**ZION’S MESSENGER**

**March 2024 + Zion Lutheran Church + 269-367-4817**

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FEED THE NEED**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our “Soup R Bowl” collection for Need the Need. This year the collection was also sponsored by the Lakewood Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) with four churches participating. In all the collection netted nearly 5,000 individual food items for local kids.

For three Sundays we collected food for Feed The Need, a Woodland based organization that provides twice a month weekend food bags to kids who may be food insecure. The collection provided canned soup and pasta, macaroni and cheese mixes, individual servings of crackers, pretzels, cookies and more.

The four area churches participating were Central UMC in Lake Odessa and Kilpatrick United Brethren, Woodland UMC and Zion Lutheran in Woodland with church and community members contributing generously.

Feed the Need is currently serving over 100 kids in the Lakewood School District. LAMA thanks everyone who donated items or made monetary donations to this important organization.

At Zion, we collected the following items which includes donations from Woodland UMC and members of the community:

Mac and Cheese, 323

Pretzel Packs, 120

Cookies Packs, 645

Cracker Packs, 978

Canned soup, 438

Canned pasta, 440

Bars, 136

Trail Mix, 24

Fruit cups, 32

Fruit Snacks, 90

Pudding, 4

Microwave soup/ramen noodles, 32

**Total, 3,262**

**COMMUNITY EGG HUNT**

**HELP NEEDED**

**LAKE ODESSA, MARCH 30**

Zion will provide games for kids at the Lake Odessa Community Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th in the morning. We need people to help run the games, hand out prizes, talk to parents who are waiting and hand out information on Zion. The event lasts about 2 hours. If you can help with this fun event, please let Martha know.

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT ZION**

**MARCH 31**

Zion will host an Easter Egg Hunt following service on Easter morning. We’re asking the congregation to consider donating small pieces of candy and coins for the eggs by March 24. Non-chocolate candy or gum are also a hit with the kids. Please provide small items that can fit into the eggs. A box will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring your kids, grandkids or any other kiddos to our Easter Egg Hunt!

**ZION REP NEEDED FOR WOODLAND HOMECOMING COMMITTEE**

Zion has been a strong presence at the annual Labor Day Weekend Woodland Homecoming Celebration. We need someone who can take over responsibility for being a part of the committee that plans the weekend activities and to oversee Zion’s participation. For the past few years, Zion has participated in the Saturday grand parade, provided games for kids on Saturday afternoon following the parade, organized and ran the Ken Makley Memorial Car Cruise-In on Sunday afternoon. And sponsored root beer float sales during the car show to benefit the Woodland Youth Athletic organization. Zion does not necessarily need to continue all of these activities. I am not able to take the lead this year as we will be gone on a family vacation over Labor Day weekend. If anyone is interested in joining this fun group and leading Zion’s involvement, please let me know. The committee typically begins meeting in April or May and meets monthly until the September event.

Thank you, Martha.

**HAIL DAMAGE REPAIR UPDATES**

Much work has been completed to address the hail damage from last April. The parsonage and bell tower have new roofs. The parsonage has beautiful new white vinyl siding. The church will have the metal roof replaced by Dutch Brothers who installed the original roof. The metal has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it is received. If you have questions about these or other hail damage repair issues, please talk to any of the trustees.

**SERVING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

**FOR MARCH**

Martha Yoder

Caroline Brecheisen

**SUNDAYS IN MARCH**

**March 3- In Sanctuary, Communion**

Pastor Jim Morgan

Acolyte: Lexie Griffin

Elder: Buffy Meyers

Trustee: Martha Yoder

Offering Counters: Diane Griffin & Carlotta Willard

**March 10-In Sanctuary, Communion**

Pastor Jim Morgan

Acolyte: Levi Griffin

Elder: Jolene Griffin

Trustee: Tom Krikke

Offering Counters: Paul Meade

& Carlotta Willard

**March 17- In Sanctuary, Communion**

Pastor Mike Kemper

Acolyte: Kole Hokanson

Elder: Dan Utterback

Trustee: Mike Johnson

Offering Counters: Doug Mackenzie & Mike Johnson

**March 24 In Sanctuary, Communion**

Pastor Jim Morgan

Acolyte: Lexie Griffin

Elder: Buffy Meyers

Trustee: Martha Yoder

Offering Counters: Mary Makley & Martha Yoder

**March 31 In Sanctuary, Communion** Easter Sunday

Pastor Frank Rothfuss

Acolyte: Levi Griffin

Elder: Jolene Griffin

Trustee: Tom Krikke

 Offering Counters: Diane Griffin & Carlotta Willard