

The envelope can be dropped off either (a) at the church office weekday mornings; (b) dropped off in the locked mailbox; or (c) mailed to the church. It is recommended that members choose either (a) or (b). The ballots must be received in the church office **no later than 12 noon on Friday, March 11.**

If anyone has any questions in regard to these procedures, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Jeff or a Council member.

**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 Murray Zulauf as they mourn his passing.
- >for the family of Bernice Liedtke as they mourn her passing.
- >for our members and friends with special needs: Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Elizabeth, 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:** Dr. Jo Knackstedt
Usher Captain: Darrell Renecker Team **Counter:** Liz Bomasuit Team



MARCH 6, 2022

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Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude

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HYMN 504: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon:

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HYMN 319: “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

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HYMN 768: “Lead Me, Guide Me”

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.

THANK YOU to Franklin Famme who is filling in for Laura this morning. It has been nice to have you back!

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:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwLM99iriRI&list=PL4A4FwTxjU6sVcfEAotgkPa9WTcah8ng5>

This Wednesday, Pastor Jeff will be preaching on “*Love as our Journey and our Joy*”.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL: Nominations are now open for three (3) positions on Congregational Church Council. Your nominations can be submitted in advance of or in person at the Annual Meeting, which is slated for next **Sunday, March 13, 2022**. Please send nominations to Kevin Tuer kevintuer@gmail.com or 519-273-6205 or to any other church council member.

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.

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 **shampoo, conditioner (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as Side Dishes or cereal** 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.

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: Just a reminder that this is taking place on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the *Army Navy Air Force on Lorne Ave. by appointment*. To book an appointment call 1-888-236-6283 / www.blood.ca / GiveBlood App

ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2022 Annual Meeting with “limited” attendance is scheduled for **SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH**.

The annual congregation meeting of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church will meet on **Sunday, March 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary at the**

conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be several ways to participate in this year’s meeting which resemble those of last year:

- ▶ Limited in-person seating, to a maximum of 60, will be available in the sanctuary; ***those attending the congregation meeting need to reserve a seat by calling the church office before 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11.*** A separate phone call is not necessary for those members attending worship that morning as long as you inform Jane whether or not you will remain for the congregation meeting.
- ▶ The meeting will be available on Zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person. Voting on motions will be available via Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out a few days before the meeting.
- ▶ For members receiving their Newsletters via email - the Annual Reports, which include the Committee Reports, Financial Statements, etc., will be sent to you via email. For those members who do not receive their Newsletters via email - copies of the reports can be picked up at the church office weekday mornings or, Jane can be contacted at the church office and, a request can be made to receive a hard copy of the reports. She will arrange to have the reports delivered to your home.
- ▶ **For anyone attending Sunday Worship, copies of the annual and financial reports are available now on the table at the back of the church. If you are attending the Annual Meeting, please bring your copy with you for reference. Thank you!**
- ▶ Absentee ballots will be available for those members who do not attend either in-person or via Zoom. To receive absentee ballots, please contact Jane at the church office to request a ballot(s). The ballots can be picked up at the church office during office hours Tuesday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or she will make arrangements to have them delivered to your home. The absentee ballots will list the motions that will be made at the meeting. If anyone has any questions regarding a motion, please do not hesitate to contact one of your council members. Once the ballot is completed, place the ballot in the envelope provided and seal the envelope.