

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 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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World Relief

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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 Ellen Bondi, Collin Sousa and Kayla-Jean Winter as they affirm their baptismal promises on this day of Confirmation;

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

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 5th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Marilyn Wells

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team

Counter: Lois Lemon Team



Confirmation Sunday

May 29, 2022

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Organist

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN 800: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: 97

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-24, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Sermon:

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HYMN 451: "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

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HYMN 810: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Dismissal

Postlude



A special welcome to all who worship with us on this **Confirmation Day** at Zion Church. You bless us with your presence on this very special day in the life of our community of faith.

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.

Our confirmands affirming their baptism today are: *Ellen Bondi, Collin Sousa and Kayla-Jean Winter.*

Following today's worship service, the confirmands will gather at the altar with Pastor Jeff for pictures.

Please note that pre-registration for worship is not required; but, it is recommended that you call to be placed on the Attendance.

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.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES: Our current phone system is *not* working as it should. Please accept our apologies if you have been trying to call the office and you have not been able to get through.

If you need to get in touch with us and it is an “emergency” please call Pastor Jeff’s cell phone at 519-274-1300.

Otherwise, you may send us an email at zionlc@golden.net and we will get back to you.

The problem is being worked on. Thank you for your patience during this stressful time.

JAZZ VESPERS, St. James Anglican Church, Mornington Street at 4:00 P.M. this afternoon, featuring an all female jazz group, the Jayne Hysen Quartet. The reflection and prayers will be offered by the retiring rector the Rev. Lorne Mitchell. All are welcome. Donations requested at the door. Masks are to be worn.

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!!

ENDOWMENT FUND MEETING: Just a reminder that the Endowment Fund are scheduled to meet at **7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 31st** 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 1st at 7:00 P.M.** at **St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 9 Douro Street, Stratford.**

WOF General Meeting: is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00 A.M.** in the Fellowship Hall.

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: is taking place (by appointment) on **Tuesday, June 7th from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** at the ANAF, 151 Lorne Ave. East in the Main Hall. Call 1-888-236-6283 to book your appointment.

NITH VALLEY WORSHIP SERVICE: On **Sunday, June 12** we will gather with Lutherans from across the Nith Valley Ministry Area for a “special worship service” at **11:00 a.m. at the bandshell in Upper Queen’s Park.** This service will be a celebration of gathering together in the aftermath of the pandemic, to lament our losses during this difficult time, and to pray for God’s presence in our future life together. **The service will include Holy Communion and a time of fellowship; people are asked to bring their own lunches for our after-worship gathering. There is no worship service at Zion on this Sunday.**

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 **body wash, feminine pads (or any other hygiene item would be appreciated) or food items such as large cans of soup** 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 seventh 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.