

April 

FLOODLIGHT



PASTOR'S
P O S T S

Hospitality is an Act of Kindness

The warmth of a welcoming smile, the comfort of a shared meal, the feeling of belonging – these are the hallmarks of true hospitality. It's more than just providing a space; it's an act of kindness, a tangible expression of love that reflects the very heart of our faith.

In April, we will be actively reigniting our hospitality program, and we are filled with excitement for the opportunities it will bring. We believe that our congregation is a community built on love and fellowship, and we are eager to extend that warmth to everyone who walks through our doors.

This initiative is about creating a space where everyone feels seen, valued, and embraced. Furthermore, we are open to your creative ideas! We believe that the best hospitality programs are born from the collective passion and vision of the congregation. If you have any suggestions, thoughts, or ideas on how we can enhance our hospitality efforts, please share them with us. We want to create a program that truly reflects the spirit of our congregation and welcomes all with open arms.

In Christ,
Pastor Petri

Zion Reformed Church - 2025



Consistory Highlights

- ✓ Elder/Deacons will meet Thursday, April 10, 6pm
- ✓ Consistory will meet Thursday, April 10, 7:00pm



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



Sunday, April 6



**Family
Ministry
April 16**
Hosts are
needed



April is a month filled with reflection and hope as we proceed through lent and celebrate our Lord and Savior's death and resurrection. How thankful we are that God's love poured out to us through His Son, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. We have the gift of eternal life! May we share in the joy of Easter with Christians around the world and continue to share the good news to those who haven't heard!

Remember the words of 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

There are a few reminders for the month of April. On Saturday, April 12th, is our Lenten Brunch/WOZ Meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. The program is given by Spiritual Life Committee (Megan Oehlert, Molly Allen, Amy Eberling, Carol Stock, and Sammy Buseman). Hosts are Megan Mollenbeck, Beth Bretz, Teresa Schulz, and Sarah Dirksen. We will have our business meeting following the program. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board.

Latimer Over 60s lunch is April 8th with Jean M. and Sonna M. serving. April 22nd Audrey V. and Jan V. will be the servers.

On May 10th is our May Program prepared by the Education Committee. (Linda Wells, Sarah Dirksen, Teresa Schulz, Beth Bretz, Ardith Parks, and Ann Lupkes). Hosts are Shelly Buseman, Tonya Halsne, Teresa Butson, Rose Markwardt, and Megan Suntken. Thank you to all who are preparing these programs for us!

Have a Blessed Easter!
Sonna McMahon, WOZ President

**youth
group**
SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Join us for the
Women of Zion Lenten Brunch
The Widow Who Gave All
April 12th - 10:00 am
For planning purposes,
please sign up by April 6



If you should have questions, please see Megan Oehlert.



Spring
Clean Up

April 5
1pm

Q: See Keaton



Easter Lily Order Forms will be by the catch all box. Deadline is April 6 with money and form.



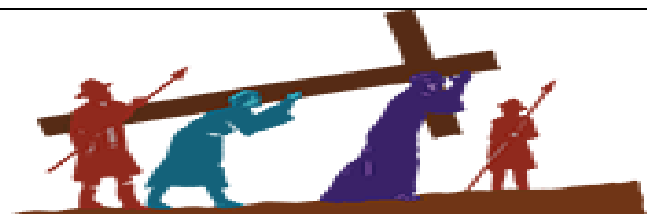
Palm Sunday, April 13



Children's Choir:
Special Music on Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday. Please arrive by 9am in fellowship hall.



Service: APRIL 17, 7PM @ ZION;
UCC WILL BE OUR GUESTS. NO FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING.



Stations of the Cross
Good Friday Service, April 18,
7pm @ UCC, Latimer – Pastor Joe



Each year during the time between Maundy Thursday and Resurrection Sunday Zion holds a 60 hour Prayer-o-thon. Prayer and reflection during this time allow us to deeply contemplate the

events leading to Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. By engaging in prayer and reflection, we can cultivate a greater understanding of the spiritual journey and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Resurrection Sunday.

How it works:

The church and Sanctuary are open during the 60 hour period for individuals or a small group to come and pray. Typically, individuals take a 30 minute slot, with the idea that someone is praying throughout the 60 hour period. Materials are available at the prayer station to help you during your prayer time. Everyone is encouraged to come to the church either during the day or throughout the night. If you are unable to come to Zion, praying at home is also welcome.

1. Submit prayer requests to the church office so a list can be available during the Prayer-o-thon by April 13.

2. Be thinking about when and how you can participate in the Prayer-o-thon.

3. Watch for additional details and a sign-up sheet...coming soon!



Questions: See Duane Carstens or Brian & Ann Lukpes



Easter Sunday
Breakfast

April 20, 8-8:45am

Hosted by: RCYF

Freewill Offering



Sunday, April 20

HS SENIORS &



Post-Secondary Students!

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

(zionchurch2029@gmail.com) by April 13 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.



ZION'S VBS: June 9-13
8:30am to 12:15pm (no lunch)
(8:30am-1:00pm on Friday – lunch provided)

VBS program: Sunday, June 17 @ 9:15am (Zion's church service); freewill meal to follow hosted by RCYF

Students 4-years-old (by June 1) thru Grade 6

NO COST!!

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.

The deadline for registration is April 27.

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

Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
MAR 02	\$2,865.00	\$510.00	93
MAR 09	\$2,299.00	\$275.00	80
MAR 16	\$6,370.50	\$750.00	101



Dale Butson, Linda Wells, Arlene Maifeld,

Darwin Butson, Mark DeVries, Kelly Bennett,

Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries, Diane Hughes, Ted Hughes, Duane Payne, Lenora Payne.

