



Zion Reformed Church -- Floodlight



Keep up with technology or you will not make it! This is more or less the feeling that I get. It's as if everyone is obsessed with the latest gimmicks, new ideas, new people with new opinions and new products on the market. This was more or less what happened in the beginning of the lock down in the U.S. and all over the world. A rural church like Zion had to step up with technology to provide worship services on Sundays and to provide Bible study material during the week. We even have an Online Auction for our bazaar. I remember in the beginning of the lock down, churches were more or less bragging about their technology skills. Rural pastors in our community became "Hollywood stars" overnight with all the recordings and online streaming.

Sometimes it felt to me that congregations were trying to keep up with the Jones'. It felt to me that technology was at a period of time the focus of the churches all over the world. Things progressed during the lock down and technology was not the center of attention anymore. What did I realize and experience during this time? I must be honest, I missed the old days where things were simple compared to technology challenges during the pandemic. In one of the latest James Bond movies, Skyfall, the most striking thing for me was the remark of Miss Moneypenny: "How very traditional. But sometimes, the old ways are the best." She said this after James Bond shaved his facial hair with an old shaver. During the movie he made use of old technology to survive.

What happened to the Gospel of Jesus Christ during this pandemic? It was amazing to hear the new wisdom about the end of the world (Revelations), what the will of God is, the relevancy of faith and the existence of the church. What did I learn about myself during this time? The more things were changing, the more I turned to the "old things". The things I trusted over the years. I appreciated the fact that the Bible did not change a word although people misinterpreted some verses, chapters and books in the Bible. The more things changed with ways of worship, the more I wished that we can just sit around an old church table with no screens, microphones, sound and masks. Just sit and open the Bible with fellow believers.

What is the summary of this? We have to read our Bibles more. Back to basics! That is where we will find stability! Do not allow a new context to change the Bible. Let the Bible give you guidance in the new context that you are now living.

We are going back to our church building on the 4th of October! I want to thank every member for all your understanding, patience and love during this pandemic. Thank you, consistory, for your strong leadership.

Most of all.... Thank you, Lord, for being with us! It was not technology that saved us but again.... YOUR PRESENCE!

With love,
Pastor Petr

Inside worship on Sunday!!



**Consistory
Highlights**

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Oct. 8, 7pm. If anyone would like to come before the Elders to inquire about membership or baptism, please do so.

FINANCIAL BUDGET

All Financial reports are due to the office by October 25 to prepare for the end of the fiscal year. (Sewing Group, Sunday School, WOZ, RCYF)



CUSTODIAN: Bids are due to the Deacons by October 25.



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Keeping Our Spiritual Health

From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Tim. 3:15-16

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. 1 Peter 2:2

While the first stories we learn from the Bible are important, we need to continue to study and learn what the Bible has to teach us. When we look to the Bible daily, we can be nourished and fed. It will also help us live our life the way God wants us to live. Keeping our spirit healthy is as important as eating correctly and exercising.

God desires that we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this we need solid foods, the meat and potatoes of God's Word. This points to continuing, life-long Bible study.

In Christ,
Carma



Women of Zion:

Welcome to the busy month of October! Harvest has begun for the farmers and I hope you are enjoying the cooler temperatures and the beauty in nature all around us.

The Women of Zion have been very busy planning our "Drive Thru Market". I would like to say a huge Thank You to the bazaar committee for all of their time and effort put forth to plan an alternative way to safely have our fall bazaar. It's great to see everyone working together, sharing their talents and doing what they can to make this a successful mission project. Zion is blessed with many willing workers and the men also get involved sharing their time and talents to make this day happen. Many thanks to all!

Our WOZ meeting was held on Sept. 16.

The following are our 2021 officers:

President: Linda Wells

Vice President: Diane Hughes

Secretary: Sue Smit

Treasurer: Judy Crom

Spiritual Life Secretary: Ann Lupkes

Service Secretaries: Mavis Meyer & Ardith Parks

Organization Secretaries: Judy Dannen & Arlene Maifeld

Education Secretaries: Esther DeVries & Marge Jurgens

Remember our service project for October is "Pack the Pickup Food Drive" for the area food pantries. Remember it is not too early to start shopping to fill shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse in November. Reminder that October 22 will be the WOZ planning meeting for 2021 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Pray as if everything depended upon God – IT DOES!

