



AUGUST

2026

Zion Reformed Church Floodlight



PASTOR'S P O S T S

Dear Zion Family,

The Gift of Peace

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

Peace is more than the absence of conflict. It is the choice to live with grace, forgiveness, patience, and love—even when differences remain. Scripture instructs us, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18). This includes our families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and those with whom we disagree.

Research confirms this scriptural wisdom. Ongoing conflict increases stress hormones and inflammation, whereas healthy relationships reduce stress and support mental and physical well-being. Peace benefits the soul, mind, and body, as supported by NIH research.

Peace does not mean ignoring wrongdoing or overlooking differences. Instead, it means speaking the truth in love, refusing bitterness, offering forgiveness, and trusting God with the outcome.

Is there someone with whom you need to make peace today? Take that first step. A peaceful heart is a healthier heart, both spiritually and mentally.

Pastor Petri



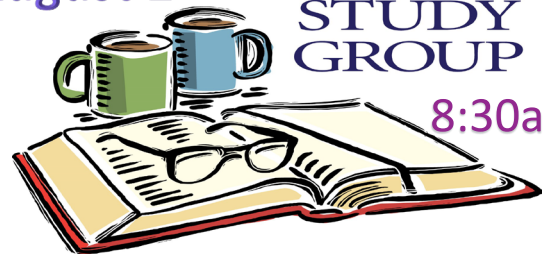
Consistory Highlights

*Zion's Consistory will meet on Aug. 13, 7pm.
(Closing prayer: Keaton./Coffee: Jerry)

August 2

**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**

8:30am





Food
Pantry
Needs

Please
Bring
Items
Every first
Sunday



**Family
Ministry**
August 12
6:30pm Meal
7pm Ministry

HOSTS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE



August 9
***Bring a
chair**



Zion Reformed Church
**First Annual
Quilt Retreat**

Aug. 7th-8th 9a-5p

X.X.X.X.X.X.X.

Festival

-231-2163 for your spot.
g machine, jelly roll fabric,
onal supplies you would
want to use. Lunch provided.

Come join us for 2 days of fun and fellowship. Easy jelly roll quilt pattern will be provided. Once you book your spot, you will receive more details about exact fabric and other requirements. Beginners are welcome. Coffee, Tea and Snacks will be available, and lunch will also be provided both days.



**HOLY
COMMUNION**
Sunday, August 23



BEST WISHES to
Zion's families as
school begins later
this month.



August 11 @ 2pm
Hampton FGH Program
Program: Judy K*, Sonna M, Judy C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Teachers Needed



**Sunday School Teachers/Helpers; Music
Leaders are needed for 2026-27! If you are
interested or have Q: See Megan Mollenbeck**



Sunday, Aug. 30

All kiddos please bring your backpack



Making Room for Grace

August often feels like a month of transition. Summer is beginning to wind down, routines are starting to return, and our calendars can quickly fill up again. In the midst of all the busyness, it can be easy to forget to make room for the things that matter most.

Sometimes we need to make room—not just in our schedules, but in our hearts. Room to slow down. Room to listen. Room to pray. Room to recognize the ways God is working in our lives, even when we are too busy to notice.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” What a comforting invitation. We don’t have to have everything figured out or every task completed before we come to Him. We simply need to come.

As we move toward a new season, may we remember to leave room for God in our days. May we be willing to pause when He calls us to pause, serve when He calls us to serve, and trust Him with the things we cannot control. May August be a month of making room—for grace, for gratitude, and for God.

In Christ,

Tonya Halsne, WOZ President

WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Growing Together in Grace

In every season of church life, one question remains central: Are we growing closer to Christ? Programs,

committees, and activities all have their place, but the true spiritual strength of the church is found in hearts that are daily being transformed by the grace of God.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4:15 that we are to be “speaking the truth in love” and “grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.” Spiritual growth is not reserved for pastors, elders, or Bible teachers alone. It is the calling of every believer and the shared responsibility of the whole congregation.

In today’s world, Christians are constantly pulled toward distraction, busyness, worry, and division. Yet Scripture continually calls us back to the simple and faithful practices that nourish the soul: prayer, worship, the reading of God’s Word, fellowship, service, and repentance. These are not merely religious habits; they are means by which the Holy Spirit shapes us into the likeness of Christ.

A healthy church is not a perfect church. Rather, it is a church where people humbly seek the Lord together. It is a church where forgiveness is practiced, burdens are shared, and Christ remains at the center. Spiritual maturity is often seen not in dramatic moments, but in quiet faithfulness — showing kindness when it is difficult, remaining steadfast in prayer, encouraging one another, and trusting God through trials.

