

April 

FLOODLIGHT



PASTOR'S
P O S T S

Dear Zion Family,

Let us be proud and bold in our faith, never shrinking back from the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Being part of Zion is not just a place we attend—it is a living testimony of God's grace at work in our lives and in our community. I am truly proud of Zion, not because we are perfect, but because we are committed to the truth of the Gospel and to sharing it with love and conviction.

Each one of us is called to be a witness, to speak of Christ with courage, and to reflect His light in our daily lives. Do not underestimate the impact of a faithful word, a kind act, or a testimony shared with confidence. The Gospel we carry is life-changing. So stand firm, be proud of your faith, and boldly proclaim the name of Jesus. Let Zion continue to be a place where Christ is lifted high and where our community sees and experiences His love through us.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16

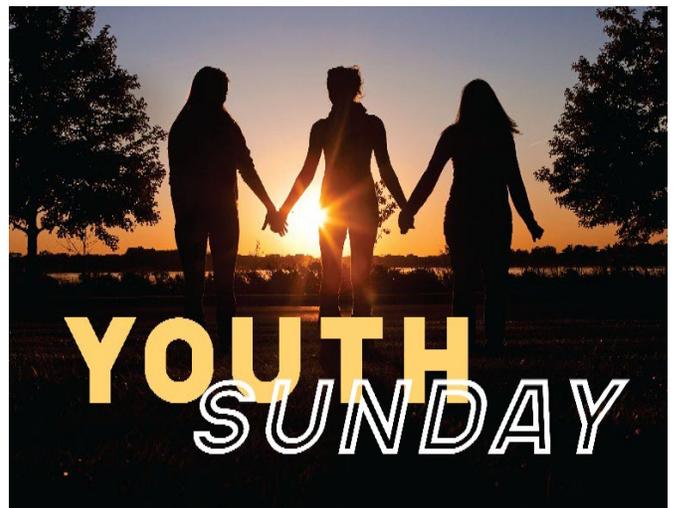
In Christ,
Pastor Petri

Zion Reformed Church - 2026



Consistory Highlights

- ✓ Elder/Deacons will meet Thursday, April 9, 6pm
- ✓ Consistory will meet Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm



Sunday, April 12



Family Ministry
April 15
6:30pm Meal
7pm Ministry



Renewed by the Resurrection

As we step into April, we are reminded that this season is one of renewal and hope. The signs of spring begin to appear around us—longer days, warmer sunshine, and new life emerging from what once seemed dormant. In much the same way, our faith is continually being renewed through the grace and promises of God.

April also leads us toward the celebration of Easter, a powerful reminder of Christ's victory over sin and death. The resurrection is not just a moment in history; it is the foundation of our living hope. Because He lives, we are assured that even in our darkest seasons, God is at work bringing new life and restoration.

In our daily lives, it can be easy to become weighed down by routines, worries, or uncertainty. Yet this season invites us to pause and reflect on the faithfulness of God. Just as the earth is refreshed by spring rains, our hearts are renewed when we spend time in His Word and in prayer.

Let this month be a time to intentionally seek that renewal. Reach out to someone who needs encouragement, spend a few extra moments in quiet reflection, and take notice of the ways God is working in both the big and small details of life.

May we enter this season with hearts open to growth, joy, and the peace that comes from trusting in Him.

Blessings to you all this April,
Tonya Halsne, WOZ President



WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Spring often inspires us to clean. We open the windows, clear out clutter, and wipe away the dust that has gathered over the winter. It feels good to start fresh.

Just like our homes, our hearts sometimes need a little "spring cleaning" too. Over time we can collect things that weigh us down – worry, resentment, impatience, or distractions that pull us away from God. But God invites us to bring those things to him.