Have a safe and blessed month,
Audrey VanHorn
WOZ President



2021 WOZ PROGRAM BOOKS -
All forms are due Oct. 18.

2021 WOZ PLANNING COMMITTEE:
Oct. 22, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall





Please return your
ballots by **Sunday,
Oct. 11, to the catch
all box.**

**Voting for 1 Elder
and 2 Deacons.**



"ZION'S DRIVE THRU MARKET" BAZAAR

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD WOZ MISSIONS

11am to 3pm!!

***Online auction ends Sept. 29, 7pm!!** You will be notified on if you are the highest bidder. Pick up on Saturday with the cashier.

***Bakery items:** Please have all items to the church before 7pm on Friday. All bakery items must be wrapped and ready to sell. Please leave your bakery items in the fellowship hall. Pies must be placed in a zip loc.

***Food donations:** Please have all items to the kitchen before 9am on Friday.

***Crafts/Pantry:** Please have all items to the church before 7pm on Friday in the fellowship hall.

FYI to workers: Outside tents and tables will be set up around 5:30pm on Friday.

WORKERS: Saturday: Wear your Zion t-shirt/navy blue shirt; masks. Plastic gloves will be available at the church. **BRING:** Your own hand sanitizer; clip board if needed. Watch the weather and dress warm!

Kitchen help on Friday should arrive by 9am.

ALL workers on Saturday should arrive by 10am UNLESS your chair person told you differently

Donations: If you would like to make a cash donation to purchase meat, casserole ingredients or to go toward the bazaar's income, please see Judy Crom.

CONTAINERS/BAGS/BOXES: No more are needed at this time.

We hope to make this a bazaar for all of our church members to work together —**men, women, teens, children and all!** We really appreciate your help making this a fun, fabulous bazaar that will be welcoming to all our visitors. It is our big fundraiser for WOZ, but it is so

much more than that. It's part of our mission to welcome others to Zion. So THANK YOU for helping where you can—working, donating goods or money, praying for us and all who come... whatever you do is appreciated.

In Christ,
Marsha, Judy, Linda, Janette, Sonna, Jean, Carol, Janeen,
Ardith, Diane B.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - Oct 7 @ 7:00pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Jean Host: Sonna

Joy Circle - Oct. 11 @ 7pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Melanie

Vesper Circle - Oct. 12 @ 1:30pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Doreen Host: Judy

Sunrise Circle - Oct. 14 @ 9 am

Devotions: Lenora Lesson: ALL Host: Lenora
(Fellowship Hall)

Faith Circle - Oct. 20 @ 7pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Scripture: Luke 6:38

Missions: Pack the Pickup – Local food pantries



Sunday, October 4th, we will have paper sacks available for the congregation to take home and fill with food for the Franklin County Food pantry.

We want to "Pack the Pickup!" Please fill your sacks and return them on Sunday, Oct. 25.

Thank you!



Please make sure that the office has your updated contact information. (phone, address, email)



Catechism

*3rd-8th grade Catechism: Meets every Wednesday, 7pm, in the sanctuary for opening prayer.

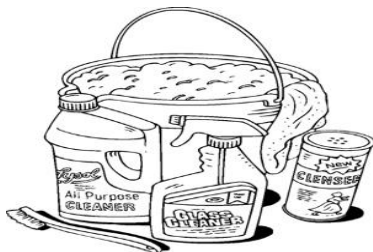
*Grades PreK – 8th Sunday School: Meets every Sunday after service

*HS Catechism: Meets every Sunday after service



Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (YF Room)

Questions? See Joel/Mindy Meier



ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP

Be looking for more information in your church mailbox. All members of the church will be assigned a cleaning task.



Please keep the following in prayer:

Marie Jurgens, Larry Moore, Donna Meints, Bazetta Kew, Jill Schade

Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther DeVries and Sue Smit

Liz Hilton – Niece to Carol Stock

Mike Oswald – Son-in-law to Marie Jurgens

Jerry Corey – Amy Eberling's father

Duane VanHorn – Vernon and Myron VanHorn's brother



Congratulations to the Koenen family! CoCo Kerma Koenen was baptized at Zion on September 20. Proud parents are Matthew and Chandler. Proud grandpa is Maynard.



Congratulations to Matthew & Chandler Koenen! Professed their faith at Zion on September 20.

Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
SEP 06	\$2,960.00	\$1,017.00	84
SEP 13	\$3,832.30	\$492.00	106
SEP 20	\$2,375.00	\$512.00	110
SEP 27	\$1,870.00	\$537.00	110



**Benevolent fund is needing your support.
Please prayerfully consider giving to the
benevolent.**



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
OCT 04	Mavis	Tonya
OCT 11	Dave	Carma
OCT 18	Jerry	Duane
OCT 25	Duane	Kendal



Meints: THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
Thank you to all my friends and relatives at Zion
for the beautiful and meaningful birthday cards,
letters, notes and balloons. Thank you for the
many acts of kindness.

