

OCTOBER

2025

Zion Reformed Church -- Floodlight



PASTOR'S P O S T S

Dear Zion Family,

In a world that often challenges our Christian values, we are called to stand firm in the faith we profess. The Apostle Paul, in Ephesians 6:11, urges us to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." This is not a passive command but an active call to courage. We are to be unashamed of the Gospel and unwavering in our convictions.

Consider the life of Charlie Kirk. Whether you agree with all of his views or not, his commitment to his beliefs is clear. While he has faced significant criticism, he has not wavered. His boldness is a reminder that we too must not shrink back from sharing the truth of God's Word.

Like Kirk, we will face opposition, but our strength is not in ourselves but in Christ. As it is written in 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Let us, therefore, with a sound mind and a spirit of power and love, share our faith, not with arrogance, but with the conviction that comes from a deep trust in God's unfailing Word.

In His Grace,

Your Pastor



Oct. 5



Consistory Highlights

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Oct. 9, 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 Nov. 2 to prepare for the end of the fiscal year. (Sewing Group, Sunday School, WOZ, RCYF) More information will be placed in your mailbox soon.

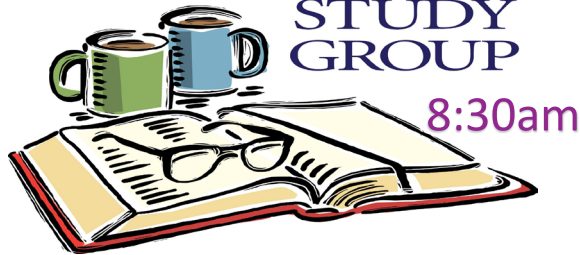




NOMINATION
letters for
1 Elder and
2 Deacons will
be available in
church
mailboxes
soon.

Oct. 5

**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**



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

WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

I'VE BEEN READING A BOOK CALLED "KEEP IT SHUT" BY KAREN EHMAN. IT IS A CHRISTIAN BOOK THAT SPEAKS ABOUT THE POWER OF OUR WORDS. I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE SOME OF MY RECENT TAKEAWAYS.

IN THE BOOK SHE STATED THAT WE USE WORDS SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, COWORKERS, AND STRANGERS AS WELL AS IN TEXT AND EMAIL. SHE STATES "ONE THING IS CERTAIN WHEN IT COMES TO OUR WORDS: THEY ARE POWERFUL, AND THEY HAVE CONSEQUENCES. THEY CAN ENCOURAGE OR EMBITTER, BLESS OR BADGER, BUILD-UP OR BREAK DOWN. THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH (PROV. 18: 21)."

SHE GOES ON TO SAY, "COMBATIVE WORDS HAVE SPARKED WARS, BRINGING ABOUT DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. SOOTHING WORDS HAVE CALMED SOULS, QUIETED HEARTS, AND PREVENTED VOLATILE SITUATIONS. ENCOURAGING WORDS HAVE IMPORTED BRAVERY AND EMPOWERED DOUBTING SOULS. LOVING WORDS HAVE BIRTHED RELATIONSHIPS."

SHE WRITES THAT "WE HAVE A CHOICE. CHOOSE WISELY. BE CHOOSEY." WE CAN CHOOSE TO USE OUR WORDS TO BRING JOY OR TO MINDLESSLY SPREAD GOSSIP. WE NEED TO THINK OF THE CONVERSATIONS WE ARE HAVING AND THE WORDS WE ARE SPEAKING. THEY MAY BE ABLE TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO JESUS, OR THEY MAY HAVE THE POWER TO PUSH PEOPLE AWAY FROM JESUS.

I MUST CHOOSE HOW I USE MY WORDS, BUT IT CANNOT BE BOTH. I NEED TO MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO USE MY WORDS TO SPEAK LOVE AND KINDNESS, NOT GOSSIP. I NEED TO CHOOSE TO USE MY CONVERSATIONS IN A WAY THAT WILL SHED LIGHT ON JESUS, WITH JOY AND COMPASSION.

