

MBC YOUTH: All youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to join a “Non-Denominational” Youth Group which is being organized through the Memorial Baptist Church, 113 Bruce Street, Stratford. Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. For more information contact Pastor Marshall Morden via email at marshall@mbcstratford.ca.

This Youth Group is a good way to get involved in the community and make new connections having fun in the process.

CLWR PAKISTAN FLOODS APPEAL: CLWR and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are calling on Canadians to pray for those affected by the flooding in Pakistan, and to give generously to support their urgent humanitarian needs. The Government of Canada is matching donations from Canadians to members of the Humanitarian Coalition including CLWR, doubling the impact of each donation!

For more information, please refer to the insert included in today’s bulletin.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Jack, Alan, Phyllis, Steve, Verlie, Brian, Anne, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Jane, Linda, Donna, 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 NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeters: Janet & Gerry Ahrens

Reader: Carmen Beck

Usher Captain: Steve Lamont Team

Counter: No Counters



**17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022**

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Prayer of the Day:

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervour we may love our neighbours and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm: 37

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Children’s Message

Sermon:

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HYMN 818: “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A reminder that Sunday School will end at 11:15 A.M. We ask that parents/guardians wait until that time before coming for your children.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, WHICH IS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, SO THAT ALL THE TEACHERS CAN WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

REMINDER: A COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE for her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held **this afternoon at 4:00 P.M. at St. James Anglican Church** located at the corner of Mornington and Hamilton Streets in Stratford. **This is a joint celebration of the Anglican Churches of St. Paul's, St. Stephen's and St. James together with Zion Lutheran Church. All are welcome!**

VISITATION & FUNERAL: A Visitation for our dearly departed Sister, Beatrix Deighton beloved wife of Rudolph Deighton, who passed away in Nanaimo, B.C., will be held at 11:00 A.M. on **Tuesday, October 4th** with her Funeral Service to follow at 12:00 P.M. here at Zion. A luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

"THANKSGIVING" OFFERING: As in the past, the "Thanksgiving" offering envelopes for this year will be apportioned one-half to the House of Blessing and one-half to the Current Fund.

"Thanksgiving" offering envelopes are available on the table at the back of the Sanctuary, on the table as you come in the ramp door and also on a table inside the entrance off the parking lot.

Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY: If you have not expressed your interest in coming out for Bible Study by contacting Pastor Jeff or Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 or by email at zionlc@golden.net you still have time. The number interested will determine the number of classes.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Gerald Cook has resumed his outdoor volunteer duties of grounds keeping. He has been very busy, and with fall upon us, he will have even more work raking leaves. Any help you can offer with trimming, weeding, yard cleanup, raking leaves, etc. would be *greatly* appreciated. Thank you!!

ZION QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies have returned from their summer break and are anxious to get busy. If you or anyone you know would like our talented ladies to make a beautiful quilt for you or as a gift, please

contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

*Our ladies would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in quilting to come join them on **Wednesday mornings from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.***

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, canned fruit or side dishes (ie: side kicks)** 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.

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.

CHAIR YOGA UPDATE: "*Chair Yoga*" is still going strong as it finishes its twenty-fourth 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.

CHOIR INVITATION

As you are probably aware, the Choir has resumed their practices on Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in preparation for their reintroduction into worship services targeted for *Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9th*.

Paul Shilton, our Director of Music, is inviting anyone who enjoys singing to come out and share your enthusiasm by being a part of the choir. Please contact Paul at parkvilla36@gmail.com or Jane in the office by phone (519-271-8527) or email (zionlc@golden.net)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ZION MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY TEAM !



deliver a difference

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our amazing and very dedicated Zion Meals on Wheels Team. Our team has become a little smaller and our current volunteers keep themselves busy with many things! We have had difficulties fulfilling our commitment to this community service for a number of months now.

Through “One Care, Home and Community Support Services”, Zion’s team delivers meals to clients four times per year. This wonderful and very much needed service helps individuals to remain in their own homes. Clients are most appreciative of our help and our volunteers love delivering and putting smiles on their faces as a warm meal is delivered to them.

It is not a huge time commitment on delivery days and very enjoyable. Approximately 1 ½ hours of your time, working with a partner, on a day or two that will suit your schedule during the weeks we deliver. Delivery days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you would like more information, and would love to be a part of Zion’s Team, please contact me at 519-902-9126 or jane@terhaerdtd.ca.

Blessings,
Jane Terhaerdtd
Co-Ordinator Zion Meals on Wheels