

Weekly Email April 26, 2022

PRAYER SHAWLS have been lovingly created by members and blessed for service. These are special gifts of love to remind those who are by themselves or facing illness / recovery that they are not alone and we keep you in our prayers. If you would like a shawl or know someone in the congregation who would benefit, please call the church office to make arrangements. Blessings!

Thanks to all who donated personal care items for Ministry with Community.

Jayne Mayer was able to deliver about 300 pounds of all the items our members donated. This will be wonderful support for many, many who are dependent on Ministry with Community for such support. Thank you!!!

We give thanks for our 11 confirmands affirming their faith on Sunday!

Owen Adams, Brynley Bauer, Ian Carlson, Bella Greene, Kaitlyn Hamilton, Claire Kiessling, Talia Linebaugh, Kurtis Scheffler, Anna Schierbeek, Savannah Waterlander, Aiden Woods

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Church Office hours:

Mon - Thurs 9am to 4pm
382-2360 / zion@zionkazoo.org

For pastoral assistance:

Pastor Seeber 501-3624 / Aaron 271-2848
Pastor Brelje 330-9538 / Pastor Couch 598-8167

RELIEF FOR PEOPLE OF UKRAINE!

Anyone wishing to donate supporting relief efforts for the people of Ukraine should consider Lutheran World Relief which has a great track record and low administrative costs <https://donate.lwr.org>

Another reliable agency is the International Red Cross <https://www.icrc.org/en/donate/ukraine>

AND keep all who are in harm's way in your prayers!

County Health has changed masking policy to optional.

Those who wish to mask should continue to feel comfortable doing so. We will continue to have communion assistants masked to ease any concerns. We understand how delicate an issue this is for all.

If you have been hospitalized, are newly confined to home or a residence facility, or have a new address or phone number, please call the church office and let us know!

HELP NEEDED!!! We are in need of someone to work **part time**, several days a week with Marta in our **church office**. (We are flexible in terms of hours, and pay is comparable for similar positions in the community.) Pleasant personality, computer and word processing skills, are the major qualifications. If you would like to apply, or can think of someone who might, please pass this along. **Contact zion@zionkazoo.org or call the church office at 382-2360.**

LOAVES AND FISHES

We continue to feed the hungry in our community through Loaves and Fishes. Zion has supported this ministry for more than thirty years and we are gradually getting more food each week. Any canned and boxed food items are accepted, but the greatest need in April is canned tuna; May is canned low-sodium vegetables.

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!

| <u>Finance Update for 4-24-2022</u> | |
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| Offerings received: | \$12,580 |
| Needed to meet weekly budget: | \$16,500 |
| Offerings received year-to-date: | \$670,479 |
| Needed to meet year-to-date budget: | \$658,700 |
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| Actual Income Fiscal year-to-date: | \$696,484 |
| Budgeted Income Fiscal year-to-date: | \$709,598 |
| Actual Expenses Fiscal year-to-date: | \$656,047 |
| Budgeted Expenses Fiscal year-to-date: | \$712,128 |

To make an online donation, or to set up regular online giving, follow this link:
<https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/zionkazoo>

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LONG TERM CARE SEMINAR Thursday, May 5th 5:30 – 7:30pm

A month in a nursing home averages \$7000-\$8,500. Assets can deplete quickly. Kelly Quardokus, Attorney specializing in Long Term Care Planning, will present strategies to help preserve your assets should you, spouse or parents require Long Term Care.

The event falls on Cinco de Mayo, therefore a Taco Bar Meal will be provided.

Symbol in the Window

Sunday's reading tells us that Saul is on his way to Damascus to persecute the Disciples of Christ. Saul was later called Apostle Paul (Acts 13:9.) The symbol for the Apostle Paul is found on the New Testament side between the first and second panel in from the right. It is the sword on the open Bible with the Latin words, Spiritus Gladius, Spirit Sword as found in Ephesians 6: 17-18.