

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

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).

WORLD FOOD DAY 2022: We have so much to be thankful for and although we are facing rising food costs, we are blessed to live in a country where food is plentiful and available. The recent hunger crisis highlighted the needs of so many around the world, who face daily food insecurity, and the many who struggle to feed their families.

For many Canadians, the news of the growing hunger crisis can feel really far away—but in this global village, everyone is our neighbour. On Sunday, October 16, 2022 Lutheran Churches across Canada will stand together to mark World Food Day. Together with partner organizations and communities of faith around Canada and the globe, we will unite in prayer for an end to the injustices of hunger.

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: 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 OCTOBER 16th AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeters: Robert & Beverley Keutsch *Reader:* Glenn Rittinger
Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd Team *Counter:* Tim Iredale Team



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

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Thanksgiving

October 9, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude

Choir Anthem: “O Breath of Life”

arr. Alan Bullard

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Gathering Hymn 693: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms: 100

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 6:25-35

Children’s Message

Sermon:

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Hymn 681: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

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Choir Anthem: “Harvest Carol”

Ian Ray

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SENDING

Blessing

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Hymn 679: “For the Fruit of All Creation”

Dismissal

Postlude: “For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

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.

A WARM WELCOME BACK: to our choir! We have missed you and

we are thrilled to have you with us once again!!

SPECIAL GUEST: We would like to welcome a special guest that Paul Shilton has arranged to join the choir this morning. Lauren Gracey is a student in her final year at St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School. She is a private vocal student of local singing teacher, Barbara Dunn Prosser and we are thankful that she has agreed to share her talent with us this morning.

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.

"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!!

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: 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!

UPDATE - LIVESTREAMING SERVICES: This topic has been on the Agenda of the Congregational Council for a number of months. To operate the system, we do require volunteers. We have reached out to our members on several occasions in both the weekly Bulletin and the monthly Newsletter requesting volunteers to operate the system. To date, we have not received any responses to our requests for assistance in operating the system. Due to the startup costs related to livestreaming coupled with not receiving any responses for assistance, the decision has been made not to move forward at this time. We will raise the topic again in a few months due to the importance of this program. At this point, we ask for your understanding as to the decision we have made at this time.

ZION QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies have returned from their summer break have been busy. They have five (5) quilts completed and 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 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 or meals in a can for the homeless (ie: chilli 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.

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-fifth week here at Zion. Chair Yoga is open to members