

3/12/2024 email to congregation

Please join us for Lenten Worship tomorrow at Noon and 6:30p < Livestreamed also.

Midweek Activities and Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:15p. Menu: Taco Soup and Creamy Mushroom and Wild Rice followed by 6:00-6:30p Midweek Kids, and Confirmation Class. Midweek Kids and Confirmation will meet from 6–6:30pm on Wednesdays during Lent.

“March is Read-a-Thon month at Friends of Jesus Preschool! This month-long fundraiser encourages a love of reading in children and helps raise funds for the preschool. If you are interested in pledging, please see the sign-up on the kiosk at the main entrance or contact Jen LaPorte for more information.”

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the third Saturday of every month from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 5 Lakes Coffee on West Main. The next meeting is this coming Saturday, March 16th. They would be grateful for more people to join this ministry. For more information contact Cynthia Cosgrove at clcosgrove81@hotmail.com.

6th – 12th grades Youth are invited to Art Bayou on Sunday March 17th at Noon for exciting individual art projects. **[RSVP to Aaron by Thursday, March 14th](#)**

Update from Joe Zerbel regarding seminary students...during a service on April 23, seminary students will receive their vicarage assignments. Until then it is unlikely we will hear anything at all but we have no reason to believe things will not go exactly as we have hoped and prayed they will. On or about that day we expect to receive and disseminate the good news. We felt our congregation would appreciate knowing the process is moving forward.

Helping Others Ministry is collecting health aid items during March and April to distribute in our community. Please see the display in the hallway and pick up a list of items needed.

Artwork in Blends: A new exhibit is in Blends for March.

Preschool artwork is on display in Blends this Month; themed “God’s Green Earth” used recycled objects and materials to produce new and beautiful art to be shared with all. Children enjoyed exploring objects in new and different ways and learned that reusing and recycling is a great way to take care of the planet God has given us.

Street Renovation Planned impacting surrounding routes to Zion. It Has Begun! The city has notified us of upcoming construction planned from March – October. There is a link below and a map is located on the bulletin board:

<https://www.kalamazocity.org/Community/Projects/2023/Inkster-Street-Bridge-Reconstruction>

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! March is Canned Fruit (no sugar) month. Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

Memorial for Dorothy DeDee Thursday, March 21 at Zion 10:00 visitation, 11:00 service with luncheon following.

Zion's young parents group will host a Basic Estate Planning discussion on Sunday, April 7 from 9:15 -10:15 AM in the old youth room which is located directly underneath Blends. Although this is primarily for parents of minor children, anyone may find this information of value.

The topics discussed will be Guardianships for minor children, Durable Power of Attorney, HealthCare Power of Attorney, Probate Court avoidance, Wills, Trusts, Gifting, proper Beneficiary Designations, Titling of Property, and real-life horror stories resulting from poor planning.

If you have any questions, please call John Buetow at (269) 599-8031

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, Proverbs

Pastor Mike Wednesday 6:15 Bible Study Class (will return after Easter)

Pastor Tim Men's Study, Saturdays 8am, Book of Acts

Pastor Tim Sunday 9:15am, Gospel of Mark (in Gathering Area)

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 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>

Easter is quickly approaching:

Lenten Services every Wednesday through March 20th at Noon & 6:30p including Soup Suppers at 5:15pm.

HOLY WEEK begins March 24

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion (no Communion)
8am and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday (3/28)
Noon and 6:30pm / Holy Communion

Good Friday (3/29)
Tre Ore: Noon - 3pm
Good Friday Eve: 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil 5:30pm (3/30)
(regular Saturday time)

EASTER (3/31)
8am and 10:30 am
Holy Communion and Special Music