

Weekly Announcements February 8 & 9

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK— *Valparaiso University*

Founded in 1859, Valparaiso University is the largest Lutheran University in the U.S. Our association with VALPO began with Pastor Grother's association with O.P. Kretzmann, who was President. Many of our members have graduated from VALPO. Their choirs and drama groups have performed here, and faculty have been involved for workshops and even as vacancy pastors. Zion has a fully endowed scholarship at VALPO, which is offered first to students from Zion, and secondly to Lutheran students from Kalamazoo and greater Michigan. The design of Zion and the chapel at VALPO are quite similar due to the same liturgical consultants being involved. VALPO is an upper tier academic institution, which keeps Christ as the core of its vision and purpose. You can read more about the history and education of Valpo at www.valpo.edu.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED for midweek dinner desserts. If you have any interest, please contact the church office or call Denise O'Brien at 269-323-1479.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ...The group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 9-11am. We will have a new topic and book to discuss. Women of all ages are welcome!

MIDWEEK DINNER MENU: on Wednesday, February 12th, the dinner menu will be **Rotini Pasta Bake, Garlic bread and Salad** Join us in Gathering A from 5:15-6:00. Hope to see you there!

FOJ READ-A-THON - February is Read-a-thon month at Friends of Jesus Preschool. This is a fundraiser AND a way to reinforce a love for reading and the important role that it plays in the lives of our preschoolers. Our students collect pledges in a variety of ways: pages read, chapters read, complete books read! Individuals can also pledge a lump sum. FOJ welcomes support from Zion's congregation in this fundraiser. Please see the donation sheet on the kiosk to indicate your pledge amount. Please contact Melissa VanderMeeden if you'd like additional information. . Thank you for your kind and generous support of Friends of Jesus Preschool.

PLEASE WELCOME: Rebecca Nevala, our new office assistant joined us on February 3rd. She has over fifteen years of valuable office experience. Rebecca, her husband and seven year old daughter reside in Kalamazoo. Her interests include spending time with her family, including her two dogs (Libby and Willa), cooking and reading. She is excited to be a part of the team at Zion Lutheran Kalamazoo. Please welcome her when you have a chance.

SHARING OF PEACE IN WORSHIP...For centuries the **Sharing of Peace** has been an important part of the worship liturgy, as we reach out to each other with the same loving touch that Christ has shared with us. During the flu season, there are always concerns about "touching." Please keep that in mind as you share Christ's peace, and if someone "holds back" understand that it isn't that they aren't friendly but simply might have a cold they don't want to share. We can share Christ's peace with a word and a smile, even if the preferable touching sometimes isn't possible. All of us can find ways to share Christ's loving "touch," and for a few months, it just might be in a more subtle way. Blessings and peace!

YOUTH EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Middle School Chopped—Sunday, February 9th from 11:30am—2:30pm

High School Event—Climb Kalamazoo on Saturday, February 15th from 2:30—5pm.

CompRenew Service Project—Saturday, February 29th. Leave church at 7am and return at 2pm. Both Middle school and High school youth can participate in this service project.

ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP - The Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th from 6-7:30pm may be cancelled on Monday. Pastor Tim will make an announcement during Sunday services.

COUPLES DANCE DATE On Sunday, February 23rd the Lutheran Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a dance date presented by Kalamazoo Ballroom Academy at St. Michael Lutheran Church from 3-5pm. All married and engaged couples are invited. The cost is \$5 per couple and this includes dance lessons, refreshments, and childcare. If you are interested, please sign up on the kiosk by February 19th. If you have questions, please contact Chris Wilkins at 269-381-6324.

WE HAVE A NEW SOUND BOARD and it's easy to use!! If you are interested in helping, we will train you! We need a few more people to learn how to help in this worship ministry. Contact the church office if interested.

VISITORS...If you are not on our mailing list, give us your email on the fellowship pads or call the church office. We would love to include you in our newsletter mailings. Newsletter is also available monthly on our website...zionkazoo.org.

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Sunday	8:00am 9:15am	Worship / Communion Sunday School/ Adult Classes
	10:30am 11:30—2:30	Worship / Communion MS Chopped
Monday		
Tuesday	10:00am Noon 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Pastor Brelje's Bible Class Finance Meeting Family Ministry Small Group Bell Choir
Wednesday	8:30am 9-11am 5:15pm 6:00p, 6:15pm	LWR Sewing Women's Bible Study Midweek Dinner Property Meeting Confirmation & Adult Classes
	6:15pm	C. Wendling Small Group
Thursday		
Saturday	8:00am 2:00—4:00 2:30—5:00 5:30pm	Men's Group Prayer Shawl @ Biggby HS Climb Kalamazoo Worship / Communion
Sunday	8:00am 9:15am	Worship / Communion Sunday School/ Adult Classes
	9:15am 10:30am	Window Talk—Sanctuary Worship / Communion

WEDNESDAY EVENING SMALL GROUP—Chuck Wendling will lead a small group discussion on the book The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi. The group discussion will start on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:15. Books are available in the workroom. Call Chuck with questions or interest at 269-569-3943.

HELP NEEDED

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HELP NEEDED If you are interested in helping make coffee and pick up donuts on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office. With enough volunteers, this commitment can be once every three months! Please consider helping out with this ministry.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS needed for Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings at 8am. Please talk with Pastor Seeber or call the church office if you would like information on how you might help.

Bible Readings for February 16

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37-20

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS...9am-4pm

Website: www.zionkazoo.org

General Church Email: zion@zionkazoo.org

Finance Update for 2-2-2020	
Offerings received	\$9,439
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$12,241
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$484,411
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$484,615

HARBINGER Newsletter is available on Zion's Website www.zionkazoo.org as well as via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please contact the office at 382.2360 and we will be happy to add you to the electronic list.

February 15 & 16, 2020 Worship Support

HEAD USHERS

(8:00) George Hayward 10:30) Dave Borak

GREETERS

(5:30) Bruce & Dorothy DeDee

(8:00) Ted & Lucy Maxson

(10:30) Steve & Debbie Weber

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(5:30) Rita Linnenkugel

(8:00) Ted Maxson, Linda Stieve, John Stiegemeier

(10:30) Brent Butler, Janis Dinda, Garr Gast

CANTOR

(8:00) John Stiegemeier

ACOLYTES

(8:00) Bella Frazier, Anna Schierbeek

(10:30) Maren Hampshire

LECTOR

(8:00) Linda Stieve

(10:30) Janis Dinda

ALTAR MINISTRY

(5:30) Elsie Autry

(8:00) Amy Nelson

(10:30) Joe & Larry Zerbel

SOUND

(8:00) Neil Segerdahl

(10:30) Andrew Bickel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Benno & Carol Rosin