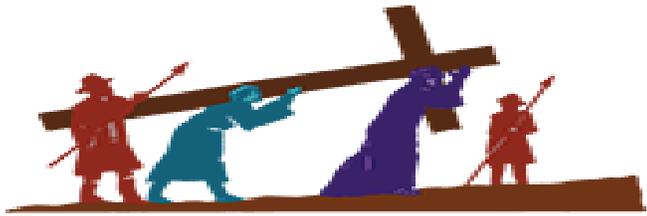
In Psalm 51:10, David prays, "create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." When we ask God to search our hearts, He gently help us clear away what doesn't belong and fills those spaces with peace, grace, and love.

This spring, as you tidy your home and open the window, take a moment to ask God to refresh your heart as well. Lord, as I clean and refresh my home this season, help me also allow You to renew my heart and spirit. Remove anything that doesn't bring You honor and fill me with Your peace and joy. Amen.

Megan Oehlert
Spiritual Life



**Service: APRIL 2, 7PM @ ZION;
UCC WILL BE OUR GUESTS. NO FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING.**



Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday Service, April 3,
7pm @ UCC, Latimer – Pastor Joe**



**"Connecting with God on Holy Ground"
Zion's Prayer-O-Thon**

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 **March 29**.
2. Be thinking about when and how you can participate in the Prayer-o-thon.
3. Sign up TODAY!

Questions: See Duane Carstens or Brian & Ann Lupkes



Easter Sunday *Breakfast*

April 5, 8-8:45am

Hosted by: RCYF

Freewill Offering – Biscuits/Gravy!!



**Bible Study for
Everyone
Sunday, April 5,
8:30am-9am**



Sunday, April 5



Spring Women's Conference: April 25

@ Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church.

Registration & coffee is from 8:30 am-9:30 am; \$10.00 lunch fee.

Theme: Africa.

Bring your cancelled stamps to Zion for delivery.

Q: see Molly Allen.

HS SENIORS &



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

(zionchurch2029@gmail.com) by April 19 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.



“Find Your Strength in God”

ZION’S VBS: June 22-26
8:45am to 12:15pm (no lunch)
(8:45am-1:00pm on Friday – lunch provided)

VBS program: Sunday, June 28 @ 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 26.

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 01	\$2,625.00	\$510.00	75
MAR 08	\$3,220.00	\$550.00	117
MAR 15	Snow	Day	
MAR 22	\$10,236.69	\$1,800.69	105



Maynard Koenen, Sharon Oleson, Dale Butson, Jon Suntken, Arlene Maifeld, Darwin Butson, Brian Lupkes, Ted Hughes, Sam Butson, Carol Koenen, Vernon VanHorn, Marsha Muhlenbruch

Prayers for Phil Markwardt’s mom, Letha, as she recovers from breast cancer surgery. Prayers for Phil and Rose’s great nephew, Robbie.

Prayers for Sarah Vander Schaaf (Brian and Ann’s daughter)



Duane and Lenora Payne, Phyllis Nelson



* Carol S, Cheryl S

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - APR 2 @ 10am (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Judy C; *Host:* Diane H.

SUNRISE CIRCLE - APR 8 @ 9:00am

Devotions: ; *Lesson:* Sharon; *Host:*

JOY CIRCLE - APR 12 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa S.

VESPER CIRCLE - APR 13 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Sue; *Host:* Audrey

Faith Circle – April 30 @ 7:00pm

TOPIC: WHAT SCARES YOU?



Children's Time during church service

DATE	NAME
April 5	Wendy B.
April 12	Youth Sunday
April 19	Kelly B.
April 26	Megan M.

FELLOWSHIP

April 5	RCYF Breakfast	April 19	Barkema family
April 12	RCYF	April 26	Darwin/Teresa B



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 5	Sammy/Tenley
April 12	Youth Sunday
April 19	Marli/Morgan
April 26	Shelly/Morgan



	AUDIO	CARMA
APR 02 7PM	Dave	Molly
APR 05	Jesse	Carma
APR 12	Jesse	Tonya
Apr 19	Jerry	Duane
Apr 26	Dave	Molly

GREETERS

April 5	Keaton and Sammy Buseman
April 12	RCYF – Youth Sunday
April 19	Mark and Carma DeVries
April 26	John and Melissa Sifert

DISABILITY AWARENESS MEAL

Zion Ambassadors are hosting a **Disability Awareness Meal** to support individuals who are **deaf or have hearing impairments** on Sunday, April 12, 5pm. The evening will include a **steak dinner**, activities that help participants better understand the challenges of hearing loss, and an opportunity to hear from individuals who live with hearing impairment.

