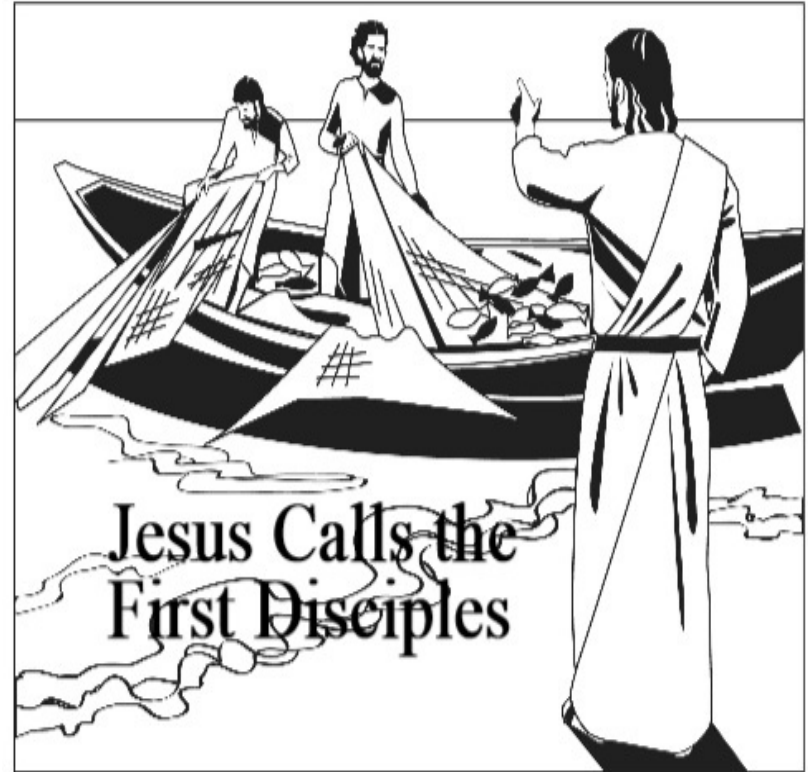


THIS WEEK AT ZION:

<u>Mon. Jan. 23</u>	2:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:00 PM	Pathfinders
<u>Tues. Jan. 24</u>	7:00 AM	Rotary
	9:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	6:30 PM	Sparks
<u>Wed. Jan. 25</u>	9:00 AM	Quilters
	1:00 PM	Avon Menn. Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee
<u>Thurs. Jan. 26</u>	12:00 Noon	Bible Study
	4:15 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
<u>Sat. Jan. 28</u>	10:00 AM	Congregational Council Mtg
<u>Sun. Jan. 29</u>	10:00 AM	Worship
		Sunday School

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th AS WE WORSHIP

Greeter: Wayne & Linda Faulhafer **Reader:** Glenn Rittinger
Usher Captain: Tom Cosstick Team **Counter:** Janet Chandler



Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 22, 2023

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Pianist

Epiphany 3

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 520: “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day:

**Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms: 27:1, 4-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Children’s Message

Sermon:

<https://youtu.be/c18fOLRNow>

Hymn 697: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Apostles’ Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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Choir Anthem: “Prayer of St. Francis”

Peter A. Togni

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Offertory Prayer

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SENDING

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Hymn 661: “I Love to Tell the Story”

Dismissal

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

WELCOME BACK: This morning we “welcome” Marco and “thank” him for joining us this morning as he delights us with his awesome musical talent.

“HURAS/WILKER” MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS DEDICATION: As you may or may not know, the family of Walter & Bea Huras and Donna & John Wilker have each donated a stained glass window which have recently been installed in the main entrance off of Erie Street.

A dedication ceremony will take place next Sunday, January 29, 2023 following our 10:00 A.M. worship. Afterwards, please join the family in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and a visit.

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!

ANNUAL REPORT: A reminder that submissions from Committees for the Annual Report are due on **January 31, 2023**. Thank you!

2022 OFFICIAL RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX: Your 2022 Official Receipts for Income Tax are completed and will be mailed to you with the February issue of ZIONEWS. For those of you who receive the Newsletter via email, your Official Receipts will also be mailed out to you on February 3, 2023.

UPDATING OUR RECORDS: *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.

ZION QUILTERS: Our quilting 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.

BIBLE STUDY: 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 in the Parlour. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

JAZZ VESPERS is returning to St. James Anglican Church in Stratford on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 P.M. with the Michael Wood Trio (Michael Wood, vibraphone; Chris Notley, guitar; Duncan Hopkins, bass.) Please mark your calendars and tell your friends about this informal reflective evening worship service featuring top-flight musicians.

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 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.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

>for our members and friends with special needs: Rita, Helen, Robert, Avrey, Paul, Tom, 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.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR SALT REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:

SALT 3 will need more volunteer drivers during the next several months. Drivers are scheduled or called as needed when members of the sponsored family need rides. As Volunteer Coordinator, I am compiling a list of people who can help with that. Stephanie Donaldson (Driver Coordinator) and someone from the SALT Health Team will be putting together a roster. Some of the needs involve more than just giving a ride. Some offer opportunities to get to know the family and enjoy outings with them. Here are typical kinds of activities:

- Doctor, dentist, optometrist, etc. appointments): These drivers assist the SALT Health Team.
- Shopping: Until the family becomes familiar with stores here, it's important for someone to go in with them and help them navigate.
- Recreation: When family is settled, the children likely will get involved with sports and recreational activities. If it involves children without one of the parents, there should be at least two volunteers present.
- Just rides: Sometimes it's just giving them a ride.

Some things you need to know:

- Volunteer drivers must get a Vulnerable Sector Screening check. This can be done online through your local police service. (A VSS done within the past year is acceptable.) You must provide SALT with proof of auto insurance with liability coverage.
- When transporting children, you must use the booster or car seat provided by the family with the seat and the child correctly secured. (Instruction will be provided.)
- You don't need to speak Arabic! When needed, arrangements will be made for that. Otherwise, it usually goes fine with a few basic words and gestures. Google Translate on your phone sometimes helps!

If you would like to do this (or know someone who would):

Send an email to salt3sponsors@gmail.com with the following information:

- What kinds(s) of driving needs you would like to help with?
- Best phone number to reach you at.
- Phone number for text if applicable.

We will send you more detailed information about what is required. Myself or another team lead also may be in touch to talk with you.

Thank you for considering this!

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