

DO YOU SING IN THE SHOWER?



If you do, Paul Shilton, our Director of Music, is extending an invitation to you to come out and be a 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: Avrey, John, Paul, 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, Cathy, John, Katana, Brian, David and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. Nov. 21</u>	2 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6 PM	Pathfinders
<u>Tues. Nov. 22</u>	7 AM	Rotary
	9:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	10 AM	Christmas/Advent Decorating
	6:15 PM	Sparks
<u>Wed. Nov. 23</u>	9 AM	Quilters
	1:30 PM	Avon Mennonite Prayer Group
	4 PM	Accessibility Committee Mtg
	7 PM	Mutual Ministry Meeting
<u>Thurs. Nov. 24</u>	12 Noon	Bible Study
	4:15 PM	Confirmation Class
	7 PM	Choir Practice
<u>Sun. Nov. 27</u>	10 AM	Worship
		Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th AS WE WORSHIP:

Greeter: Brad & Sherry Beatty ***Reader:*** Mary-Lou Drown
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team ***Counter:*** Judy Stanley Team



November 20, 2022

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Organist

Pianist

Christ The King

November 20, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Arranged by: Joey Hoelscher

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Gathering Hymn 855: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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 23:1-6

Psalm: 46

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Children's Message

Sermon:

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Hymn 431: "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

Nicene Creed

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Choir Anthem: "The Beatitudes"

Richard Shephard

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SENDING

Blessing

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Hymn 838: "Beautiful Saviour"

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Postlude: "How Great Thou Art"

Arranged by: Nancy Muskrat

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 mandatory"; but, continuing to wear a mask is strongly 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.

TODAY'S BULLETIN: is sponsored by Jean Weir in loving memory of her husband, Bill Weir, +November 17, 1999, and sisters Marilyn Pickering +October 16, 2004 and Marjorie Robinson +April 29, 2016, and special friends Joyce Dietz +July 27, 2019 and Carol Schlemmer +July 19, 2022.

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.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT REMINDER: The congregation is invited to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas which is taking place on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m. Tasks include decorating the Christmas trees, hanging garland on the balcony railing and pulpit, and hanging wreaths. We welcome your decorating skills and eye to help with this project!

PRE-PAID EXPENSE CARDS: We have decided to place an order for any one wishing to purchase “pre-paid expense cards” for either yourself or as Christmas Gifts. To order, please see Gerald Cook after worship starting next Sunday, November 27th. There are some new retailers that might be of interest to you. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY: Our Adult Bible Study class is taking place each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Church Parlour. If any one is wanting to explore God’s Word and what it means for us in our daily lives as Christians, bring your lunch and come out and join us on Thursdays at noon. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

“THANK YOU”: We would like to extend a big “THANK YOU” to those of you who came out to volunteer with yard work while Gerald Cook was recovering from his hip surgery. Your kindness and generosity is so GREATLY appreciated!

ZION QUILTERS: Our quilting ladies have been busy as well. They have some smaller 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, please contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878.

Anyone who is interested in quilting, our quilting ladies invite you to come and 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 cookies, crackers, popcorn or any snack item 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.

NEW SIGNS IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT: As explained in previous bulletins, 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. Signs have now been placed in the parking lot reflecting this change.

UPDATE ON THE NEW FAMILY 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. Zion is participating in the planning for the family’s arrival. We are also helping with the furnishing of the family’s new home.

We have been assigned to “equipping of the kitchen”.

We thank you for your generous support to date in equipping the kitchen.

We are still in need of a microwave, mugs, baby bottles, tongs, and pot scrubber. If you can help in supplying these items, please drop them in the boxes labelled “kitchen equipment” at the Erie Street entrance of the church. Also needed are bed pillows, sheets, mattress protectors, blankets and comforters for two (2) double beds, four (4) single beds and one (1) crib. These items can be dropped off at the Church office weekday mornings.

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.



CHRISTMAS NEWS



**As we are made aware of events pertaining to Christmas,
we will publish them here.**

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

is taking place **Sunday, November 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener.** For more information visit their website at stmattskw.com

STRATFORD CONCERT CHOIR

Presents "Messiah" under the direction of Stephane Potvin, Conductor on **Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at Avondale United Church.** Tickets are \$40 and are available online at StratfordConcertChoir.org and Blowes Stationery.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART CATALOGUE

If you are stumbling on what to get that "hard-to-buy" for person in your life, consider something from the "Gifts From The Heart Catalogue".

We have been asked by Heidi Van Schaik, Church Relations Manager with CLWR to spread the word that this year's edition of their annual "Gifts From The Heart" Catalogue is ready.

As always, this year's catalogue is full of meaningful, life-changing gifts that you can use to share God's love with the world, while you add some joy to your own family's Christmas season. CLWR is inspired by how many people across Canada choose items from their catalogue each year to bless their loved ones with gifts in their honour, as they provide crucial support for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

You can find the whole catalogue online at clwr.org/GFTH.
Happy shopping!

There are also copies of the catalogue on the table at the back of the Church and in the stand at the entrance to the offices.

"TO STRATFORD WITH LOVE BANQUET"

Congratulations "To Stratford With Love" on your 34th Anniversary.

As in the past, you are invited to experience the true meaning of Christmas with a warm, friendly celebration IN PERSON!

This year's Banquet is taking place at the **Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.**

Complimentary tickets are available starting November 12th at: House of Blessing, Salvation Army, City Hall, Madelyn's Diner and The Local Community Food Centre.
