



# *The Saltshaker*

March, 2024

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

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This winter has been weird. Fifties one week and four inches of snow and brrrr wind chill. As I write there was two inches of snow Friday night and it will be sixties today. There have been several grey and cloudy days. In a time period where we are beginning to hope the dark and gloomy days of winter are over and the hope of spring is just around the next weekend, snow recently blanketed the ground and despite the long-range forecast, we may wonder just how much longer it will last. At the same time we have the assurance of the seasons that winter will come to an end. Spring will come and the sunshine will break through.

In some ways it makes me think of Easter. Bear with me, it makes sense to me. As we journey through Lent to Easter we are called to be mindful of our sin. The season of Lent is to remind us why Jesus went to the cross. It is to remind us of our sin and separation from God. It is a grey and dark season. It has to be much like what the disciples went through on that last week of Jesus' life. They had to be thinking as he went to Jerusalem that he was about to overthrow the Romans and declare himself king and ruler of his people. Yet that last week became very dark and depressing as Jesus was arrested, thrown into prison and eventually crucified. They had to be wondering if the darkness would ever lift, if brightness and Son-shine would ever return. From our vantage point, we know that it did. We know that on Easter morning Jesus arose, the stone was rolled back, and the tomb was discovered to be empty.

Like winter, Lent can be an emotionally draining time. But we endure. We trudge through winter looking forward because we know the warmth and brightness of spring is ahead. And when spring arrives we appreciate it all the more because of winter. We journey through Lent to be reminded of our sin and the price of our sin. We journey through Lent looking forward to Easter and the journey makes us appreciate Easter all the more because of our Lenten travels and travails. Lift up your head and look forward to the celebration of Easter.

Pastor Keith





## Mission 50: New Mission to Support NARROW GATE HORSE RANCH

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Narrow Gate Horse Ranch (NGHR) has recently been added to our list of Mission 50 giving. I'm Angie Mast, a member of Zion Church and am on the Board, a volunteer, and facilitator at Narrow Gate. Here's a little bit about what you will be supporting with your monetary gift(s).

Narrow Gate Horse Ranch has classes for kids and uses Equine Assisted Learning with our lessons. The kids that come to the "ranch" are usually from low-income families and include those that are hard to reach, outcasts, and have behavioral or emotional difficulties. Others have unstable home environments and struggle in school. Many of our students are from the Garden Gate apartments that Kokomo Urban Outreach used to serve. We've had groups from Kinsey Youth Facility and Bridges Outreach as well. The students range from 4-19 years. While participating in the classes, students learn soft skills such as responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and coping skills. During the lessons they are taught about God and the love He has for each student.

The students have classroom time, lesson/activity time, and then a closing time in the classroom to journal and pray. Sometimes they complete a chore such as scooping poop, picking up walnuts, etc.

Students have to go through 2- six weeks sessions with only missing 1 time before they can move on to the horsemanship classes that include putting on a saddle, bridle, and riding.



The classes are all free to the students and we have 50+ volunteers that help in various ways. Some lead classes, others clean the classrooms or are greeters. There are many ways to be involved. The costs of running the program include feed and healthcare of the horses, maintenance of the arena and grounds, and other costs associated with a place like this. This is not a cheap operation, and every dollar is spent wisely and with the thought of how to best help students. We can always use more volunteers, so ask us how we can put your gifts and talents to work. We have a prayer group that meets at the ranch every Monday at 1 p.m. to pray for the program and students. Some even join the prayer time via a Google meet if they can't make it out there at that time.

To find out more about NGHR and read stories from the happenings there, please check out the monthly newsletter and website at [Narrowgatehorseranch.com](http://Narrowgatehorseranch.com). The indoor arena has been finished and the restrooms/office area are currently under construction. I encourage you to drive by the NGHR. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have about Narrow Gate Horse Ranch. I'd be happy to even give a tour of the Narrow Gate Horse Ranch and introduce you to the horses and mini horses.

Sincerely,  
Angie Mast NGHR Board Member

**2024 Kokomo Zion Work Camp  
Henderson Settlement  
June 9-15  
The Mountains Are Calling You!!!**



Picture of Zion June 2023 work camp. Those who helped and the families we helped.

It is not too late to sign up for Zion's 2024 work camp at Henderson Settlement! We have room for you and would love to have you come with us! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy beautiful Frakes Kentucky while at the same time helping families in need. Most of all I guarantee it will be an enjoyable time of fun and fellowship. We already have 14 people signed up to go and we have room for many more! No matter what your skill set is, there are things you can do to help. The cost is \$350, and this includes your room and meals for the entire week. We will be selecting a community project on or around the first of March, so it will be helpful to know who is coming and how many are coming. The dates are Sunday June 9 through Saturday June 15th. You also can come part of the week that works for you. One half of the registration fee is due March 15th. You can make your check to Kokomo Zion church and in the memo line include Henderson 24 Work Camp Registration. We will leave church on Sunday June 9 right after church and plan to be at Henderson Settlement in time for Sunday dinner.

You can contact Norman Lavengood at 765-438-3537 for any questions you may have.



# HOLY WEEK

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Sunday, March 24th – **Palm Sunday Service** 10:00 - Palms will be carried in and placed on and around the Lent candle on the alter table.

Wednesday, March 27th – **Seder Meal** in the fellowship hall @ 7:00

Friday, March 29th – **Good Friday Service** @ 7:00 pm at Christian Life Fellowship Church in Greentown.


