



## Zion Reformed Church -- May Floodlight 2021



### PASTOR'S POSTS

#### **If you don't like what you harvest, change the seed!**

If I look around, I see opportunities. These opportunities are not about the materialistic or being more prosperous. These opportunities are about living a spiritual life that will be consistent and change everything.

Most people are confused today. It feels like the political and social climate are dominating all dimensions of our lives. Equality, sexuality, reversed forms of racism and questions about the identity of God is all that we hear daily. It's in our faces and if we take a stand based on our Christian beliefs, judgement stares us in the face.

I believe in balance. One of the key factors to living a balanced life, is consistency. Isaiah 40:8 says "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever". We have to start sowing consistent seeds, and those seeds can only be found in the Word of God.

Sow Biblical seeds in your neighborhood, your children and grandchildren and the harvest will be acceptable to God.

Regards,  
Pastor Petri



### Consistory Highlights

\*Consistory met on April 8 and at that time it was decided to open Zion in the sanctuary and leave access to the fellowship hall and outside radio (104.3) for Sunday services. Fellowship has returned!

\*The next consistory meeting will be held on May 13.



\* MAY 1 \*

A **May Day** tradition is marking the return of spring and the renewed gift of life. Neighbors may leave baskets of flowers on each other's doorsteps or doorknobs.

Children may share treat baskets.  
Let's always celebrate and thank God for the gift of life that He gave us.



### **Young Adults Bible Study**

(HS graduate – age 29)

Next meeting will be Wed., May 5. For planning purposes: Meet the first Wednesday of every month.



May 6

# WRIGHT & FRANKLIN COUNTIES' NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAM

May 6, 2021

11am - 12pm

LORD POUR OUT YOUR LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERTY

We are making some adjustments to our regular event format for 2021, including space distancing. It's our desire to create an environment of unity and fellowship, while making each attender feel secure and safe.

Program bulletins and self serve refreshments will be set at each table. Come in and make yourself comfortable.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for an hour of prayer, worship and fellowship.

Dows Community Center

119 East Ellsworth St.

Dows, Iowa 50071

"Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

II Corinthians 3:17



## WOZ MAY PROGRAM

Saturday, May 8 – 1:30 pm; Sign up!!

\*\*Refreshments will be provided\*\*

### PROGRAM

Marge J. / Esther D. / Judy C. / Tonya H. / Amy E.

### HOSTS

Rose M\* / Carol S. / Carma D. / Sonna M. / Jean M. / Mavis M.

### GUEST

Janette van Rooyen



**\*\* May 9 is Mother's Day \*\***



June 14-18 / M-TH: 9am-Noon

Friday: 9am – 1pm – lunch provided

Prek thru Grade 6

Registration forms are by the Catch-All Box!

To allow for ample time to order curriculum & prepare materials, ALL students must register by **May 16.**

**HELPERS NEEDED! SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD**





Missionary reports are posted on the bulletin board. Please take time to read their reports as Zion continues to support them financially but most importantly through prayer.



Thank you to everyone that came out to spruce up Zion! Many hands made light work.



Can you believe it is May already? Everything is green again, birds are busy with nest building and the kids are looking forward to summer. We thank the Lord for always watching over us and providing all of our needs. May we continue to pray for our country, our families and for peace in the world. I'm praying for you to feel God's perfect peace today no matter what circumstances you are facing.

Again, the WOZ members are busy getting ready for the May Program, May 8. Be sure to bring a guest and sign up on the bulletin board. Please remember your Mother's this month!

A reminder to save your cancelled stamps. We will be turning them in at our fall retreat at Meservey. Also, the new counter tops are being looked into. Hopefully they will add a new sparkle to the kitchen! There will be a WOZ meeting in the sanctuary following the service on June 6. All women are invited to this meeting. We would love to have a great turnout!

Have a wonderful month and keep God and our church in your prayers.

In Christ's Love,  
Linda Wells



### Drive Thru Community Meal

A free meal provided to the greater community in which to feed those in need.

A collaborative outreach of First Grace Baptist, Sheffield Methodist, Zion Lutheran & Zion Reformed

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 11

**WHERE:** First Grace Baptist parking lot, Sheffield

**SERVING TIME:** 4:30 PM until gone

All meals are free. Any donations will be given to the Sheffield Food Pantry.

**Questions:** See Brian and Ann Lupkes or Pastor Petri

### HOW TO HELP:

- Provide a pop-up or tailgating tent for Zion's table on May 11.
- Serve cookies at Zion's table on May 11.
- Monetary donations: The four sponsoring churches will be dividing the cost of the meal. A donation container will be in the church foyer.

See Ann!



