

12/6 email

Year-end tax planning! Check with your tax advisor, but appreciated stocks, and qualified IRA distributions for your contributions to Zion might lower your taxes. Another way to support ministry at Zion and practice good stewardship.

***** PAUL MAIER PRESENTATION *** THIS SATURDAY December 10, 9am to Noon.** Dr. Maier will deal with the subject of his latest book, "The Genuine Jesus; Fresh Evidence from History and Archaeology. He will have copies on hand at a special price. **Please call the church office if you plan to attend.** And even if you don't call and decide to come at the last minute, you are welcome!

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP this week! Noon and 6:30pm. The messages this year will involve themes from the original Disney Movie "Pinocchio." Make time on your schedule to prepare for the real gift of Christmas!

Here is a wonderful, six part Advent/Christmas series by Max Lucado that you might use at home or with a small group. It is available through Zion's subscription to Right Now Media. Just go to the link and log in. (If you need help with login information, contact Marta or Aaron here in the office.)

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/308931>

Wednesday Soup Supper at 5:15. Join us for soup and stay for Advent worship. Soups this week are: **Autumn Vegetable with Wild Rice; Chicken Noodle**

Lutheran Hour Ministries has daily Advent devotions to download or read online
<https://www.lhm.org/advent/>

HELPING HANDS Christmas support for 8 needy families! Board and collection bins are in the hallway by the Library! Please make the Helping Hands trees disappear and turn into gifts for our community families. We have many available. Thank you for your support!

LAST CHANCE to support the BAZAAR fundraiser as many great items are in the Gathering Room for you to purchase. **New drastic reductions.** Look for the discount signs and green stickers.

WEEKLY FOOD GATHERING for LOAVES and FISHES! We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in **December is: Cooking Oil**

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are in the hallway by the office! Please pick yours up when your in.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5pm family worship ... readings and carols

6:30 and 8pm carols and Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10 am (ONE service only!)

These services are wonderful opportunities to invite neighbors and friends to come with you for worship. Many are looking for a place to celebrate and you might help lead them to a deeper relationship with their loving God.

COMING EVENTS:

On December 17th from 4-6pm we have rented out Great Skate in Portage for all of our education ministries! This includes Playdates, Family Min, Sunday School, Middle School, High School, and Young Adults...but if you don't fit into any those categories and still want to put on some skates, feel free! As we throw a gigantic "Christmas Party" across all the age groups, we hope you'll be able to celebrate with us. We DO need a count for them by **December 11th**. You can still join in after that date but a rough estimate is necessary for concessions and such. Please let Aaron know if you plan on attending! (Friends and family are welcome too!)

Zions Women's Book Group - Enjoy reading, lively and thoughtful discussions... come join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:00p.m. Upcoming books: 12/20 "A Christmas Carol" – Charles Dickens

Leona VanAntwerp's birthday is Dec 31st - Her birthday was inadvertently cut off at the bottom of Harbinger birthday list.

Adult Choir practices on Thursdays, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices. Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

Coffee and donuts Sundays at 9:15am in BLENDS. A couple more volunteers to assist with this would be helpful. Contact Bev Snow at cakepan34@charter.net to learn more.

Weekly meditations continue to be posted most Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook page!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES are posted each month on bulletin board.

Worship and Class Schedules!

Saturday 5:30 pm / Sunday 8am / Sunday 10:30 am

Classes for all ages at 9:15am

Pastor Seeber's Classes:

Sunday 9:15 am Gathering Space / relating Genesis stories daily lives

Saturday Men's study 8:00 am (zoom) / real world issues and the Gospel of John (contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom address should you wish to log in)

* Class on JOB will resume in January!

Pastor Brelje's Class -- Book of Romans

Tuesdays 10am in Gathering Space

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

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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!

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:

<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

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!

Weekly Ministry: Music Ministries

Prayers: Pete Wilkins