Christian condolences to Cheryl Schnoes and family on the passing of her mom.



Duane and Lenora Payne, Phyllis Nelson



* Carol S, Cheryl S



March 16: The plant that was on display was in memory of Mike Jurgens, son of Denny and Jane Jurgens, grandson of Lloyd and Frieda Jurgens and cousin to Melissa Sifert.



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
April 6	Youth Sunday
April 13	Wendy - Palm
April 20	Kelly - Easter
April 27	Megan M

FELLOWSHIP

April 6	Keaton & Sammy	April 20	RCYF
April 13	Brian/Ann	April 27	Elaine Parks



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/HELPER</u>
April 6	Sammy/Edrich
April 13	Kirsten/Marli - Palm
April 20	Steph/Barrett - Easter
April 27	Shelly/Morgan



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>CARMA</u>
APR 06	Jesse	Tonya
APR 13	Jerry	Duane
APR 17 – 7PM	Dave	Molly
Apr 20	Nick	Carma
Apr 27	Jerry	Molly

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - APR 2 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Ann; Host: Carol S

Journey Circle – April 3 @ 7:00pm

SUNRISE CIRCLE - APR 9 @ 9:00am

Devotions: ; Lesson: Sharon; Host:

JOY CIRCLE - APR 13 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma

VESPER CIRCLE - APR 14 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Sue; Host: Elaine

Faith Circle – April 24 @ 7:00pm

TOPIC: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEAL TO COOK?



Schnoes: Thank you to everyone for your prayers and expressions of sympathy after the sudden and heartbreaking loss of our great nephew, Aden. We also greatly appreciated the visit we had from Pastor Petri after Frank's surgery. -Frank and Cheryl

Hughes: It's hard to fully express our gratitude and love for all your prayers, kindness, cards, and love that you've given to us over the past year or so. Our health issues have been very difficult at times, but you continue to hold us up in prayer and encouragement. Though it's been hard, our faith has grown, and we have felt your love and prayers.

We hope to be in church again soon praising God and fellowshiping with you. Truly we thank you. A special thank you to Pastor Petri for his calls and visits. May God bless all of you for being a blessing to us.

In Christian Love, Ted and Diane

“Meet the Family” Please meet the Smith Family



Chandler and Natasha Smith
Kallie - 3 years
Harper - 1 year

The Smith family live on an acreage near Belmond. They moved here 2 years ago, but the farm was previously owned by Natasha's grandparents (Ron & Marge Jurgens). Chandler is a Precision Agronomist and Natasha is a 2nd grade teacher.

They met in high school (North Polk - Alleman), Chandler was the FFA president and Natasha was the secretary. They both attended Iowa State and got married after her Senior Year at ISU. They lived in Dallas Center for 4 years before moving here.

As a family they love to travel, ride side-by-sides, spend time with family and friends, and take care of their farm animals. They currently have Boer goats, a cow named Belle, some chickens, farm cats and dogs. Kallie's request is to get some pigs this spring which they plan to do.

They have really enjoyed the welcoming environment at Zion and the abundance of young kids to raise their girls with! The family's favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 16:14 – “Let all that you do be done with love.”



- 02 Mardel Weber
- 05 Wendy Buseman
- 06 Dick McMahon / Ellie Buseman
- 08 Drake Bennett
- 11 Kevin & Tami Ballhagen
- 13 Ted Hughes / Ann Lupkes
- 14 Pauline Barkema
- 15 Jerry Buseman
- 16 Edrich van Rooyen
- 18 Harm Koenen
- 19 John Lupkes / Rose Markwardt
- 20 Cooper Bird
- 21 *Pastor Petri & Janette / Sutton Miller*
- 22 Carter Barkema
- 23 Matt Koenen
- 25 Whitney Schulz, Pam Rusinack
- 27 Carley Ballhagen / Shelby Ballhagen
- 28 Tami Suntken
- 29 Maynard Koenen
- 30 Janell Blau, Esther DeVries



Church Camp

***All Youth:** If your child plans to attend Lakeview Summer Camp or Riverside Bible Camp, please have your confirmation to Marsha by May 4. As in the past years, Zion will pay half of the camper's fee. If there is another church camp that your child is interested in please give that contact information to Elder Mark DeVries before the end of April because a survey must be completed to make sure that beliefs align.

Questions: See Elder Mark DeVries

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: M/W/TH: 8am-Noon		1	2 7pm Hope Circle 7pm RCYF	3 7pm Journey Circle	4	5 Spring Clean! 1pm @ Zion
6 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Youth Sunday Mixed Choir Practice 10:45am SS	7	8	9 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF	10 7pm Consistory	11	12 10am Lenten Brunch
13 Lily Deadline 9:15am Palm Sunday - Children Sing Mixed Choir Practice 10:45am SS 7pm Joy Circle	14 1:30pm Vesper Circle	15	16 6:30pm Family Ministry	17 7pm Maundy Thursday Service Prayer-O-Thon begins	18 Good Friday 7pm UCC Prayer-O-Thon	19 Prayer-O-Thon
20*Floodlight Deadline* 8am – 8:45am Easter Breakfast hosted by RCYF - Freewill 9:15 am Resurrection Sunday!	21	22	23 7:00pm RCYF	24 7pm Faith Circle	25	26
27 9:15am Worship; Cemetery Offering 10:45am SS *VBS Deadline*	28	29	30 7pm RCYF			