

5/21/2024 email to congregation

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 followed by a small get-together!

Reminder: Jason Groth's Ordination.

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

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

If you are a fan of lawncare, bourbon, and God's Word we invite you to join us for a new Men's Group this summer! We will meet at various locations but our scheduled dates are May 29, June 26, July 31, and August 21, all at 8pm. If you're interested in coming to one (or all) of these contact Aaron Grube at dcegrube21@gmail.com.

Join us June 9 for a tailgate after the outdoor service at 10am. We will enjoy some brats and hot dogs along with good company. We will have family activities as well!

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 was the end of Sunday School for everyone! We will transition to Outdoor services at the later service starting **THIS SUNDAY 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!

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!

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 the family of Walter Mutz as he passed away on May 17th, service was handled by Langeland. Additionally please remember in your prayers: Rollie Preuss and his family on the passing of Sharon, Carol and Mike O'Connor on the passing of Carol's mother. Jack Sauer and Benno Rosin for healing. Jack Engelder and Savannah Schmitz as they come to Zion. Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize.