



Zion Reformed Church -- Floodlight



A Season to Listen...

Any conversation or debate usually has a volume button. The more anxiety, the more serious we get, the louder we get. Let us be honest, I think this year has the most arguments and sharing of opinions. Take some time and listen to yourself and to others. If we are busy losing an argument, we turn up our volume. Sometimes I even think people become voiceless or even speechless because they don't get a change to share their thoughts. Think of the last conversation you had with someone that did not give you time to share your thoughts. How did you feel after that conversation? Most likely unhappy and frustrated.

Advent is a time for me to be quiet. A time where I think we have to turn down our volume buttons and just listen. Listen to the quietness when it is snowing, listen to the Christmas carols and listen to the voice of the angel when he brought the news of the birth of Jesus. Listen to your spouse, your children and more than ever, listen to the Word of God. After a tough year it is time to listen to others. Most of us are exhausted after all the lock downs and challenges of Covid. I think this is a new season where we have to turn our volume down.

When Jesus appears before Pilate and the crowd before His crucifixion, He remains silent. The crowds' volume buttons were fully turned on. Thank God we realize today that the death on the cross was a victory, not a loss. Somewhere the words ran out. Giving away his life became everything.

I pray that you will have a blessed Advent Season! Listen, listen, and listen! To do that, you have to turn the volume down.

Take care and God bless,
Pastor Petri



Sunday,
Dec. 6
10:30am
BRING
Own
pencil!

ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

- 1- Meeting will begin directly after worship service. Everyone will remain in their seats. Those not attending will be excused.
- 2- The consistory will monitor the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and parking lot.
- 3- The roll of the members will be taken by consistory.
- 4- Annual meeting information packet will be distributed by the consistory.
- 5- Meeting will begin as shown on Agenda.
- 6- Deacons & tellers will distribute the ballot for election of elder & deacons.



Dear Women of Zion,

As we enter into the Advent season I am sharing a devotion from Max Lucado: Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Max says, "Every Christmas I read this reminder that came in the mail several years ago":

**If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator.*

**If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.*

**If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.*

**But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior. He became like us, so we could become like him. He loves each one of us like there was only one of us to love.*

Our December service project gives us the opportunity to share this love of Christ that he has so freely given to us with those less fortunate so they might have a joyous Christmas. Give generously to the White Christmas offering.

As we come to the close of the year 2020 we are grateful to God for His guidance each and every day and counting our many blessings. Among those blessings are all the Women of Zion who have given of their time and talents, those serving in leadership roles this year, those who have helped out whenever there was a job to do. **THANK YOU!** May we continue to be

a blessing to those who missions we support.

May you and your families be blessed with peace, hope and love this Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Lovingly in Christ~

Audrey VanHorn

WOZ President



Consistory Highlights

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:

THURSDAY, DEC. 10;

7PM ELDERS/DEACONS

8PM CONSISTORY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER; PROFESSION OF FAITH; BAPTISM, PLEASE SEE AN ELDER

White Gift Offering

Monetary donations are being accepted in the burlap container until December 6.

Proceeds will be used to provide winter coats, boots, Christmas gifts, etc. for area families currently experiencing financial difficulties. Q: See Shelly B.



Order forms are by the Catch-All box. The cost is \$16.00/plant & the order/payment deadline is noon on December 6. If you want to provide your own plant -- see the order form for details. Questions? See CARMA



2020 Prayer Pal Program:

Please reveal to your prayer pal before Dec. 25.

2021 Prayer Pal Program:

You will receive your new prayer pal in your church mailbox the first week of December. Please pray for her daily. No gifts. Thank you.



It is time to update the prayer chain! If anyone (women, men, youth) would like to be added by email or the calling tree, please let Ann know by Dec. 6. Reminder that if you have a prayer concern and you would like those on the prayer chain to be praying, please contact Ann @ lupkesa@gmail.com or 641-425-5367 and she will begin the prayer chain.



Sounds of the Season

DINGERS NEEDED!!

WE WANT TO GET A BELL CHOIR (HAND CHIMES) TOGETHER FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT JANETTE AT (641) 231-2163. PRACTICES WILL BE WED EVENINGS, 7-8PM AND SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH. FIRST PRACTICE: WED, DEC. 9.



