

4/11 email to congregation

Thanks to our organists, choirs, altar ministry members, as well as Cindy Krill and all the extra help in preparing our sanctuary for Easter worship. If you missed any of this you can still check out the live stream on Youtube or Facebook.

Final weeks for Christian Art! Calligraphy in BLENDS! We have an incredible exhibit of calligraphy in BLENDS this month. Art has always been important in the Church, whether in illuminated manuscripts, altar pieces, woodcarvings, paraments, or even the architecture of our places of worship.

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.

Yard signs are available for Friends of Jesus Preschool. If you would like to help advertise for the preschool, stop by the office and pick up a yard sign. Flyers and business cards are also available. Anyone interested in a tour or enrolling can contact Jen LaPorte at jen@zionkazoo.org.

April Playdate is this Thursday, April 13 from 9-11 AM. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are welcome to stop by for activities, games, and fun. Weather permitting, we will meet on the playground!

Ministry with Community - We are STILL collecting health care items to serve those in need. Please continue making this a success by donating. Baskets are set up in front of the church office along with a list of those items needed to make your shopping a bit easier. Many of these items are available at our local dollar stores.

Did you know...Zion has a multiple young adult groups? If you're interested in building community with other 18-30 year olds (we'll make a few exceptions :-)) contact Aaron! We have a group that meets for breakfast, another one that meets over Zoom, and another that goes out to area restaurants and breweries.

Looking for a livestreamed recording of a recent worship service? It might be a little tricky to find on our YouTube page. Look for the tab that says "live" or save this link here: <https://www.youtube.com/@zionlutheranchurch6688/streams>

Weekly Dinners return this week Wednesday through April 26th at 5:15pm.

This week's menu: Turkey Tetrazzini, Celery Romain Salad, Mixed Fruit.

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need is: **Canned Tuna**

Worship Schedule:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 am

Sunday School and Adult Classes 9:15 am

Pastors' Classes

Sunday 9:15 am (Seeber) – relating Bible stories to daily life

Tuesday 10m (Brelje) – Romans

Saturday 8am (Seeber) – John's Gospel and daily issues
(contact Pastor Seeber for Zoom link)

Contact Pastor Couch for questions about Campus Ministry opportunities.

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>

SYMBOL IN THE WINDOW: The prophet Zechariah is included in our sanctuary window by the artist because this is one of the four prophets in the Bible who viewed the concept of Zion most frequently. You will find Zechariah on the Old Testament side, fourth panel in from the left at the very top. Below him is his symbol, the scroll.

Adult Choir practices on Thursdays, under direction of Roxanne Nieboer. Come when you are able, we are always looking for more voices. Call Roxanne or church office for more info.

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

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Aaron 271-2848 / Pastor Brelje 330-9538

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: Volunteer Recognition – Zion couldn't accomplish all the amazing things done throughout the year without our many VOLUNTEERS. **A deeply felt appreciation and thank you to all our volunteers.** If you are interested in volunteering, each of our ministries is listed on the Zion website under the **"Ministries Opportunities" tab** or you can call the office for more information.

Prayers: Lauren Huberty – the death of father / Joan Maier (hospice) / Michelle and Taylor Turczyn (gift of son, Roland)