

## **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 29

2:00 PM Prayer Shawl in Parlour

3:30-9:00 PM Éric in Sanctuary, FH &  
Shuffleboard Room

6:00 PM Pathfinders in Parlour

7:00-9:00 PM Stratford Youth Symphony Recital  
in Sanctuary

Tues. April 30

7:00 AM Rotary in Fellowship Hall

9:30 AM Chair Yoga in Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Sparks in Fellowship Hall

Wed. May 1

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. May 2

11:00 Worship at Spruce Lodge

12:00 Noon Bible Study in Parlour

4:15 PM Confirmation in Parlour

7:00 PM Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall

Sat. May 4

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM TOWN HALL**

**GATHERING in Fellowship Hall**

Sun. May 5

**“Easter 6”**

10:00 AM Worship

– Guest Preacher: Pastor Adam Snook

10:00 AM Sunday School

**COFFEE HOUR TO FOLLOW WORSHIP**

## **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AS WE WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Gerry & Janet Ahrens

**Reader:** Linda Faulhafer

**Usher Captain:** Tom Cosstick

**Counting Captain:** Cheryl Cade

**Altar:** Irene Ehgoetz

**House of Blessing:** Wayne

Faulhafer

*Then the Spirit said to Philip,*

**“GO OVER TO  
THIS CHARIOT  
AND  
JOIN  
IT.”**



**Acts 8:29, NRSV**

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April 28, 2024

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# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Stratford, Ontario

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## People of Zion

Rev. Jeffrey Lautsen  
Sister Jean Widmeyer  
Paul Shilton  
Laura Burton  
Éric Charbonneau

## Ministers

Pastor  
Visitation Minister  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Pianist

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Easter 5

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## GATHERING

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**Hymn 449: “We Know That Christ Is Raised”**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day:

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 8:26-40

Psalm: 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Children’s Message

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Sermon: No Recorded Sermon This Week

**Hymn 588: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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**Choir Anthem: “The Beatitudes”****Richard Shephard****MEAL****Offering Hymn 186: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**

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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. *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:** This morning we welcome back Laura Burton on the organ. Thank you for joining us Laura!

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP:** Today's bulletin is sponsored in loving memory of my beloved son, *David*, who passed away *April 29, 2012* by Mom, *Dianne Stone*.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.** The children will be singing in church on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, which is also Mother's Day.

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\\_mcnaughton@hotmail.com](mailto:pauley_mcnaughton@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.

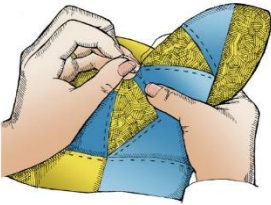
I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!

Paula McNaughton  
Sunday School Coordinator

**GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024:** Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. as we welcome Pastor Adam Snook as our "Guest Speaker".

A "**COFFEE HOUR**" will be held following worship for you to enjoy a delicious coffee and homemade treats while mingling with your church family.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **REMINDERS OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE TODAY**

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

**Sunday, 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](http://www.innerchamber.ca).

**STILLMAN MATHESON, ORGANIST, IN RECITAL:** The Avon-Thames Catholic Family of Parishes presents “**Stillman Matheson, Organist, in recital on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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STRATFORD SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SSYO)  
presents it's 3rd Spring Recital at Zion on  
Monday, April 29 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](http://stratfordsymphony.ca/ssyo)

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

Presents “Pollinator Gardens 101” on

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M., Avondale United Church, Stratford**  
**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 [velvetandivory@gmail.com](mailto:velvetandivory@gmail.com).

**BETHEL COMMUNITY MEAL:** The next Bethel Community Meal is  
scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.** and will be held in the  
Fellowship Hall here at Zion. **All are welcome!!**

The ladies of Bethel hosting this meal would like to extend a warm welcome  
to any one who may be interested in assisting with this meal. The more the  
merrier!



**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.

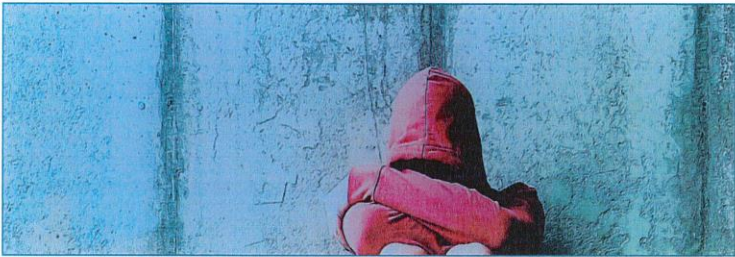
The ***CUPPA CANDLES*** are for sale at reception but they are also incorporated into their “*Care Bundles*”. A “*Care Bundle*” is given to family after their loved one has died, as they are leaving the hospice. The bundle also includes information from their social workers on grief and bereavement and 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
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[www.shelterlink.org](http://www.shelterlink.org)



STRATFORD

House of Blessing  
FOOD BANK



**MISSED US?**

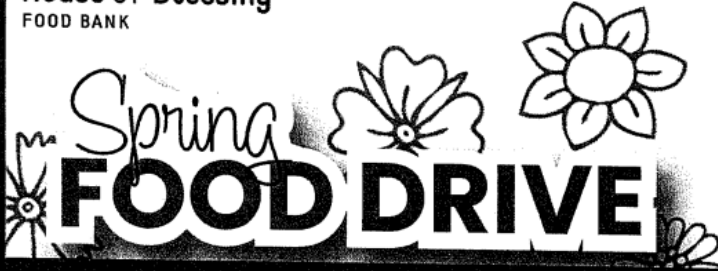
Drop donations off year-round:  
423 Erie Street  
Monday - Friday  
8:30AM - 12:15PM  
12:45PM - 4:30PM

**Learn more about  
our food bank!**



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## MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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



**Thank you for  
your support!**