

## Weekly Email February 22, 2022

**Chili Cook-Off is this Sunday, February 27th!** Call the church office or Aaron if you'd like to enter your chili and/or be a taste tester. Not only does your pot of chili have a chance to win a prize, but so does every tester from our wall of prizes! There will also be some chili-friendly items available at the concession stand. Tickets are \$10 at the door and all proceeds go to send our high schoolers to the National Youth Gathering. We really hope you'll join us right after late service (11:30am)!

### Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm / Sunday 8am and 10:30 am

Classes at 9:15 am

At last check, the County Health Board recommends masks in indoor public settings. Our current policy is those who are not vaccinated must wear masks, masks for others are recommended. Communion assistants will be masked to ease any concerns. We understand how delicate an issue this is for all.

It has been great to see more of you returning for in person worship!!! It is good to see each other again, even as we continue to be cautious and careful. Liturgy is still a little more relaxed and all are being sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. We are acting like a family of faith ought to act. We understand those who need to wait until they feel more safety in a gathering such as ours, as well as those who are ready and raring to move boldly ahead. God's blessings and peace to all!

### Weekly Online and Radio Ministry

Sunday 10:30 am worship live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Radio Sermon WKZO 590AM at 9:30 am

Facebook devotions (Monday and Friday)

Pastor Seeber Men's Class / "John's Gospel" / Saturday 8am (call for Zoom link)

"Walk Through the Bible" / Tuesdays on Facebook and YouTube

Wednesday Dinner Menu for Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> **MENU: Pizza Pasta Bake, Green Salad, Breadsticks**

**Family Game Night** at Zion on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30pm!! Pizza and ice cream will come first, and then adults and kids will move to separate areas for games. Games this first time around will all be provided. **Sign up on the kiosk or at this link <https://signup.com/go/OaOEyGA>**

### Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

Fri 9am to Noon

382-2360 / [zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto:zion@zionkazoo.org)

**For pastoral assistance:**

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848  
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

**If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, please call the church and let us know!**

This week we are attaching **Monthly Financial Report** that normally runs in the Harbinger. Feel comfortable addressing any questions to VP of Finance, Joni LaPointe, if there are clarifications needed.

Pastor Brelje's is conducting a Bible Class here, on the **Book of Hebrews**. Tuesdays at 10am.  
Pastor Couch meets with any and all **college students** for pizza after 10:30 Sunday worship at Zion  
Pastor Seeber's Sunday Class is studying the **Gospel of Luke**.

ASH WEDNESDAY is March 2 (for your advance planning.) Worship will be at Noon and 6:30 with soup supper at 5:30. Theme for our services this year is "Lost and Found." We will also post portions of the weekly meditation and prayers on Facebook and YouTube each Wednesday. More next week!

Thanks to those who are volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, altar ministry, sound board, and kitchen help. Please email ([zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto:zion@zionkazoo.org)) or call the office (382-2360) to get back on schedules or to learn how to help.

Thanks for the increased support for **LOAVES AND FISHES!!!** The food collection bins are located in front of the church office. February need is Rice (Box or Bag)

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

<b>Finance Update for 2-20-2022</b>	
Offerings received:	\$11,576
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$11,375
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$523,535
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$519,325

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! Any additional, regular support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers and the many other ways you are involved in and support our ministry!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:  
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

**CHAIRS FOR SALE:** Ever wish you had additional folding chairs for that special family event... We have a great deal for you! Adult and kids steel folding chairs available for \$2.00 each. No need to pay that \$1.00 a chair rental when you can have your own. Also available, Brunswick fiberglass chairs for \$4.00 each. Call Michelle at 382.2360 or Jim Mayer at 375.8342 for details. The chair money will go directly to our youth group fund for their summer trip to Texas.

**Tax Information:** A potential tax savings opportunity exists for taxpayers who are older than age 70 ½. Consider gifting directly from you IRA to Zion Lutheran and/or your chosen charities. Gifts in this manner are not counted as taxable income to you. It may require asking for a check book for your IRA to make this easier or through an electronic transfer. This action lowers your taxable income and your income tax liability. We encourage you to discuss how to do this with your tax or financial advisor. Ask them about how to do qualified charitable donations (QCDs) beginning in 2022 and thereafter.

