

**THIS WEEK WE PRAY:**

>for our members and friends with special needs: John, Darlene, 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:**

**Mon. May 22**

**OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR VICTORIA DAY!**

Tues. May 23

9:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30 PM Sparks

Wed. May 24

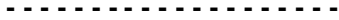
9:00 AM Quilters  
1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group

Thurs. May 25

9:45-11:45 AM Alzheimer’s Group  
10:00 Bible Study  
4:15 PM Confirmation (Last day)  
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Sun. May 28

10:00 AM Worship



**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Brad & Sherri Beatty

**Reader:** Isabel Cook

**Usher Captain:** Jerry Terhaerd Team

**Counter:** Bill Hoffard Team

**Altar:** Shirley Whittaker

*...He looked up to heaven and  
said, "Father, the hour has  
come; glorify your son so that  
the Son may glorify you".*

*John 17:1*



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**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

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Rev. Jeffrey Laustsen

Sister Jean Widmeyer

Paul Shilton

Laura Burton

Sandra Mogensen

## Ministers

Pastor

Visitation Minister

Minister of Music

Organist

Pianist

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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Prayer of the Day:

**O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm: 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Reading: 1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/r3RinS6LdAw?feature=share>

**Hymn 576: “We All Are One in Mission”**

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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 now “optional or personal preference”. Disposable masks remain at all entrances for those wishing to continue to wear one.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Just a reminder that there is **no Sunday School until September, 2023.** The start date will be published in the September Newsletter and Sunday Bulletin.

**WOMEN OF FAITH:** The Women of Faith are inviting anyone interested in hearing **Sara Kunitz from “Stratford Connections Center”** to come out to their **next general meeting on May 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

This Center, located in the basement of St. Paul’s Anglican Church, offers a warm place out of the cold, as well as an opportunity to connect with trained staff and community supports. Support is given to those who are homeless; suffer with addiction issues; and mental health issues.

**Refreshments will be served. They look forward to seeing you!**

**COFFEE HOUR:** The next Coffee Hour will be hosted by your Congregational Life Committee on **Sunday, June 4, 2023** immediately following worship.

**JAZZ VESPERS WITH PAUL SHILTON:** The next Jazz Vespers at St. James Anglican Church, Morning Street will be on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.** featuring the Paul Shilton Quartet: Paul Shilton, piano; Larry Larson, trumpet; Mike McClennan, bass; Dave Campion, drums.

**QUILTS FOR SALE:** Our quilting ladies have been very busy! A large selection of quilts for sale is on display in the Parlour. If someone you know is having a baby or has just had a baby, there are some cute quilts available for their crib. Feel free to contact Irene Ehgoetz at 519-271-8878 for more information or to purchase a beautiful quilt.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study continues on Thursdays at noon in the 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. For further information, please speak with Pastor Jeff.

**HOUSE OF BLESSING:** We have received an updated list of items which are currently needed at the 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 water and drinks for those living outside 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.

**LIVESTREAMING:** As mentioned in the May Newsletter, Livestreaming has, once again, been the topic of discussion at the Congregational Council Meeting on April 19, 2023.

We have reached out to our members on several occasions in both the weekly Bulletin and monthly Newsletter requesting volunteers to operate the system. **To date, we have received three volunteers.**

In order to make Livestreaming possible, we do require volunteers to operate the system. Volunteers do not have to be “techy”, the system is user friendly. Training would be provided. It does require three (3) volunteers weekly. The more volunteers we are able to acquire, the less often you will be scheduled

Livestreaming would mean that any member of our church that was not able to physically attend worship could participate online.

We hope that you will consider volunteering and being a part of this exciting venture.