

1/23/2024 email to congregation

ZION AND FRIENDS OF JESUS ARE CLOSED TODAY, Tuesday 1/23!

Inclement Weather / Cancellation Reminder: **UPDATED INFORMATION** Zion and Friends of Jesus follow Kalamazoo Public Schools for canceling events. This means unless otherwise notified Zion and FOJ will be closed. Going forward the closing notice will be on TV WWMT Ch. 3 only. Radio WKZO is not answering their phones on a regular basis so updating the radio over the past few days was not an option. Also, WWMT Ch 3 had a difficult time keeping their website up-to-date. However, the streaming on TV was current. It is suggested you watch the TV for the most up-to-date information.

Midweek Activities and Dinner on Wednesday, January 24th at 5:15p. Menu Balsamic Pork Tenderloin Roasted Potatoes Salad / Rolls followed by 6:15p Midweek Kids, Bible Study and Confirmation Class.

Special Note from the board... Vicarage/ Internship Update

Paperwork has been completed, submitted and confirmed as being received by the Michigan District for the vicarage of Jack Engelder. Meanwhile on Sunday, 1/21 Kristin Wassilak, Dean of the College of Theology, Arts and Humanities at Concordia University Chicago visited with Staff, members of the congregation and board regarding the internship of Savannah Schmitz. We are pleased to report that Kristin seemed duly impressed with the opportunities that would be available to her student here at Zion and Solid Grounds and could see no reason why Savannah would not be placed with us. All appears to be progressing as we had hoped. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

We have just updated our livestream software and equipment and are in need of volunteers to run it! **We are trying to form a team of people to provide streaming for the service each week.** This is an important ministry that reaches many, including our homebound. We will provide the training! If you are interested, please let Aaron or the office know!

Thank you to all who supported the Chili Cook-Off. We had great food, good time and great fun and consider this a successful youth fundraiser. Your support is so appreciated!.

AN AFTERNOON OF A W A R E N E S S

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:4

JANUARY 27, 2024

12:30-4:00 P.M.

**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
7211 OAKLAND, DR., PORTAGE, MI**



An Afternoon of Awareness is a special presentation discussing the plight of HUMAN TRAFFICKING within our community and surrounding area. You can sign up using the QR code or calling St. Michael at 269.327.7832.

Friends of Jesus Open House: Monday, January 29th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. A great time to share FOJ resources with your friends, neighbors and family.

FOJ Snack Drive: January is Snack Drive Month for Friends of Jesus. Items needed: Applesauce, tortillas, canned fruit or fruit cups, grained crackers, nutri-grain bars, peanut butter, pretzels, animal crackers, ranch dressing, mild salsa, rice cakes, veggie sticks, 100% fruit juice. Donations are greatly appreciated and bins are in the main hallway and in the preschool.

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! January is Beef Stew month. Donations can be placed in the gray tubs outside the office.

Coming Attraction in February: New Art Work will be in BLENDS for your pleasure and inspiration.

The February art theme is

"Uniquely made in the image of God." We are all God's children but each of us is uniquely made. The Midweek Kids and Sunday School have created a display showcasing being created in His image, yet unique and individual beings.

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>

Weekly meditations continue to be posted Mondays and Fridays on Zion's Facebook (On Wednesdays we share a preview of Sunday's lessons to ready you for worship – fill free to share with friends!)

WKZO radio ministry / Sundays 9:30am / WKZO

Pastor Brelje Tuesday 10:00am, Proverbs (Cancelled until further notice)

Pastor Mike Wednesday 6:15 Bible Study Class

Pastor Tim Men's Study, Saturdays 8am, Book of Acts

Pastor Tim Sunday 9:15am, Gospel of Mark (in Gathering Area)

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / 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!