Candlelight Service
December 24 @ 7:00pm

ATTENTION!

Sunday worship service:

*Recorded on CD's and stored in the office. You may "check out" a CD for one week at a time.

*View on Zion's website: www.zionreformed.com



Please keep the following in prayer:

- Ted Hughes, Marie Jurgens, Donna Meints, Jerry Buseman, Jill Schade, Ryan Rother, Dean Miller, Judy Crom
- Andy Sheeler – Darwin and Teresa's son-in-law
- Harold Buseman – Jerry and Jeff's father
- Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther DeVries and Sue Smit
- Liz Hilton – Niece to Carol Stock
- Jerry Corey – Amy Eberling's father



Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Bazetta Kew. Bazetta passed away on Nov. 26. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at Zion Reformed Church in rural Sheffield. A private family burial took place in the Hampton Cemetery.



Darlene Meints / Dorothy Jurgens/Donna Meints
LaVonne McCormick/ Marie Jurgens

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	General	Benevolent	Attendance
Nov 1	\$2,855.00	\$907.00	87
Nov 8	\$2,155.00	\$427.00	70
Nov 15	Cancelled		
Nov 22	\$2,500.00	\$369.00	72
Nov 29	\$2,420.00	\$862.00	95



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
DEC 06	Dave	Carma
DEC 13	Jerry	Duane
DEC 20	Duane	Kendal
DEC 24	Jen	Kendal
DEC 27	Mavis	Tonya



Amanda Rodemeyer* / Mariah Miller
Sarah Dirksen/Megan Mollenbeck
*Send a card

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE – DEC. 2 VIA ZOOM; 7PM
JOY CIRCLE - DEC 13 @ 7:00pm
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Amy
Faith Circle – TBA

FOCUS ON: ZION'S WHITE GIFT OFFERING
VERSE TO MEMORIZE: PROVERBS 14:31

WOZ 2021 OFFICERS:

Linda Wells, President
Diane Hughes, Vice President
Secretary, Sue Smit
Treasurer, Judy Crom
2021 WOZ Books will be placed in
your church mailbox.



Please welcome Julie Dannen officially as a member of Zion as she transferred her membership to Zion.



Dannen: I would like to thank Zion for all the love and support they have shown my family during the loss of Mark. I am glad to be a member of Zion's church family.
-Julie

Hughes: Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, and cards from our Zion family. I'm getting along pretty good with the broken heel and hoping to get rid of the cast in early December. It meant a great deal to hear from you. Thank you so much.
-Ted



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dec. 6	Pastor
Dec. 13	Ann
Dec. 20	Wendy
Dec. 27	Dave



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>
Dec. 6	Janette
Dec. 13	Marsha
Dec. 20	Tonya
Dec 27	Shelly/Addie




- 01 Anthony Meyer
- 03 Charlane Janssen
- 06 Connor Butson
- 09 Duane Payne
- 10 Joel Meier
Duane & Lenora Payne
- 11 Harlyn Janssen
- 12 Andy Sheeler
- 13 Tyler Campbell
- 15 Jane Willms
- 19 Alyssa Eberling
- 20 Lauren Moore
- 21 Tonya Halsne
- 22 *Dennis & Judy Crom*
Gene & Jane Elphic
- 27 Tanner Buseman / Jean Mollenbeck
- 28 Dean Dixon
- 29 Owen Meyer

?? ? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ? ?

Which of the four Gospels name(s) Bethlehem as the place of Jesus' birth?

- A. Only Luke
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four



Answer: B (See Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:1-7.)






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CALENDAR 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir</p>	<p>Office Hours: M/W/TH 8am-noon (unless noted)</p>	1	2 Hope Circle, 7pm Via Zoom	3	4	5
<p>6 *Food Pantry* 2nd Sunday in Advent 10:30 am Annual Church Mtg</p>	7	8	9 7pm Dinger practice	10 7pm Deacon/Elder 8pm Consistory	11	12
<p>13 3rd Sunday in Advent Dinger practice Joy Circle</p>	14	15	16 7pm Dinger practice	17	18	19
<p>20 4th Sunday in Advent Dinger practice</p>	21	22	23 7pm Dinger practice	24 7:00pm Candlelight Svc	25 Happy Birthday, Jesus 	26
27	28	29	30	31 	1 	2