



Dear Zion,

I hope that you have a blessed new year. Just a side note for this month...

Last year was a year full of changes and challenges for Zion Reformed Church. We decided to leave the RCA and joined the ARC. As a congregation we decided to reform and re-structure our future. We had a blessed time in the RCA, and still cherish our relationship with fellow Christians in the RCA.

I want to challenge you with the following Bible verse: Mark 2:22 NIV: "And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins." We are part of a new beginning. We can create new "Mental Maps" when we think new about church, our congregation, and our faith.

If every new map is Biblical based, we will be on the right path. Our challenge is to think new. Why do I say that? We can talk about the differences that we've had with the theology in the RCA, BUT IF WE ONLY TALK ABOUT THAT, we are re-active and still busy to be part of an old wine skin. I challenge you to live your faith in the context of a new wine skin. Let us be pro-active and show the community by the way we think, talk and live, why we are excited to be a Biblical church with a bright future. God gives us the opportunity to drink new wine out of a new wineskin.

With Love,  
Pastor Petri



Women of Zion:

We are in the second month of 2023 already. Zion has been busy already in this new year. It is wonderful to have an active church. The circles have met and a lesson studied. I've heard there have been good discussions as we dig into our new study guide, "Becoming a Woman of Excellence" by Cynthia Heald.

World Day of Prayer will be at Zion Lutheran the first part of March. WOZ will meet in March for the Lenten Breakfast. Watch your church calendar & announcements for other activities. You won't want to miss out!

1 Corinthians 15:58 tells us this: "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile." It takes many hands to keep things rolling at Zion. We can be very thankful for all the servants we have here.

Blessings,  
Carma DeVries



**Women of Zion:** There is a note requesting an annual donation to WOZ in your church mailbox. Please write your name and donation amount on the note and put the note with your donation in the provided envelope in Diane Hughes' mailbox. Contact Diane with any questions.

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### Capitol Maintenance Offering

The next capitol maintenance offering will take place on Feb. 26. Please prayerfully consider giving to this offering. Thank you.



### Consistory Highlights

The consistory met on Thursday, January 12.  
The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9.

**CONSISTORY 2023:** (Installation was held on Sunday, Jan. 8, for the new elder and deacon) Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 6pm Elders/Deacons; 7pm Consistory

#### Elders:

Sonna McMahon, VP  
Ann Lupkes, Clerk  
Mark DeVries, Education  
Jon Suntken, Pulpit Supply

#### Deacons:

Jesse Mollenbeck, General Treasurer  
Eric Barkema, Benevolent Treasurer, Music  
Darwin Butson, Building  
Ryan Koenen, Grounds



Jill Schade, Judy Crom, Bev Moore, Dale Butson, Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries, Mike Schroeder.



Darlene Meints / Gordon Meyer / Marie Jurgens

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Megan Oehlert\*, Tonya Halsne,  
Beth Bretz, Janette van Rooyen



Youth Leaders: Clayton & Mariah Miller

**WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm**  
*Grade 8 -12<sup>th</sup>*



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
FEB 05	Duane	Carma
FEB 12	Dave	Kolton
FEB 19	Kendal	Tonya
FEB 26	Jerry	Duane



**HOPE CIRCLE** - FEB 1 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson: Judy; Host: Shelly*

**JOY CIRCLE** - FEB 12 @ TBA

*Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma*

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

*Devotions/Lesson: Esther; Host: Linda*

**Faith Circle** – TBA

**\*What is your earliest memory from church?\***



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

This devotion, "Sunday Reflection: The Best Start", was written by Dr. Charles Stanley of *In Touch Ministries*. It's about we as Christians not needing to be afraid to try or experience something "new" in our lives:

"Starting something new can be difficult. Whether it's a job, a relationship, or a big move, new beginnings come with great uncertainty and require mental, physical, and spiritual preparation. Thankfully, believers have everything they need to face the unknown.

Before the crucifixion, Jesus promised the disciples wouldn't be left alone—the Holy Spirit would come to live within them. In fact, being indwelt by God's Spirit would be *better* than having Jesus, Himself, in the flesh. As He told them, 'It is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you' ([John 16:7](#)).

In addition to having the best possible guide, we've also been assured that God will supply our needs and equip us to do His will ([Philippians 4:19](#); [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)). So we can confidently move forward with new endeavors, knowing that the Lord will continue to lead and help us. While most of us would prefer to see the entire path ahead, we can rest in the certainty that God will be present at every turn."

