

THIS WEEK WE PRAY:

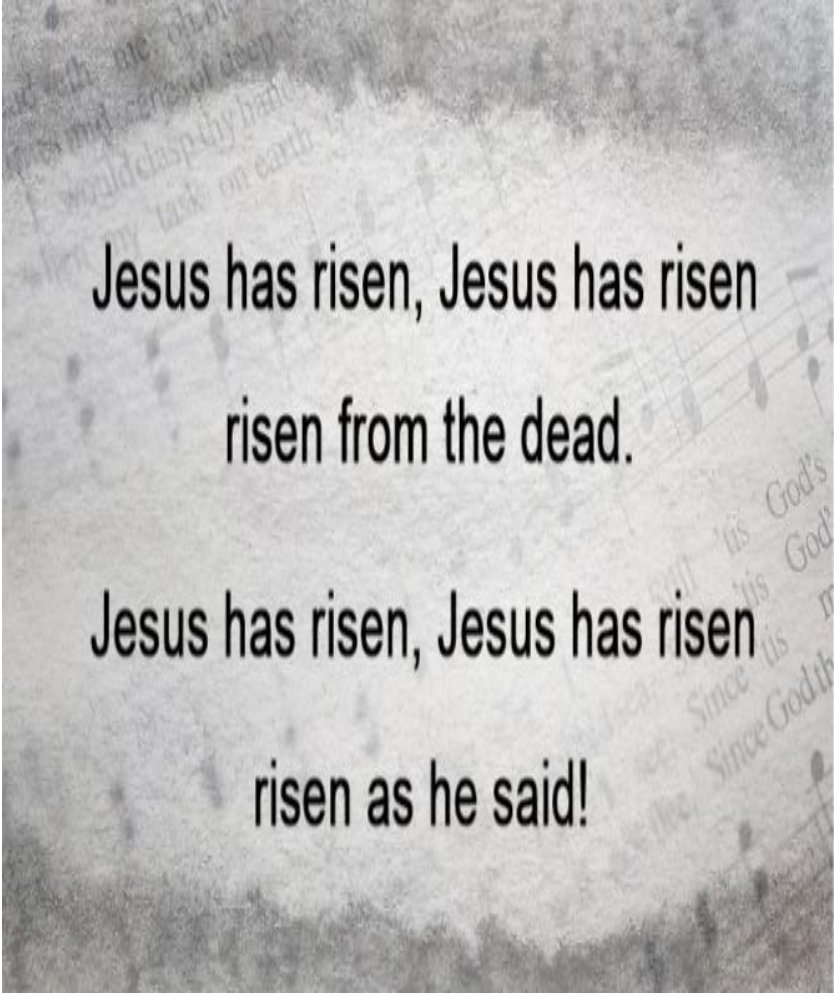
>for our members and friends with special needs: Wendy, Joan, John, Devon, Hollice, Marlene, Joyce, Audrey, Susan, Bernice, Maria, Miles, Tom, Marian, Anne, Leanne, Hans, Isabelle, Ingrid, Al, Melinda, John, Dan, Brian, Paul, Glenn, Jim, Nya, Lynnette, Cathy, Brock, Katana and Kolby;
>for those who have no one to pray for them.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

- Mon. April 15 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour
6:00 PM Pathfinders in Fellowship Hall
5:30-9:30 PM Youth Symphony in Sanctuary
- Tues. April 16 7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall
- Wed. April 17 9:00 AM Quilters in Parlour
1:00 PM Avon Menn. Prayer Group in their office
4:30-7:30 PM Playmakers in Shuffleboard Room
7:00 PM Congregational Council in Parlour
- Thurs. April 18 12:00 NOON Bible Study in Parlour
2:15 PM Worship at Knollcrest
7:00 PM Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Shelterlink in Parlour
- Sat. April 20 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON Nith Valley in Fellowship Hall
- Sun. April 21 “Easter 4”
10:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School
4:00-9:30 PM Éric in Sanctuary

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Bob & Marilyn Wells	Reader: Marilyn Wells
Usher Captain: Brian Coe	Counting Captain: Jan Bennewitz
Altar: Carmen Beck	House of Blessing: Janet & Gerry Ahrens



Jesus has risen, Jesus has risen
risen from the dead.

Jesus has risen, Jesus has risen
risen as he said!

