

Weekly Announcements February 1 & 2

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK— *Lutheran Hour...LHM* is a trusted global media that equips and engages volunteers to passionately proclaim the Gospel to more than 51 million people worldwide each week. Through its North American headquarters and 34 ministry centers on six continents, LHM reaches more than 50 countries, often bringing Christ to places where no other Christian evangelistic organizations are present. Their flagship ministry is The Lutheran Hour, which airs weekly on more than 1,600 radio stations and the American Forces Network. To find out more about this ministry, you can visit their website at www.lhm.org.

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 has started up again. The group will meet 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 5th, the dinner menu will be **Ham and Beans, Cornbread and Coleslaw**. 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. Friends of Jesus would welcome support from Zion's congregation in this fundraiser. If you would be willing to make a general pledge, so that we don't single individual students out, please see the donation sheet on the kiosk to indicate your pledge amount. If you would like more specific information about this fundraiser, please contact Melissa VanderMeeden. Thank you for your kind and generous support of Friends of Jesus Preschool. You truly make a difference for our preschoolers!

PLEASE WELCOME: Joining us on Monday, February 3rd is our new office administrative assistant, Rebecca Nevala. Rebecca brings 15+ years office management experience, Christian and family values to Zion.

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 - Bill Burmeister from the Michigan District Church Extension Fund is offering an Estate Planning Workshop. It is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th from 6-7:30pm. Please sign up on the kiosk if you plan to attend.

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
Monday	10:30am 6:30pm	Worship / Communion Personnel
Tuesday	10:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm	Pastor Brelje's Bible Class FOJ Ministry Meeting Bell Choir
Wednesday	8:30am 9-11am 5:15pm 6:15pm	LWR Sewing Women's Bible Study Midweek Dinner Confirmation & Adult Classes
Thursday	6:15pm 7:00pm	C. Wendling Small Group Choir
Saturday	8:00am 8-Noon 5:30pm	Men's Group BOD Retreat @ Zion Worship / Communion
Sunday	8:00am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30—2:30	Worship / Communion Sunday School/ Adult Classes Worship / Communion MS Chopped

February 8 & 9, 2020 Worship Support

HEAD USHERS

(8:00) Brian Bauer (10:30) Mark Hampshire

GREETERS

(5:30) Mary & Gordon Berkhausen

(8:00) Bev Snow

(10:30) Pete & Chris Wilkins

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

(5:30) Roxanne Seeber

(8:00) Richard Rakow, Ken Toy, Cyndi Bremer

(10:30) Ryan Bickel, Steve Butt, Troy Cosgrove

CANTOR

(8:00) Dennis O'Brien

(10:30) Karen Chapo

ACOLYTES

(8:00) Evan Schoonbeck, Owen Adams

(10:30) Kaitlyn Hamilton, Aly Hampshire

LECTOR

(8:00) Barb Nutsch

(10:30) Erin Hampshire

ALTAR MINISTRY

(5:30) Elsie Autry

(8:00) Vicki Holt, Pam Leitz

(10:30) Joe & Larry Zerbel

SOUND

(8:00) Mark Schwerin

(10:30) Grace Dinda

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Lynne Gerfen

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.

USHERS needed for both 8am and 10:30am services. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Fred Bierlein (8am service) 269-806-1430 or Ken Lundquist (10:30 service) 269-327-3235.

Bible Readings for February 9

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS...9am-4pm

Finance Update for 1-26-2020	
Offerings received	\$14,566
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$13,176
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$474,682
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$471,154

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