Guests will have the chance to participate in **interactive activities related to hearing impairment**, such as communicating without sound, learning basic **American Sign Language (ASL)** phrases, and experiencing how difficult everyday communication can be for those who cannot hear.

Hosts Needed

We are looking for **12 table hosts** for the evening, with **4 more guests seated at each table. (including 2 hosts + 4 guests = 6 people at a table)** Invite **neighbors/friends/family**

Host responsibilities include:

- Setting your table for **6 people** using the church tableware
- Inviting guests to join you at your table
- Helping guide your table through the evening's activities and conversation

Tickets: \$25 per person made out to Zion Reformed Church. If you are interested in being a **table host**, please contact: **DEADLINE: April 7** Marsha at the church via email: zionchurch2029@gmail.com or call 641-579-6186.

Join us for an evening of **learning, fellowship, and greater understanding of the deaf and hearing-impaired community.**



You are invited to a baby shower to celebrate Nate and Lauren's baby on the way! Saturday, April 11, 1-4pm at North Iowa Christian School located at 680 6th St SE Mason City. They are registered at Target and Amazon! The registry is under Nate and Lauren Stevens with their due date of June 4, 2026. They ask in lieu of cards that your favorite storybook/ children's book is brought with your message and name written on the inside as a forever keepsake for baby! Bring a box of diapers or wipes to enter in the diaper raffle if you wish!



Parks: During this time of sorrow, our hearts have been uplifted by the outpouring of love and support from friends and family like you. We deeply appreciate your kind words, comforting gestures, and thoughtful presence during this difficult time. Whether it was a visit, call, flowers, or a simple prayer, your kindness brought us comfort and peace. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives. Thank you for making mom's celebration of life so special. Mom would have been so happy. Thank you for standing by us and for keeping the memory of mom alive in our hearts. Your compassion has meant the world to us!

-Family of Elaine Parks, Steve, Kim & Julie

VanHorn: Thank you to everyone for your prayers, texts, phone calls, visits and cards I received after my neck surgery. Thank you, Pastor Petri, for the early morning video I received on my phone of Zion singing Happy 80th Birthday to me! That was so thoughtful and made my day extra special. God Bless all of you for your kindness and concern.

-Vernon

McCormick: Thank you to everyone for celebrating my 95th birthday!
-LaVonne



- 02 Mardel Weber
- 05 Wendy Buseman
- 06 Dick McMahon / Ellie Buseman
- 08 Drake Bennett
- 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
- 28 Tami Suntken
- 29 Maynard Koenen
- 30 Janell Blau, Esther DeVries



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2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: M/T/W: 8am-Noon			1 7pm RCYF	2 10 am Hope Circle 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service Prayer-O-Thon -----	3 7pm Good Friday Service at UCC, Latimer Prayer-O-Thon -----	4 Prayer-O-Thon -----
5 *Food Pantry* 8am – 8:45am Breakfast RCYF Freewill Donation 8:30am-9am Bible Study 9:15am Resurrection Sunday!	6	7	8 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF	9 7pm Consistory	10	11
12 9:15am Youth Sunday 10:45am SS 5pm Disability Meal 7pm Joy Circle	13 1:30pm Vesper Circle	14	15 6:30pm Family Ministry	16	17	18
19*Floodlight Deadline* 9:15 am Worship / Baptisms 10:45am SS	20	21	22 7:00pm RCYF	23	24	25
26 9:15am Worship; 10:45am SS *VBS Registration Due*	27	28	29 7pm RCYF	30 7pm Faith Circle		