"FATHER, MAKE ME MINDFUL TODAY OF THE WAY I INTERACT WITH OTHERS. MAY I PRAISE AND NOT PUT DOWN. MAY MY WORDS IMPART GRACE TO OTHERS AND NOT SHOW GRUMPINESS. I WANT TO SPRING FORTH WORDS OF LIFE THAT REFRESH THE SPIRIT AND POINT OTHERS TO YOU. IN JESUS'S NAME, AMEN."

IN GOD'S LOVE,
MEGAN OEHLERT

2026 WOZ PROGRAM BOOKS -
All forms are due Oct. 12.

2026 WOZ PLANNING COMMITTEE:
Oct. 23, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall
We will need all 2026 officers and Circle Chairmen to participate to make plans for the coming year.



The Women of Zion meeting was held on September 10th. We had our business meeting and Ann Lupkes and Judy Crom presented our slate of officers for 2026. These women will be serving:
President: Tonya Halsne
Vice President: Teresa Schulz
Secretary: Diane Hughes
Treasure: Sammy Buseman

Secretary of Education: Carma DeVries
Secretary of Spiritual Life: Megan Oehlert
Secretary of Service: Ann Lupkes
Secretary of Organization: Carol Stock

Thank you to all who are willing to serve in the coming year! Tonya Halsne will be having our WOZ organizational meeting on October 23rd at 6:30. Please plan to attend if you are an officer, circle chairman, and their contacts.

Our business meeting continued with news of many upcoming events. We enjoyed hearing about programs presented at the care centers. After lunch was served by the executive committee, we worked on crafts for the upcoming bazaar on October 4th! Thank you to Tonya and Rose for organizing this and for all those that attended the meeting.

Proverbs 21:5 states "Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity". Looking forward to our "Christmas at Grandma's and Grandpa's Bazaar!"

Latimer Over 60's for October:

Oct. 7: Nadine and Carol

Oct. 21: Rose and Audrey

Yours in Christ,
Sonna McMahon
WOZ President



Hosts for the meal are needed!

ZION BAZAAR

CHRISTMAS AT GRANDMA AND GRANDPA'S

October 4th
11am-6pm

Zion Reformed
Church
2029 Jonquil Ave, Sheffield

- A variety of shops with items available for purchase (11am-2pm) include: Crafts, Bakery, Pantry, and Cards & Napkins
- Auction Items and Table Centerpieces will be auctioned off at 6:30pm, with sealed bids that are submitted during the day noted
- Meal Menu (11am-6pm) - Pork Loin, Beef Burgers, Hotdogs, Calico Beans, Baked Potato Bar, Homemade Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Pie and Ice Cream

**Please help
spread the word
with enthusiasm!
Your support is
appreciated. All
proceeds support
WOZ Missions –
WOZ Bazaar
Committee**

In Christ,
Marsha, Janeen, Heather, Janette, Rose, Carol, Tonya,
Cheryl and Teresa S.



JOURNEY CIRCLE - OCT. 2 @ 7PM

HOPE CIRCLE - OCT 8 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson: Rose Host: Ardith

Sunrise Circle - Oct. 8 @ 9 am

Devotions: Sharon Lesson: ALL Host: LaVonne

Joy Circle - Oct. 12 @ 7pm

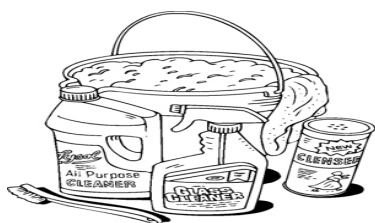
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa

Vesper Circle - Oct. 13 @ 1:30pm

Devotions/Lesson: Marge Host: Linda

Faith Circle - Oct. 30 @ 7pm

Conversation: How do you start your day?



ANNUAL CHURCH CLEAN UP

Information will be coming soon.



*Grades PreK – 12th Sunday School: Meets every Sunday after service; PreK-6th: Children's choir. Children sing the last Sunday of every month during service.



Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (YF Room)

Questions? See Pastor Petri or Clayton and Mariah Miller



Children's Choir
will sing on the
last Sunday of
every month.



