

VOLUNTEERS

PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUNDAY WORSHIP

and are vital 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 at 519-271-8527. Thank you!!

At this time, there is an urgent need for volunteers as “Ushers”.
If you can possibly help us out, 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 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.

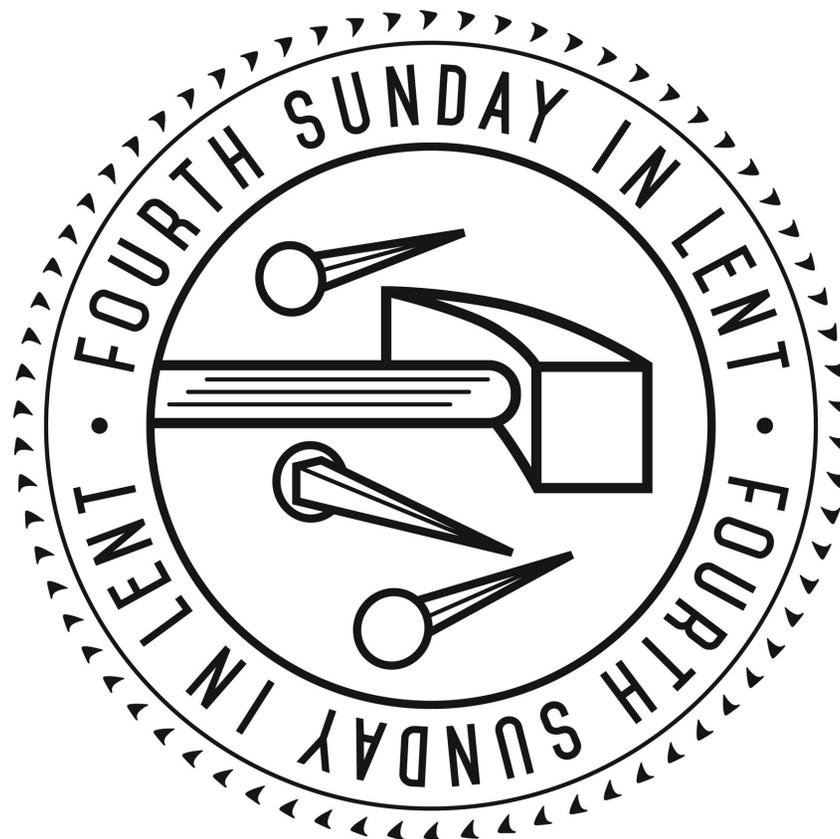
SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Stephen Fischer

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd Team

Counter: Janet Chandler Team



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Pianist

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

GATHERING

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HYMN 779: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 32

Second Lesson: 2Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon:

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HYMN 588: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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HYMN 608: “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

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: 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.*

THANK YOU FRANKLIN: We want to extend a special “Thank You” to Franklin for sharing his awesome organ skills with us this morning.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is sponsored by *Wendy Hansen and family* in loving memory of *Doug Hansen* +**March 26, 2016.**

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 4:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70yLdkgeN68>

NEW DATE FOR THE WOMEN OF FAITH GENERAL

MEETING: Please note that the general meeting of the Women of Faith has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 30th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

QUILTERS NEWS:

- our quilting ladies have 12 small quilts completed and ready for sale. If you would like to purchase a small quilt, either for yourself or for a loved one, please contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

- if you, or anyone you know, would like our talented quilting ladies to make a beautiful quilt for you or as a gift, please contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

- also, if you have any material that you would like to donate to our quilters to use in one of their creations, please call Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

The ladies have been busy bees and are always looking for new projects.

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 or feminine pads (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as peanut butter or canned fruits and vegetables** 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.

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.**