Thank you to everyone that participated in Zion's "ZOOM Prayer-Thon". This is such a heartfelt time to share our gratitude and concerns with our Lord.

## Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
<b>MAR 28</b>	\$3,220.00	\$427.00	134
<b>APR 04</b>	\$3,640.00	\$847.00	174
<b>APR 11</b>	\$2,040.00	\$427.00	87
<b>APR 18</b>	\$2,190.00	\$237.00	100

## FLOWERS

**Palm Sunday:** The children celebrated by waiving palms

**Resurrection Sunday:** Lilies were given in honor, memory and celebration of Easter.

**Jurgens Family:** Flowers were left in the sanctuary celebrating the life of Dorothy.



Darlene Meints / Marie Jurgens/ Donna Meints  
Dean Miller / LaVonne McCormick



Mavis Meyer, Vernon VanHorn,

Shelly Buseman, Sutton Miller, Jill Schade

Lisa Bennett – Tami Suntken's sister.

Coach Jeff Tudor – Close friend to the Markwardt's

Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther DeVries and Sue Smit

Liz Hilton – Niece to Carol Stock

Jerry Corey – Amy Eberling's father



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
<b>MAY 02</b>	Dave	Carma
<b>MAY 09</b>	Mavis	KOLTON
<b>MAY 16</b>	Duane	Tonya
<b>MAY 23</b>	Jerry	Duane
<b>MAY 30</b>	Dave	Carma



## FELLOWSHIP

<b>MAY 02</b>	Brian & Ann L.
<b>MAY 09</b>	Hosts are needed
<b>MAY 16</b>	Duane & Diane B.
<b>MAY 23</b>	Hosts are needed
<b>MAY 30</b>	Mark & Carma D.



### Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
May 2	Pastor
May 9	Dave
May 16	Shelly
May 23	Megan M.
May 30	Ann



### DAYCARE PROVIDERS!

#### After Children's Time

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
May 2	Janette
May 9	Marsha
May 16	Shelly
May 23	Megan M.
May 30	Kirsten



**WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm**



Sharon H.\* / Lenora P. / LaVonne C. / Mardel W.



**HOPE CIRCLE** - MAY 05 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Devotions/Lesson: Deanna; Host:

**JOY CIRCLE** - MAY 09 @ 7:00pm  
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma

**SUNRISE CIRCLE** - MAY 12 @ 9:00am  
Devotions/Lesson: Sharon; Host: Lenora

**What is your favorite flower to plant?**



Meints: Thanks to all of you for the cards and notes. It made Easter special. It was a very quiet day here. Thank goodness for TV and Ipads. It was not the kind of Easter I grew up with. Of course the Easter Bunny danced outside my window. I was invited out for dinner but everyone had family. I would rather stay here. Family has been coming to visit with permission and masks. Hope it opens up real soon! I really do not like this. I love all of you for your support. Please keep it up.

With all my love, Darlene

Meyer: The love and faith of family and friends has been a great blessing to Gordon and I throughout the last four weeks. Your prayers, cards and letters reinforced my faith and helped me keep a cheerful heart throughout this journey. I could feel a peace that is not explainable and your faith holding me up. Also thank you for the beautiful flowers, food and visits you shared. A special thank you to Pastor Petri for his visit and phone calls. It is wonderful to be home and much appreciated.

Love, Mavis

Dear Zion family and friends,  
We would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy shown to our family at the time of our loss. Mom loved her church and church friends. You were all special to her. We want to especially thank Pastor Petri for all of his visits and love to mom and our family, and going out of his way for those who aren't church members, as well. Zion is truly blessed to have him! Sincerely, Dorothy Jurgens family



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR SENIOR GRADUATES WITH THIS MESSAGE.

NOW THAT YOU ARE GRADUATING YOU WILL FACE MANY CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

MAKE WISE CHOICES

HAVE THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO ACT IN THE PRESENT RATHER THAN PROCRASTINATING

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

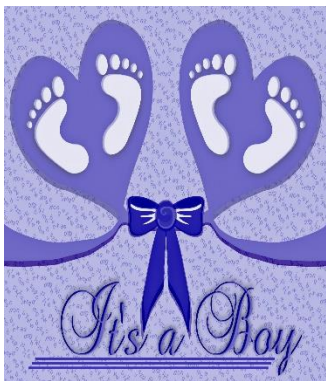
MOST OF ALL, ALWAYS PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD

JEREMIAH 29:11-12 "FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS THE LORD. THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR DISASTER, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE. IN THOSE DAYS YOU PRAY, I WILL LISTEN."

