



# *The Saltshaker*

December 2024

Kokomo Zion Church

Pastor Keith Chanley

If you are familiar with the name J.R.R. Tolkien, it is probably in regards to The Hobbit or the Lord of the Rings trilogy. Tolkien is most known for his creation of a fantasy world known as middle-earth which is populated with dwarves, hobbits, elves, humans, dragons, orcs, and a variety of other creatures where magic is common and a battle between good and evil exists. What is less known is that Tolkien was a poet and a devout Christian. You can find much Christian symbolism in his writings though not perhaps as obvious as his good friend C.S. Lewis' Narnia series. recently while scrolling Facebook I saw this poem and thought it worth sharing. Have a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas.

Pastor Keith

## **KOKOMO ZION CHURCH**

### ***Schedule of Services***

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:30 a.m.



Keith Chanley, Pastor

Matt Gerhard, Music Director

LeAnne Donson, Secretary

Sheila Lamb, Treasurer

Melissa Fipps, Family Ministries Director

Teri Lavengood, Custodian

*Merry Christmas*

*From the staff at*

*Kokomo Zion Church.*

## Noel

by J.R.R. Tolkien

Grim was the world and grey last night: The moon and stars were fled,  
The hall was dark without song or light, The fires were fallen dead.  
The wind in the trees was like to the sea, And over the mountains' teeth  
It whistled bitter-cold and free, As a sword leapt from its sheath.

The lord of snows upreared his head; His mantle long and pale  
Upon the bitter blast was spread And hung o'er hill and dale.  
The world was blind, the boughs were bent, All ways and paths were wild:  
Then the veil of cloud apart was rent, And here was born a Child.

The ancient dome of heaven sheer Was pricked with distant light;  
A star came shining white and clear Alone above the night.  
In the dale of dark in that hour of birth One voice on a sudden sang:  
Then all the bells in Heaven and Earth Together at midnight rang.

Mary sang in this world below: They heard her song arise  
O'er mist and over mountain snow To the walls of Paradise,  
And the tongue of many bells was stirred In Heaven's towers to ring  
When the voice of mortal maid was heard, That was mother of Heaven's King.

Glad is the world and fair this night With stars about its head,  
And the hall is filled with laughter and light, And fires are burning red.  
The bells of Paradise now ring With bells of Christendom,  
And Gloria, Gloria we will sing  
That God on earth is come

## Kokomo Zion's Choir's Christmas Program

Christmas at Zion will be here before you know it! Our choir and friends have been working hard on this year's program. We have another great orchestra lined up to join us as well as guest soloists Cherresa Lawson and Jim O'Connor. The program will be Sunday, **December 22nd at 3pm**. We hope to see you and a few of your friends there! As always, contributions towards covering the cost of the orchestra are most welcome.

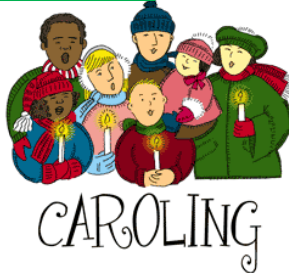


Jesus  
IS THE  
REASON  
FOR THE  
Season

If you are interested in receiving offering envelopes for 2025, please let Norman or Debbie Lavengood know. You can stick a note in our church mailbox or send us an email at

[debbielavengood@gmail.com](mailto:debbielavengood@gmail.com)

*Remember, there is a change in worship time. The worship service begins at 10:30 instead of 10:00. Sunday School is still at 9:00. Prayer time and fellowship is at 10:00. Hope you will join us!*



## Christmas Caroling December 8th

We will meet at the church @ 3:00 pm and we will plan on taking the bus. Please bring finger food/snacks to share afterwards. Melissa will also have a craft to do when we return . Hope you will join us as we spread holiday cheer.

We have a new phone system at the church. The phone number has not changed, it is still the same one. However, we have some options that are a little different. When you call in to the church during office hours, you will be given a menu. If you would like to talk to LeAnne in the office, press 1, for Pastor Keith press 2, Melissa press 3 and for Matt press 4. Their phone will ring and if they are available they will answer your call, if not then you can leave them a voice message . If you call in after office hours all the phones will ring and if some one is available they can answer the phone, if no one is at church it will give you the options and you can leave a message.

If you are at church and want to make a call, it is much easier. You do **not** have to press a button for a line out. You can just pick up the receiver and make your call.

We hope with the change, our phone system will work better for everyone! If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask.







## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

**Where:** Kokomo Zion Church  
5051 CR East 400 N  
Kokomo, IN 46901

**When:** Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

### Who should attend:

Anyone over the **age of 40**

### Special Member Pricing for \$159

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Plus a **FREE** Hypertension Screening

### 4 ways to book your appointment...

Call **888-814-0466** and use promo code **HSCA001**

Visit  [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](https://LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA)



Text the word **"circle"** to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

## ON THE CALENDAR @ ZION

### December

- 1 Community Advent Service @ 6:00
- 2 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 3 Nomination Committee @ 7:00
- 4 Finance Meeting @ 7:00
- 8 Christmas Caroling @ 3:00
- 10 Ad Council Meeting @ 7:00
- 16 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00
- 22 Choir's Christmas Program @ 3:00
- 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 9:00pm
- 25-26 The church office will be closed
- 30 Scripture Sisters @ 10:00



I just wanted to say that I am humbled, and extremely grateful for my wonderful and supportive church family. Thank you so much for the thoughtful card and gift cards, they will be very very helpful for me!

Have a blessed day,  
Cora Kendall

Thanks to all for making my 97th birthday with many gifts and cards. I had a great day! I miss everyone at Zion.

Virginia Marner



### No Children's Ministry on December 29th.

This gives our volunteers a break so they can be in the worship service.



### COME JOIN A SMALL GROUP!

**Choir Practice:** Thurs @ 7:00 pm

**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 @ 6:30 am at Hometown Restaurant in Greentown. Contact Scott Boltz or Pastor Keith for more information.

**Scripture Sisters:** Meets every other Monday @ 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.

**Wednesday Warriors Bible Study:** Wednesdays — All ladies are invited to come study. We will also need help with child care. Contact Melissa Fipps for more info. ( On break until January)



# FAMILY MINISTRIES



DECEMBER 2024



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

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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January

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February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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**Dec 5** - Family ministry leader/volunteer gathering at Northview Carmel campus from 9 am - 3 pm, open to anyone interested in volunteering at KZC

**Dec 8** - craft for anyone after caroling, join us around 5:30 pm in Beamer rm

**Jan 4** - elementary fun day activity (details tbd)

**Eastern Good News Club:** We would love to have a couple more volunteers as substitutes. Training can be completed online.

**Women Warriors:** Women's small group Bible study, all are welcome, 6-7:30 pm

**Jr/Sr High Youth:** We need parent input. The day/time that worked last spring is no longer working. I also need volunteers besides Pastor Keith and me in order to run this ministry. Sunday school? Sunday afternoon/evening? Another day/time?

**IUK Prayer Walk:** First Thursday of the month, 1:30 pm, meet in front of the library

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