

# FEBRUARY

Floodlight 2026



## PASTOR'S POSTS

### Renewed Minds by the Work of the Holy Spirit

Dear Zion Family,

The renewal of the mind is not something we accomplish by willpower or discipline alone. Scripture teaches us that true transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit. As Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2, we are “transformed by the renewing of our minds.” That renewal begins when the Spirit of God takes what Christ has done and makes it alive within us.

The Holy Spirit gently reshapes how we think, how we see God, how we understand ourselves, and how we respond to the world around us. Where fear once ruled, the Spirit forms trust. Where old patterns of sin and brokenness linger, the Spirit brings truth, conviction, and freedom. This renewal is not instant perfection, but a daily work of grace.

As we submit our minds to God’s Word, the Spirit teaches us to discern what is good, pleasing, and perfect in God’s will. He aligns our thoughts with the mind of Christ and empowers us to live faithfully in a changing world.

May we remain open to the Spirit’s work, trusting that God is continually renewing us—shaping faithful lives through renewed minds.

Pastor Petri



### Consistory Highlights

The consistory met on Thursday, January 15.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Feb. 12.

**CONSISTORY 2026:** (Installation was held on Sunday, Jan. 11, for the new elders and deacons) Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 6pm Elders/Deacons; 7pm Consistory

#### Elders:

Dennis Crom, VP

Jerry Buseman, Clerk

Phil Markwardt, Education

Dave Harms, Pulpit Supply

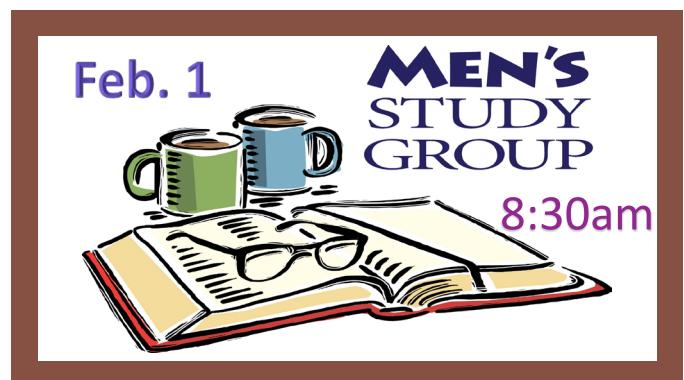
#### Deacons:

Kelly Bennett, General Treasurer

Kellen Suntken, Benevolent Treasurer, Music

Michael Halsne, Building

Keaton Buseman, Grounds





### Our Only Comfort

February often emphasizes love, though the world's version is fleeting and self-centered. Scripture directs us instead to the steadfast, covenant love of God - unchanging and faithful. The Heidelberg Catechism asks, "What is your only comfort in life and in death?" Our comfort is not found in circumstances or emotions, but in the sure promise that we belong - body and soul - to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. This assurance rests entirely on God's grace, accomplished through Christ's perfect obedience and atoning sacrifice.

God's love is not sentimental, but holy and redemptive. As Romans 5:8 reminds us, "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Because we are redeemed, we are also called to live in grateful obedience, showing our thankfulness through faithful worship and lives shaped by God's Word. In a changing world, this remains our confidence: the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

There are a few important dates coming up for WOZ. Latimer's Over 60's dinners are on February 3rd and February 17th, WOZ will be serving an evening meal for the ARC Midwest Network cluster on Tuesday, February 10th, and WOZ will host World Day of Prayer on Saturday, March 7th.

Tonya Halsne  
WOZ President

### ARC NEWS

Greetings from Midwest Network, Seth Sundstrom - Midwest Network Leader:

We're sending this invite out to our churches in and/or near the former Pleasant Prairie Classis.

Zion Reformed in Sheffield IA is hosting a gathering on Feb 10 at 6pm that will include a light meal, teaching/equipping, and time for discussion about the current status of the Alliance and our Network. We're encouraging your church to send some folks to join us. One person is fine, but the more the merrier - and it makes the car ride more interesting.

