

8/15 email to congregation

10:00 Outdoor service is planned to continue through Sept 3rd; we'll return inside on Sept 10th.

Huge thank you to all of you participating in the Servant Event last Wednesday. We enjoyed fellowship along with packing 23,000 meals. Loaves and Fishes came Monday and picked up the meals. Your efforts help feed those within our community.

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>

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. We need a good headcount for the order so please sign up on the kiosk or call the church office!

HELPING OTHERS MINISTRY SCHOOL DONATIONS Please see the display table in the hallway. These donations benefit schools in the Kalamazoo area as well as our Friends of Jesus Preschool. Items needed 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

Next Tailgating event: **Sunday, August 27th 11:30a.m.** Food provided just bring chairs if you wish to sit outside.

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.

Food Gathering for LOAVES and FISHES! August is whole grain pasta. 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 1st

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,

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

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: Isaiah was one of the four individuals in the Bible to view the concept of Zion as the City of God. Since our church is named Zion, the designer of the window, Dr. A.R. Kretzmann, included this prophet in the window. You will find Isaiah on the Old Testament side, at the very top of the fourth panel. Below is his symbol, tongs holding coal taken from the heavenly altar.