April 14, 2024

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Organist
Pianist

Easter 3

April 14, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

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Hymn 382: “Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 3:12-19

Psalm: 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Alleluia Verse

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Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Children’s Anthems: “Jesus Rose for You and Me”
“Risen, As He Said”

Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/live/JolyefwfA_Q

Hymn 661: “I Love to Tell the Story”

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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. **We are making available a small number of individual glasses filled with non-alcoholic white wine. These are for those not wishing to partake in the red wine containing alcohol.** 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

WELCOME BACK: Kelly Walker has joined us, once again, and we are so pleased that he has. It is always a delight to have you with us.

JAZZ VESPERS AT 4:00 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON (SUNDAY, APRIL 14): St. James Anglican Church, Mornington Street, will feature the *Stratford District Secondary School Jazz Combo* this afternoon (Sunday, April 14th) at 4:00 P.M.. These young people are competing in The Nationals MusicFest Canada in Toronto next month. Please come and support them in this one hour evening vespers service. All welcome! Free will offering.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS

Please come out on **Sunday, April 21st** and support our new Congregational Life as they host a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:00 A.M. Worship. Enjoy a delicious coffee, tea or juice with a sweet treat and mingle with your Church family.

We look forward to see you!



QUILTS FOR SALE: Our talented quilting ladies still have some beautiful quilts for sale. They are now on display in the Parlour with the sizes and costs on each quilt. Just a reminder that Mother's Day is May 12th and will be here before we know it. To receive one of these handmade quilts would thrill any Mother (hint, hint)! Or perhaps you would like to treat yourself and purchase one as a lovely accent to a couch or chair in your own home. If you would like more information or to purchase one of these beautiful quilts, please see Irene Ehgoetz or give her a call at 519-271-8878.

STRATFORD CONNECTION CENTRE: The Women of Faith would like to “thank you” for your support to the Stratford Connection Centre.

The current needs for the coming weeks are:

- Spring coats
- Underwear (men and women’s size medium)
- Hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and brush)
- Single serve snacks (granola bars, apple sauce, bear claws, cheese and crackers)
- Bottled water
- Food Basics gift cards

Collection bins are conveniently placed at the back of the church and also near the office. Items are picked up and delivered weekly.

STRATFORD HOUSE OF BLESSING: We have received a bulletin insert (which is included with today’s bulletin) for the House of Blessing’s “*Spring Food Drive*” which lists the most-needed items. To help them with their significant increase in the number of people using their services, as you are able, if you could bring **something from their list** and place it in the basket at the entrance of the church. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

STRATFORD BLOOD DONATION EVENT: The following Blood Donor Clinics are scheduled for the month of April:

Tuesday, April 16 1 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road

Appointments are required. Book now by calling 1-888-236-6283 or online at www.blood.ca/GiveBlood App.

SHELTERLINK YOUTH SERVICES: Enclosed with today’s bulletin is an information brochure from Shelterlink Youth Services. Please take a few minutes to look it over to have a better understanding of the work this important organization does in our community.

TRI-COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS – HURON/OXFORD/PERTH:

Presents “Pollinator Gardens 101” on

Saturday, May 4th, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M., Avondale United Church, Stratford
Saturday, May 11th, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M., Innerkip Lions Centre, Innerkip

Design, choose native plants and create a successful pollinator garden. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite: tricity.eventbrite.com.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY !

GOD IN THE FOG: Join the Nith Valley Ministry Area for conversation regarding the **Election Process of the Synodical Bishop** and what that means for congregations and the Wider Synod:

April 20, 2024

9:30 A.M. Coffee

10:00 A.M. – Noon Conversation

Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford

We will explore the Electoral Process and provide information about the people who have been nominated for positions of leadership.

ONTARIO WELSH FESTIVAL, STRATFORD APRIL 19-21, 2024:

Gala Concert with Voices of Wales One Night Only!

Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 8:00 P.M.

Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Ave., Stratford

Tickets \$40 cash at door; Advance tickets \$35 at <https://voicesofwales2024.eventbrite.ca/>

Gymanfa Ganu (Hymn Singing) Session

Sunday, April 21, 2024; 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Avondale United Church

No ticket required * Free will offering * Doors open at 1:00 P.M.

Festival information is available at www.ontariowelshfestival.ca

LOCAL VOCALS: An evening of fun music, familiar faces, and witty repartee with Wilmot's *a cappella* chorus. Featuring songs like:

Blackbird*For the Longest Time*Happy*Hallelujah*Angel Eyes*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*Pachelbel's Canon*Sound of Silence*Seasons of Love*and more!

