

April



Zion Reformed Church - 2024



Dear Zion,

We all experience different seasons in life. There are times that we all experience hard life changing challenges. Even in difficult situations the Bible reminds us to focus on our heavenly/spiritual goal.

Matthew 6:19-21: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

But what happens if you experience a lot of difficulties? People like to say: "Do not worry, everything will be okay OR don't worry be happy." Often people share such advice with each other when bad things happen. I don't know how they know that. Some will even say: "At least we know that it can't get worse." I don't think we have to sugar coat bad moments. The Lord never guaranteed us that our life would become more convenient when we follow Him. Nor did He say that He will open windows when doors close around us.

After Easter we are more aware of the "Cup of Suffering" that Jesus had to drink. Paul says in Romans 8:17 we must be prepared to drink the cup of Jesus suffering. If we are children of God we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Nowhere do I read that the Lord tell us when we believe in Him that we will have a wonderful new career with better job benefits, friends and popularity awaits us if we obey Him. You don't follow Jesus so that your life can become calm or predictable. On the contrary, you follow Him only because He is the Lord and because He said to you "Follow Me!"

God Bless,
Pastor Petri



Consistory Highlights

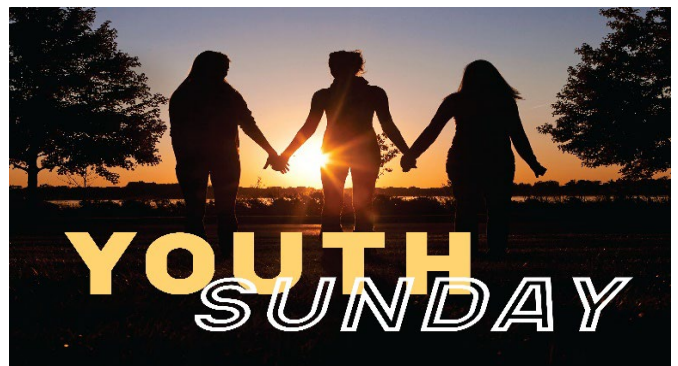
- ✓ Elder/Deacons will meet Thursday, April 11, 6pm
- ✓ Consistory will meet Thursday, April 11, 7:00pm



Brotherhood Ministry:
1st Sunday of each
month at 8:30am; Zion's
basement



Family
Ministry
Wed,
April 17
@ 6:30pm



Sunday, April 14



Spring has arrived and we know that it is a time of rebirth causing plants and animals alike to "spring forward." Everything about spring breathes of life and newness. The mailman has delivered our seed catalogs, and we begin making plans for gardens. We see green shoots of perennials popping their heads out of the ground and we're eager to get to our hands in the black dirt.

The scriptures in the Bible remind us of this special time of the year. "For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land," Song of Songs 2:11-12. Another familiar verse, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven," Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Reminders: Preparations are being made for the May Program which will be held on Saturday, May 4th at 1:30 p.m. The Education Committee (*Linda Wells, Amy Eberling, Sue Smit, Jen Koenen, Carol Stock) is in charge of the program. The Hostess Committee (*Diane Hughes, Judy Crom, Megan Oehlert, Sarah Dirksen, Sammy Buseman) is planning the refreshments. Make sure you sign up. Guests are always welcome. Thank you to those that served the Over 60's lunch in Latimer. Enjoy the spring season and all it offers!

Judy Crom (641-425-2223)
WOZ President



WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

"In Touch Ministries" by Charles Stanley:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

When life seems to fall apart, we often wonder, *Where is God? Why hasn't He answered my prayers?* The Bible offers us this encouragement: "Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His faithfulness to a thousand generations for those who love Him and keep His commandments" ([Deut. 7:9](#)).

Five attributes of God make this possible. First, He is omniscient, which means He knows everything, including our every need, thought, and life situation—not just present but also past and future. Second, God is omnipotent, so nothing's too hard for Him ([Jer. 32:17](#)). Third, He is omnipresent, so He is never beyond reach. Fourth, our heavenly Father can't lie. Everything that He says is true and reliable. And fifth, God is unchanging. Our circumstances and the world may seem to be in a constant state of flux, and God may even modify the way He chooses to interact with us. But His character is always the same. So when Scripture says God is faithful, we can rest confidently upon that promise.

