

5/7/2024 email to congregation

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!

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.

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

THANK YOU Zion families for your generous response of health care contributions to Ministry with Community. Thank you for helping others as Jesus shows us His love every day in our many blessings.

Just a 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.

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful moms in our Zion family. Of all the gifts that life has to offer, a loving mother is one of the greatest.

Our Sewing Group would like to share our sewing accomplishments during early January. 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

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. Please continue to pray for Jason & Emily Groth as they prepare to go into the mission field in Belize. Please continue to pray for Mark Meyer's mother Ruth and her healing. Please pray for Carol and Mike O'Connor on the passing of Carol's mother.