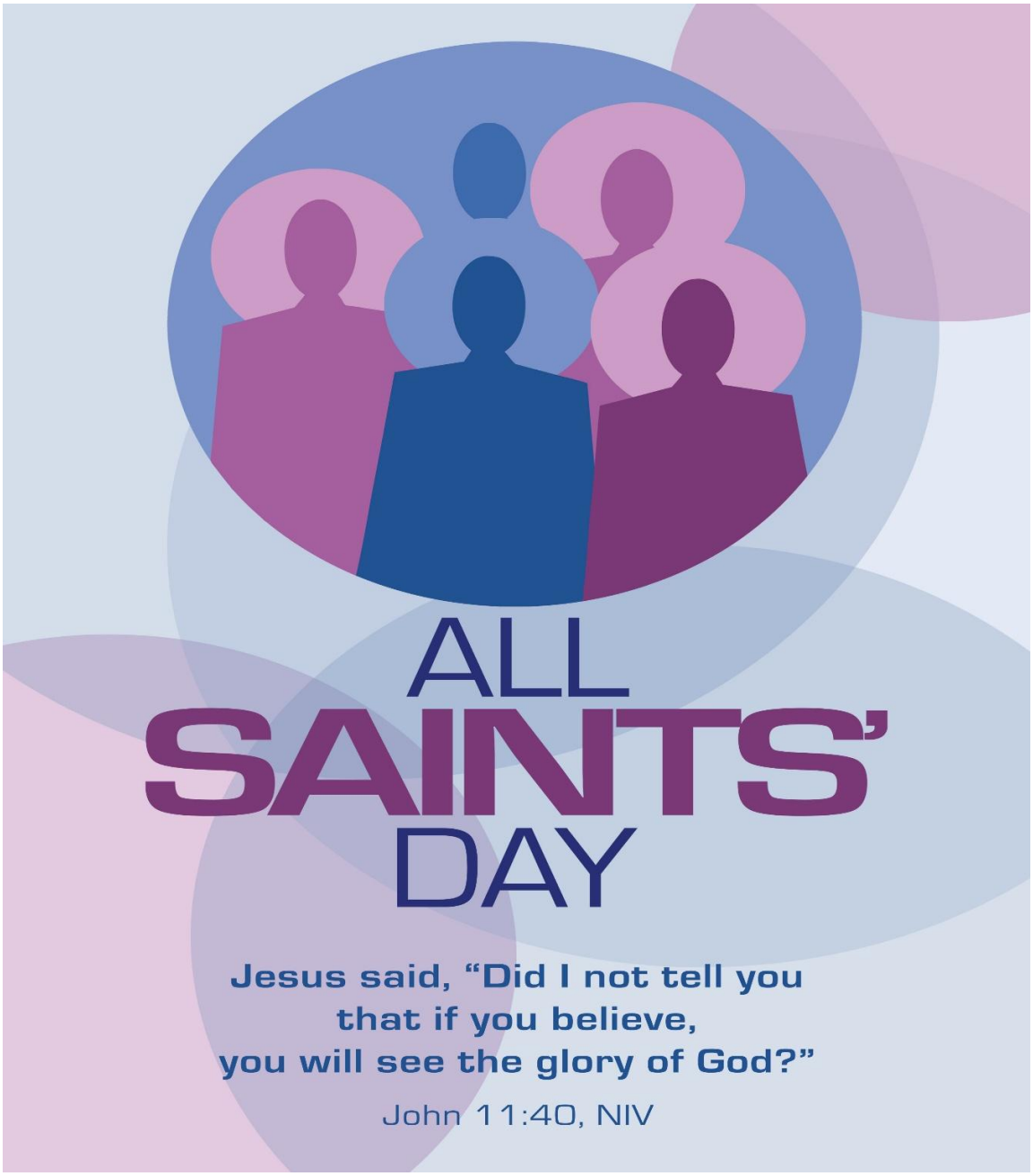

November 1, 2026

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stratford, Ontario

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Éric Charbonneau	**Pianist**

All Saints' Day **November 1, 2026**

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Hymn 427: "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

Greeting

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.**

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/9tmLVW0V9Q0?si=mDFB7Z3C55ytkfe2

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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, which may be found in the inner circle in each communion tray. 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: Elfrieda, Jean, Edith, Heather, Beth, Liz, Peter, Isabelle, David, Carol, Bev, Jim, Wayne, Marjorie, Jamie, Marleen, Nancy, Gwen, Diane, Gloria, Kathleen, Tony, Wendy, Hollice, Leanne, Al, Brian, Nya, and Cathy;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