GRADUATE'S PRAYER: "ON THIS GRADUATION DAY, LORD, HELP ME TO REMEMBER ALL THAT I HAVE LEARNED. I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE END OF MY LEARNING PROCESS BUT A NEW BEGINNING. KEEP ME OPEN TO YOUR LEADING; MAY I RECOGNIZE YOUR PATH FOR MY LIFE. REMIND ME THAT I AM CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE; I KNOW I AM YOUR CHILD. WHEN I STUMBLE, STEADY ME. MAKE ME STRONG AND GUIDE ME WITH YOUR LOVE. REMIND ME I AM NEVER ALONE. TEACH ME TO RECOGNIZE YOUR PRESENCE IN TIMES OF STRESS AND ANXIETY; CONVINCED THAT YOU ARE BY MY SIDE. HELP ME BE THE PERSON YOU WANT ME TO BE AS I GO FORTH TO SERVE ON THIS MY GRADUATION DAY." – MARY HERRON

GOD'S BLESSINGS,  
SARA STEVENSON  
SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE





Please welcome  
Sutton Therron Miller!  
Sutton arrived on April 21;  
6lbs 3oz, 19in.  
Congratulations to  
Clayton and Mariah,  
Gpa Al and Gma Marsha,  
Great Gma Marie!



May

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 03 Mavis Meyer / Carol Stock
- 04 Brian Lupkes
- 06 Heather Koenen
- 07 Jen Koenen
- 14 Francis Brass
- 19 Karen Carstens
- 22 Duane & Diane Barkema
- 23 Dick & Sara Stevenson
- 27 Lenora Payne
- 30 Mark DeVries
- 31 Eric & Pauline Barkema

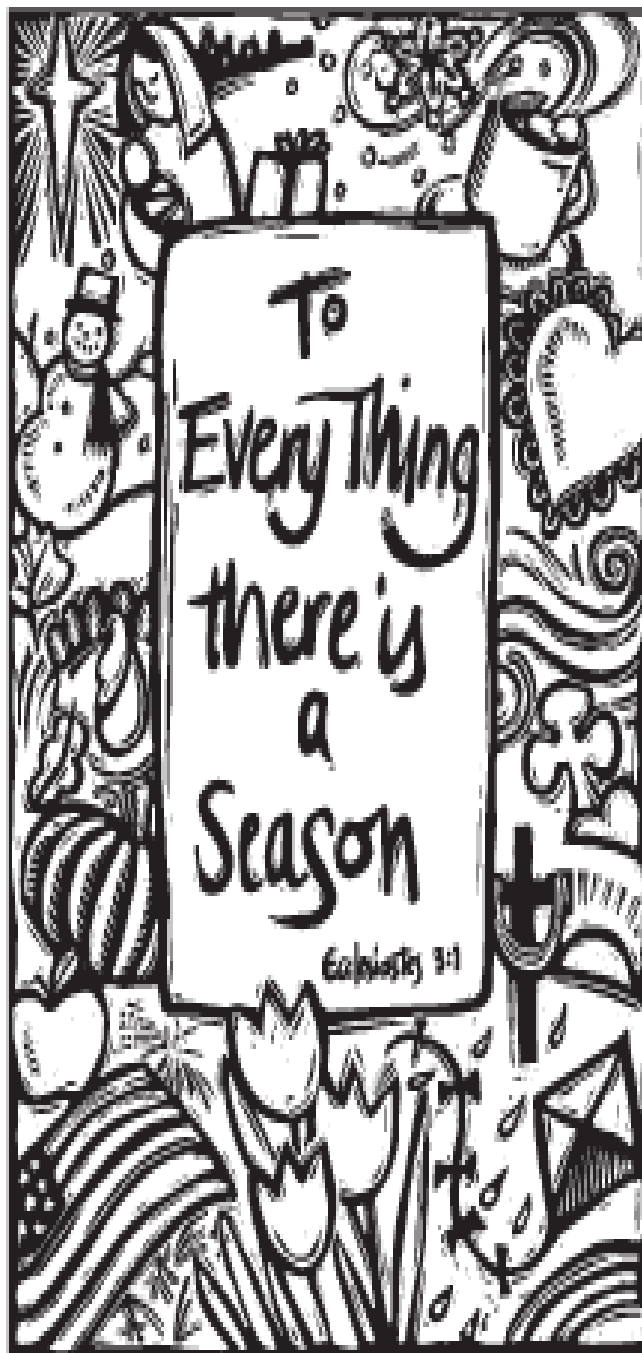
## ZION'S DRIVE THRU BAZAAR SAT., OCT. 2 – 11AM – 2PM

PLEASE make plans to help in any way that  
you can, attend and spread the word! More  
information will follow 😊



