

Weekly Email May 3, 2022

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!

Last week our Sunday School students and Youth Groups made blessing bags, thanks to an endowment grant. These bags will be set out by the office window and we encourage you to take a few 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. We have 100 bags for distribution. Please bless others by taking one or more to hand out!

Family Game Night is coming up on Friday, May 13! Please join us as the adults play some games upstairs and the kiddos play some games downstairs. Pizza and ice cream provided! We start at 5:30pm and will finish up around 7:30pm. Sign up on the kiosk or here: <https://signup.com/go/OaOEygA>

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 / zion@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>
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 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 April is canned tuna; 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!

| Finance Update for 5-1-2022 | |
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| Offerings received | \$11,263 |
| Needed to meet weekly budget: | \$9,460 |
| Offerings received year-to-date: | \$684,615 |
| Needed to meet year-to-date budget: | \$668,160 |
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| Actual Income Fiscal year-to-date: | \$710,620 |
| Budgeted Income Fiscal year-to-date: | \$719,989 |
| Actual Expenses Fiscal year-to-date: | \$675,784 |
| Budgeted Expenses Fiscal year-to-date: | \$725,268 |

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.*

Prayers: For the family of Eleanor Strunk who died on Thursday, and Ellie Hayward for a speedy recovery

Symbol in the Window

There are 3,600 pieces of glass in our window. With the exception of the gold, all the glass came from Europe. The glass varies in thickness from 1/8 inch to 2 inches. This variance in thickness determines the density of color. There are 22 shades of blue that causes the window to have a constantly changing effect upon the eye. It is generally felt the window is most impressive in the early evening hours.