



Zion Reformed Church



Dear Zion,

A new year is a great time to learn new habit's... There is a saying: "Difficult moments teach us to pray." If that is the case all your prayers are just going to revolve around your own needs. Instead, do what Jesus' disciples did in Luke 11/Matthew 6. Go ask Jesus to teach you how to pray this year. He is the real Teacher. He will teach you to pray "Our Father" prayer. Then you will know prayer is first and foremost about God's glory and about His kingdom.

Rather pray every day for God's name to be sanctified and for His kingdom to come. After this, you can pray for your own daily bread. Also ask Him to teach you to forgive others for any wrongs they have done to you. Pray every day that the Lord will keep you and your loved ones from evil. Allow yourself to learn from the right Teacher how to pray. By doing this you will pray prayers, which touch God's heart.

May 2023 be a year of prayers....

Blessings for 2023!!!

Petri, Janette and Kids



*The Annual Congregational Meeting took place on December 4, 2022.

*Installation of the new consistory members will be on Sunday, Jan. 8.

* Consistory members were elected for a three yr. term:

Elder: Mark DeVries

Deacon: Ryan Koenen

*Next Consistory Meeting: Jan. 12.



Consistory Highlights

*Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, Jan.22.

*The Consistory will follow last year's format for announcing church cancellation due to inclement weather. The consistory will no longer call all members to announce the cancellation. The cancellation will be put on KLMJ Radio and Radioonthego.com. An all church email will also be sent out notifying the congregational members of the cancellation. You may also call a consistory member if you should have a question.

New \$ Budget

At the Annual Congregational Meeting a General Operating Budget (11/01/22-10/31/23) of \$198,748.72 was passed. To meet this obligation a weekly General Offering of \$3,749.98 is needed. A Benevolent Budget (11/01/22-10/31/23) of \$42,686.72 was also passed. To meet this obligation a weekly Benevolent Offering of \$805.41 is needed. As a member of the ARC, each member is asked to give money two times a year. More information will come later. 2023 offering envelopes will be placed in your mailbox soon if you have requested one. All members of Zion are respectfully asked to prayerfully consider the gifts that God has so generously given.



As we close the door on 2022 and open the door to 2023 let us reflect on the past year. We are truly grateful for everything that everyone has done and is doing here at Zion. Is there something we can do better? We have a new year to keep serving our Lord. We can look forward to working together as our WOZ purpose states, "To Glorify God." I will close with this verse, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

To God be the Glory,
Carma, WOZ President



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

A new year. A new beginning. A fresh start. A clean slate.

Now that we're in 2023, I think about what things I was maybe able to accomplish in the past year and what things still need to be done in order to meet a goal I set for New Year's Day last year.

For example: My first thought that comes to mind is: The Basement: My 2022 resolution was to, "Take 15 minutes every day (or more realistically – 15 minutes at least 2 days a week) and, armed with 3 large boxes – one labeled, "THROW AWAY", one "DONATE", and one "PUT AWAY" – tackle a stack of 4-high, overstuffed, assorted colors of Rubbermaid totes, working my way out into a clearing, leaving 95% less "stuff" (that Goodwill could surely use) and the remaining 5% clean and categorically organized.

Did I follow through with this? No. I had good intentions. I visualized a clean, clutter-free area that would add valuable "new" space for crafts, hobbies, and more systematically organized "stuff" so that I could find what I needed with pinpoint accuracy. But in starting with that first corner, I got caught up reminiscing about the items in that tote. The next thing I knew, my allotted 15 minutes were up and I was really ready to get upstairs, back into the light of day!

My new year's resolution 2023 is to continue this 15 minute "routine". I'm dedicated to making it a "habit" and doing so with more gusto and less sentimentality! I don't want to regret another year slipping by and my basement still looking like it did in 2022! In all honesty, it is true I didn't dedicate the energy and commitment to sorting and removing "stuff". I regret my lack of vigor when it comes to this cluttered basement. I slacked. Big time.