Sunday, March 31st – **Sunrise service** will be at Hillsdale – more details to come

Sunday, March 31st – We will have donuts and juice at Zion beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 31st – **Easter service** at 10:00 at Zion



## It's that time again.....

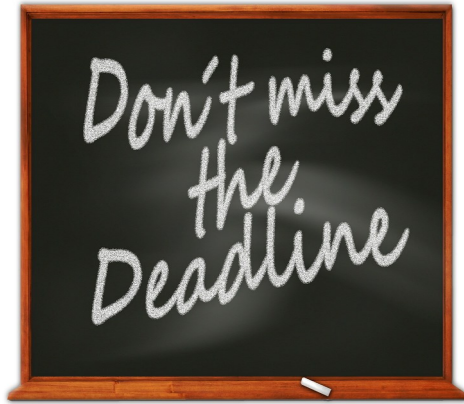


The Kokomo Zion Church Scholarship Committee would like to let current high school seniors know that if they are planning on continuing their academic careers at a college/technical school that they are welcome to apply for a scholarship this year. The application is not long and we ask that it be completed by the applicant. The due date for this application is Sunday, May 7th. Please be sure you meet the requirements of being a member of the church, attending church as much as you can, and be of service at church or elsewhere.

Please see one of the scholarship committee members to get an application. These members are: Carolyn Donson, LeAnne Donson, Carl Oyler, and Angie Mast. You may turn your scholarship application to one of these members or the church office and it will be given to the committee.

## Hillsdale/Zion Food Pantry

In preparation for the Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 11th, each Food Pantry is asked to provide 100 banana boxes. It would be a great help if everyone could help us collect these boxes. Simply ask the produce department when you are shopping at any store that sells bananas will have empty boxes to get rid of. They can be sent to the Fellowship Hall and they will then be transported to the food center for ALL the ways you support this ministry.



**The deadline for the April Saltshaker is March 24th.** Please email your news to: [Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org](mailto:Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org)  
**OR**  
place in Sheila Lamb's mailbox.



### WHAT'S GOING ON IN MARCH AT ZION

Mar	1	Foodie Friday: 6:30-9	Mar	17	CEF: Fellowship Hall 2:00-4 Matt's Concert: 3:00
	4	Staff Meeting: 2:30		20	Women's Bible Study: 6-7:30
	6	Women's Bible Study: 6-7:30		22	Foodie Friday 6:30-9
	8	Foodie Friday 6:30-9		24	Palm Sunday Service
	12	Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting: 6:30 –Beamer Room		27	Seder Meal 7:00
	13	Women's Bible Study: 6-7:30		29	Good Friday Service @ Christian Life Fellowship 6:00 pm
	15	Foodie Friday 6:30-9		31	Easter Sunrise @ Hillsdale Easter Service: 10:00

As a part of updating some of their software, the church office and staff members have **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**. Please update your contact information.

Pastor Keith Chanley: [pastor@kokomozionchurch.org](mailto:pastor@kokomozionchurch.org)

Matt Gerhard: [matt@kokomozionchurch.org](mailto:matt@kokomozionchurch.org)

Melissa Fipps: [melissa@kokomozionchurch.org](mailto:melissa@kokomozionchurch.org)

Sheila Lamb: [Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org](mailto:Sheila@kokomozionchurch.org)

# IMPORTANT



The Women's Saturday Study will meet March 9th and 23rd at 10:00 AM. Come to the kitchen doors and join us in the Beamer Room. Questions? Contact Cindy Einselen



## KOKOMO ZION CHURCH

### *Schedule of Services*

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Keith Chanley, Pastor

Melissa Fipps, Family Ministries Director

Matt Gerhard, Music Director

Sheila Lamb, Treasurer

Teri Lavengood, Custodian



## COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

**Men's Group:** Tues @ 6:30 am at Bob Evans in Kokomo. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

**Men's Group:** Wed @ 6 am at Hometown Restaurant in Greentown. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

**Scripture Sisters:** Meets every other Saturday @ 10 am in the Beamer Room. Contact Cindy Einselen for more information.

**Knit 1 Pray 2:** Meets Monday evenings via ZOOM from 7-8:30. Contact Cheryl Yoars or Jayne Boltz for more information.

**Mom's Bible Study:** Wednesdays — All ladies are invited to come study. We will also need help with child care. Contact Melissa Fipps for more info.

# FAMILY MINISTRIES

## MARCH 2024



Kokomo Zion  
KidZ



partnering with parents to create a culturally relevant, biblically sound, safe, and fun environment for children and youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus

### Women's Wednesday Warriors Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm  
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### OPEN CLIMB at The ARK Christian Ministries

February 22, March 21  
6-8 pm, \$12 per climber  
ages 8-88, pizza provided  
THE ARK Camp Indoor Rock Wall

### Middle School Mania - Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

March 23, 4-6 pm, in education wing, plan to bring a friend

### Easter Egg Hunt for kids after services on Easter Sunday

### Foodie Fridays

Food, Fellowship, & Fun  
ages 14-22  
6:30 - 9:30 pm (no mtg on Good Friday)

### High School

Apr 5-6, Fusion at IWU in Marion  
\$55, stay in dorms with college students (need sleeping bag)  
David Crowder will be in concert Friday night (open to the public)  
turn in registration to Melissa by March 3

Melissa Fipps

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