



Zion Reformed Church – Floodlight 2023



Dear Zion Members,

The end of the year is around the corner. Some of us need a break, some of us will think about the things that we still have to do in 2023, some of us will think about all the things that are planned for 2024 and some of us will look back at 2023 and say: What a year!!

What a year it was for Zion. We celebrated our new membership in the Alliance of Reformed Churches, we welcomed new members and we had a blessed ministry in all aspects. I do think that if people follow the footsteps of Zion Reformed Church, they will find Jesus.

To be a church built on Biblical foundations give assurance to everyone, even those who live outside the church. To be a Biblical Church, also has its challenges. If we say that we only follow the Word of God as our GPS, it means that we will have conflict with worldly norms and values. We experience it every day in our ministry at Zion. Are we perfect? NO. Do we try to correct mistakes and repent? YES.

In 2 Timothy 2:13 the Bible reminds us that if we are faithless, God will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself. Are we alone in doing this? NO. Jesus promised us in Matthew 28 that He will be with us to the very end of days. I look forward to a blessed 2024. Our goals in 2024 at Zion Reformed Church will remain the same as all the previous years: TO GROW IN FAITH – TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO SERVE MY NEIGHBORS WITH THE LOVE WE RECEIVE FROM GOD. My prayer is that you will have a peaceful Christmas season.

God Bless You,
Pastor Petri



**Sunday,
Dec. 3
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 roll of the members will be taken by consistory.
- 3- Meeting will begin as shown on Agenda.
- 4- Deacons & tellers will distribute the ballot for election of elders & deacon.



**Please tune into KLMJ (104.9) for
church service/event cancellations or
postponements.**



Greetings,

December 2 is the WOZ Christmas program at 10:00am. The program will help us center our thoughts on the celebration of the arrival of our Christ child. I also think of Mary. Her total faith of what the angel told her. Luke 1:38 "I am the Lord's servant" Mary answered, "May it be to me as you have said". Then the angel left her. May we all have Mary's heart and be the Lord's servants as He wants us to be.

We are truly grateful for our WOZ officers for 2024. They are Judy Crom, Sonna McMahon, Jean Mollenbeck and Diane Hughes. Our secretaries are Jan VanHorn, Shelly Buseman, Bev Moore and Linda Wells. We are also grateful for all the other teams that keep serving in the WOZ organization and throughout Zion. We are blessed with a wonderful church family.

Merry Christmas,
Carma

**2024 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 Shelly know by Dec. 3. Reminder that if you have a prayer concern and you would like those on the prayer chain to be praying, please contact Shelly at jsbuseman@gmail.com or 515-571-4034 and she will begin the prayer chain.

WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE



And Mary said:

"My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond-servant; For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name. And His mercy is to generation after generation toward those who fear Him. He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty-handed. He has given help to His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, just as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his descendants forever." Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home. ~ Luke 1:46-57

God Bless,
Shelly Buseman
Spiritual Life

White Gift Offering

Monetary donations are being accepted in the burlap container until December 3.

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



Bank Open Houses:

*Green Belt Bank & Trust: Monday, Dec. 4, Iowa Falls, 9am-1pm; Friday, Dec. 8, Belmond, 9am-1pm. They will donate \$1.00 to Zion.

*First Bank Hampton and Latimer: Friday, Dec. 8, 9am-3pm in both locations. They will donate \$2.00 to Zion.



Order forms are by the Catch-All box. The cost is \$16.00/plant & the order/payment deadline is noon on December 3. If you want to provide your own plant – see the order form for details. Questions? See ROSE.



**VOICES
NEEDED!!**

Karen Carstens has selected a piece of music for an adult choir to sing on Christmas Eve. Practices will be on Sunday mornings following the service. Q: See Karen.



SNOW!! If you are at Zion during the week, please use the south driveway and east parking area as these will be kept clear throughout the week. The remainder of the grounds will only be cleared on Sunday mornings or for funerals.



**HOSTS ARE NEEDED for
Family Ministry Meal**

Family Ministry: The Gospel of John

Purpose: To prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in Him will have eternal life.

Author: John the apostle

Original Audience: New Christians and searching non Christians.

Date written: A.D 85-90

Key verse for the discussion: John 20:30,31

Key people: John the Baptist, the disciples, Mary Martha, Lazarus, Jesus Mother, Pilate, Mary Magdalene.

Catechism Questions:

Question 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Answer

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Question 21

What is true faith?

Answer

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

JOIN THE Youth Group

Ages 8th grade – HS are welcome!



Candlelight Service

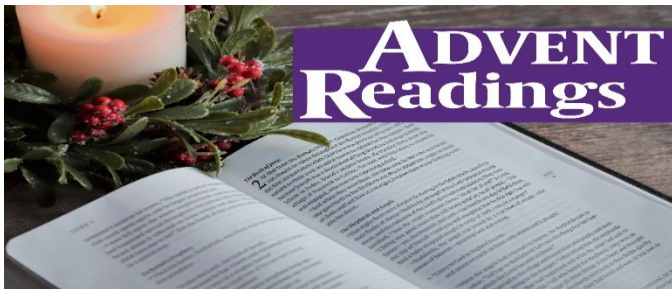
December 24 @ 6:00pm



A Time to Share

***Season Of Sharing:** If you feel you can help others here at Zion, please purchase 10 gift cards (your choice of denomination) and place 1 gift card in each yellow envelope of your 10 neighbors to the right of your mailbox. Leave the yellow envelope in your mailbox.

