

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: is taking place (by appointment) on Tuesday, July 12th 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.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Bruce, Brock, Phyllis, Steve, Anne, Verlie, Mary Anne, Violet, Maria, Brian, Sharon, Susan, Nya, Jane, Brian, Mary Margaret, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Katana, Brian and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

SERVING SUNDAY, JULY 10TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Sister Jean Widmeyer

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team

Counter: Judy Stanley Team



July 3, 2022

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Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

Pentecost 4

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GATHERING

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GATHERING HYMN 576: “We All Are One in Mission”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm: 66:1-9

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon:

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HYMN 663: “Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”

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HYMN 542: “O Living Bread from Heaven”

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. Trays holding individual cups of wine are on stands at either side of Pastor Jeff for those wishing to receive wine. The ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the centre aisle.

Please note that masks are “no longer required”; but, continuing to wear a mask is recommended. Our ropes for “limited” capacity have come down; but, we do encourage “social distancing” wherever possible. “Pre-registration” for worship is no longer required.



We are *very excited* to announce that our “NEW” phone system has been *installed* and it *works*!! Please feel free to call us at 519-271-8527.

We want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this ordeal.

PLEASE HELP!! Gerald Cook is still recovering from hip surgery and unable to perform his voluntary duties of grounds keeping. In Gerald's absence, we are seeking volunteers to help with trimming, weeding, yard cleanup, 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!!

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 cookies or crackers** 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*" is still going strong as it finishes its eleventh week here at Zion with two new participants this past Tuesday. 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.

The following has been received from Karin Achtelstetter, Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief:

Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are calling on all Canadians to pray for those suffering through the current hunger crisis, and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected.

CLWR has joined its partners in the Humanitarian Coalition in an urgent response to the hunger crisis that is affecting millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa.

Drought and the effects of climate change have put millions of small-scale farmers and the families they feed at risk of hunger. The COVID-19 pandemic increased the pressure, causing great difficulties for agriculture and supply chains in places like Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan.

And now, the Ukraine crisis and its effect upon agricultural production has plunged this region of Africa into a historic hunger crisis. 50 million people are on the brink of starvation unless we act quickly and collectively.

That is why we are asking you today to help provide emergency assistance in the form of food, water and livelihoods support. You can donate at clwr.org/hungercrisis or by calling **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm CST) and with the **1:1 matching fund** provided by the Canadian government, the impact of your gift will increase further still.

Please give what you can and pray for all those who are affected by this hunger crisis.

May God bless you.

Karin Achtelstetter
Executive Director, Canadian Lutheran World Relief