

Weekly Email February 8, 2022

Thankfully, more have been able and willing to be back in worship. It is good to see each other again, even as we continue to be cautious and careful. Liturgy is still a little more relaxed and all are being sensitive to the needs and concerns of others. We are acting like a family of faith ought to act. We understand those who need to wait until they feel more safety in a gathering such as ours, as well as those who are ready and raring to move boldly ahead. Patience and love are the name of the game.

We are all missing everyone we are missing and look forward to the day when more can be here more often. All is good. We are being cautious and careful even as we live by faith and trust God's healing hand in this awkward moment of time. God's blessings and peace to all!

Special Speaker / Presentation for Families: Join us Sunday 2/13 @ 9:15a in Gatherings

"Staying Positive & Dealing with Depression During COVID"

Presented by: Dr. Ollie Barnes, Psychologist

Masks are REQUIRED for this Presentation

Wednesday, Feb. 9th MENU: Swiss Chicken Casserole, Broccoli and Carrots, Applesauce

REMINDER: Chili Cook-Off February 27th @ 11:30a.m. Sign-up sheet for chili entries and tastings is on the Kiosk.

Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm / Sunday 8am and 10:30 am

Classes at 9:15 am

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Call Committee has evaluated the list of candidates for Senior Pastor and interviewed (via Zoom) three who seem to have the gifts to match our needs. They are awaiting names of several additional candidates, which they may interview in the next month. We have a great ministry team working on this for you and they will be sharing more with you in the weeks and months to come. Until now, there has been a lot of preparation work they needed to accomplish. Soon the congregation will be much more involved in terms of information, conversation, and eventually prayerfully considering God's plan for Zion and who he might be leading to join us in pastoral leadership here.

Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm

Fri 9am to Noon

382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

*Due to the recent upturn in COVID County Health Board's recommendations are to wear a mask when in indoor public settings. **Our current policy is those who are not vaccinated must wear masks. Masks for others are recommended.** Communion assistants will be masked to ease concerns of any. We understand how delicate an issue this is. Thank you.*

Pastoral assistance: Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848

Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

Weekly Online and Radio Ministry

Sunday 10:30 am worship live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Radio Sermon WKZO 590AM at 9:30 am

Facebook devotions (Monday and Friday)

Pastor Seeber Men's Class / "John's Gospel" / Saturday 8am

(on Zoom ... call or email for link)

Pastor Seeber's "Walk Through the Bible" class / Tuesdays on Facebook and YouTube

Pastor Brelje's in person class meets Tuesdays at 10am. Beginning this week, the Book of Hebrews study begins.

Pastor Couch meets with college students for pizza after 10:30 worship at Zion

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER FOR JANUARY – MARCH ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

***** If you have been hospitalized or are now confined to home or have a new address or phone number, please call the church or one of the pastors and let us know! *****

Thanks to those who are volunteering as ushers, greeters, communion assistants, lectors, altar ministry, sound board, and kitchen help. Please email (zion@zionkazoo.org) or call the office (382-2360) to get back on schedules or to learn how to help.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Finance Update for 2-6-2022	
Offerings received	\$17,108
Needed to meet weekly budget:	\$11,375
Offerings received year-to-date:	\$488,476
Needed to meet year-to-date budget:	\$496,575

Thank you for your financial support. Our members continue to be faithful in supporting our ministry and mission! 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>

CHAIRS FOR SALE: Ever wish you had additional folding chairs for that special family event... We have a great deal for you! Adult and kids steel folding chairs available for \$2.00 each. No need to pay that \$1.00 a chair rental when you can have your own. Also available, Brunswick fiberglass chairs for \$4.00 each. Call Michelle at 382.2360 or Jim Mayer at 375.8342 for details. **The chair money will go directly to our youth group fund for their summer trip to Texas.**

Thanks for the increased support for LOAVES AND FISHES!!! The food collection bins are located in front of the church office. **February need is Rice (Box or Bag)**

Tax Information: A potential tax savings opportunity exists for taxpayers who are older than age 70 ½. Consider gifting directly from your IRA to Zion Lutheran and/or your chosen charities. Gifts in this manner are not counted as taxable income to you. It may require asking for a check book for your IRA to make this easier or through an electronic transfer. This action lowers your taxable income and your income tax liability. We encourage you to discuss how to do this with your tax or financial advisor. Ask them about how to do qualified charitable donations (QCDs) beginning in 2022 and thereafter.