenacres.ca

Proceeds support their summer camp programs.
Think green and bring your own plate & mug.

info@hiddenacres.ca
519-625-8602

12TH 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 14th**.

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.

WOMEN OF FAITH MEETING: The next meeting of the Women of Faith will be a Luncheon
format at the Arden Park Hotel on June 22nd at 12:30 PM. All ladies of Zion are welcome.

If you can attend, please call or text Darlene Illman 519-271-0997 (Home) 519-301-1259 (Cell) or
Wendy Hansen 519-271-4664 (Home) 519-949-3787 (Cell) by June 15th, 2026.

Hope to see you there!

BETHEL KIDS 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

July 6 th -10 th	- Ocean Explorers Camp
July 13 th – 17 th	- Around the World Camp
July 27 th – 31 st	- Colour Wars Camp
August 10 th – 14 th	- Camp Carnival

\$200 per week
\$175 per additional child registered

Register at mybethel.ca

L'ARCHE STRATFORD'S 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AFTER PARTY:

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

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 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
(Registration closes June 30th)

Financial assistance available.

Please contact Pastor Tanya Varner (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.

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 **Peanut Butter or Hot and Cold Cereal** and place them in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.





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of the
Spirit