

7/25 email to congregation

**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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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

Our next congregation service project will take place **August 9<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 5pm.** We will be packing 25,000 meals for local food pantries!

Sign up on the kiosk or call the church office!

**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!** July is canned fruit no sugar added. 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

**SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW:** The designer of our window, Dr. A.R. Kretzmann, chose from the book of Hebrews: “You have come to Mt. Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem with thousands of angels. You have come to the joyful gathering of God’s oldest sons whose names are written in heaven. You have come to the God, who is the capital judge of all man, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect.”

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

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

**Pastor Mike’s Bible Study** – Wednesday nights at 6:30p

**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!**

**Weekly Ministry:** Helping Hands School Supplies - Baskets and list of needs are set up in the main church hallway. Back-to-School sales are happening now.

**Prayers:** Dan Buchtrup family in the death of his dad; Dee Wentzel – surgery Friday, 7/28