



# October

2021

## Zion Reformed Church -- Floodlight



### PASTOR'S POSTS

Dear Zion,

#### Hymn 393

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

*Nearer, My God, to Thee, E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me; Still all my song shall be, Nearer my God  
to thee....*

My first sermon was about the "Speechless-moment" in God's presence. The closer to God, the more you realize His greatness. The realization of the Lord's greatness sticks your tongue to your mouth. I think of Moses in Exodus 3 where he experiences the greatness of God. Moses had to take off his shoes because it was holy ground. In Job 42: 5-6, Job tells us that he, himself, knew what people were saying about God but now that he had met Him in a very unique way his words suddenly ran out. Job struggled to get words and he was in total wonder and remorse before God.

I want to challenge you this month to live closer to God. Become more aware of His presence. Live nearer to Him and you will be speechless because of His greatness!

With love,  
Pastor Petri



## Oct. 3



### Consistory Highlights

\*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Oct. 14, 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 31 to prepare for the end of the fiscal year. (Sewing Group, Sunday School, WOZ, RCYF)



**NOMINATION** letters for  
2 Elders and  
1 Deacon will be  
available in church  
mailboxes on Oct. 31.



**October is  
Pastor  
Appreciation!  
Zion is  
blessed with  
Pastor Petri  
and family.**



## **CUSTODIAN IS NEEDED:**

Bids are due to Darwin Butson, Deacon, by October 31.



## **WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE**

### ***THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH***

#### **REVELATIONS 14:14-15**

14 I LOOKED, AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A WHITE CLOUD, AND SEATED ON THE CLOUD WAS ONE "LIKE A SON OF MAN" WITH A CROWN OF GOLD ON HIS HEAD AND A SHARP SICKLE IN HIS HAND. 15 THEN ANOTHER ANGEL CAME OUT OF THE TEMPLE AND CALLED IN A LOUD VOICE TO HIM WHO WAS SITTING ON THE CLOUD, "TAKE YOUR SICKLE AND REAP, BECAUSE THE TIME TO REAP HAS COME, FOR THE HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS RIPE."

AS WE ENTER THE SEASON OF HARVEST, I THINK ABOUT FARMERS AND THE PRIDE THEY TAKE IN CARING FOR THE LAND AND BEING PROVIDERS. I ALSO LOVE THE DISCUSSIONS THEY HAVE STANDING IN LINE AT THE COOP, CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, OR AROUND THE SUPPER TABLE AND REPORTING THEIR STATS FROM THE FIELD. "YIELDS WERE UP TO THIS AND MOISTURE WAS DOWN TO THAT." I WONDER WHAT GOD, OUR ULTIMATE HARVESTER, WILL THINK OF OUR STATS. TAKE TIME TO REFLECT AND PREPARE FOR NOT ONLY THE HARVEST HERE ON EARTH BUT ALSO THE HARVEST OF YOUR HEART. WILL GOD BE DISAPPOINTED IN OUR YIELDS OR TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT YOU HAVE DONE AND SAID HERE IN THE FIELD?

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU,  
LIZ SYMENS, FAITH CIRCLE



#### **Women of Zion:**

"Let all you do be done with love" 1Corinthians 16:14  
This verse, I hope, is how we all feel as we do our daily tasks. The WOZ try to keep this in our hearts as we do our work for God.

September was a busy month for us! Circle meetings, quarterly meeting and thirteen of us attended the Fall RCA conference at Meservey. It was a great day, good food, fellowship and speaker. The speaker was from Prison Ministries. He gave a very good insight into his work.

The Women of Zion have been very busy planning and finalizing for our "Pumpkin Patch Bazaar". It's great to see everyone working together, sharing their talents and doing what they can to make this a successful mission project as we give to many causes. Zion is blessed with many willing workers and the men also get involved sharing their time and talents to make this day happen. Pray for good weather.

Our WOZ meeting was held on Sept. 16.

#### **The following are our 2021 officers:**

**President:** Diane Hughes

**Vice President:** Carma DeVries

**Secretary:** Pauline Barkema

**Treasurer:** Judy Crom

**Spiritual Life Secretary:** Ann Lupkes

**Service Secretaries:** Carol Stock &  
Ardith Parks

**Organization Secretaries:** Janette van Rooyen &  
Elizabeth Symens

**Education Secretaries:** Teresa Butson &  
Cheryl Schnoes

Reminder that October 21 will be the WOZ planning meeting for 2022 at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

We could not accomplish all we do without prayers and God's love for us. Pray without ceasing.

1Thessalonians 5:17 tells us that prayer is so important in our communication with God and that we should never ever stop praying!

Have a wonderful October and keep praying. We all hope the farmers will have a safe and blessed harvest.

