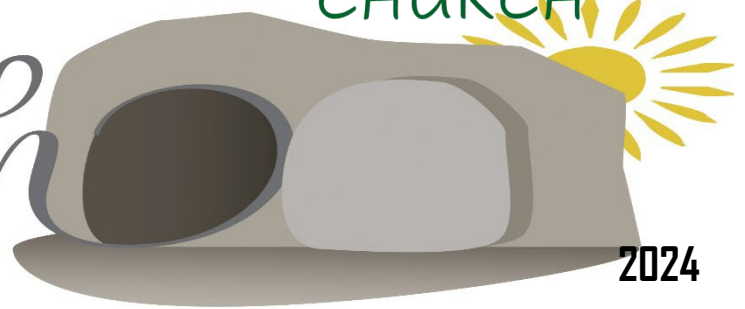


ZION REFORMED CHURCH

March



2024



PASTOR'S
POSTS

Dear Zion Family,

You will receive every week a Mid-Week Lenten Bible Study during the Lenten Season. The theme of this Lenten Season: "And so, they tried to trap Jesus." It will also be your preparation for the upcoming Sunday Sermon. I hope you have a blessed Lenten Season with Jesus.

Regards
Pastor Petri

Matthew 22:15-22

New International Version

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax[a] to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" 21 "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So, they left him and went away.

Your preparation:

Read the passage several times. Highlight any words or ideas that draw your attention.

What are the key phrases or sentences that seem important for the theme or main idea of the passage?

Identify people in this passage.

Summarize your passage.

Apply the passage principles to yourself.

Some helpful information:

Question of Taxes

Cross Reference: Mark 12:13-17

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a public question (they think) He can't answer without making enemies. They can't arrest Him yet (12:12), so they try to discredit Him.

12:13 The Pharisees and the Herodians attempt to trap Jesus in His talk.

12:14 The Pharisees' method is to flatter Jesus first. They tell Him what he actually is, but they do so to try to get Him to lower His guard so that He'll be unprepared for the question, which is whether it is lawful to pay tax to Caesar. If Jesus says "yes", He will appear to be against Israel. If He says "no", He will appear to be against Caesar.

12:15 Jesus hints at their wrong motive but then answers their question in a straightforward but profound way. He asks for a Roman denarius, which everyone has, because it is the currency of the whole empire.

12:16 Jesus asks whose image and writing is on the coin, and they answer the obvious: Caesar's.

12:17 In saying "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's," Jesus is not saying that Caesar owns things that God doesn't own. He is saying that in God's providence, God has allowed some people to have prominence and authority. No one can wield political power but that God gives it to him. The evidence that God has given Caesar that power is in everyone's money pouch. Naturally, then, Caesar has his realm of God-given authority, and people under his authority should give him his due. Everyone is benefiting from the Roman Empire's protection, road system, and currency, so they should pay tax. Paul expands on this in Rom 13:1-7.

Hope you enjoyed this answer of Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Petri



Women of Zion:

Easter Sunday, which falls on March 31 this year, is the most triumphant and joyous day in the calendar of the Christian church – and it should be! For many people the resurrection of Jesus Christ is symbolized by new Easter clothes, or the bright color of daffodils and beautiful, white Easter lilies. But most of all, the wonder of His resurrection is symbolized in the hope that beats in the hearts of believers everywhere as they sing triumphantly: “Christ the Lord is risen today.” It is the message “Jesus is alive!”

