

spots in the south parking lot.

CHAIR YOGA UPDATE: “*Chair Yoga*” is still going strong as it finishes its twenty-eighth 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. If you are looking for increased flexibility, improved strength, improved proprioception, a way to reduce stress and pain, improve your pain management skills and sleep better, then Chair Yoga is for you. Come out and join in the fun on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Please Note: Chair Yoga has outgrown its present location in the “Parlour” and will now be held in the Fellowship Hall. For those who do not do stairs well, the handicap door off of Erie Street, which leads directly into the Hall, will be open for you to use.

If you want to join in on the fun on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., just come out and see Irene Ehgoetz, she’ll be the lady taking the money.

CHOIR INVITATION

Paul Shilton, our Director of Music, is extending an invitation to anyone who enjoys singing to come out and share your enthusiasm by being part of the choir. Practices are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Please contact Paul at parkvilla36@gmail.com or Jane in the office by phone (519-271-8527) or email (zionlc@golden.net).

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Tom, Darlene, Jack, Alan, Phyllis, Steve, Verlie, Allan, 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, NOVEMBER 6th AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeter: Paul & Janet Jeffery

Usher Captain: Brian Coe Team

Reader: Linda Faulhafer

Counter: Tim Gropp Team



"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples."

John 8:31 NRSV

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2022

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Organist

Pianist

Reformation Sunday

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Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms: 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Children’s Message

Sermon:

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Hymn 517: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR: Immediately following Worship you are invited to gather together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee/refreshments and to visit with one another.

If you are able to assist with coffee hour on any given Sunday morning, please contact Liz Bomasuit at 519-272-0254 or Judy Stanley at 519-272-0144.

“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.

Today is the last Sunday if you are wishing to still give a “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!



REMINDER: To turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday, November 5, 2022 as Standard Time returns on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY *NOVEMBER 6, 2022*: The church remembers those who have passed away over the past year. ***This year All Saints’ Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, November 6, 2022.***

If you wish to have a loved one added to our prayer list, please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 by **Thursday, November 3rd.**

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.

LEAVES ARE FALLING IN ABUNDANCE: Gerald Cook has resumed his outdoor volunteer duties of grounds keeping which he does so well. The leaves are falling. If you are able to help Gerald with the raking of

these leaves or any other yard cleanup, it would be *greatly* appreciated. Thank you!!

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: Last chance for any one wanting to subscribe or renew their subscription to “Eternity For Today” please contact Joanne Cosstick at 519-273-1280 or Jane in the Church Office at 519-271-8527 by October 31st. The cost has gone up to \$19.00 for single subscriptions mailed directly to you.

Payment may be made by placing cash or a cheque in the amount of \$19.00 in a separate envelope with your name and “Eternity For Today” written on the outside.

The envelope can then be either mailed, placed in the offering plate upon entering the Church or put in our locked mailbox.

Thank you!

ZION QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies have been busy since returning from their summer break. They have five (5) quilts completed and are offering them for sale for \$50.00 each. They are on display in the Parlour if you would like to come and have a look.

Our ladies are always looking for new projects. If you, or anyone you know, would like our talented ladies to make a beautiful quilt for you or as a gift (Christmas is coming), 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, rice 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.

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

NEW FAMILY COMING TO TOWN



New Family From Syria Coming to Town

A new family from Syria will be arriving in Stratford soon (hopefully in the new year). The family consists of a husband and wife and six children. They are also expecting a baby. Zion is participating in the planning for the family's arrival. Zion is also helping with the furnishing of the family's new home.

Zion will be involved in the equipping of the kitchen. We hope to supply pots and pans and other kitchen equipment. If you

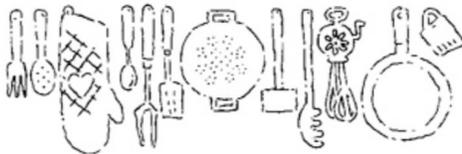
have such items that you do not use, please consider donating them for the home of this family.

These items may be placed in the boxes at the Erie Street entrance of the church. The boxes are labelled "kitchen equipment".

Please note that SALT 3, a committee comprised of Anglican churches (St. James, St. Paul's and St. Stephen's) and Zion are working to host this family. Jan Bennewitz, Sister Jean Widmeyer and Pastor Jeff are working with this committee.

Thank you for whatever donations you are able to give.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT NEEDED



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ZION MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY TEAM !



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