

Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages:

“Will you let me in?”

Give us hearts that break open

When our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry.

Then surely all these things will follow:

Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices.

Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat.

Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate.

And hands will reach out—

working for peace in their homeland,

working for justice in the lands where they seek safe haven.

Lord, protect all refugees in their travels.

May they find a friend in me

And so make me worthy

Of the refuge I have found in you. Amen.

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, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Beryl, Cathy, John, Katana, Brian and Kolby;

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

SERVING SUNDAY JUNE 26th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Sister Jean Widmeyer

Usher Captain: Steve Lamont Team

Counter: Liz Bomasuit

**“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY”
TO ALL FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS
&
FATHERS TO BE!!!**

Second Sunday
of
Pentecost 

June 19, 2022

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O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms: 22:19-28

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon:

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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.

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.

TODAY’S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED by the *Neumeister Families* in memory of their Sister and Aunt, *Elsie Dahm* +June 17, 2021 and their parents, *Elroy Neumeister* +June 6, 1988 & *Elila Neumeister* +December 17, 1995.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES: Our current phone system is **still not** working. We are very sorry 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 situation is being worked on; and, we hope, will be rectified soon. Thank you for your patience during this stressful time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We are pleased to introduce Zion’s newest members:

“LUNA ELIZABETH GRACE WEST”

daughter of Nathan & Jennifer West was Baptized on Saturday, June 11, 2022; and

“BEAU JACOB PATTERSON”

son of Jacob & Rebecca Patterson was Baptized on Sunday, June 12, 2022.

We want to congratulate and welcome Luna and Beau to the Zion family!

PLEASE LEND A HAND!! As most of you may already know, Gerald Cook is recovering from hip surgery. We are seeking volunteers to help with trimming, gardening, 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 side dishes** 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 ninth 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.

****REMINDER****

THE TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST CHAIR YOGA CLASS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9:30.

SPRING CONCERT FEATURING MARCO BURAK: Marco and his colleagues will be performing a “Spring Concert” here at Zion in the Sanctuary on **SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH at 4:00 P.M.** Further details will be printed as they become available.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY: For more information, please have a look at the insert in today’s bulletin.

The following is “A Prayer for Refugees” which has been provided to us by CLWR:

God of our Wandering Ancestors,

Long have we known
That your heart is with the refugee:
That you were born into time
In a family of refugees
Fleeing violence in their homeland,
Who then gathered up their hungry child
And fled into alien country.