The angel's message is true: “He is not here, but is risen” (Luke 24:6)! And now God's promise is for you: “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

There are a few reminders for the month of March. Saturday, March 2, WOZ will host World Day of Prayer starting at 9:30 a.m. The program committee is Ann Lupkes, Audrey VanHorn, Megan Oehlert, and Judy Crom. This year's program was written by the women of Palestine. The food committee is Sonna McMahon, Megan Mollenbeck, Cheryl Schnoes, and Janell Blau. The Sheffield Philharmonic Music Club will also be singing for us. Don't forget to sign up if you are planning to attend. Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m., is our Lenten Breakfast. The Spiritual Life Committee (Shelly Buseman, Molly Allen, Carma DeVries, Janette van Rooyen, and Megan Suntken) are doing the program. Hostesses are Pam Lage, Jan Dorenkamp, Beth Bretz, and Sammy Buseman. After the program we will have our first business meeting of 2024. Thank you to the above groups of women for doing the programs and serving refreshments.

Happy Easter,
Judy Crom, WOZ President



March 2, 9am @ Zion



Easter Lily Order Forms will be by the catch all box. Deadline is March 10 with money and form.



Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 17 if you plan to attend the WOZ Lenten Brunch on March 23 @ 10am. All women invited and more the merrier to share in God's word.

God Bless,
Shelly Buseman
Spiritual Life



Consistory Highlights

*Elders/Deacons will meet Thursday, March 14, 6pm

*Consistory will meet Thursday, March 14, 7pm



Brotherhood Ministry:
1st Sunday of each
month at 8:30am;
Zion's basement



February 14 – March 30



**** Set clocks 1 hour ahead: March 10****



Eunice Brandt / Shirley Ludens / Darlene Meints

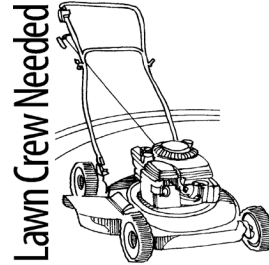


Please remember that there are places in need! There is a list of items needed from the Orphan Grain Train and Nursing Facilities/Shelters.

Remember to check out the "Missionary" bulletin board!

YOUTH FOR CHRIST NEWS:

Comedy Café: April 4 @ Windsor Theatre, Hampton.
To reserve your seat, visit: comedycafe.org



Lawn bids due to
Ryan Koenen by
March 10.



Arlene Maifeld, Marge Jurgens, Brian Lupkes,
Angie DeVries

Freddie, great grandson to Larry Meints, is home!!

Dayton Drake : Ongoing prayers to keep regaining his strength.



*Prayer-O-Thon will begin after Maundy Thursday Service up to Easter Sunday Service. We encourage each of you to sign up for one or more of the half hour slots. In prayer, we come together as the Church to bring our praises and concerns to God. REMINDER: If you have a prayer(s), please email to Marsha by March 17.



Hosts are Russell and Molly Allen, Dennis and Judy Crom and Dale and Janeen Butson

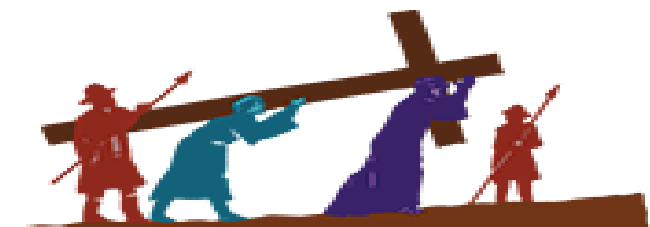


Palm Sunday, March 24

SS Children meet at 9am in the fellowship hall to gather palms and prepare to sing



Service: MARCH 28, 7PM @ ZION; UCC WILL BE OUR GUESTS. NO FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING.



Good Friday Service, March 29, 7pm @ UCC, Latimer – Pastor Joe



March 31, 8-8:45am

Hosted by: RCYF

Freewill Offering



Sunday, March 31



Church Camp

***All Youth:** Lake View Summer Church Camp forms are available. Grades 1 – 12th. If you are interested, please fill out the form and return to Marsha with payment no later than April 8 to assure your camper's request and early bird fee. (Zion will pay half of the camper fee for Lake View and Youth for Christ. Also any additional church camps will be considered if individuals request to go and they are approved – See Elder Mark DeVries, Education or Deacon Eric Barkema, Benevolent