# COLORING PAGE

## Ecclesiastes 3:1



# ZION'S CLASS OF 2021



## Addie Irene Buseman

**Parents:**

Jeff and Shelly Buseman

**High School:**

Belmond-Klemme High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23**Activities Involved In At School:**

Cross Country, Track, Speech,  
National Honor Society, FFA,  
Thespians, Band

**Awards Received:**

All Academic Speech Award

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Playing in the pep band  
during football and basketball  
games

**College Plans:** Attend the

University of Northern Iowa  
and major in Marketing-  
Advertising and Digital Media

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF (VP), VBS, Bell Choir,  
Catechism, Sunday School

**Special Zion Memory:** Walking  
through the haunted hike with  
Pastor and the YF kids and  
going on a scavenger hunt  
for RCYF

## Zachary Austin DeVries

**Parents:**

Phil and Angie DeVries

**High School:**

Hampton-Dumont High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23**Activities Involved In At School:**

FFA, Trapshooting, Football,  
Wrestling, Track

**Awards Received:**

Lettered in Football, Wrestling,  
Track, Trapshooting

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

The Rockwell Academy

**College Plans:**

Attend North Iowa Area  
Community College and major  
in Welding

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF, VBS

**Special Zion Memory:**

VBS



## Lindsey Erin Eberling

**Parents:**

Corey and Amy Eberling

**High School:**

West Fork High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23**Activities Involved In At School:**

FFA

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Being in the homecoming  
Parade my senior year

**College Plans:**

I plan to go into the Iowa  
Army National Guard.  
Following, I plan to attend  
Iowa State University and  
major in Animal Science.

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF, VBS

**Special Zion Memory:**

Helping with VBS



## Jason Louis Meier

**Parents:**

Joel and Mindy Meier

**High School:**

West Fork High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23**Activities Involved In At School:**

Cross Country, Track, Basketball,  
National Honor Society, FFA,  
Speech, Student Government,  
Mentoring Program

**Awards Received:**

LSU Academic Merit Scholarship

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Being on the homecoming  
court with my friends

**College Plans:**

Attend Louisiana State Univ.  
for preMed (Oncologist) with  
a minor in Spanish

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF (President), VBS, Sunday  
School, Youth Sunday, Bazaar

**Special Zion Memory:**

Helping teach VBS with  
Linda Wells!



## Kendal Koenen

**Parents:**

Ryan and Jen Koenen

**High School:**

Hampton-Dumont High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23**Activities Involved In At School:**

FFA

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Being with friends

**College Plans:**

Attend North Iowa Area  
Community College and  
major in Ag Business

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF, Audio/Video Team

**Special Zion Memory:**

All the fun VBS and RCYF  
activities!



## Grace Mae Willms

**Parents:**

Jared and Bobby Willms

**High School:**

West Fork High School

**Graduation Date:** May 23

**Activities Involved In At School:**

Football and Basketball  
Cheerleader, Soccer,  
Volleyball, Basketball, Track,  
Speech, Band, Choir

**Awards Received:**

Scholarship for track to  
Iowa Wesleyan, Wayne Cooley  
Scholarship

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Being with my class during  
homecoming week

**College Plans:**

Attend Iowa Wesleyan for  
Nursing and track and major  
in Nursing

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF

**Special Zion Memory:**

Being welcomed to Zion and  
meeting new people

**BE STRONG *and*  
COURAGEOUS!**

**DO NOT *be* AFRAID  
OR DISCOURAGED.**

**FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD  
IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

**Joshua 1:9**



# Zion Reformed Church

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Pastor Petri van Rooyen



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>VBS: June 14-18 !!!</b> 	VBS @ Zion: June 14-18 9am - Noon (M-TH) Friday: 9am-1pm w/lunch provided Age 4 yr - 6th grade Fee: \$8.50/child; \$17family Register: <a href="mailto:zionref@wbrec.com">zionref@wbrec.com</a> Deadline: May 16					1 
2 *Food Pantry* 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS; Women's Choir	3	4	5 7:00pm Hope Circle RCYF	6 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER	7	8 1:30pm WQZ May Program -
9  9:15am Worship 10:30am SS; Women's Choir Joy Circle	10	11 FREE MEAL 4:30pm @ First Grace Baptist parking lot, Sheffield	12 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF	13 7pm RCYF Deacons/Elders 8:00pm Consistory	14	15
16 Ascension Sunday *Floodlight Deadline* 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS *VBS DEADLINE*	17	18	19 7pm RCYF	20	21	22
23 *Capt Mtc Offering* *Graduate Recognition*  9:15am Worship - Pentecost 10:30am SS	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	31 					