

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 22

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 23

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall

Wed. April 24

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

Thurs. April 25

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall

Sat. April 27

4:00 PM Composers in Concert featuring Marco Burak and Michael Dobinson

Sun. April 21

“Easter 5”

10:00 AM Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School

4:00-9:30 PM Éric in Sanctuary

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH AS WE WORSHIP

Greeters: Brad & Sherri Beatty

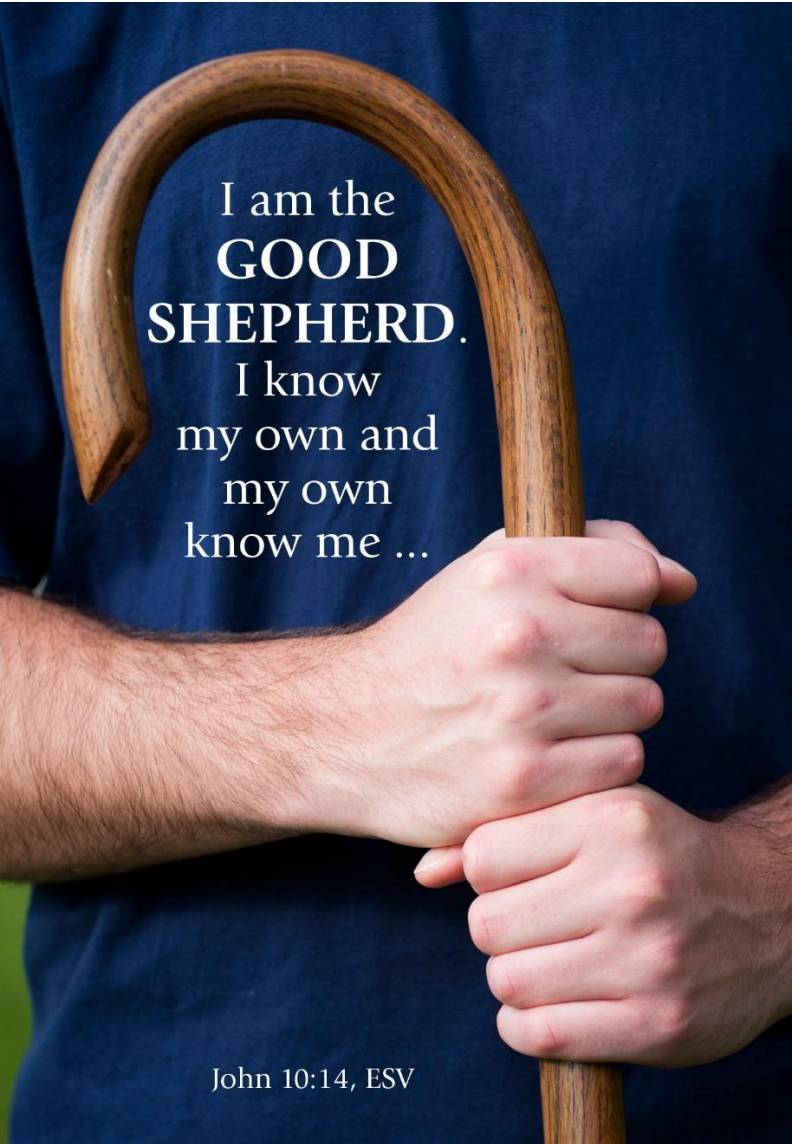
Reader: Stephen Fischer

Usher Captain: Jerry Terhaerd

Counting Captain: Jan Bennewitz

Altar: Shirley Whittaker

House of Blessing: Jan Bennewitz

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a wooden shepherd's crook. The person is wearing a dark blue t-shirt. The crook is made of light-colored wood and has a smooth, curved top. The person's hands are positioned to hold the crook firmly. The background is a solid dark blue color.

I am the
GOOD
SHEPHERD.

I know
my own and
my own
know me ...

John 10:14, ESV

April 21, 2024

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Organist
Pianist

Easter 4

April 21, 2024

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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Hymn 502: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Children’s Message

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Sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/live/TngBhQEHHck>

Hymn 764: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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Choir Anthem: “How Very Good and Pleasant”

Arlen Clarke

MEAL

Offering Hymn 182: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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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: We are pleased to welcome back **Charmaine Fopoussi** as our guest pianist this morning. Thank you Charmaine for joining us.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP

Please come downstairs after Worship this morning and enjoy a delicious coffee, tea or juice with a sweet treat and mingle with your fellow Church family members. Our new Congregational Life are your hosts and would love to see you.

All are welcome!!



PASTOR JEFF AWAY: Pastor Jeff will be away from Monday, April 22nd to Friday, April 26th as he and Susan travel to the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Pastor Jeff sits on the Board of the United Lutheran Seminary Alumni Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: A reminder to all that we are a **nut-free** Sunday School. We have a student in our Sunday School who is allergic to nuts.

Please remember that Sunday School ends at 11:15 A.M. We ask that parents/guardians wait until that time before coming for your children.

The last day for Sunday School is Sunday, May 12th.

In order to organize classes and arrange for teachers, we are reaching out to all parents wishing to enroll their child(ren) in the Sunday School program. If you could please email me the child(ren)'s name(s), current grade(s) as of September, 2024, and whether or not they would be participating in Sunday School to Paula at pauley_mcnoughton@hotmail.com.