In situations that seem overwhelming, we can trust that our sovereign Lord knows all, is in control, and lovingly works everything for our good. We can rest confidently, knowing that the unchanging God of all creation is taking care of us.

— Shelly B, Spiritual Life Leader

Family Ministry – April 17 at 6:30pm

How can we Rejoice if we are criticized? "After watching Jesus suffer so horrifically and seeing how He responded, the centurion was moved to say, "Truly this man was the Son of God" (Mark 15:39). If people were to closely observe your responses to unfair and harsh criticism, would they say, "Surely, this is a child of God?" We all stumble in many ways, but true godliness will show itself in how we respond to criticism, especially in how we speak to our critics and to our God.

Let us walk in the footsteps of the crucified Messiah, trusting in the Father as He did, and lean on His Spirit so that His death and life may be exhibited in us for the watching world to see" (Joel R Beeke and Nick Thompson).

Heidelberg Catechisms

Question 90

What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

Answer

It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.



DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

HS SENIORS &



If you will be graduating this spring/summer, or did this winter, please contact the office

(zionchurch2029@gmail.com) by April 8 so your accomplishment can be recognized in the May issue of the Floodlight! Information requested is college/university name; degree awarded; major(s) & future plans. HS Seniors: Turn in form & photo. Questions? See Marsha.



Children's Choir:

**Special Music on Sunday, April 28.
Please arrive by 9am in fellowship hall.**

WOZ MAY PROGRAM

May 4 – 1:30pm @ Zion

Please sign up by April 28 and plan to attend our May Program! We are excited to host a program on BEES. If you should have questions, please see Linda Wells

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Joel Meier, LaVonne McCormick, Brian Lupkes,
Angie DeVries,

Royce Harms: Father to Dave Harms

Bakker: RSV

Katie and Justin Hesnard and family: unborn baby's health

Dayton Drake : Ongoing prayers to keep regaining his strength.



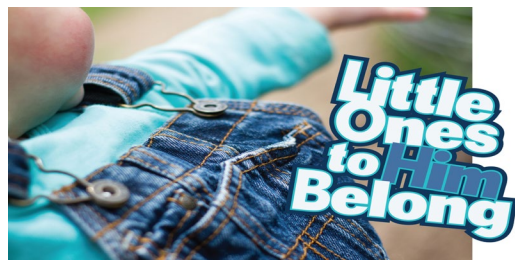
Congratulations to Kendrick and Alli Suntken on the arrival of their baby boy, Sawyer, on March 18.



Darlene Meints / Shirley Ludens / Eunice Brandt



* Carol S, Cheryl S, Sonna M, Jean M.



Children's Time during church service

DATE	NAME
April 7	Dave
April 14	Kelly B.
April 21	Ann
April 28	Megan M

FELLOWSHIP

April 7	Keaton & Sammy	April 21	van Rooyen's
April 14	Bev & Wendy	April 28	Janell Blau



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

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

DATE	NAME/HELPER
April 7	Kirsten/Kaeley S
April 14	Tonya/Gavin
April 21	Steph C / Marli
April 28	Megan S/Kaeley S



	AUDIO	CARMA
APR 07	Nick	Tonya
APR 14	Jerry	Molly
APR 21	Dave	Kolton
Apr 28	Kendal	Carma

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - APR 3 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Ann; Host: Teresa B

Journey Circle – April 4 @ 7:00pm

VESPER CIRCLE - APR 8 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Sara; Host: Esther

SUNRISE CIRCLE - APR 10 @ 9:00am

Devotions: LaVonne; Lesson: Sharon; Host: LaVonne

JOY CIRCLE - APR 14 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma

Faith Circle – April 25 @ 7:00pm

TOPIC: DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT?



RCYF: As always, we thank you for your continued support. We look to your guidance and feel your love.