Q: See Eric Barkema



Sunday, Dec. 3: Kendrick and Alli Suntken

Sunday, Dec. 10: Jerrad and Sarah Dirksen

Sunday, Dec. 17: Michael and Tonya Halsne

Sunday, Dec. 24: Clayton and Mariah Miller

Candlelight: Keaton and Sammy Buseman



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Wednesday, November 29 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 6 - 6:30pm (FM Night)

Wednesday, December 13 - 6:30pm

Sunday, December 17 - right after church- Final dress rehearsal during Sunday School

Sunday, December 17 - Students arrive by 2:40 pm for the 3:00 pm - SHOWTIME

ALL invited to stay after; PLEASE bring a goodie tray to share



Scholarships Awarded

Zion Scholarship Applications: any current college student may pick up an application and return to a deacon by 12-31-23. Scholarships will be paid in January. Applications are by the mailboxes.



Please keep the following in prayer:

Blake Miller, Al Muhlenbruch, Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries
Jackie, sister to Jeff and Jerry Buseman

Christian condolences to the family of Glenn Freie

Braden and Haley Meints (Grandson of Larry) during their pregnancy

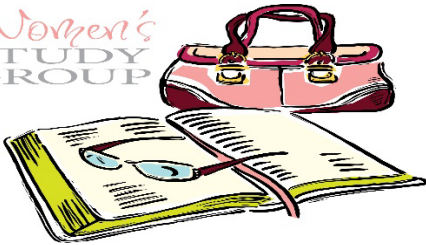
Homebound Members: Darlene Meints and Shirley Ludens

VISITATION TEAM



Jen Koenen*, Heather Koenen, Sammy Alps,
Janette van Rooyen

Women's
STUDY
GROUP



CIRCLE MEETINGS

JOURNEY CIRCLE – DEC. 7

Faith Circle – TBA

FOCUS ON: CAN YOU SHARE A SPECIAL MEMORY FROM
CHRISTMAS?



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
DEC 03	Jerry	Molly
DEC 10	Duane	Kolton
DEC 17	Nick	Carma
DEC 24	Kendal	Tonya



Thank you to the Zion Reformed Family for thinking of us as we celebrated the life of Gordon. We are thankful for the church family that both Gordon and Mavis had at Zion. We are so appreciative of the many visits and kindness shown to Gordon in the past several years. Zion Reformed is like an extended family to all of us as it holds some very special memories for us. We are fortunate to have so many special friends who have cared for us. Pastor Petri, you have a special place in our hearts, and love the kindness that you have shown our family. Thank you.

Love, Kevin, Janet, Chad, Maricia Meyer Families

Flower Committee: The flower committee would like to thank everyone who helped with hanging of the greens! It was greatly appreciated! It's fun to work together and make our church beautiful for the Christmas season. Also, thank you to those who cleaned up the kitchen while we were decorating!

RCYF is shouting "thank you" to every person who supported our Thanksgiving supper! We appreciate your support.

-Blessings, Clayton, Mariah, and the RCYF kids

THANK YOU to Zion's Ambassador Committee!
Thank you for all of the activities you put together for Zion and the community in 2023. Your efforts are very much appreciated.



Fellowship

Dec. 3	Consistory
Dec. 10	Duane/Lenora; Ted/Diane
Dec. 17	Miller and Muhlenbruch
Dec. 24	Hosts are needed



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dec. 3	Pastor
Dec. 10	Shelly
Dec. 17	Wendy
Dec. 24	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. 3	RCYF
Dec. 10	Sammy/Marli
Dec. 17	Tonya, Gavin
Dec 24	Megan/Barrett



CELEBRATE THE LIGHT

Bursting through December nights
that could be long and cold,
our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy
with colors soft or bold.

Cascading from the rooftops,
and from trees both small and tall,
the lights cry out, "We have good news!
We want to shout to all.

"You've seen the darkness earth can hold,
the sorrow, war and fear;
but God has sent his Son for all,
to show his Love is here.

Light homes and streets and candles.
Make your world shine clear and bright.
God's love surrounds and blesses us.
Come, celebrate God's Light!

—Peggy Ferrell

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CALENDAR 2023

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	2 10:30 am WOZ Christmas
3 *Food Pantry* 1 st Sunday in Advent 10:30 am Annual Church Mtg	4	5	6 FM: 6:30pm SS Christmas Practice	7 7pm Faith Circle	8	9
10 2nd Sunday in Advent Kentucky Mission	11	12	13 6:30pm SS Christmas Practice	14	15	16
17 3rd Sunday in Advent 3pm Children's Christmas Program	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 4 th Sunday in Advent 6:00pm Candlelight Svc 31 New Year's Eve	25 Our Savior is Born! Merry Christmas! 	26 Office closed	27 Office closed	28 Office closed	29	30