

Weekly Email April 19, 2022

WOW! What wonderful Easter worship with all the special music from brass, bells, choir, and the voices of so many who joined us celebrating the empty tomb! And we were close to many who watched the live feeds as well. One of the most special Easters here in quite a while! Thanks!

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!

Confirmation class resumes the next 3 Wednesday's from 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

"Would you like to come hang out and play games or do a puzzle or just chat? The next two Wednesday's we will be having **"Dessert First" before the Wednesday evening meal.** Come on over anytime starting at **3:30pm for some cookies and coffee before the meal at 5:15pm.** We will have games and puzzles available, or you may just choose to sit and hang out! This is open to all ages but we think the "retired" crowd might have a little more fun :-)"

WMU student recital on **Saturday, April 23 from 1:00-2:00pm at church.** The JACRR Brass Ensemble will be performing. They are the same students who played at our Easter services.

CALL MEETING THIS SUNDAY for new SENIOR PASTOR – April 24 @ 11:45a.m.

You must be present to participate and vote in the "call" of a new Senior Pastor for Zion. We have been sharing information about each candidate, and that information will be summarized and discussed at the call meeting prior to a vote. If you are uncomfortable in sanctuary with too many people, we will set up sound in Gathering Space to assist with distancing and masking. Please call church office if you will need such assistance so we can plan appropriately.

Thanks to all who donated personal care items for Ministry with Community. Jayne Mayer was able to deliver about 300 pounds of all the items our members donated. This will be wonderful support for many, many who are dependent on Ministry with Community for such support. Thank you!!!

Church Office hours:
Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm
382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:
Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Church Directories have arrived.... If you asked to be in the directory (had your picture taken or supplied a picture) then a directory was printed for you. The directories are available in Gatherings with your name on it in alphabetical order. Universal Church Directory did not supply us with additional directories.

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>
AND keep all who are in harm's way in your prayers!

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 DO NOT SHOW THIS EMAIL TO YOUR SPOUSE AND THEY USE A DIFFERENT EMAIL, PLEASE FURNISH IT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. We are hearing from many that they are not receiving this email. Also, please make sure zion@zionkazoo.org is in your email contact list. We are receiving delivery notice failures for several email addresses.

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!

HELP NEEDED!!! We are in need of someone to work **part time**, several days a week with Marta in our **church office**. (We are flexible in terms of hours, and pay is comparable for similar positions in the community.) Pleasant personality, computer and word processing skills, are the major qualifications. If you would like to apply, or can think of someone who might, please pass this along. **Contact** zion@zionkazoo.org or **call the church office at 382-2360**. **As an additional option in the short term, perhaps someone would like to work in the office a couple of days a month.**

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 this month is **canned tuna**.

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!

Finance Update for 4-17-2022	
Offerings received:	\$17,430
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$16,500
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$657,899
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$577,200
Actual Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$683,505
Budgeted Income Fiscal year-to-date:	\$691,886
Actual Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$641,199
Budgeted Expenses Fiscal year-to-date:	\$695,902

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

LONG TERM CARE SEMINAR Thursday, May 5th 5:30 – 7:30pm

*A month in a nursing home averages \$7000-\$8,500. Assets can deplete quickly.
 Kelly Quardokus, Attorney specializing in Long Term Care Planning, will present strategies to help preserve your assets should you, spouse or parents require Long Term Care.
 The event falls on Cinco de Mayo, therefore a Taco Bar Meal will be provided.*

*Please RSVP to Marta or sign up on the kiosk by TOMORROW April 20th to attend.
 Event Sponsor: John Buetow’s Wealth Management Firm.*

Symbol in the Window

From the Book of Revelation. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God. On our window, inside the lowest triangle of “GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST” the two nine foot angels are holding the Greek letters scripted in gold Alpha and Omega. Inside the crosses you will see green crosses.