**Prayers:** Arrival of Lucy Rollen, healthy newborn to Michelle & Zach Rollen, Jack DeVries recovering for recent surgery

## Financial Report for January 31, 2022

**ZION:** January Giving is over budget by \$17,256. Expenses are over budget by \$1,996.

January ended with a Net Gain of \$14,723. YTD Net Income Loss is \$6,752, under budget by \$7,231.

YTD Giving is down by \$6,696.

**FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL:** Income is under budget by \$4,640. Expenses are under budget

by \$4,562. January Net Loss is \$60. YTD Net Income Gain is \$2,106, over budget by \$8,718.

**Solid Ground:** Income is over budget by \$2,252. Expenses were under budget by \$1032.

January Net Gain is \$1,707. YTD Net Income Gain is \$4,232, under budget by \$745.

Questions? Email Joni Lapointe at  
jbacctg215@gmail.com

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	Current Month			Year-To-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Over/Under	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
<b>INCOME</b>						
Zion Giving & Misc.	60,625	77,881	17,256	491,200	484,504	-6,696
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Zion Staff Support	31,867	29,911	-1,956	257,004	249,431	7,573
Office Operations	903	437	-466	10,070	11,223	-1,153
Church Property	8,725	12,931	4,206	56,000	67,345	-11,345
Education Ministry	1,100	0	-1,100	6,600	7,003	-403
Evangelism/Missions	50	133	83	300	500	-200
Worship Ministry	488	832	344	3,950	3,901	49
Other Ministries	155	208	53	1,665	1,556	109
Music Ministry	2,300	1,875	-425	16,600	17,254	-654
Finance Ministry	9,370	9,367	-3	74,960	68,533	6,427
Zion Haus Ministry	284	0	-284	2,148	3,881	-1,733
Missions - General	5,920	7,464	1,544	47,920	47,125	795
Total Expenses	61,162	63,158	-1,996	477,217	477,752	-535
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-537</b>	<b>14,723</b>	<b>-15,260</b>	<b>13,983</b>	<b>6,752</b>	<b>7,231</b>
<b>FRIENDS OF JESUS PRESCHOOL</b>						
<b>INCOME</b>						
FOJ Income	4,640	0	-4,640	28,120	3,099	-25,021
FOJ Staff Support	4,102	0	-4,102	29,762	231	-29,531
FOJ Operations Expenses	520	60	-460	4,970	762	-4,208
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>-6,612</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>-8,718</b>
<b>SOLID GROUND</b>						
Solid Ground Income	8,523	10,775	2,252	83,283	80,088	-3,195
Solid Ground Expenses	10,100	9,068	1,032	78,306	75,856	2,450
<b>INCOME LESS EXPENSES</b>	<b>-1,577</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>3,284</b>	<b>4,977</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>-745</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>						
	6/1/2021		1/31/2022	YTD Change		
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash	86,738		147,012	60,274		
Investments	188,271		189,003	732		
Other Assets	8,046		2,603	-5,443		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283,055</b>		<b>338,618</b>	<b>55,563</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Payroll	5,030		2,048	-2,982		
Dedicated Funds	132,481		182,170	49,689		

Unrestricted Funds	<u>145,544</u>	<u>154,400</u>	<u>8,856</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>283,055</u></u>	<u><u>338,618</u></u>	<u><u>55,563</u></u>

**MORTGAGE LOAN BALANCE**                      \$629,615

**Dedicated Accounts with Balances over \$3,000**

Youth Ministry	\$10,601	Ins. Claim Water Dmg.	\$5,778
New Staff	\$50,000	FOJ Fundraising	\$11,518
Future Debt	\$17,143	Benevolence/Wise	\$5,476
Grateful Hearts Bazaar	\$6,238	Besser Ins.Checks	\$11,093