Thank you, RCYF and Sponsors



2024 Lily Tribute

In Memory Of: **Mark Dannen** from Judy

David Dannen from Judy

All of our loved ones in Heaven from
Esther DeVries

Granddad Al from Mike, Sarah, Luke,
Meghan and Matt DeVries

Drew Dorenkamp from Jim and Jan

Dennis Smit from Sue

Our grandparents and parents from
Markwardt family

Paul and Marie Jurgens and

Therron Miller from Marsha & Al family

In Honor Of: **Mom (Esther)** from Mike, Sarah, Luke,
Meghan and Matt DeVries

Please take your plant home following Easter Sunday service. Thank you.



ZION'S VBS: Camp Firelight

June 10-14

M-TH: 8:45am – 12:15pm;

F: 8:45am-1:15pm with lunch provided

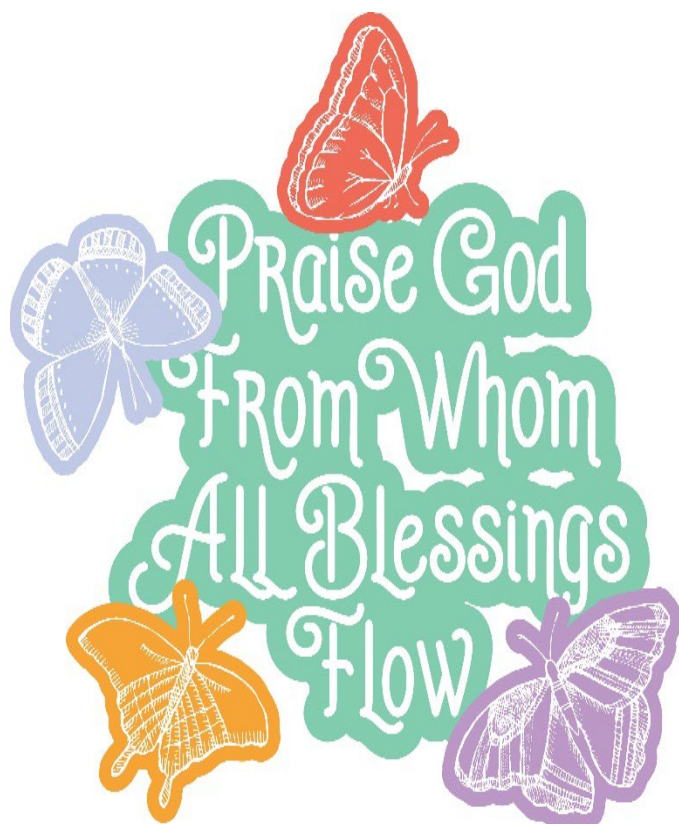
Sunday, June 16, VBS Program during service

It's that time of year to prepare for VBS, Camp Firelight! We will be needing a lot of volunteers to help with set up and decorations along with teachers and helpers. There will be a list posted of positions needed on the bulletin board. Check it out! There will be a short informational meeting in the sanctuary at a date to be announced. Teachers that have already signed up we will have your materials for you.

There will be a Friday meal so donations are being sought for the meal. Registrations will go out April 1. The deadline for registrations will be May 12. Please spread the word!! Share the registration forms or the church email so that Marsha can help them with the details!

Thank you and we look forward to another great VBS at Zion!! -Bev and Wendy





SOMETHING
OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel
new growth and make a gift
that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



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2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: M/W/TH: 8am-Noon	1	2	3 7pm Hope Circle	4 7pm Journey Circle	5	6
7 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:45am SS	8 1:30pm Vesper Circle	9	10 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF	11 7pm Consistory	12	13
14 Youth Sunday 9:15am Worship 10:45am SS 7pm Joy Circle	15	16	17 6:30pm Family Ministry	18	19	20
21 *Floodlight Deadline* 9:15 am Worship	22	23	24 7:00pm RCYF	25 7pm Faith Circle	26	27
28 9:15am Worship; Baptism Cemetery Offering 10:45am SS	29	30				