

5/14/2024 email to congregation

It's here! This weekend is **Mission Roadmap** with author and speaker Greg Finke.

This Saturday, May 18 from 8:30am - Noon we will hear about how to reach out to our community both individually and as a congregation.

Sunday May 19th Greg Finke will be doing the bible study at 9:15am.

Childcare will be provided during the workshop.

Due to last week's dangerous storms we want to extend a helping hand to those impacted. If you need assistance with debris removal and/or tree cutting please call the church office (269-382-2360) and we will assess if we are able to safely help out. If you are interested in helping out (chainsaws, debris removal etc) over the next few weeks please contact Aaron directly at dcegrube21@gmail.com.

From the board of directors: Please make plans to attend the congregational meeting to immediately follow second service at 11:30am on Sunday 5/19. Attached to this email are two documents pertaining to the subject matter of that meeting. The first is a budget proposal that projects a \$55,000 shortfall, while including an overall increase in giving for all three major areas of the budget, Zion, FOJ and Solid Grounds. **The second document is the slate of board candidates that we will be voting on Sunday.** The board's first attempt at a budget proposal assumed no increase in giving at all, and left us with a projected deficit of about \$100,000. It is proper and necessary that we should be very upfront with the congregation about this fact. We will discuss the particulars of what can be done to overcome the budget challenges and entertain questions at the meeting on Sunday. In the meantime, this worksheet details our conservative estimates for the upcoming year, expense-wise. Thank you in advance for taking the time to meet with us!

If you have a high school student OR college student graduating this semester, please contact Aaron if you wish to have them included in our **Baccalaureate service on June 2nd**. Dcegrube21@gmail.com

Reminder! May 19th is the end of Sunday School for everyone! We will transition to Outdoor services at the later service starting May 26th at 10am.

THANK YOU to all our Sunday education hour volunteer teachers and facilitators: Linda Stieve, John & Candy Buetow, Siarha Tangeman, Marirose Meimers, Janis Dinda, and Andie Grube. Classes will resume in September!

Thank you to EVERYONE that showed up to help last Saturday with the Church cleanup. Many hands make light work and Zion was so blessed by your help!

Our Sewing Group would like to share our sewing accomplishments since January. There is a table outside Gatherings this week, please look carefully to see what ten people guided by God can accomplish **Wednesday mornings from 9am-12pm. We invite you to come meet us and hopefully join our group as we will begin quilts a little later around May 22nd.** Even if your sewing skills are rusty/inexperienced, there are lots of non-sewing tasks to help out with, and you can learn a new skill as well!

Art Ministry Please stop in Blends to enjoy Zion's own Shirley Rohrer's incredible artwork of Michigan Lighthouses.

From Jason Groth's family: You are invited! We'd like to invite everyone from Zion to be a part of Jason's Ordination. You have supported us throughout the years in so many ways. Please celebrate with us the last leg of this journey!

When: May 26th at 3pm (food and fellowship to follow the service)

Where: Zion Lutheran Church 2122 Bronson Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Why: Four years of studies have been completed and he has been certified, approved, and called. It is now time for Jason to be Ordained into the office of Holy Ministry. We would be honored to have you join us for this momentous occasion.

Please RSVP by May 13th. Excited to Celebrate with Everyone!

Send RSVP to Becky Pasman via email: bepasman@gmail.com

Our Moving Up and Moving on Celebration is almost here!

May 23rd we celebrate our preschoolers with a ceremony at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary! There is a bake sign-up on the kiosk if you would like to help provide baked goods after the ceremony.

Friends of Jesus Preschool Summer Camp is just around the corner! Children ages 3-6 are welcome to attend. Sessions are week-long with exciting themes including Bubble Party, Space Explorers, and Music Mania. Full and half-day sessions are available. For more information and registration stop by the preschool office or visit www.friendsofjesuspreschool.com.

FOJ thanks everyone for their continued support! As always, if you are interested in making a donation, cash or check can be placed in the locked dropbox outside the preschool office or by making an online donation and choosing Friends of Jesus Preschool from the drop-down. Thank you!

Our Lutheran World Relief Guild is extremely low on baby booties. The booties can be gently used or new. Knitted booties are fine. A pattern is available if you like to knit. Contact Leona at 269-327-1798.

Weekly meditations continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook (On Wednesdays we share a preview of Sunday's lessons to ready you for worship – feel free to share with friends!)

WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO

Pastor Brelje Tuesday 10:00am, 1st Letter of Peter

Pastor Tim Men's Study, Saturdays 8am, Book of Acts

Pastor Tim Sunday 9:15am, Gospel of Mark (in Gathering Area)

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! For May they are asking for Canned Vegetables (low sodium). Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

Church Office hours:

Mon - Weds 9am to 4pm, Thur 12pm-4pm

382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Mike 419-203-6770 / Pastor Couch 598-8167 / Aaron 271-2848

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address

or phone number, or email address, please call the church office and let us know!

Thank you for your continued financial support. 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>

Prayers: Please pray for Rollie Preuss and his family as Sharon has passed away May 12th. Her service will be this Thursday 1:30pm at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, congregation members are welcome but must be there by 1:20 at the latest. Additionally, a Celebration of Life for her will follow, more info to come.

Additionally please remember in your prayers: Carol and Mike O'Connor on the passing of Carol's mother. Mark Meyer's mother Ruth for healing. Walter Mutz and Jack Sauer. Jack Engelder and Savannah Schmitz as they come to Zion. Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize.