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To continue to support the people of Ukraine with essential provisions to women, children and the elderly who have had to leave so much behind as they were forced to flee (from soap, shampoo and toothpaste, to rice, vegetables, milk and canned meat) you can purchase **a family hygiene kit for \$25.00 and/or a family food package for \$35.00.**

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 mailing it to us, or putting it in the locked mailbox, or you can bring it into the office any weekday morning.

Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

600-177 Lombard Ave.
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SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Dr. Jo Knackstedt

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team

Counter: Marilyn Wells Team



**SECOND
SUNDAY
of
EASTER**

APRIL 24, 2022

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Pianist

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

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GATHERING HYMN 385:

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

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Prayer of the Day:

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalms: 118:14-29

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sermon:

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!Alrwdlq5YZa1jn7ViFdD8b5GgKMU>

HYMN 389: “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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HYMN 382: “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

Dismissal

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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. 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 “in-person” worship with you this morning.

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.*

ZION 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 **shampoo or conditioner (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as cereal or juice** 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.

INTRODUCING CHAIR YOGA: “*Chair Yoga*” is happening at Zion and the participants are having fun with it. The benefits of “chair yoga” include: increased flexibility, improved strength, improved proprioception, reduce stress and pain, improve pain management skills and sleep better. So if you want to join in on the fun on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.** or just wanting to check out this safe form of exercise, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Paula is working behind the scenes getting a feel for how many children would be enrolled in the Sunday School Program (hopefully in September; depending on the COVID situation).

To help Paula with this task, she is asking that all parents wishing to enroll their child(ren) in the Sunday School Program, please fill out the attached survey. If for some reason you are not able to complete the survey, you can also email your name, your child(ren)’s name(s), current grade(s), and whether or not they would be participating in Sunday School. Please email this information to Paula at pauley_mcaughton@hotmail.com

By completing this survey, it will give Paula a sense of how many are

“interested” in the program; it does NOT mean that parents are registering their child(ren) for the program. From the numbers that are interested Paula will be in a better position to plan the number of teachers she would need to find to assist in the program. Please click here for the survey: <https://forms.glc?bS3dCdiEaSmrnXLEA>
Thank you for your assistance!

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Phyllis, Steve, Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Maria, Brian, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Jane, Brian, Mary, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Katana, Brian and Kolby;

>for those who have no one to pray for them.

This Ukraine Update was provided to us through the ELCIC Newsletter. We have been asked to share it with you.

UKRAINE CRISIS

With your support, CLWR is rushing emergency assistance to the 3.5 million refugees who have fled Ukraine and the 6.5 million people who are internally displaced.

Your support is allowing our partners in the ACT Alliance responding in Ukraine and the region to meet immediate humanitarian needs such as food, shelter, emergency supplies and trauma support.

You are also supporting members of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as they provide humanitarian assistance to those in need and prepare for a long-term response to help refugee populations in locations throughout Europe.

KEY IMPACT / Our local partners have already provided:

- 345 tons of food & supplies
- \$9.8 million medical equipment
- 2 Refugee Support Points in Ukraine and Hungary
- 2 Child Friendly Spaces in Budapest
- Transitional shelters in Hungary and Ukraine