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
MAR 03	Jesse	Tonya
MAR 10	Nick	Duane
MAR 17	Jerry	Molly
MAR 24	Dave	Kolton
MAR 31	Duane	Kendal



Deanna H*/ Vanessa M/ Jan V/ Rebekah A



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
March 3	Pastor
March 10	Megan M.
March 17	Kelly B.
March 24	Molly A.
March 31	Wendy



DAYCARE PROVIDERS! After Children's Time

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME/Helper</u>
March 3	Kirsten / Kaeley
March 10	Steph C / Marli
March 17	Shelly / Barrett
March 24	Megan S / Marli
March 31	Sammy/Edrich



HOPE CIRCLE - MAR 06@ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Carol; Host: Carol

Journey Circle – Mar 07 @ 7:00pm; Lesson 3

JOY CIRCLE - MAR 10 @7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Amy

VESPER CIRCLE - MAR 11 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Sue; Host: Audrey

SUNRISE CIRCLE - MAR 13 @ 9am (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Mardel

Faith Circle – March 28 **CONFLICT**

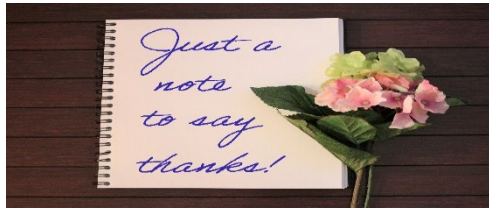
What is your favorite hymn?

FELLOWSHIP

March 3 Birds/Kloetzers
March 10 Suntkens
March 17 Wells
March 24 SS children
March 31 RCYF breakfast



Feb. 18: Flowers were left to celebrate Miss Luci's birthday!



*RCYF: A HUGE shout out to everyone that helped us in the kitchen and to everyone that came out and supported us and enjoyed Specken Dicken. What a big success!
-Clayton & Mariah/RCYF

*Blau: I want to thank my friends, family and my wonderful church for the gift card, get well cards and all of the prayers after my surgery. I want to thank Pastor for his visits and his calls. It was all very much appreciated. Love to you all.
-Janell

*Meints: There are times when saying thank you does not seem adequate. This is one of those times. Over the last two years I have asked for your prayers several times and each time Zion has come through showing your concern and assuring you are praying. This week I got to see the results and the power of your prayers. Freddie was released from the hospital after two months. Thank you everyone for your concern and encouragement and assurance of prayers since his birth last December. Once again we have seen the power of prayer at work.
-Larry

*Jurgens: I appreciated the concerns, prayers, phone calls and cards I received when I had cervical cancer. God answered the prayers and the surgery went well. Thank you for all the prayers from the Zion church family. Also thank you so much for the visits and prayers from Pastor Petri.
-God Bless, Ron and Marge



Congratulations to Chandler and Natasha Smith on the arrival of their baby girl, Harper! She arrived on February 17. Karlie is a proud big sister. God's Blessings to you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: M/W/TH 8am-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir					
					1	2 World Day of Prayer @ Zion
3 *Food Pantry* 3rd Sunday of Lent 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	4	5	6 7:00 pm Hope Circle 7:00pm RCYF	7 7pm Journey Circle	8	9
10 *Clocks: Spring ahead 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS JOY Circle	11 1:30pm Vesper Circle	12	13 9:00 am Sunrise Circle 7:00pm RCYF	14 Consistory Meeting	15	16
17 (Kentucky Ministry) 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	18	19 First day of Spring!	20 6:30pm Family Ministry	21	22	23 10am Lenten Brunch Ladies of Zion
24 Palm Sunday; Children Sing 9:15 am Worship 10:30am SS 31 Easter Sunday 8am Breakfast - RCYF	25	26	27 7pm RCYF	28 7pm Maundy Thursday Service Prayer-O-Thon	29 Prayer-O-Thon	30 Prayer-O-Thon