

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 **hygiene items or food items such as rice and/or cereal** 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 sixteenth week here at Zion. Chair Yoga is open to members and non-members of Zion; so, please spread the word. 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 14TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Volunteers Needed

Reader: Linda Faulhafer

Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team

Counter: Audrey Miller Team



9th Sunday After Pentecost

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GATHERING HYMN 759: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms: 33:12-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Sermon: (Click on the link below)

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HYMN 638: “Blessed Assurance”

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HYMN 856: “How Great Thou Art”

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.

WELCOME: We would like to extend a warm welcome to Franklin Famme who will be filling in this morning for Laura on the organ. Thank you so much Franklin!

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be CLOSED on Monday, August 8th.

CAN YOU HELP?? Gerald Cook anticipates resuming his outdoor volunteer duties of grounds keeping. Until Gerald regains his strength, any help you can offer with trimming, weeding, yard cleanup, etc. would be *greatly* appreciated and will allow Gerald to fully recover. Thank you!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER: We are excited to announce that our Sunday School Program is scheduled to return in September.

We are encouraging all parents of children between the ages of 3 and 11 years of age to register your child or children by contacting Paula McNaughton at pauley_mcnaughton@hotmail.com or by calling (519-271-8527) or emailing (zionlc@golden.net) Jane in the office Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CHOIR UPDATE FROM PAUL SHILTON

I believe that *finally* we can plan for the return of the choir in the fall. I am aiming, appropriately, for **Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9**, as our *target date to reintroduce the choir into our worship services.*

We will need a few rehearsals in September for the choir members to find their voices again after so long. These dates will be published in the bulletin and the September Newsletter.

It is a joyous occasion!

If anyone wishes to be involved in the choir, please contact me at parkvilla36@gmail.com or Jane in the office by phone (519-271-8527) or email (zionlc@golden.net)

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.

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 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

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: is taking place (by appointment) on Tuesday, August 9th 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.

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