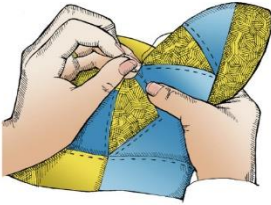
Please note that any child turning four (4) years of age in 2024 is eligible to start Sunday School in September, 2024.

Once we have our students registered, we will be in a better position to arrange our classes.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your assistance and co-operation!

Paula McNaughton
Sunday School Coordinator

QUILTS FOR SALE: Our talented quilting ladies have a beautiful selection of 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.

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.

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

COMPOSERS IN MUSIC: Music by **Marco Burak and Michael Dobinson with Guest Composer, Doug Peterman** will be presented on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. here in the Sanctuary at Zion Lutheran Church.** Admission is by donation. All are welcome!!!!

INNER CHAMBER is delighted to present the 5th concert of their 14th season – *Signing Off*.

Saturday, April 27, 2024 at The Local, 612 Erie Street, Stratford – Pay What You-Can concert.

Saturday, April 28, 2024 at Factory 163 at 163 King Street, Stratford. Light dinner begins at 5:30 P.M. Concert begins at 7:00 P.M. Livestream tickets also available.

Sharon Wei (viola) joins **Julie Baumgartel** (violin), **Andrew Chung** (violin), **Jody Davenport** (viola) and **Ben Bolt-Martin** (cello) to perform Shostakovich's gripping String Quartet No. 11, and Brahms' intended final work, the triumphant String Quintet Op. 111, No. 2.

Tickets are on sale at www.innerchamber.ca.

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.

AVONDALE UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MEAL:

Sunday, April 28, 2024

194 Avondale Ave. (Entrance off Huntingdon Ave.)

5:15 P.M. Meal Start Time

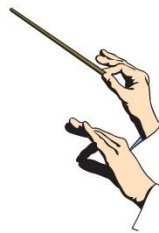
Sit-Down Meal OR Take-Out Option

Meal: Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Corn and Peas, Fresh Fruit, Cookies

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

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 !

VELVET & IVORY: Featuring Beverley Maranger, vocals and Tim Elliott, piano will be presented on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. at St. James Anglican Church Upper Parish Hall, 41 Mornington Street,

Stratford (Side door on Hamilton Street). This concert will benefit St. James Anglican Church Food Bank and Meal Programs.

Pay what you wish!

For more information contact [velvetand ivory@gmail.com](mailto:velvetandivory@gmail.com).

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.

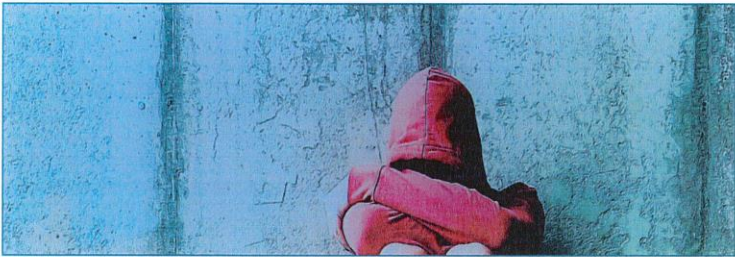
The ***CUPPA CANDLES*** are for sale at reception but they are also incorporated into their “*Care Bundles*”. A “*Care Bundle*” is given to family after their loved one has died, as they are leaving the hospice. The bundle also includes information from their social workers on grief and bereavement and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

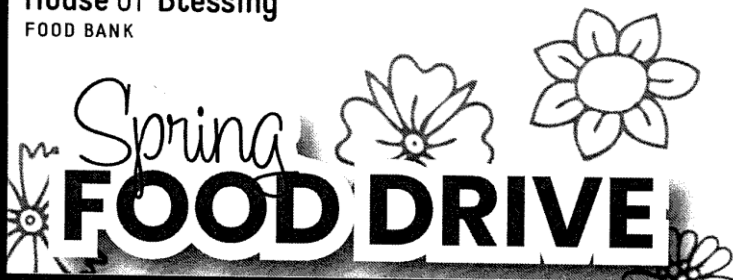
130 Youngs Street – 3rd Floor
Stratford, ON N5A 1J7
519.272.2294
www.shelterlink.org



STRATFORD

House of Blessing
FOOD BANK

Spring
FOOD DRIVE



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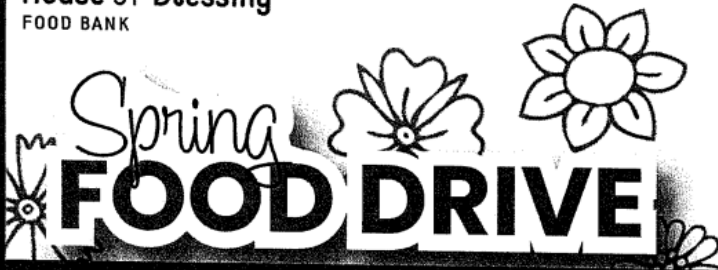
Drop donations off year-round:
423 Erie Street
Monday - Friday
8:30AM - 12:15PM
12:45PM - 4:30PM

**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!**