

Email May 10

Prayer Shawls have been lovingly created by members and blessed for service. These are special gifts of love to remind those who are by themselves or facing illness / recovery that they are not alone and we keep you in our prayers. If you would like a shawl or know someone in the congregation who would benefit, please call the church office to make arrangements. Blessings!

ANNUAL MEETING of the CONGREGATION: MAY 22 at 11:45a.m. This is important as we elect new leaders and adopt a budget for the coming year. We will also discuss the next steps in our calling of a new Senior Pastor. Please plan to attend. It will not be a lengthy meeting but it is important for you to help us move forward.

Our Sunday School students and Youth Groups made blessing bags, thanks to an endowment grant. We still have a few of these bags left to hand out to people on the street or those who are less fortunate. Each bag contains simple health items, socks, a water bottle, and a snack. Please bless others by taking one or more to hand out!

Family Game Night on Friday, May 13 is cancelled.

Save the date: Family VBS (families with kids age 0-11) and The Week of Service (for Middle School and High School families) is **June 20-23rd** in the evenings!

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm
382-2360 / zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

RELIEF FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE!

Anyone wishing to donate supporting relief efforts for the people of Ukraine should consider Lutheran World Relief which has a great track record and low administrative costs

<https://donate.lwr.org>

Another reliable agency is the International Red Cross <https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine>

County Health has changed masking policy to optional.

Those who wish to mask should continue to feel comfortable doing so. We will continue to have communion assistants masked to ease any concerns. We understand how delicate an issue this is for all.

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, please call the church office and let us know!

LOAVES AND FISHES

We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Zion has supported this ministry for more than thirty years and we are gradually getting more food each week. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in May is canned low-sodium vegetables.

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! 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!

<u>Finance Update for 5-8-2022</u>	
Offerings received:	\$14,582
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$9,460
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$702,144
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$677,620
Actual Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$728,650
Budgeted Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$730,340
Actual Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$701,427
Budgeted Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$738,407

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

Symbol in the Window

In a reading from the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John tells us he saw the Holy City, a New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven. On the Old Testament side of the window, left vertical half, in the third panel from the top is a rendering of the Wall of Jerusalem.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our summer Sunday worship schedule begins May 29 with worship at 8 and 10.