Mon. Nov. 2	1:30-3:30 PM CFUW in Boardroom 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour 6:30-8:30 PM SSYO in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Choir in Chapel 7:00 PM ACO in Boardroom
Tues. Nov. 3	9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall 4:00-6:30 PM Huron Perth Centre in Parlour 6:30 Rotary Board in Boardroom
Wed. Nov. 4	9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour 2:00 PM Council of Churches in Parlour 5:00-6:00 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
Thurs. Nov. 5	Day & Evening Stratford Symphony Orchestra in Sanctuary 11:00 AM Spruce Lodge Worship 12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour 4:15 Confirmation in Parlour 5-7:30 Playmakers in Shuffleboard & SS Rooms
Fri. Nov. 6	9:00 AM WOF making sandwiches in Kitchen Finks setup in Fellowship Hall
Sat. Nov. 7	Terry & Linda Fink's 50th Wedding Anniversary in Fellowship Hall
Sun. Nov. 8	*** PENTECOST 24 *** 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Audrey Miller & Mervyn Dietz
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick
Altar: Ellen Wolfe
Reader: Fritz Steigmeier
Counting Captain: Shirley Whittaker
House of Blessing: Janet & Gerry Ahrens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: This morning we welcome Darryn deSouza as our musical guest. Darryn is a graduate of St. Michael's Choir School and a current member of the Stratford Festival Orchestra. He is married with three (3) children and a dog. Darryn has served as Music Director of the Canadian vocal group "The Tenors" and has composed for the Shaw Festival. We are delighted to have you join us this morning Darryn!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Today is the last day to make your Thanksgiving donation which will be apportioned one-half to the House of Blessing and one-half to our Current Fund. For your convenience, envelopes remain on the tables at each entrance. Thank you for your continued support.

E-TRANSFER OFFERINGS:

A reminder that we are officially setup, once again, for "e-Transfer auto deposits".

However, we have had to create a new email address for our e-Transfers that is linked directly to our CIBC account.

For future e-Transfers please use zion202offerings@execulink.com.
A security question will not be required using this email address and funds will be automatically deposited to our account.

We want to "thank you" for your patience and understanding during the process to remedy the auto deposit procedure.

STRATFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Viva España! Experience the passion, colour, and artistry of Spain in an intimate chamber concert featuring an exceptional ensemble of Canadian and Spanish artists. Mezzo-soprano ***Lorena Valero*** joins Stratford Symphony Orchestra clarinetist ***Kaye Royer***, pianists ***Alexander Panizza*** and ***David Murray***, and guest conductor ***Cristóbal Soler*** for an evening of vibrant Spanish music. From the fiery melodies of Bizet's ***Carmen*** and expressive songs of Manuel de Falla and Joaquin Turina to works by ***Albéniz, Granados*** and Canadian composer, ***Ronald Royer***, this program celebrates the rich musical traditions and dramatic spirit of Spain. ***Cristóbal Soler*** will also share brief reflections on the program, offering audiences a special glimpse into the music and its cultural heritage.

Thursday, November 5th at 7:30 PM
Zion Lutheran Church

Link to Tickets:
https://stratfordsymphonyorchestra.app.eoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path+%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F58869

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING "EMPTY BOWLS":

Friday, November 6, 2026 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Rd.

Stratford House of Blessing invites you to their ***"Empty Bowls"*** annual fund raiser. You will enjoy an unforgettable evening of community, food and fun in support of their food bank and essential programs.

Brittlestar (Stewart Reynolds) will be the MC for the evening, plus:

- Delicious food by local favourites like Foster's Inn, The Wild Hog, Holy Smokes BBQ, Sunset Diner, Black Angus – and many more!
- Take home a one-of-a-kind hand-painted bowl created by local artists!
- Live music from local artists.
- Bid in the silent and live auctions, featuring unique and exciting items and experiences donated by local businesses and artisans.

Empty Bowls brings people together over good food and good company, all while supporting a cause that matters right here in our community!

For tickets and more information visit www.shob.org/empty-bowls.

Volunteers are needed to help in various roles with setting up, running and tearing down the event. If you are wanting to volunteer please visit www.shob.org/empty-bowls.

STRATFORD CONCERT CHOIR presents *"Fauré Requiem"*

Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 PM
Holy Trinity Anglican Church
41 Mornington Street, Stratford

Alexander Cann conducts Gabriel Fauré's sublime masterwork with glorious works for choir and brass, from Renaissance Italy.

Featuring Stephen Boda, organ and the musicians of Brassroots.

For tickets and information please visit stratfordconcertchoir.org or Blowes Stationery, 34 Wellington Street.

CELEBRATE SHELTERLINK'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY: Come out and enjoy an evening of Music, Celebration and Hope:

November 7th, 2026
Avondale United Church
194 Avondale Ave, Stratford

Featuring music from Perth County Conspiracy (does not exist)
And Barry James Payne & String Bone

Purchase tickets online at www.shelterlink.org or in person at Hartman's Coffee, 2 Ontario Street, Stratford

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES

STRATFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT featuring *"Beethoven's Sixth"*

November 14, 2026 at 7:30 PM.
Avondale United Church
Conductor: William Rowson
Soloist: Gwendolyn Nguyen, Cello

For more information and tickets contact Stratford Symphony Orchestra at 519-271-0990 or visit their website https://www.stratfordsymphony.ca.

SAVE THE DATE: LIGHTS OF LOVE

You are invited to join Rotary Hospice on Friday, November 20th for *"Lights of Love"*, a special evening of remembrance and reflection at Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth.

As the holiday season begins, we'll come together to honour the people we carry in our hearts as we light up Rotary Hospice with love.