I want to encourage you to consider having one of your, "Best Starts of Something New", for this year to be trying one of our Bible studies here at Zion. We have several informal groups for both men and women of all ages and stages of life! You may think that since we're into the second month of this new year already, that you're too late to start being a part of a group — it's never "too late"! Extra study books are on hand and the church door and hearts inside are always open to welcome anyone who wants to stop in and check it out! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like more information.

Shelly Buseman,  
Spiritual Life Sec.



Zion's SS is hosting a mitten/hat drive for their Feb. missions. Please support this mission by bringing in children's mittens/hats by Feb. 5.

Q: See Tonya or Beth



Sunday, February 19



Sunday, Feb. 26



### Children's Time during church service

DATE	NAME
Feb. 5	Pastor
Feb. 12	Ann
Feb. 19	Megan M.
Feb. 26	Dave





## DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

\* If your Sunday does not work, please find a replacement. Your efforts are very much appreciated.\*

DATE	LEADER / HELPER
Feb. 5	Sammy / Barrett
Feb. 12	Alex / Gavin
Feb. 19	Megan M / Marli
Feb. 26	Tonya / Barrett

## FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 5 van Rooyen Family (Marli's bday)  
 Feb. 12 Myron & Jan / Judy D.  
 Feb. 19 Bennett Family  
 Feb. 26 Elaine, Molly, Audrey

**REMINDER:** There is a Fellowship sign up sheet on the small bulletin board outside the kitchen. ALL are welcome to sign up to take a turn. The goodies can be store bought or homemade. Your time in serving at Zion is very much appreciated 😊 There is a kind reminder posted re: the kitchen clean up duties after serving.



**Wed.,  
Feb. 15  
@  
6:30pm**



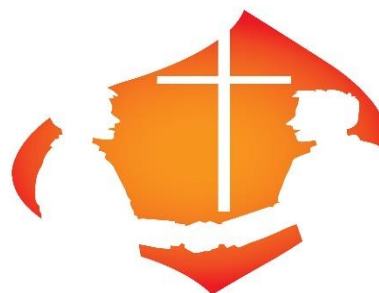
**Bulletin deadlines for February:** Bulletin information for Feb. 19 and/or 26 please have to Marsha by Wed.,

Feb. 8, 9am. March floodlight articles will still be due on Feb. 19. Thank you for your cooperation.



### IT'S A GIRL!

CONGRATULATIONS to Carter and Lexis Barkema on the birth of their daughter, Rowan Collins. Rowan arrived on Dec. 18, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Eric and Pauline along with proud great grandparents, Duane and Diane.



Welcome to Zion, Shane, Leann and Toby Braun! They have officially transferred their membership to Zion. You will find their information in the 2023 Directory.



Zion's Grief Support Group meets at 2:30pm on Feb. 8, Feb. 28; then March 29



**Butson:** Thank you for your thoughts and prayers through this process of cancer. We never know how we will handle the news of cancer. We never know when and how we need prayers. All we can do is pray and have faith we will get through this. Thank you for the cards, calls, texts and visits of encouragement. It all means so much. One thing is you are never alone at Zion. Thank you to Pastor Petri for your visit and prayers. We are so blessed to have you at Zion. -Thank you, Dale

**RCYF:** Thank you so very much for all of your support with our yearly Specken Dicken. It was a success with a lot of extra hands. Special thank you to Carma, Esther, Janette, Ryan & Jen, Mark & Joe. -RCYF & Sponsors



#### Prayer Pal Reminder

If you are participating in the Prayer Pal program, please remember to faithfully pray for your person and to kindly remember them once a month with a note or card. May they feel your kindness and prayers throughout the year.

## Happy Valentine's Day

*Love* the LORD your God...  
and hold fast to him.







DEUTERONOMY 30:20, NIV

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# February

Floodlight 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>*REMINDER*</b> Office Hours: M,W,TH: 8-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	<b>* Every Sunday *</b> 09:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir		1 7pm RCYF 7pm Hope Circle	2	3	4
5 *Food Pantry* 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	6	7	8 2:30pm Support Group	9 6:00 pm Elders/Deacons 78:00pm Consistory	10	11
12 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS 7pm Joy Circle	13 1:30pm Vesper Circle	14  Happy Valentine's!	15 6:30pm Family Ministry	16	17	18
19 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS Transfiguration of the LORD 	20 	21	22 2:30pm Support Group 7:00pm RCYF	23	24	25
26 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS First Sunday in Lent 	27	28				