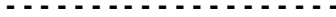


**THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: Huegette, Bob, Willi, Al, Melinda, Mike, Paul, Brian, Sharon, Bruce, Susan, Nya, Linda, Donna, Brian, Jim, Lynnette, Al, Brock, Cathy, Katana, Brian, Jim, Glenn and Kolby;

>for those who have no one to pray for them.



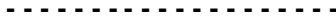
**THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

<u>Mon. April 24</u>	2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Pathfinders
<u>Tues. April 25</u>	7:00 AM Rotary 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM Sparks
<u>Wed. April 26</u>	9:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group
<u>Thurs. April 27</u>	12:00 Noon Bible Study 4:15 PM Confirmation 7:00 PM Choir Practice
<u>Sat. April 29</u>	4:30 PM Composers in Concert featuring Marco Burak
<u>Sun. April 30</u>	10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School



**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

<b>Greeters:</b> Tom & Joanne Cosstick	<b>Reader:</b> Linda Faulhafer
<b>Usher Captain:</b> Tom Cosstick Team	<b>Counter:</b> Janet Chandler
<b>Altar:</b> Irene Ehgoetz	





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**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

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# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## People of Zion

Rev. Jeffrey Lautsen

Sister Jean Widmeyer

Paul Shilton

Laura Burton

Sandra Mogensen

## Ministers

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

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Prayer of the Day:

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm: 116:1-4, 12-19

Second Reading: 1Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Children's Message

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/xeEcAJDYSjI?feature=share>

**Hymn 325: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”**

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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. Please sign our guest register and make yourself known to Pastor Jeff. We hope that you will 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 center aisle.

***Please note that masks are “no longer mandatory”; but, continuing to wear a mask is strongly recommended.***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING:** We are accepting “Special Easter Offerings” **up to and including Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. This year these offerings will be divided equally between the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and our Current Fund. Thank you for your support!

**MOTHER’S DAY:** *Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023!* If you are looking for that “something special” for your Mother, our Quilting Ladies have been busy bees, once again, and have a large selection of quilts on display in the Parlour for you to purchase. Feel free to contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878 for more information or to purchase a beautiful quilt.

**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.

**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 side dishes (ie: side kicks) 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.

VOLUNTEERING



**We are looking for volunteers to pick up and deliver the House of Blessing gifts and take them to the House of Blessing. If you can help with this, please contact Jane in the office at 519-271-8527 Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thank you!**

### **SALT 3 – THE “AL TAEH” FAMILY FROM SYRIA**

We have been advised that the needed bikes for the older children have been generously donated. Robin Rutherford is gathering outdoor play items (small pool to use as a sandbox, badminton racquets, skipping ropes, kites, wagon, hockey nets for backyard soccer, trampoline). Contact Robin at [robinrutherford2@icloud.com](mailto:robinrutherford2@icloud.com) if you can help with those items.

Thank you!

Zion's Representatives are:

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Sister Jean

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**MARCO BURAK RETURNS  
IN "COMPOSERS IN CONCERT"**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

**4:30 P.M.**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
(Admission by donation)**

**INNERchamber** is delighted to present their 5<sup>th</sup> concert of their 13<sup>th</sup> season – **Late – Sunday, April 30, 2023. Pre-concert chat begins at 6:30 P.M. Concert begins at 7:00 P.M.**

Performers are Peter Shackleton on clarinet with the INNERchamber String Quartet. Having already retired after extraordinary careers, Johannes Brahms and Joseph Haydn both composed some of their most meaningful and perfect works: Brahms' Quintet Op. 115 and Haydn's Quartet Op. 77, No. 2.

Performed from **Revival House, Stratford** – their venue and restaurant partner. Their concerts are hybrid presentations, both performed to in-person audiences and at home via livestream. Dine-in tickets for this concert are sold out, but you can order a livestream ticket with or without a dinner (takeaway or delivered) from Revival House to enjoy the concert at home.

Tickets are on sale at [www.innerchamber.ca](http://www.innerchamber.ca)



**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TO HOST COFFEE HOUR:**

The Congregational Life Committee is very happy to announce that they will be hosting "COFFEE HOUR" after the Sunday Service on **MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> and JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>**. Drinks and light snacks will be served.

Please come out and join them!