Love, Darlene



Christian sympathy to Esther DeVries' and Sue Smit's families on the passing of their niece, Debbie McCloud.

Christian sympathy to Judy Dannen and family on the passing of her son, Mark.

Christian sympathy to Melanie Dixon and family on the passing of her dad, Fred Taylor.



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Oct 4	Pastor
Oct 11	Ann
Oct 18	Dave
Oct 25	Megan M.



DAYCARE PROVIDERS After Children's Time !

* If your Sunday does not work, please find a replacement. Your efforts are very much appreciated.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Oct 4	Janette
Oct 11	Ann
Oct 18	Tonya
Oct 25	Addie

Remember Our Homebound Members

Darlene Meints/ Bazetta Kew/Larry Moore
Dorothy Jurgens / Pat Blau / Marie Jurgens

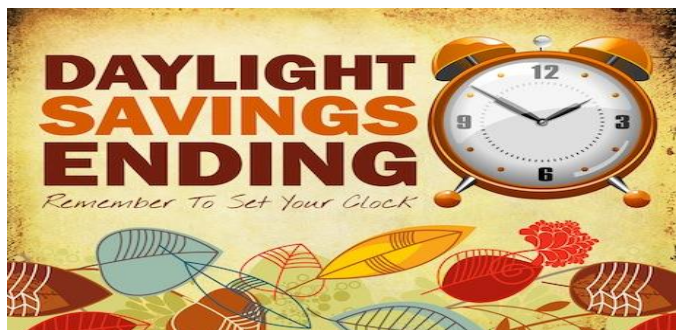
VISITATION TEAM

Charlane Janssen* / Shirley Ludens
Pauline Barkema/ Arlene Maifeld

Remember with a card, phone call



The challenge is on!! Zion's goal is to send off 100+ shoeboxes to children across the globe so their Christmas is brighter. Begin your shopping or perhaps you have been gathering throughout the year. Shoeboxes will be set out after bazaar. There is a \$9 shipping fee per box. You may also donate money to support this worthy cause. Zion's longtime friend and member, Stella Maynard, has donated 2 dozen plastic shoebox containers. Zion's RCYF will help in the distribution. More information will follow. Deadline is Nov. 15.



Set clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 1!



- 01 Dorothy Jurgens
- 02 Joel & Mindy Meier
- 03 Judy Crom/ Miranda Dixon/Bev Moore/Reagan Willms
- 06 Al Muhlenbruch
- 08 Sonna McMahon, McKayla Drake
- 09 Clayton Miller
- 10 Ty Eberling / Stuart Riggins/Audrey VanHorn
- 11 Janette van Rooyen / Dennis Crom
Kellen Suntken / Amber Zewert
- 12 Dean Miller
- 14 Chris Carstens/Stephanie Carstens
- 15 Micayla Schulz
Ted & Diane Hughes
- 17 Teresa Butson
- 18 Jesse & Megan Mollenbeck
- 22 Carl Barkema
- 25 Morgan Meier
- 26 Deanna Harms
- 27 Karter Kineth
- 28 Judy Dannen / Michael Halsne
- 30 Sara Buseman / Ardith Parks

CELEBRATE!!

***Dorothy Jurgens 96th birthday is October 1. She would love to hear from you: Dorothy Jurgens, 100 Bennet Dr, Rm 401, Sheffield 50475**

***Stuart Riggins birthday is October 10. Please celebrate Stuart with a card: Stuart Riggins, 321 6th Street SW, Hampton 50441**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir	Pastor appreciation month!			1	2 9am Kitchen help 5:30pm table/tent set up 7 pm All items to church	3 "Zion's Drive Thru Market" Bazaar 11am – 3pm
4 *Inside church worship begins* Pack the Pickup with pantry items begins	5	6 9:30am Sewing Group	7 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF Hope Circle	8 7pm Deacons/Elders 8:00pm Consistory	9	10
11 7:00pm Joy Circle	12 1:30pm Vesper Circle	13 9:30am Sewing Group	14 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	15	16	17
18 November floodlight articles due	19	20 9:30am Sewing Group 7pm Faith Circle	21 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	22 6:30pm 2021 WOZ planning meeting	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday Pantry items for Pack the Pickup are due	26	27 9:30am Sewing Group	28 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	29	30	31 SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR for Sunday