Cody Moret (Network President) and Seth Sundstrom (Network Leader) will be leading the discussion. The conversation is flexible, but we'll plan to talk about challenges and changes associated with our shift from being in the oldest denomination in the country into one of the newest. This will include some practical "how to" tips from frequently asked questions (ordination, finances, missions, pastor searches, etc).

The most important part of the evening is the fellowship. The folks from Zion have graciously offered to feed us, but would like a general headcount. So, if you would please...**reply to this and let us know how many people are coming in your group.** -Seth

### World Day of Prayer

2026 Theme "I Will Give You Rest: Come"  
Matthew 11:28-30

Zion will host the World Day of Prayer Service on Saturday, March 7 @ 10:00 AM. The country of focus is Nigeria. There will be a time of worship and fellowship with Sheffield Philharmonic being our musical guests. Everyone is welcome. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many faith traditions who come together for an annual observance of a common day of prayer and action. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service, interpreting the Bible in their own context, and lifting up in prayer the challenges and issues experienced by women and children across the globe. The WDP's motto is "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action."

Zion World Day of Prayer Committee:  
Molly Allen, Judy Crom, Ann Lupkes, Sonna McMahon and Carol Stock



## Love Received and Given

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16

The full understanding of God's love for you doesn't happen in a day. It is an ongoing process. The more you seek His love, the further He expands your capacity to receive it, and the more profoundly you will comprehend your true identity in Jesus. You belong to Him as you've never belonged to anyone else. You are worthwhile to Him, and He sees all of your wonderful traits and potential. When you get to the end of all of your self-efforts at striving for perfection, you'll discover that your gracious heavenly Father has been loving you unconditionally all your life. Nothing is more liberating than that discovery. There is no end to God's love, and there ultimately will be no end to your ability to experience it. You need never feel love-starved again. His desire is to heal you, free you from bondage, and teach you. Because that is when you begin to truly reflect His image and not only love Him but also love others freely and unconditionally in His name (John 13: 34-35).

Jesus, expand my capacity to both receive and give Your Love. Thank you for loving me so profoundly. Amen. This was from the book – Jesus, Our Perfect Hope, by Charles F. Stanley

Judy Crom, Spiritual Life Committee 2026



Reborn Ranch in Hampton is needing donations, either monetary or through their Amazon Wish List on their website. Amazon items may be sent directly to Reborn Ranch @ 1518B Hwy 65, Hampton, IA 50441 or give to Molly Allen to deliver. The Vesper Circle is a sponsor of Reborn Ranch. There is a flier on the bulletin board.

Thank you,  
Molly Allen, Vesper Circle



	General	Benevolent	Attendance
JAN 04	\$14,888.55	\$795.00	108
JAN 11	\$3,226.00	\$735.00	98
JAN 18	\$2,593.00	\$460.00	115
JAN 25	\$3,463.00	\$345.00	107



Dale Butson, Jon Suntken, Arlene Maifeld, Bev Moore, Darwin Butson, Brian Lupkes, Ted Hughes, Sam Buton, Carol Koenen, Vernon VanHorn, Marsha Muhlenbruch

Christian condolences to the family and friends of Elaine Parks. Elaine passed away on January 25. A Celebration of Life will be held on Feb. 16, 11am at Zion.



Arlene Maifeld, Maynard Koenen, LaVonne McCormick, Duane and Lenora Payne, Phyllis Nelson



Marsha Muhlenbruch\* / Mariah Miller



Youth Leaders: Clayton & Mariah Miller

**WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm**

*Grade 8 - 12th*



	<b>AUDIO</b>	<b>VIDEO</b>
<b>FEB 01</b>	Jerryl	Duane
<b>FEB 08</b>	Nick	Molly
<b>FEB 15</b>	Dave	Carma
<b>FEB 22</b>	Jesse	Tonya



**JOY CIRCLE** – FEB. 8 @ TBA

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Amy E.

**VESPER CIRCLE** – FEB. 9 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Esther; Host: Sara

**Faith Circle** – Feb. 26 @ 7pm (Lesson 3)

**\*What is your least favorite chore?**



**Children's Time** during church service

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Feb. 1	Ann L.
Feb. 8	Kelly B.
Feb. 15	Molly A.
Feb. 22	Wendy B.



## DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

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

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LEADER / HELPER</b>
Feb. 1	Morgan A/Tenley
Feb. 8	Sammy/Marli
Feb. 15	Molly/Tatum
Feb. 22	Shelly/Edrich

## FELLOWSHIP

Feb. 1 Good Time Gang

Feb. 8 Sandersfelds/Sharon Parks

Feb. 15 Hosts are needed

Feb. 22 Bennett/Suntken

**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.

## GREETERS

Feb. 1	Dennis & Judy Crom
Feb. 8	Brian & Ann Lupkes
Feb. 15	Dave & Deanna Harms
Feb. 22	Jesse & Megan Mollenbeck

Please check your mailboxes for a greeter schedule. Greeters are asked to arrive by 8:45am on their scheduled date, locate the name tag badges in your church mailbox. Please have a person stand on each side of the sanctuary doors and also hand out bulletins. After greeting, please place the name tag badges in Marsha's church mailbox or on her desk. Also, if you have a conflict please switch with someone on the list and let Marsha know of the change. Thank you.



### 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.



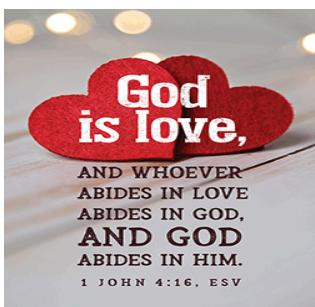
\*RCYF: A HUGE shout out to everyone that helped us in the kitchen and to everyone that came out and supported us and enjoyed Speck 'n Dicken. What a big success even in the cold temps!

-Clayton & Mariah/RCYF



\*Zion Scholarships are available to any current HS senior and college student. Applications are due back by March 1. Questions: See Education Elder, Benevolent Treasurer, SS Superintendent, RCYF Sponsor

**IMPORTANT DATE UPDATE:** Zion will celebrate the high school seniors on Sunday, May 3. Please plan accordingly.



### 02 Marli van Rooyen

- 04 Payton Dirksen, Debra Meese
- 06 Linda Brass
- 07 Londynn Francis
- 09 Brittnee Meyer
- 10 Jesse Mollenbeck
- 12 Eunice Brandt
- 14 Shawn & Ashley Francis
- 16 June Sheeler
- 17 Harrison Kloetzer/Harper Smith
- 19 Luci Mollenbeck / Deb Meyer
- 20 Lavonne McCormick
- 21 Jeff Buseman
- 22 Teresa Campbell
- 25 Marsha Miller-Muhlenbruch/ Kathy Kroll-Oldenburger
- 28 Jim Dorenkamp

### VBS 2026:

Please add to your summer schedule & Spread the word!! PreK-6<sup>th</sup>; Dates: June 22-26; Time: M-TH: 8:45am – 12:15pm, F: til 1pm Sunday, June 28: VBS program during Sunday service followed by the RCYF serving beef burgers and ice cream sundaes/freewill donation.

**VBS Theme ..... drum roll, please!!!!!!**



**“Find Your Strength in God”**

# “Meet the Consistory”



**Back Row: L to R:**

**Keaton, Dennis, Jerry, Phil, Kelly, Pastor Petri**

**Front Row: L to R:**

**Michael, Dave, Kellen**

## Petri van Rooyen

**Role on Consistory:** President of the Consistory

**Day-time job:** Pastor

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Faithful, Grounded, Stubborn

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

James – he was very straight forward and honest.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

Sunday Worship Services

**Favorite Holiday:**

Christmas – I like the atmosphere at Christmas

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Hymn:** “It is Well with my Soul”

## Jerry Buseman

**Elder:** Clerk

**Day-time job:**

Retired School Principal/Assessment coordinator for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Introverted, Patient, Diplomatic

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

Mary, mother of Jesus: Accepted a divine calling with faith and courage.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

The focus on Biblical teaching and opportunities to grow spiritually.

**Favorite Holiday:** Easter

**Favorite Season:** Autumn

**Favorite Hymn:** “It is Well with my Soul”

## Dennis Crom

**Elder:** Vice-President

**Day-time job:** Retired and Jobless

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Caring, Honest, Devoted

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

Peter – he was a bold person but often flawed in the way he reacted.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

I remember when I first began attending Zion many years ago. I was warmly welcomed, making me feel very comfortable to be worshiping with such a faithful Christian community.

