

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 **hygiene items or food items such as meals in a can for the homeless (ie: chili or stew, etc)** 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 fifteenth week here at Zion. 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.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

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

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

SERVING SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Isabel Cook

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd Team

Counter: Liz Bomasuit Team



**EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

July 31, 2022

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Pentecost 8

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GATHERING HYMN 705: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Prayer of the Day:

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm: 49:1-12

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

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HYMN 655: “Son of God, Eternal Saviour”

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. 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.

WELCOME: We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Timothy Elliott who will lead us in worship this morning.

PASTOR JEFF RETURNS: from vacation on Tuesday, August 2nd and will be celebrating worship with us on Sunday, August 7th. We hope that

he and Susan have had a GREAT holiday.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be CLOSED on Monday, August 1st for the Civic Holiday. We hope you all have a Happy & Safe long weekend!



We are *very relieved* that our “NEW” phone system is still working smoothly!! Please feel free to reach out to us at 519-271-8527. We want to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this ordeal.

CHURCH PARKING LOT CHANGE: Please note that the parking lines were painted July 5th which have redirected traffic flow. The “IN” driveway will now be off of Erie Street and the “OUT” driveway now exits onto St. David Street. This will allow people to exit the mobility bus and other vehicles on the side closest to the building and to add access parking spots in the south parking lot.

HELP IS STILL NEEDED: Gerald Cook is still recovering from his 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.

We have been asked by Christy Bannerman, Public Education Coordinator at the Alzheimer Society Huron Perth, to assist with public awareness of the following topics presented in their “Education Hour” program.

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY HURON/PERTH
PRESENTS:**

EDUCATION HOUR

Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

UPCOMING TOPICS

August 4

10 Warning Signs

August 18

What is Mild Cognitive Impairment?

September 8

8 A’s of Cognitive Impairment

September 22

Types of Dementia: The difference between Dementia and Alzheimer’s

Join their Public Education Coordinator over lunch hour via Zoom to learn more about various topics related to brain health & cognitive change.

To register, please go to: www.alzheimer.ca/perth

Call our office with any questions: 519-271-1910