

VOLUNTEERS

PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND ARE NEEDED

in order to celebrate our weekly Worship. If you are able to help us out by volunteering for any role (Usher, Reader, etc.), please contact Jane in the office 519-271-8527.

At this time, there is an urgent need for a volunteer to be Usher Captain of our Team 6. If you can fulfill this role for us, please contact Jane in the office.

*A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!!*

ESPECIALLY DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES!!

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

- >for the family of Elizabeth Wachsmann as they mourn her passing
- >for our members and friends with special needs: Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Maria, Brian, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Jane, Brian, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Muriel, Katana, Brian and Kolby.
- >for those who have no one to pray for them.

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Marilyn Wells

Usher Captain: Brian Coe Team

Counter: Liz Bomasuit Team



MARCH 13, 2022

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Organist

Pianist

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

GATHERING

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HYMN 324: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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Prayer of the Day:

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm: 27

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sermon:

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HYMN 613: “The Holy Wings”

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HYMN 618: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

Dismissal

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. 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. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

WELCOME BACK: We are pleased to be celebrating this morning’s “in-person” worship with you once again.

Please note that pre-registration is still required until further notice. *As well, COVID protocols (masks, social distancing, etc.) remain in place. Please call Jane to register at 519-271-8527 before 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.*

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER Our 2022 Annual Meeting with “limited” attendance is scheduled to begin following worship this morning.



CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Pastor Jeff who celebrated a very “SPECIAL” Birthday on Friday, March 11th. May God bless you with many more years of health and happiness!!

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: The Stratford and District Council of Churches has produced a series of Lenten sermons focused on the theme “*Aspects of Love*”. The series includes pastors from congregations in our community and are available every Wednesday on the YouTube page of Bethel Penecostal Church: “*Bethel Stratford YouTube: Videos*” or you can follow this link which should take you directly to the youtube video for week 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIDdH8BwNqo>

NEW PHONE SYSTEM: On Thursday, March 10th we switched over to a new phone system. Please be patient with us as we work out the bugs. Thank you!!

EASTER FLOWERS: As is our custom here at Zion, donations are now being accepted so the **Women of Faith** can purchase flowers and decorate the church for our Easter celebrations.

Please write “**Easter Flowers**” and your name on a separate envelope and place it on the offering plate, in the locked mailbox, or bring it in to the church office any weekday morning.

JAZZ VESPERS Sunday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church featuring Paul Shilton Trio (Paul Shilton, piano; Mike McLennan, bass; Dave Campion, drums). All are welcome to this one hour evening prayer service featuring jazz. Anyone who would like to attend “Jazz Vespers” **must register ahead of time and reserve a seat.** To reserve a seat everyone must phone Nancy McCallum at 519-273-0297 or email at nancy.mccallum2020@outlook.com Those attending must keep social distance and wear masks at all times in the church.

HOUSE OF BLESSING: To help the House of Blessing with their significant increase in the number of people using their services since this

time last year, as you are able, if you could bring **body wash, feminine pads (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as cookies and crackers** for the House of Blessing Food Bank and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

WOMEN OF FAITH: A general meeting of the Women of Faith will take place on **Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF UKRAINE APPEAL

This is the latest email received on March 8th from Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief:

Members of the ELCIC and friends of CLWR have given generously to support the urgent humanitarian needs of all those affected by the violence in Ukraine. Today we ask you to join the worldwide response to this crisis.

Thanks to our donors, as refugees have fled into neighbouring countries, our partners have been able to provide initial aid to those in need.

As we move to the next stage of our emergency response, we ask you to join this global effort to support those fleeing the violence in Ukraine.

We are working with our partners to deliver essential provisions to women, children and the elderly who had to leave so much behind as they were forced to flee. From soap, shampoo and toothpaste, to rice, vegetables, milk and canned meat - with your help, we can act quickly to meet people’s hygiene and nutritional needs.

A family hygiene kit costs \$25

A family food package costs \$35

Please donate as you are able at clwr.org/ukraine or by calling 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST) or by putting your donation in an envelope marked “CLWR Ukraine Appeal” with your name (and envelope number, if you have one) on it and either mail it to us, or put it in the locked mailbox or you can bring it into the office.