As members of Christ’s body, we are also reminded that our spiritual lives affect one another. When one member is discouraged, the church is called to encourage. When one rejoices, the church rejoices together. The Christian life was never meant to be lived in isolation. God has given us the gift of the church so that we may strengthen one another in faith. Zion has long emphasized that salvation is entirely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Because of that grace, we do not pursue spiritual growth to earn God’s favor; we pursue it because we already belong to Him. Gratitude becomes the motivation for holy living.

As we continue together as a congregation, may we renew our commitment to daily prayer, faithful worship, diligent study of Scripture, and loving service to others. Let us ask the Lord to deepen our faith, strengthen our unity, and make our church a visible witness to the hope found in Christ alone. May we echo the prayer found in Psalm 51: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” Grace and peace to you all.

Judy Crom, Spiritual Life Committee



FYI: PROMOTION SUNDAY – Sept. 20

Plan to stay for games following the outside Sunday service! Please share with friends, family and community that Zion's Sunday School and Children's Choir will be starting on Sunday, Sept. 27, following 9:15 am service. Ages PreK-HS welcomed! More information to follow.



Date	General	Benevolent	Attendance
JULY 5	\$4,343.00	\$985.00	104
JULY 12	\$2,705.00	\$175.00	
JULY 19	\$3,189.00	\$480.00	142



*Audrey VanHorn / Linda Wells



Phyllis Nelson / Duane and Lenora Payne /
Maynard Koenen / Arlene Maifeld



DIANE HUGHES, SHARON OLSEN, JON SUNTKEN, ARLENE MAIFELD, DARWIN BUTSON, BRIAN LUPKES, TED HUGHES, MAYNARD KOENEN, JUDY DANNEN.

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



Children's Time during church service

AUGUST 2	ANN LUPKES
AUGUST 9	OUTSIDE
AUGUST 16	MOLLY ALLEN
AUGUST 23	KELLY BENNETT
AUGUST 30	MEGAN MOLLENBECK / BLESS THE BACKPACKS



DAYCARE PROVIDERS!

After Children's Time

AUGUST 2	SAMMY / MARLI
AUGUST 9	NA – OUTSIDE SERVICE
AUGUST 16	MARLI/MORGAN/TENLEY
AUGUST 23	KIRSTEN/EDRICH
AUGUST 30	MOLLY B/TATUM



DATE	AUDIO	VIDEO
AUGUST 2	JERRY	MOLLY
AUGUST 9	OUTSIDE	
AUGUST 16	DAVE	DUANE
AUGUST 23	JESSE	CARMA
AUGUST 30	NICK	TONYA

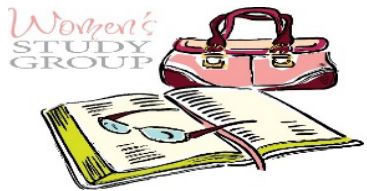
GREETERS

August 2 Francis & Linda Brass
 August 9 NA
 August 16 Steve & Linda Wells
 August 23 Kendrick & Allie Suntken
 August 30 Janet Atkinson / Kirsten Suntken

You will find your name badges in your church mailbox / when your date is done, please return badges to Marsha



AUGUST 2	SIFERT FAMILY
AUGUST 9	OUTSIDE
AUGUST 16	HOSTS NEEDED
AUGUST 23	HOSTS NEEDED
AUGUST 30	HOSTS NEEDED



Hope: Aug 6 Devotions/Lesson: Carol /Host: Sonna
Joy: Aug 9 Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa S
Vesper: Aug 10 Devotions/Lesson: Linda; Host: Molly
Sunrise: Aug 12 Devotions/Lesson/Host: Sharon
Faith: Aug. 27 @ 7pm

What is your favorite color?



***Blueberry Blitz:** Thank you to everyone who participated in Blueberry Blitz! We had a total of 33 boxes with the funds supporting Lakeview Camps in Pella. A special "Thank You" to Carol Stock for picking up the blueberries in Parkersburg and delivering them here at Zion. Your support is greatly appreciated!

-Ann

***Zion:** Thank YOU to the consistory and congregation for your support and prayers while we attended RMH. We look forward to sharing our experience with you. -RCYF, Mariah, Pastor



Flowers were left on the altar on July 19 in celebration of Kadence Lee Borcharding's Holy Baptism.



