

8/1 email to congregation

**HELP!!!!** Our next congregation service project will take place **August 9th (Wednesday) at 5pm.** SUPPER @ 5p – PACKING will start at 6p. We will pack 25,000 meals for local food pantries! **We need 100 people to help accomplish our goal of 25,000 meals.** Any age and any ability can help with something! Arrive when you can and leave when you need to. Sign up on the kiosk or call the church office!

**MELODY COUCH UPDATE:** Melody's surgery went well yesterday and they were able to take her off the vent without complications. Prayers were heard! Continue keeping the Couch family in your heart and prayers as she recovers.

**10:00 Outdoor service is planned to continue through Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>; we'll return inside on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**HELPING OTHERS MINISTRY SCHOOL DONATIONS starts this month.** Please look for the display table in the hallway. These donations benefit schools in the Kalamazoo area as well as our Friends of Jesus Pre-school. The sales are starting now! The items are: spiral bound notebooks, 2 pocket folders, scissors, rulers, pencils (regular and colored), pencil sharpeners, mechanical pencils, erasers, crayons, washable markers, glue (sticks and bottles), Kleenex, construction paper, gallon Ziploc bags, and watercolor paint sets.

Feel free to also donate items that are not on this list if you see good deals. If you have any questions, please contact Jayne Mayer at 375-8342

**TAILGATING RETURNS....** Join in food and fellowship for a tailgating lunch **August 6th** after the outdoor worship service around 11am!

**Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents** - August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p Meet with Pastor Mike for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class and Ice Cream.

**Confirmation Camp** August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a – 1:00p for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**ZION LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** \*\*\*Progress Report\*\*\*

Zion's Sewing Sisters have 14 boxes of Layettes packed. Each box holds 7 bundles. Each bundle has 2 nighties, diapers, receiving blankets, booties, a knitted infant sweater, and cap. All these items are handmade. Two bars of soap and two diaper pins are included. These 14 boxes are now ready to be shipped out this coming fall. Anyone interested in becoming part of this wonderful mission please contact the church office. More hands are needed to continue this work.

**REMINDER:** members can turn in donations at any time for Helping Hands / Grateful Heart Bazaar. This can include garage sale items or craft donations. Also, regarding book donations, this year we are only accepting novels.

**Friends of Jesus Preschool is now offering wraparound childcare beginning Fall 2023.** As an addition to its preschool programs, Friends of Jesus will now offer before care beginning at 7 AM and after class care until 5:30 PM. For more information, contact Director Jen LaPorte at [jen@zionkazoo.org](mailto:jen@zionkazoo.org).

**Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES!** August is canned whole grain pasta. Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

**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>

**Watch for coming information for upcoming Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend** Gain new understanding of yourself, your spouse while growing in love for each other and your marriage. Contact for more information: Pete & Chris Wilkins 269.381.6324

**Weekly meditations** continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook

**WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO**

**Church Office hours:**

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / [zion@zionkazoo.org](mailto: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!**

**Symbol in the Window:** In Romans 9: 1-5, the Apostle Paul says, "my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit." There are two symbols for the Holy Spirit in our window. Both are on the New Testament side in the second panel from the right. The seven lamps which are the oldest symbol of the Holy Spirit signify the seven gifts of the spirit and tell of the seven churches to which letters were written in the book of Revelation. Above these lamps is the second symbol, the dove descending upon his church.

**Weekly Ministry:** The Michigan District, LCMS is one of 35 districts of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We exist to serve 349 churches, 4 missions, 5 high schools, 68 elementary schools, and 132 early childhood centers in the state of Michigan. To learn more visit:  
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**Prayers:** Melody Couch – surgery, 7/31, Ted Maxson – Knee procedure 8/1