

4/30/2024 email to congregation

The Zeigler Kalamazoo Marathon will be running this weekend! Take a look at this link in order to best plan your route for travel to church & outings: <https://www.zeiglerkalamazoomarathon.com/course>

Mark your calendar for a **Mission Roadmap Weekend** with author and speaker Greg Finke.

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

Please make sure to sign up on the kiosk.

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

Childcare will be provided during the workshop.

Congregational Meeting to approve the budget and vote on the new candidates for Board of Directors will be **May 19th at 11:30am**. Childcare is provided during this meeting.

Please see Jack Engelder's letter to the congregation at the end of this email.

Jack has been placed as Zion's Vicar as part of a vicarage placement service with Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne IN.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare Midweek Dinners and provided to go meals for so many people this year!

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

Confirmation Day was on April 28th, thank you to all who joined us to celebrate with our Confirmands: Noah Bentz, James Mayer, Sarah Skuratowicz, Sydney Woods

Please come over on May 11 from 9am-Noon to help Church Clean Up efforts! Bring gloves!

We will be getting a dumpster to do some clean out at Zion.

A lot has accumulated over the years and we need help getting it out to the dumpster!

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 269-381-4268.

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 continue to pray for Sharon and Rollie Preuss. Please continue to pray for Jack Engelder and Savannah Schmitz as they come to Zion. Pray for Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize.

Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace and Peace! Just a few days ago, Pr. Saylor and Pr. Couch brought your great welcome to my fiancée Savannah and I here at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne.

What exciting times our Lord has brought us to! Savannah and I have received our assignment to you, and we join our amens to God's work through this, our Church.

Beyond the sharing of joy, Pastor Saylor, Pastor Couch, Savannah, and I discussed our arrival on the second week of July, the 9th. What excitement sits between now and then, until we can finally meet!

As I'm sure you've heard, Savannah will be serving in the capacity of Deaconess intern with you very soon. Just before we arrive to you, we will be married. On June 8th, to be precise.

We cannot wait to begin this life of promise among you, the faithful of Kalamazoo.

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact me by email, at jack.engelder@ctsfw.edu.

May the Lord of Mercy bless us with all joy until we meet, while we are together, and unto the resurrection!

Peace in our risen Christ! Jack T. Engelder