**Favorite Holiday:**

Celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus with our family and friends at Zion.

**Favorite Season:**

Fall: seeing the beauty God created in the changing colors.

**Favorite Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art”

## Dave Harms

**Elder:** Pulpit Supply

**Day-time job:**

Bus driver HD school district/Self-employed.

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Dependable, Clever, Innovative

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

David – obvious name association and first character I identified with.

**Favorite thing about Zion:** The Kids’ Events

**Favorite Holiday:** Thanksgiving

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Favorite Hymn:** “Because He Lives”

## Phil Markwardt

**Elder:** Education

**Day-time job:**

Agronomy Site Manager – North Iowa Co-op

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Trustworthy, Dependable, Caring

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

Peter – transformed and followed Christ faithfully.

**Favorite thing about Zion:** Bible believing and friendly congregation.

**Favorite Holiday:** 4 th of July

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art”

### Kelly Bennett

**Deacon:** General Treasurer

**Day-time job:** VP Advanced Markets, Banner Life

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Funny, Loyal, Tall

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

Matthew – he was the finance guy.

**Favorite thing about Zion:** Sense of Family

**Favorite Holiday:** Easter

**Favorite Season:** Golf

**Favorite Hymn:** "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

### Keaton Buseman

**Deacon:** Grounds

**Day-time job:** Farmer

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Easy-going, Communicative, Empathetic

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

David – His life took a turn for a wild path, and he experienced much more than one would predict for a shepherd.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

The large number of people that gather every Sunday to worship, serve, and bring life to a small country church on a hill.

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Hymn:** "Victory in Jesus"

### Michael Halsne

**Deacon:** Buildings

**Day-time job:** Police Officer: Captain Hampton Police

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Loyal, Honest, Steadfast

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

The Samaritan that was healed and the only one that returned to thank Jesus: he serves as a reminder to always be thankful.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

The Pastor and Church Community.

**Favorite Holiday:** 4 th of July

**Favorite Season:** Early Fall

**Favorite Hymn:** "Victory in Jesus"

### Kellen Suntken

**Deacon:** Benevolent Treasurer

**Day-time job:** Realtor/Farmer

**Describe yourself in 3 words:**

Observant, Loyal, Curious

**Favorite Bible Character, and why:**

David – because of his courage.

**Favorite thing about Zion:**

The support of the people of the community.

**Favorite Holiday:** 4 th of July

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Hymn:** "Amazing Grace"

The consistory governs the life and ministry of a congregation. It is made up of those who hold three offices in the church: minister, elder, and deacon. The three offices within the consistory complement each other and are mutually supportive and mutually accountable.

The consistory is to represent Christ. No one office adequately represents Christ, only the three offices together. Through the operations of the consistory, the congregation is prepared to represent Christ and Christ's kingdom. Each of the offices has its set of responsibilities and tasks within the congregation, and thus each office brings a particular perspective to the work of consistory.

Jesus Christ is the only head of the church, and Christ alone holds ultimate authority. Thus, all authority exercised in the church is derived from Christ. When those in office come together to oversee and enable the life of the congregation, it is Christ's governance they seek to effect, not oversight born of their own wisdom.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*REMINDER*	* Every Sunday *					
Office Hours: M,T, W: 8-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	09:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir					
1 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	2	3 WOZ: Latimer Over 60's	4 7pm RCYF	5	6	7
8 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS 7pm Joy Circle	9 1:30pm Vesper Circle	10 Alliance of Reformed Churches @ Zion	11 7pm RCYF	12 6:00 pm Elders/ Deacons 7:00pm Consistory	13	14  HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
15 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	16  PRESIDENTS DAY	17 WOZ: Latimer Over 60's	18 6:30pm Family Ministry	19	20	21
22 First Sunday of Lent 9:15am Worship Children's Choir Sing 10:30am SS	23	24	25 7pm RCYF	26 7pm Faith Circle	27	28