

HAPPY
New Year

Praise be
to his
glorious
name
forever;
may the whole
earth be filled
with his *glory*

Psalm 72:19, NIV



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

FROM: PASTOR JEFF, SISTER JEAN,
PAUL, LAURA, SANDRA
JANE & SUE

*"Let us go to Bethlehem
and see this thing
that has taken
place"*



The Name of Jesus
January 1, 2023

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Prayer of the Day:

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm: 8

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Sermon:

<https://youtu.be/bnRH5TV5skI>

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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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A reminder that Sunday School is on a break this week; and will return on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: There are still a few Offering Envelopes that need to be picked up at the entrance off of Erie Street. If

you are able to deliver the envelopes belonging to a family member, friend or neighbour, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 any weekday morning if you can't find your offering envelopes or wish to start receiving them. You may also contact the office if you wish to switch to **POP, the pre-authorized offering program**. Thank you!

WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR HELP: Members have lived through many changes in life over the last 2 ½ years during the pandemic. *Have you moved? Have you given up your land line to use a cell phone? Have you established new households? Have you gotten new email addresses?*

If you have made any of these changes, please notify Jane in the church office so we can update our records and keep in touch. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

CHAIR YOGA returns from their Christmas break on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:30 A.M.

ZION QUILTERS: *Our quilting ladies will return after a much needed break on Wednesday, January 4th, 2023.*

They 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.

BIBLE STUDY will return on Thursday, January 5, 2023 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.

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 any hygiene items or rice 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.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Helen, Robert, Avrey, Paul, Tom, Darlene, Jack, Alan, Phyllis, Verlie, Brian, Anne, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Jane, Linda, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Glenn, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, David and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. Jan. 2</u>	OFFICE CLOSED !
	11 AM Talk Is Free Theatre (Rental in Parlour)
<u>Tues. Jan. 3</u>	9:30 AM Chair Yoga
<u>Wed. Jan. 4</u>	9:00 PM Quilters
	1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
<u>Thurs. Jan. 5</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study
<u>Sun. Jan. 8</u>	10 AM Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
AS WE WORSHIP

Greeter: Gerry & Janet Ahrens **Reader:** Linda Faulhafer
Usher Captain: Brian Coe Team **Counter:** Dianne Yundt