In Christ's Love,  
Linda Wells



**2022 WOZ PROGRAM BOOKS -**  
All forms are due Oct. 10.

**2022 WOZ PLANNING COMMITTEE:**  
Oct. 21, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall



**"ZION'S  
DRIVE  
THRU  
PUMPKIN  
PATCH"**

**This Saturday!!! (Oct. 2) 11am – 2pm**

**Bakery**—Homemade yeast breads and rolls sell quickly, but any homemade baked goods will be so appreciated! Please bring in all bakery items cut and prewrapped on plates/containers/etc. Please make a large pie: fruit pies only with double crusts. Pies will be sold whole so please wrap accordingly. Items should be dropped off by Friday (10/1), 4pm.

**Pantry**—canned goods/meat, plants, fresh eggs, fresh produce are just a few ideas. If you are crafty, please donate to the **Craft shop**. Items should be dropped off by Friday (10/1), 4pm.

**Greeting cards** will also be sold.

**Frozen meals/soups**— Items should be dropped off by Friday (10/1), 9am, at the latest. If you had preordered, please pick up and pay for your frozen items during bazaar hours.

**Online Auction Items**— Bids close on Wed., Sept. 29, 6pm. Highest bidder will be notified. Please pick up and pay for the item during bazaar hours.

**The drive thru menu includes:** \$10 for your choice of meat: ¼ all beef hot dog or Harlyn's smoked pork loin sandwich along with calico beans, potato salad, chips, dessert bar and water. \$3 pork loin sandwich or hot dog only.

**SET UP:** Friday, Oct. 1, 6:30pm

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 5 @ 7:00pm  
(Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson: Jean Host:*

**Joy Circle** - Oct. 10 @ 7pm

*Devotions/Lesson/Host: Amy*

**Vesper Circle** - Oct. 11 @ 1:30pm  
(Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson: Linda Host: Sue*

**Sunrise Circle** - Oct. 13 @ 9 am

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

**Faith Circle** – Oct. @ 7pm  
(Fellowship Hall)

**Conversation: What was your favorite Bazaar?**

**Missions:** Pack the Pickup – Local food pantries



Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have paper sacks available for the congregation to take home and fill with food for the Franklin County Food pantries.

We want to "Pack the Pickup!" Please fill your sacks and return them on Sunday, Oct. 31. Thank you!



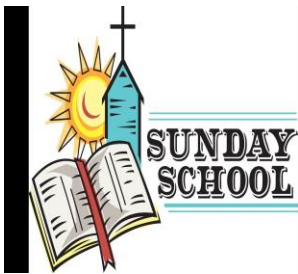


Please make sure that the office has your updated contact information. (phone, address, email)



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**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



Children's Choir  
will sing on  
Sunday, Oct 31,  
during service.



## ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP

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



## New season, new books!

Our library is stocked with a great variety of books for all ages, and we have recently added to it!

*Tearoom Mysteries* is a wonderful series about two cousins that return to their hometown in Maine and open a tearoom in an old Victorian home. Each book is a new adventure with a mystery that must be solved! If you like easy and entertaining reading this series is for you!

*The Mapmaker Chronicles* is perfect for tweens to adults who love stories filled with adventure and suspense. This trilogy is one-part fantasy, one-part quest, and one-part high-seas action. Filled with strong, feisty characters who learn resilience, perseverance and the importance of friendship, each book transports readers to faraway lands.

*Bible Stories with CD* are written for young children who are just starting to read. Each story is told word for word on the included CD. By following the words across the page as they hear them, beginner readers will gain confidence and soon be able to achieve the satisfaction of reading a whole story by themselves. And what better book to learn to read with than the Bible?!

*You Are Special* is a beautiful story by Max Lucado that reminds us we are precious to God just the way we are. It is through spending daily time with him that we begin to see ourselves through his eyes. This is an important truth that children and parents need to know: God loves us even though we make mistakes and have flaws!

**To see the rest of the new titles head on downstairs!**

## Keep These Friends in Your Heart

Please keep our friends in your prayers:

Hannah (Lupkes) Frankl, Jill Schade, Diane Hughes,  
Bev Moore

Care facilities due to COVID rising and our loved ones in  
the facilities

South Africa – COVID

Carike and Luhann, Family

Marcia Matheny - Brian Lupkes' sister

Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther and Sue

Liz Hilton – Niece to Carol Stock

Mike Oswald – Son-in-law to Marie Jurgens

God Bless our world leaders and our nation



Darlene Meints/ Donna Meints /  
Dean Miller / Marie Jurgens



Wendy Buseman\*, Shelly Buseman,  
Shirley Ludens, Arlene Maifeld



Meyer:

Mavis and I have loved our time at Zion Reformed Church. Thank you so much to all of our friends at Zion for the many prayers, cards, and memorials since Mavis' passing. You have been such a comfort to our family at this difficult time. A very special thank you to Pastor Petri for being there for us and for the beautiful service. I and all of our family are so very thankful for all your love and support.