Friday, April 26th @ 7:00 P.M.

Trinity Lutheran Church

23 Church Street, New Hamburg 519-662-1810

General Admission \$20 * Students \$10 * Children \$5

Includes refreshments at intermission

Tickets available at the door or by calling or emailing Trinity's church office

Ticket sales in support of Trinity's Major Capital Expenditures Campaign

STILLMAN MATHESON, ORGANIST, IN RECITAL: The Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes presents "**Stillman Matheson, Organist, in recital on Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Church**, 96 Huron Street, Stratford. Admission is free and all are welcome! A free-will offering will be collected with all proceeds in support of the "Stepping Up for St. Joseph's" fundraising campaign.

STRATFORD SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
(SSYO): presents it's 3rd Spring Recital at Zion on
Monday, April 29th at 7:00 P.M.

The program includes music by Bizet, Holst, Shostakovich, Strauss & more. Whether you are a music lover or a young musician wanting to join the ensemble, join maestro Éric Charbonneau in celebrating the hardwork of the SSYO musicians.



Admission by donation

For more information on SSYO visit stratfordsymphony.ca/ssyo

CUPPA CANDLES: ROTARY HOSPICE has a volunteer that uses tea cups and saucers as holders for her homemade lightly scented candles. They are looking for donations of tea cups and saucers. If you are house cleaning, downsizing or cleaning out your china cabinet and have some that you can donate they would be greatly appreciated. For drop offs: Rotary Hospice is staffed 24/7 so teacups and saucers can be dropped off anytime. Their address is 80 Greenwood Drive. They are located behind Greenwood Court (you have to pull in their driveway at 90 Greenwood and follow it all the way around back to find them). Ring the intercom at the front door and leave the teacups and saucers with reception.

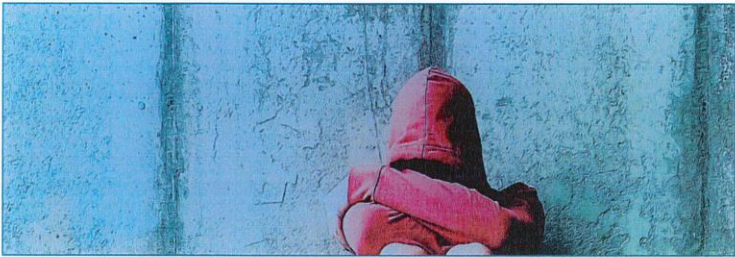
The ***CUPPA CANDLES*** are for sale at reception but they are also incorporated into their "*Care Bundles*". A "*Care Bundle*" is given to family after their loved one has died, as they are leaving the hospice. The bundle also includes information from their social workers on grief and bereavement and resources to support this next step of their journey.

Rotary Hospice is very grateful for any donations you may be able to offer.



Shelterlink

YOUTH SERVICES



Supporting Perth County youth aged 16-24 experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness.

SHELTER

- 24/7 support for youth experiencing homelessness.
- 15 short-term emergency shelter beds.
- Basic needs (meals, clothing, personal care items, showers, laundry facilities, respite from the elements).

OUTREACH

- Support for youth in community at risk of homelessness.
- Prevention and diversion services.
- Family mediation and reunification.

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STRATFORD

House of Blessing
FOOD BANK

Spring
FOOD DRIVE



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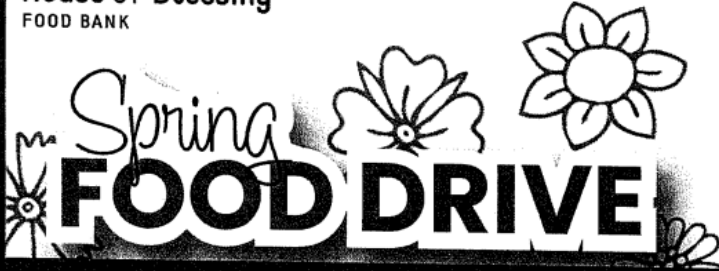
Drop donations off year-round:
423 Erie Street
Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 12:15PM
12:45PM - 4:30PM

**Learn more about
our food bank!**



STRATFORD

House of Blessing
FOOD BANK



MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Assorted Crackers
- Cereal
- Canned Meat
- Canned Vegetables
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce



**Thank you for
your support!**