Can the same be said of my spiritual life – have I lacked vigor and commitment to God? When I look back at the past year and into my heart, do I see that my daily resolution of walks and talks with Jesus fell by the wayside like my time working in my basement? I don't want to drag my regrets into the new year. I want to repent, to forgive and to move on with mindful commitment.

Philippians 3:12-14 from The Message says, "I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has

so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."

Maybe you feel that way, too? Some slacking spiritually? What we need to do is to forget the past. It's easy to let the devil have us fixate on our failures to the point where we get stuck there and can't move ahead. Talk with God about it – He forgives and helps us move forward.

Philippians 3:13-14 "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 43:25 "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Let's begin this New Year of 2023 striving for and committing our time (more than just 15 minutes), our families, and our hearts to Jesus! And if you stop by and I don't hear you knock, it's probably because I am working in my basement.

God Bless,
Shelly Buseman
Spiritual Life Secretary 2023

SNOW

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



"ZUBER" Driver's Needed!

Name/Contact Number:

Are you willing to pick up/drop off a Zion member in order for them to attend Sunday Service? **Return to Marsha by January 8 OR email zionref@wbfreq.com**

- ☐ Yes, in Hampton
☐ Yes, in Sheffield
☐ Yes, in Latimer
☐ Yes, in Belmond

IF you are wanting a ride to Sunday church service during the winter months or on a particular Sunday, please return to Marsha by Jan 8 OR email.

Name: _____ Yes, I would like a ride to Sunday service during the winter months.



Lenora Payne, Bev Moore, Dale Butson, Brian Lupkes, Jill Schade, Angie DeVries



Marie Jurgens / Darlene Meints / Gordon Meyer

Homebound Visitation Team



*Ardith Parks, Marsha Muhlenbruch, Jan VanHorn, Pauline Barkema



Special Music Committee is in need of your talent to share during Sunday services. If you are willing to share, please visit Amanda Rodemeyer, Heather Koenen, Kirsten Suntken or Eric Barkema. Live talent is inspiring and uplifting. Thank you!



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
JAN 01	Jerry	Tonya
JAN 08	Jesse	Duane
JAN 15	Kendal	Carma
JAN 22	Dave	Kolton
JAN 29	Jerry	Jesse

Ready for
**SPECKEN
DICKEN??**



Jan 15 – After Service until 1pm
Snow date: Jan. 22

The RCYF will be accepting a freewill donation



Youth Leaders: Clayton and Mariah Miller

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm

Grade 8 -12th



Orphan Grain
Train and Country
View Nursing
Facility are
needing donations.
See Bulletin Board



HOPE CIRCLE - Jan 04 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson: Ann; Host: Ardith

JOY CIRCLE - Jan 08 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa

VESPER CIRCLE - Jan 09 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions: Elaine; Lesson: Audrey; Host: Arlene

Faith Circle – TBA @ 7pm

CIRCLE CONVERSATION STARTER:

WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH
THIS YEAR?



Sunday School
children's choir will
sing the last Sunday
of every month



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Jan. 1	Pastor
Jan. 8	Megan M
Jan. 15	Dave
Jan. 22	Shelly
Jan. 29	Wendy



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>LEADER / HELPER</u>
Jan. 1	Sammy / Marli
Jan. 8	Megan M. / Barrett
Jan. 15	Megan O / Marli
Jan. 22	Shelly / Gavin
Jan. 29	Kirsten / Marli

FELLOWSHIP

Jan. 1 Hosts needed
 Jan. 8 Hosts needed
 Jan. 15 Speck n Dicken
 Jan. 22 Hosts needed
 Jan. 29 Hosts needed

If you are serving fellowship, please review the list of kitchen duties that go along with serving. The list is posted by the sign up sheet.



The flowers were left in celebration of Lauren Moore's birthday.



Zion's Support Group meets on a Wed., 2pm, every two weeks: Next date is Jan. 11, Jan. 25. Any person struggling with loss/grief is welcome to attend.



POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

*All of our loved ones in Heaven Darwin & Teresa

*Mark Dannen

Given By:

Miss you and love you,
 Julie, Josh, Amanda
 Vinny, Emmett, Amelia

*Dad/Grandpa Al DeVries

Mike, Sarah, Luke,
 Meghan, Matt

*Shari Payne Irwin

Mom and Dad

*Marilyn Koenen

The Koenen Klan

*Tanner Pals

Dick and Mom

*Paul Jurgens

Their Family

Therron Miller

*John Mollenbeck

Jean, Amber & Garrett

*Dennis Smit

Sue Smit

In Honor of:

*Meghan, Matt, Luke,
 Max & Alli

Gramma

*Mom/Gramma Esther

Mike, Sarah, Luke, Meghan,
 Matt



To Our Dearest Zion Family,

We want to thank you for all your love and support during 2022. We had a busy year, but another joyful and blessed one serving the Lord with all of you. We appreciate each and every one of you and wish you a wonderful new year.

Thank you for our generous Christmas gift, we are truly thankful. We'll use it to create another van Rooyen Family memory!

You are simply the best Church Family we could have ever dreamed of!

Lots of Love: Petri, Janette, Marli & Edrich

A special shout out to our SS children, teachers, directors/music and everyone involved in the Christmas program! Truly enjoyable and appreciated!

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now available. Due back on Jan. 15.
 Q: See Eric Barkema



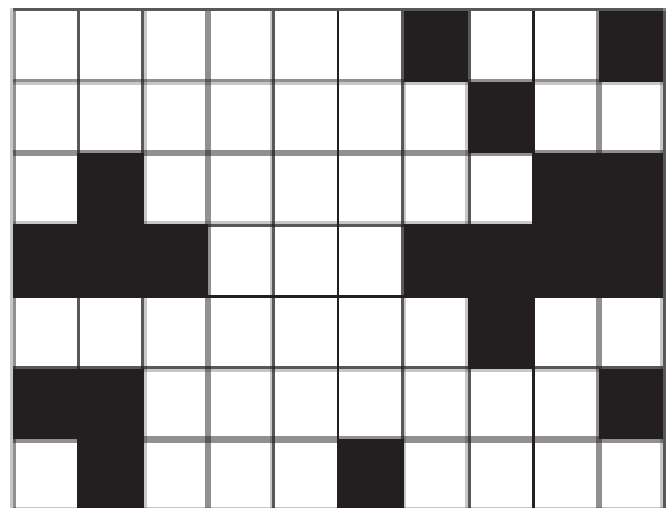
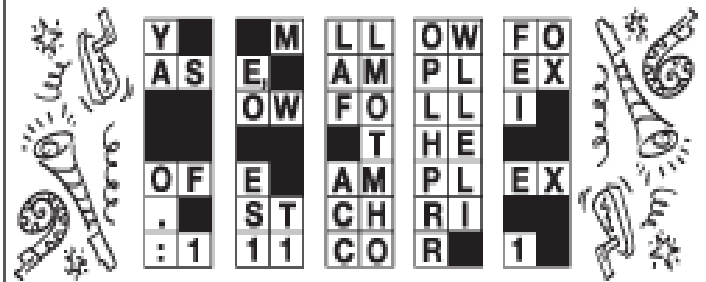


Zion's Food Pantry Drop off 2023:
1st Sunday of each month
 Carol Stock will deliver to
 Hampton/Sheffield



Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
 1 Cor. 11:1

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2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
REMINDER Office Hours: M,W,TH: 8-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir					
1*Food Pantry* 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 	2	3	4 7:00pm RCYF Hope Circle	5	6	7
8 9:15am Worship; Installation 10:30am Sunday School Joy Circle – 7pm	9 1:30pm Vesper Circle	10	11 6:30pm Family Ministry	12 Elders' Mtng Consistory	13	14
15 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 10:30 am Speck N Dicken	16	17	18 7:00pm RCYF	19	20	21
22 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 29 *ARC Assessment* 9:15 am worship 10:30am Sunday School	23 30	24 31	25 7:00pm RCYF	26	27	28