Gordon

Chad, Maricia, Grant and Cole  
Kevin, Janet, Carson, and Grace

Hughes:

We would like to thank all of our Zion friends for the incredible outpouring of love and support since Mavis was first hospitalized and then later passed. Mavis was a wonderful sister, and I will miss her so much— she was always helping, sharing, caring, and a great prayer warrior for our family and others. We are also filled with joy for her that she is now with her faithful Savior, Jesus. Your cards, calls, food and words of comfort and love have meant the world to us. God calls us to love and support one another, and you have surely shown that to us. A very special thank you to Pastor Petri for the calls and visits. You are truly a servant of God.

Ted & Diane Hughes

Jurgens:

I would like to thank everyone for your support and help from moving to a three room bedroom house to a one bedroom apartment. I especially would like to thank Sonna, Jean and Carol for cleaning my home and my grandson's Blake and Clayton for moving my heavy items. It was much appreciated. Come and visit me in my new location at Leahy Grove when time allows. God is good!

-Marie



## We've Lost a Friend

Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Delmar Mollenbeck. Delmar passed away on September 8. His funeral services and burial were held at Zion on September 13.



Flowers were left on the altar in loving memory of Delmar Mollenbeck.

Flowers were left in celebration of life for Mark Dannen from Julie Dannen.



	General	Benevolent	Attendance
<b>SEP 05</b>	\$4,096.00	\$515.00	111
<b>SEP 12</b>	\$2,680.00	\$1,010.00	107
<b>SEP 19</b>	\$2,245.00	\$1,425.00	88
<b>SEP 26</b>	\$2,530.00	\$720.00	105



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
<b>OCT 03</b>	Dave	Carma
<b>OCT 10</b>	Jesse	Tonya
<b>OCT 17</b>	Jerry	Jesse
<b>OCT 24</b>	Duane	Kolton
<b>OCT 31</b>	Jerry	Duane



### Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Oct 3	Pastor
Oct 10	Dave
Oct 17	Shelly
Oct 24	Megan M.
Oct 31	Wendy



### 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 3	Janette
Oct 10	Marsha
Oct 17	Marsha
Oct 24	Megan
Oct 31	Tonya

### FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 3	Pastor Petri/Family
Oct. 10	Bev Moore
Oct. 17	Hosts needed
Oct. 24	Marsha/AI M.
Oct. 31	Jerry/Wendy B.



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 RCYF will help in the distribution. More information will follow. Deadline is Nov. 14. **Declare His glory among the nations!** Psalm 96:3



October  
BIRTHDAYS

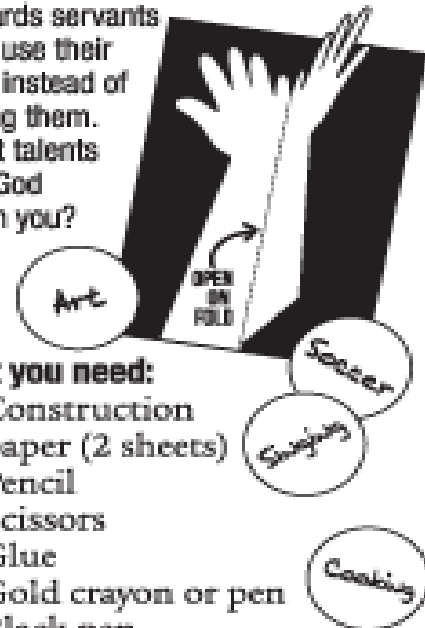


October  
ANNIVERSARIES

- 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
- 12 Dean Miller
- 14 Chris Carstens/Stephanie Carstens
- 15 Micayla Lahner  
Ted & Diane Hughes
- 17 Teresa Butson
- 18 Jesse & Megan Mollenbeck
- 22 Carl Barkema
- 25 Morgan Meier
- 26 Deanna Harms
- 27 Karter Kinseth
- 28 Judy Dannen / Michael Halsne
- 29 Beth Bretz
- 30 Sara Buseman / Ardith Parks

# FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



## What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

## What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>* Every Sunday *</b> 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir	<b>Pastor appreciation month!</b>				1 6:30pm <i>Bazaar Set Up!</i>	2 "Zion's Drive Thru Pumpkin Patch" Bazaar 11am – 2pm
3 Holy Communion 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir 10:45 am SS/Catechism	4	5 7pm Hope Circle	6 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	7	8	9
10 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir 10:45 am SS/Catechism  7:00pm Joy Circle	11 1:30pm Vesper Circle	12	13 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	14 7pm Deacons/Elders 8:00pm Consistory	15	16
17 *Floodlight due 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir 10:45 am SS/Catechism	18	19	20 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	21 6:30pm 2022 WOZ planning meeting	22	23
24 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir 10:45 am SS/Catechism  31 Reformation Sunday	25	26	27 7:00pm 3rd-8th Catechism RCYF	28	29	30