

9/5 email to congregation

**Reminder 2<sup>nd</sup> service back to 10:30a.m. service on Sept 10th**

Wed dinner and classes (Midweek Kids PK-5th grade, confirmation 6th-8th, adult study on Isaiah with Pastor Mike) start up **Sept. 6 at 6:15pm. Dinner is available at 5:15pm.** A 4 week small group cluster will start Sept. 13 at 4:30pm. **Menu for 9/6** is Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Layered lettuce salad, fruit and chips.

**Annual Church Picnic:** Join us for an afternoon of fun and celebration! **September 10th at 11:30am** we will have our annual church picnic along with a ministry fair to help with a visual of all the ministries at Zion. Food, beverages and desserts provided.

**Zion Small Groups** are focused on being in God's Word and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. **Starting September 10th/13th**, (Sundays & Wednesdays at various times) for four weeks we will be discussing the Gospel lesson of the week, guided by questions from Pastor Mike/Aaron. This is a 4 week commitment with the possibility of a new small group forming around these discussions. Please fill out this form if you wish to be part of this 4 week small group discussing the Gospel readings: <https://forms.gle/RT8fPgdSj8iaM2qi9>

**CALLING ALL CANNERS...**We have been blessed with canning jars (see the display in the hallway). Please feel free to take some for yourself and then share a few of your bounty with the bazaar. We are grateful for any donations you are willing to make.

We celebrate with our 3rd grade students this week as they receive a Bible from Zion:

Hanna Brege  
Millie Field  
Lola Frazier  
Briley VanderVeen

We celebrate with our 6th grade students as they receive their First Communion:

Crosby Field  
Ashlynn Leitz  
Beatrice Mayer  
Hayden Williams

We invite all students in 6th-12th grade for a Gameshow night, September 17 from 6-8pm. Join us down in Blends for some fun and prizes! (If you would like a copy of the Youth calendar and have not received it from Aaron, please email him at [dcegrube21@gmail.com](mailto:dcegrube21@gmail.com))

Did you know we have Young Adult groups that meet regularly? From a Zoom Bible Study to breakfast to going out for a drink, we have multiple opportunities each month. To get on this list or find out more information, text Aaron at 269-271-2848

**Small Group Harvest Festival is Sept. 24th!** all the small group participants and those interested in being part of a small group are invited for a Harvest Festival at Prudential Nursery in Vicksburg Find more information including a sign up on the kiosk

**Little Dresses for Africa ministry** is in need of pillowcases and sheets. Also, cotton and flannel material is welcome. Donations may be placed in the drop box located in the workroom next to the office.

**Thank you to everyone making donations to the Friends of Jesus Snack Drive!** We will continue to collect snacks through the end of August. Specific needs include applesauce, canned fruit or fruit cups, ranch dressing, mild salsa, rice cakes, veggie straws, and 100% fruit juice.

**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! September is canned meat.** 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>

**Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend Sept 29th—Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Best Western Plus, Kalamazoo ( Lodging, meals and program \$275/couple)**

Gain new understanding of yourself, your spouse while growing in love for each other and your marriage. Resources for more information: [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org),

Mark & Jan Chilcott 269.998.6147 or 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:** The Apostle Paul reviews the Ten Commandments in our assigned second reading, Romans 13:1-10. The commandments are in our window on the Old Testament side, the first panel on the left. Here you will see two tablets representing the commandments with Roman numerals I II III and IV V VI VII VIII IX X.