Please keep our friends in your prayers:

DALE BUTSON, JON SUNTKEN, Tami Suntken, Arlene Maifeld,
Bev Moore, Darwin Butson, Brian Lupkes, Diane Hughes,
Ted Hughes, Gabby Webb

PRAYERS FOR SAM BUTSON BATTLING TESTICULAR CANCER

CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES TO MICHAEL AND NADINE GOODWIN ON
THE LOSS OF THEIR DAUGHTER.

God Bless Zion, our farmers during harvest season,
our world leaders and our nation



Duane and Lenora Payne, Phyllis Nelson



Visitation Team: Ann Lupkes and Nadine Goodwin

Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
SEP 07	\$2,990.00	\$640.00	83
SEP 14	\$2,252.00	\$395.00	112
SEP 21	\$2,577.00	\$635.00	130

Audio / Video Schedule

	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
OCT 05	Nick	Tonya
OCT 12	Jerry	Molly
OCT 19	Dave	Duane
OCT 26	Jesse	Carma



Congratulations to Elijah and Karter Kinseth on the arrival of their twin girls, Drew and Scottie. They were born on August 28 and everyone is home and thriving. Big sister, Everette, enjoys reading to them. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.



Esther DeVries
412A Brickyard Road
Sheffield, IA 50475



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 \$10 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. 16.



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Oct 5	Ann Lupkes
Oct 12	Dave Harms
Oct 19	Molly Allen
Oct 26	Megan Mollenbeck



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 5	Kirsten - Edrich
Oct 12	Sammy
Oct 19	Megan S - Barrett
Oct 26	Molly - Tatum



FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 5	Bazaar Committee
Oct. 12	Crom's
Oct. 19	Hosts Needed
Oct. 26	Good time gang



- 03 Judy Crom/ Bev Moore / Kaleb Kloetzer
- 06 Al Muhlenbruch
- 08 Sonna McMahon, McKayla Miller
- 09 Clayton Miller
- 10 Ty Eberling / Audrey VanHorn
- 11 Janette van Rooyen / Dennis Crom
Kellen Suntken
- 12 Mark Brandon
- 14 Chris Carstens/Stephanie Carstens / Lexis Barkema
- 15 Micayla Lahner
Ted & Diane Hughes
- 17 Teresa Butson
- 18 Jesse & Megan Mollenbeck
- 22 Carl Barkema
- 26 Deanna Harms
- 27 Karter Kinseth
- 28 Judy Dannen / Michael Halsne
- 29 Beth Bretz
- 30 Sara Buseman / Ardith Parks



Hope Circle & Zion community,
A very sincere and heartfelt thank you for the beautiful bridal shower. I have felt nothing but love and acceptance since the first time I came to visit Zion. The support and encouragement I feel from everyone there has meant the world and gotten me more excited to begin the next chapter of my life as Mrs. John Lupkes. I look forward to making many more memories and continuing to grow in my faith alongside everyone there.

With much love and gratitude,
Brittany Rooney



A Fall Prayer ...

Lord Jesus, as the leaves fall gently from the trees, may we too release our worries and burdens into Your loving hands. Help us to embrace the beauty of letting go, trusting in Your divine plan. Fill our hearts with peace and assurance, knowing that You are always with us. May we find solace in Your presence, now and forever. Amen.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

[Matthew 6:34](#)



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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 7pm RCYF	2 Journey Circle	3	4 Zion's Bazaar; 11am-6:30pm Meal; Auction at 6:30pm 11am – 2pm-Shops
5 World Communion Day! Holy Communion 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir PreK-HS SS	6	7 Latimer Over 60's	8 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm Hope Circle 7pm RCYF	9 6pm Deacons/Elders 7:00pm Consistory	10	11
12 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir PreK-HS SS 7:00pm Joy Circle	13 1:30pm Vesper Circle	14	15 6:30pm Family Ministry RCYF attends FM	16	17	18
19 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir PreK-HS SS	20	21 Latimer Over 60's	22 7pm RCYF	23 6:30pm 2026 WOZ planning meeting	24	25
26 9:15 am Service 10:30am Kids Choir PreK-HS SS SS Children Sing during Worship	27	28	29 7pm RCYF	30 Faith Circle	31	