November 7; 11am-5pm Shops
 11am -6pm Meal (auction @ 6:30pm)

Please consider giving food donations, working, all women are asked to bake a pie for the kitchen; consider making centerpieces and making/purchasing auction items! Sign up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board.

FYI: Frozen meals will be online for preordering (deadline is Oct. 18) and auction items will be silent bidding and on line bidding. **Silent auction items must be brought to the church by Sept. 13** and will be on display. FROZEN MEALS: there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for preorders. Deadline to preorder is Oct. 18. Zion, please plan to pick up your frozen meals/soups on FRIDAY, Nov. 6, 5-7PM. Centerpieces will be silent bidding on the day of bazaar. You may raise

the bid on an auction item and/or centerpiece at the evening auction.

The bazaar booths will be bakery, pantry, crafts, frozen food, cards/napkins. A full lunch and supper menu! Now is the time to be thinking what type of craft(s) you can contribute, items for the pantry such as SALSA, canned veggies, jelly/jams, the ladies are working on canned meat; what types of breads/cakes/bars/cookies/candies /mini or full size pies can you make for the bakery.

NEW this bazaar: Make 'n Take on the day of bazaar (there will be a set fee and you must preregister to participate – more information later; however, an idea is to make a porch pot!!)

A detailed information sheet will be placed in your mailboxes. Seeking money donations to help cover the expense of meat and Bazaar costs in general. Donations may be given to Sammy Buseman. Please spread the word and fire up for another amazing bazaar with community fellowship. **YOUR time, contributions and prayers to help make "Flannel & Fellowship" Bazaar the very best yet is very much appreciated.**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD WOZ MISSIONS



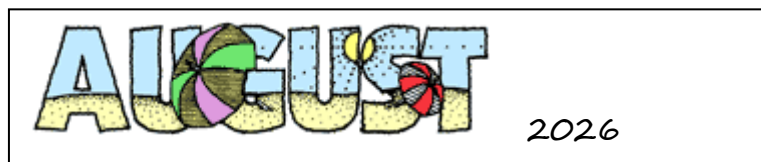
First Grace Baptist, 404 E Gilman St, Sheffield: Is gauging interest in launching "Celebrate Recovery" on Thursdays, 6pm, beginning September 3. The focus is on hope for hurts, habits and hang ups. If interested, please see the flier on the bulletin board and scan the bar code for more information.



- 03 Wells Sheeler / Dick & Sonna McMahon
- 04 Shawn Francis, Joel Rodemeyer, Rebekah Ault
Jerrad & Sarah Dirksen
- 06 Jace Halsne, Randy Meyer
- 07 Marge Jurgens, Amanda Rodemeyer
Carter & Lexis Barkema
- 09 Sharon Haver
- 10 Ron & Marge Jurgens
- 11 Jon & Tami Suntken
- 12 Frank & Cheryl Schnoes
- 13 Maci Pralle
- 14 Addie Buseman
- 15 Elijah & Karter Kinseth
- 16 Eric & Brittnee Meyer / Myron & Jan VanHorn
- 17 Duane Barkema
- 18 Travis & Gabby Webb
- 19 Gemmaline Schmidt / Darwin Butson /
Kellen & Megan Suntken
- 20 Megan Suntken, Chance Moore
Kendrick & Alli Suntken
- 21 Diane Barkema, Hayden Kloetzer
- 22 Theo Sheely / Ryan & Jen Koenen
- 23 Mike & Tara Pralle / Jonathan & Talia Schmidt
- 24 Gavin Rodemeyer, Aubree Lahner
- 25 Alli Suntken / Keaton & Sammy Buseman
- 27 Corey Campbell, Andrew Lupkes
- 28 Eric Meyer, Mike Pralle, Scottie Kinseth,
Drew Kinseth
- 30 Michael & Tonya Halsne
- 31 Silas Buseman/ Clayton & Mariah Miller

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						
Office Hours: M, T, W 8am - Noon						1
2*Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship	3	4	5	6 10 am Hope Circle	7 Zion Quilters	8 Zion Quilters
9 9:15am Worship Outside 7pm Joy Circle	10 1:30pm Vesper Circle	11 2pm FGH Program	12 9:00am Sunrise Circle 6:30pm Family Ministry	13 7pm Consistory	14	15
16 9:15am Worship *Fellowship hall is in use*	17 Office closed -----	18 -----	19 -----	20	21	22
23 9:15am Worship Holy Communion 30 9:15am Worship Bless the Backpacks	24 31	25	26	27 7pm Faith Circle	28	29