More details will be shared soon, but for now, mark your calendar and plan to join them for this meaningful community tradition.

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 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM. at the Connection Centre. Please contact them if an alternative drop off time is necessary at 519-271-6819 ext 405 or by email connectioncentre@cmhahuronperth.com.

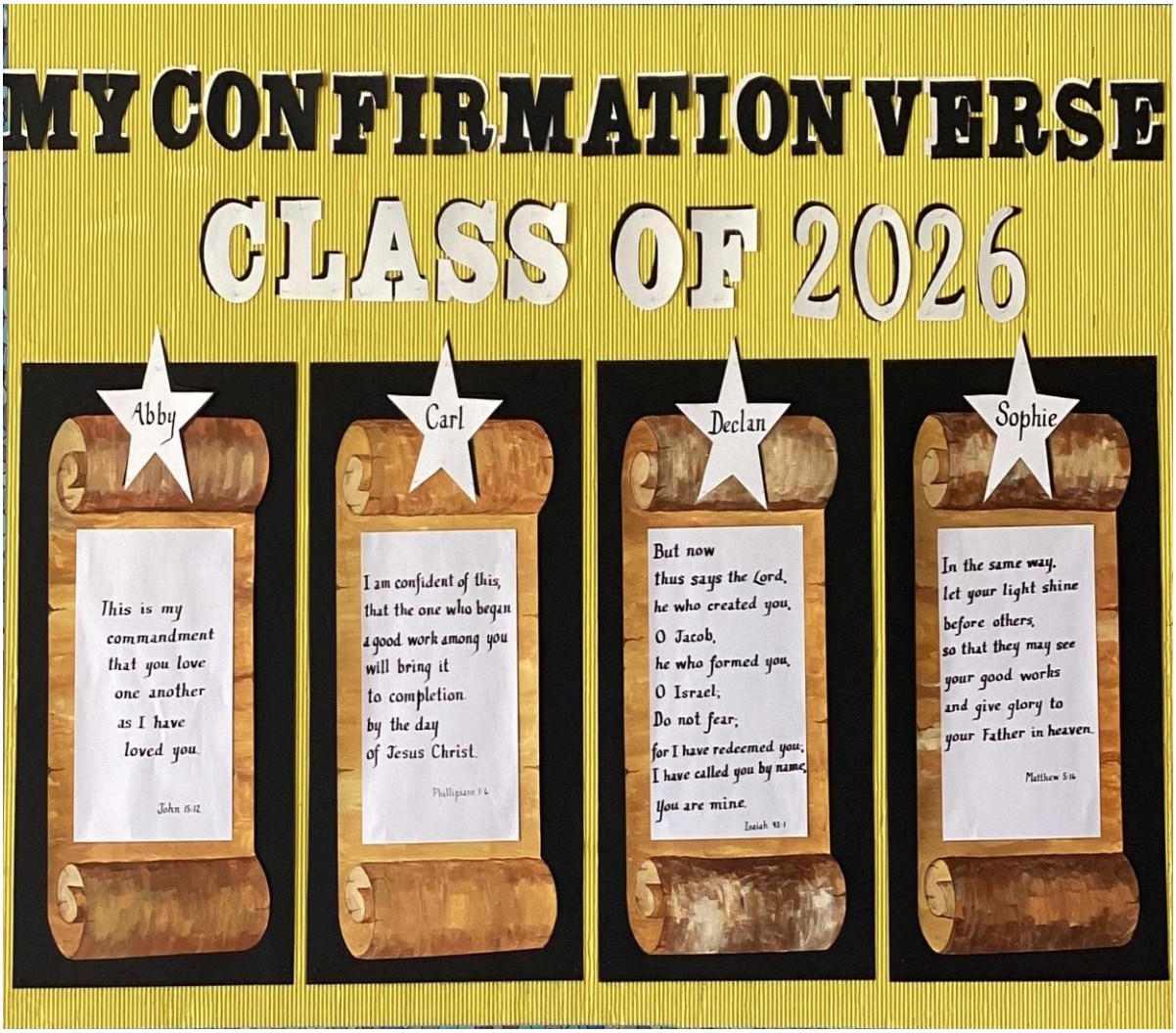
For convenience, you may drop off donations here at Zion in the bins located at the back of the Sanctuary or inside the office entrance door.

The sandwich makers for the Connection Centre would greatly appreciate donations of food gift cards from Walmart, 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! ❤️

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



IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS BULLETIN BOARD,
DO NOT FEEL LEFT OUT!

YOU MAY GIVE US YOUR CONFIRMATION VERSE BY
EMAIL, GIVING IT TO SISTER JEAN OR DROPPING IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

WE WOULD BE THRILLED TO HAVE YOUR VERSE
INCLUDED IN THE NEXT DISPLAY!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2026
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:

+Ernest Kuno

+Theo Brodhagen

+Doris Lewis

+Catherine Chandler

+John Bloomfield

+Margaret Wolfe

+Robert Sippel

+Jack Kressler

+Paul Zimmerman

+Amy Murphy

+Pastor Henry Fischer