

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Brock, 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.

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**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY MAY 29<sup>th</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Volunteers Needed

**Reader:** Sister Jean Widmeyer

**Usher Captain:** Jerry Terhaerd Team

**Counter:** Tim Iredale Team



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022**

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Sermon:

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**HYMN 763: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”**

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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.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** We are pleased to announce that *Sloane Donna Georgina Wilker* daughter of *Justin and Alexandra Wilker* was Baptized here at Zion on Saturday, May 14, 2022. We want to congratulate and welcome Sloane to the Zion family.

**PLEASE HELP AS YOU CAN:** As most of you may already know, Gerald Cook has had his hip surgery and we are ALL so very happy for him. We are asking for volunteers to help with grass cutting, trimming, gardening, etc. If you are able to help, please contact Jane in the office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Tuesday to Friday. Thank you!!

**VICTORIA DAY, MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>:** Just a reminder that *the office will be closed* for the holiday. We hope that you enjoy a safe & happy “May 24 weekend”!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** A meeting of the Finance Committee is schedule for **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Parlour.

**ENDOWMENT FUND MEETING:** The Endowment Fund are scheduled to meet at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** in the Parlour.

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:** The Anglican Community of Stratford has sent an invitation to participate in a *Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine* on **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.** at **St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 9 Douro Street, Stratford.**

**PORTABLE MATTRESSES:** Our Prayer Shawl Ladies have been asked to assist in making “*portable mattresses for the homeless*”. These portable mattresses are crocheted from the outer bag when you purchase three quarts of milk. It takes between 500 & 700 bags to make 1 mattress. The bags are sliced, then tied and crocheted together. These mattresses used by the homeless provide a cushion between the ground and the person using them while being waterproof and repelling dust mites, bed bugs and lice.

We are asking you to please save the outer bag when you buy bagged milk and donate them to our Prayer Shawl Ladies. Bags can be dropped off in the red tote under the table at the back of the church or you can drop them off at the office during office hours: Mondays from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. or Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thank you for your support in this worthwhile cause.

**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 canned fruits & 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.

**CHAIR YOGA UPDATE:** “*Chair Yoga*” has finished its sixth week here at Zion and the participants continue to enjoy it. There is always room for newcomers. FYI: the benefits of “chair yoga” include: increased flexibility, improved strength, improved proprioception, reduce stress and pain, improve pain management skills and sleep better. If you want to join in on the fun on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527.

**UKRAINE CRISIS:** Our support is still greatly needed to meet immediate humanitarian needs such as food, shelter, emergency supplies and trauma support as the war in Ukraine continues.

Essential provisions to women, children and the elderly who have had to leave so much behind as they were forced to flee are also needed (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](http://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.

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