

December

Zion Reformed Church – Floodlight 2021



PASTOR'S POSTS

The last article for the year! Can you believe it? This is definitely the time of the year when we do reflection. It was a year full of blessings.

Thank you for:

- Taking your faith seriously
- Loving and taking care of each other
- Above average service attendance
- Great fellowship with the Corn Festival, WOZ Bazaar and all the other events
- Our musicians
- Great children and youth leaders
- All the circles and their activities
- A consistory which practiced discernment through the Holy Spirit
- Staff members with great hearts and skills

We can just go down on our knees and praise the Lord for an incredible year full of blessings.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With Love,
Petri, Janette, Marli and Edrich



Sunday, Dec. 12:
Welcome our Missionaries!
Following service, please stay for
a 1 hour Bible Study: "Vaccine/666"



**Sunday,
Dec. 5
10:30am
BRING
Own
pencil!**

ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

- 1- Meeting will begin directly after worship service. Everyone should report to the fellowship hall to sign in, take a packet and grab a snack/drink.
- 2- The consistory will monitor the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and parking lot.
- 3- The roll of the members will be taken by consistory.
- 4- Meeting will begin as shown on Agenda.
- 5- Deacons & tellers will distribute the ballot for election of elders & deacon.



Consistory Highlights

**NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:
THURSDAY, DEC. 9;
7PM ELDERS/DEACONS
8PM CONSISTORY**

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



Dear Women of Zion,

Merry Christmas! It's a very busy month for us all. It is such a privilege to celebrate the birth of our savior. May we all remember the true meaning of Christmas. I would love to thank everyone for all their support during my time as president of WOZ. It was a pleasure especially with all the wonderful help from everyone. Thanks again.

Some reminders for the month:
*WOZ Christmas luncheon/program/installation of the new officers will be Sat., Dec. 4@ 10am. **Please bring a salad to share!** 2021 Prayer Pals will be revealed so please bring a card doing so and 2022 Prayer Pals will be drawn. Hope everyone is able to attend!

*Please welcome Diane Hughes as the WOZ president.

God Bless,
Linda Wells, President
WOZ

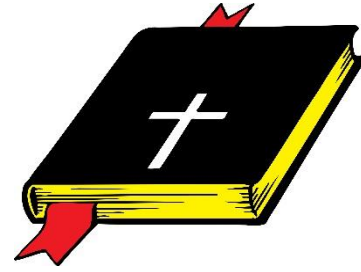
WOZ 2022 OFFICERS:

Diane Hughes, President
Carma DeVries, Vice President
Pauline Barkema, Secretary
Judy Crom, Treasurer

2022 WOZ Books will be placed in
your church mailbox.



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. 5. 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.



THAT I MAY KNOW HIM

We have had a time of Thanksgiving in which we paused to give thanks for all the many blessings we have received. With gratitude and praise, we thank our Heavenly Father for his faithfulness, care and compassion in every situation.

Now we have entered into the season of Advent. During Advent we need to thank God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the age.

While we wait for His return, we are to grow in faith and serve others. In 2 Peter 3:18, Paul commands us to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Each woman of Zion is invited to be part of a bible study to dig deeper into the Word of God. During the coming year, each Circle will be studying, *That I May Know Him*, by June Kimmel. The focus of the study is based on three women whose lives were changed through their encounter with Jesus.

God wants all of us to grow closer to Him and become more like Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that we can have a heart that longs to know Him!

Lovingly in Christ~
Ann Lupkes
WOZ Spiritual Life Chairperson

White Gift Offering

Monetary donations are being accepted in the burlap container until December 5.

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



Order forms are by the Catch-All box. The cost is \$16.00/plant & the order/payment deadline is noon on December 5. If you want to provide your own plant – see the order form for details. Questions? See SONNA



*Sounds
of the
Season*

**DINGERS
NEEDED!!**

Those playing in the Christmas Bell Choir will practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Sundays immediately following service in the Sunday School area downstairs. We will play for the Christmas Program (Dec. 19 @ 3pm) & Christmas Eve service @6pm. Q: See Jen.



Candlelight Service

December 24 @ 6:00pm



Please keep the following in prayer:

Jill Schade, Diane Hughes, Bev Moore

Jonathan – Francis and Linda Brass' grandson

Carike and Luhann, family;

Marcia Matheny – Brian Lupkes' sister;

Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther DeVries and Sue Smit;

Homebound Members: Marie Jurgens, Darlene

Meints, Donna Meints



Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ron Hirth. Ron passed away on Oct. 30. Funeral services were held on November 8 at Zion Reformed Church in rural Sheffield. A private family burial took place in the Ackley Cemetery.



FLOWERS

Flowers were left on the altar following the funeral services for Ron Hirth.



Zion Sewing Group News

Recently, Zion's sewing group delivered items to Mercy One Cancer Center. The items included 51 heart shaped pillows, 77 knit turbans and 14 seat belt covers. The heart shaped pillows are used by Breast Cancer women that had undergone mastectomies and the knit turbans are given to women when they lose their hair due to chemotherapy. Pictured left to right: Sharon Haver, Marge Jurgens, Esther DeVries, Sue Smit, Sherrie Showalter (Breast Cancer Center) and Janette van Rooyen.

Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
Nov 7	\$3,570.00	\$865.00	132
Nov 14	\$2,893.00	\$250.00	108
Nov 21	\$2,604.00	\$440.00	105
Nov 24			104
Nov 28	\$2,186.00	\$480.00	107



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
DEC 05	Dave	Kolton
DEC 12	Jerry	Tonya
DEC 19	Jesse	Duane
DEC 24	Dave	Kolton
DEC 26	Jerry	Carma

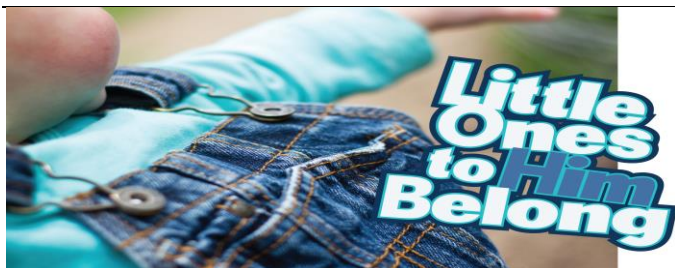


Megan M*, Tonya Halsne, Sarah Dirksen, Mariah Miller

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Joy CIRCLE - DEC 12 @ 7:00pm
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Melanie
Faith Circle – TBA

FOCUS ON: MOST MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dec. 5	Pastor
Dec. 12	Dave
Dec. 19	Wendy
Dec. 26	Shelly



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. 5	Janette
Dec. 12	Tonya
Dec. 19	Marsha
Dec 26	Shelly



Please welcome Marlys Pralle-Hirth as a member of Zion as she transferred her membership to Zion.

Please add her information to your new directory: B-day: June 4; Cell: 515-577-2942
Email: mhirth3910@gmail.com
Address: 1205 SE Mallard Creek Drive, Ankeny, IA 50021-6520

Please welcome Nick and Beth Bretz along with their children, Barrett and Piper, as they transferred their membership to Zion. Their family information is already in your directory.



Dear Zion family

We don't have enough words to say thank you. Thank you for each and every prayer. Thank you for every card. Thank you for every message. Thank you for the amazing care package. Thank you for your love and thoughts and prayers carrying us through this difficult time.

We met you a year ago and from the first day you made us feel welcome and part of the family. We are truly blessed to know all of you.

It's been a tough year for us as a family, but we will survive. We are taking it one day at a time. We try to see the good in everyday and call out the happy moments. Luckily we have 3 beautiful kids to help us with that.

Lurike started third grade this year and unlike last year it is full in-person learning. She is loving the social interaction and making new friends everyday.

LJ will turn 4 in December and still at home with mom. He's always busy and doing new tricks everyday. He also loves to entertain his new baby sister.

Sumari is almost 5 months and she is the little rainbow and blessing after our storm. She is smiling and talking and rolling around. And if we work really hard, we even get a giggle out of her.

We are going home for Christmas this year and we can't wait to experience the South African sunshine. It is going to be a bittersweet holiday; seeing the family and them getting to meet Sumari for the first time, but missing our three loved ones we lost in July and August. There is going to be lots of tears, but so much more laughter, love and memories.

Thank you again for all of your love and support, from the bottom of our hearts. We hope to come and visit again in 2022 and see all of you.

Lots of love,
The Holtzhausen Family -
Luhann, Carike, Lurike, LJ & Sumari



To my Zion Family--

On Friday, November 12th, I completed my radiation. It's been a long, difficult journey this time; and I am so very grateful for all of you who prayed for me, sent cards and messages, sent flowers, called or thought of me. Your love and concern meant a great deal to me and helped pull me through a tough time. Losing Mavis during my cancer journey was especially painful. Thank you for reaching out. And I'd like to especially thank Pastor Petri and Janette for all your support. I am truly blessed and thankful. May God bless all of you!

Love,
Diane



"IT'S A BOY!"

Wednesday, December 1 - 6:30 pm - All students
Preschool - 12th

Wednesday, December 8 - 6:30 pm - All students
Preschool - 12th

Wednesday, December 15 - 6:30 pm - All students
Preschool - 12th

Sunday, December 19 - right after church- Final dress rehearsal during Sunday School

Sunday, December 19 - Students arrive by **2:40 pm** for the 3:00 pm - SHOWTIME



- 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
- 26 Piper Bretz
- 27 Tanner Buseman / Jean Mollenbeck
- 28 Dean Dixon
- 29 Owen Meyer




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CALENDAR 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir	Office Hours: M/W/TH 8am-noon (unless noted)		1 6:30pm Program Rehearsal – all ages 7:30pm RCYF	2	3	4 10:00 am WOZ Christmas Luncheon/program
5 *Food Pantry* 2nd Sunday in Advent 10:30 am Annual Church Mtg	6	7	8 6:30pm Program Rehearsal – all ages 7:30pm RCYF	9 8pm Consistory Mtng	10	11
12 3rd Sunday in Advent 10:45am Bible Study “Vaccine/666”	13	14	15 6:30pm Program Rehearsal – all ages 7:30pm RCYF	16	17	18
19 Floodlight Due 4th Sunday in Advent 3pm Children’s Christmas Program	20	21	22	23	24 6:00pm Candlelight Svc	25 Happy Birthday, Jesus 
26	27	28	29	30	31 	1 