



2024

## Zion Reformed Church



### PASTOR'S P O S T S

Dear Zion:

Youth Sunday was an eye opener to me. One of the most unselfish things that we can do is to sow seeds of the gospel for the next generation. Fruits of seeds that we will most properly not harvest in our lifetime. Professor Carl Trueman said in an interview: "Sow seeds that you know will benefit your grandchildren."

Youth Sunday was an amazing spiritual experience for me and my family. The youth shared the gospel with authority!!!! Our youth program and the church are so blessed with amazing kids and teachers. There were Sunday school teachers/VBS teachers/parents and Zion members that sowed the seeds of loving Jesus years ago that had a huge influence and impact on our seniors that preached on youth Sunday. For that I want to thank all of you. Let us continue sowing seeds for the next generations. That is a sign of being kind and unselfish.

Zion has a bright future. When we look at the youth of Zion and the youth program, I see a lot of hope for the future.

Take care,  
Pastor Petri

#### FAMILY MINISTRY

Message: Kindness is a Christian virtue.  
Ephesians 4:31-5:32

#### Heidelberg Catechism: Question 63

How can you say that the good we do doesn't earn anything when God promises to reward it in this life and the next?

Answer: This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

Question 64: But doesn't this teaching make people indifferent and wicked?

Answer: No. It is impossible for those grafted into Christ by true faith not to produce fruits of gratitude.



### Consistory Highlights

\*Consistory met on April 18. It was decided to continue to support Lake View Camp and Riverside Bible Camp for our youth.

\*The next consistory meeting will be held on May 9



\* 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.



May 2



ZION'S VBS: Camp Firelight (Age 4-Grade 6)

JUNE 10-14

M-TH: 8:45AM – 12:15PM;

F: 8:45AM-1:15PM WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, VBS PROGRAM DURING SERVICE

**ALL Teachers/Helpers/Workers:  
There will be a meeting soon / TBA**

It's that time of year to prepare for VBS, Camp Firelight! There is a VBS volunteer sheet posted on the bulletin board! Please help where you can. We are asking for monetary donations instead of snacks being brought in. We are making snacks to go with each day's lessons so it will be easier for one person to purchase the required food. Money can be placed in the catch all box before May 12. There will be a Friday meal so donations are being sought for the meal as well. Registrations have been emailed to past VBSers. There are forms available by the "catch all box". The deadline for registrations will be May 12. Please spread the word!! Share the registration forms or the church email so that Marsha can help them with the details!

VBS Q: See Wendy or Bev. Thank You!!



**"Bee Kind!"  
"Bee Happy!"**

**WOZ MAY PROGRAM**

Saturday, May 4 – 1:30 pm

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

**PROGRAM**

Linda W/Amy E/Sue S/Jen K/Carol S

**HOSTS**

Diane H/Judy C/Megan O/Sarah D/Sammy B

**GUEST**

Cindy Richardson



**Happy  
Mother's Day**

**\*\* May 14 is Mother's Day \*\***



The month of May reminds me of Mother's Day. My mother has been with Jesus since February of 2018. Time has helped the pain of losing her. Circumstances in my life cause me to think of her, miss her, and reflect what a blessing she was to me. Many of you reading this have also experienced this same situation. There are also those who are still fortunate to have their mother with them this Mother's Day. Whatever your situation, take time to honor your mothers (and grandmothers) and those who dwell in our hearts. Remember our mothers and all they have done for us, all they mean to us, and who we are because of them.

Psalm 139:13 reminds us "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Remember who God is, what He has done for us, and who we are in Christ. Have a HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Just a few reminders: Hope you signed up for the May Program, May 4, 1:30 pm. If you forgot and would like to come, contact Diane Hughes (Hostess Committee) or Linda Wells (Program Committee) so they can add you to their list. Remember your Prayer Pals. Our next WOZ meeting is June 2 directly after the morning worship service in the front of the sanctuary. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy Crom  
WOZ President



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Science says we need at least four basic elements to survive:

- 1. Water
- 2. Air
- 3. Food
- 4. Light

And look what the Bible tells us about Jesus:

- 1. I am the Living water
- 2. I am the Breath of life
- 3. I am the Bread of life
- 4. I am the Light of the world

Science was right, we need Jesus to live.

God Bless,

Shelly Buseman, Spiritual Life



**Brotherhood  
Ministry:**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each  
month at 8:30am;**  
**Zion's basement**  
**\*May 5\***



**Family  
Ministry**  
**Wed,**  
**May 15**  
**@ 6:30pm**

**\*Hosts are needed for the meal\***

## FLOWERS

**Baptisms:** A rose was given to Harm Koenen and Lettie Neff to celebrate their holy baptisms.



**HOMEBOUND  
MEMBERS**  
 Eunice Brandt/Shirley Ludens/Darlene Meints



**Please keep the following in prayer:**  
 Stuart Riggins, Vernon VanHorn, Judy Dannen,  
 Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries;  
 Royce Harms: Father to Dave Harms

*Welcome,*

**New Members**

\*Austin Neff \*Miranda Woltjer \*Megan Suntken  
 \*Jessica Sheely



New Audio/Video lists will be compiled at the end of May!  
Please let Marsha know if you are interested in being added or removed by May 12. We need you!!



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
<b>MAY 5</b>	Jesse	Tonya
<b>MAY 12</b>	Duane	KOLTON
<b>MAY 19</b>	Nick	Kendal
<b>MAY 26</b>	Jerry	Molly

## FELLOWSHIP

<b>MAY 5</b>	Carol & Teresa B
<b>MAY 12</b>	Jean & Sonna
<b>MAY 19</b>	Megan M/SS
<b>MAY 26</b>	Hosts are needed



### Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
May 5	Pastor
May 12	Shelly B.
May 19	Ann
May 26	Dave



## DAYCARE PROVIDERS! After Children's Time

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME/Helper</u>
May 5	Sammy/Edrich
May 12	Shelly/Barrett
May 19	Tonya/Gavin
May 26	Steph C/Marli



**WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm**



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



**HOPE CIRCLE - MAY 01 @ 7:00pm** (Fellowship Hall)  
*Devotions/Lesson: Deanna; Host: Ardith*

**Journey Circle - May 02 @ 7pm.** Contact: Tonya & MAY 30 w/ FAITH

**SUNRISE CIRCLE - MAY 8 @ 9:00am**  
*Devotions/Lesson: Sharon; Host: Lenora*

**JOY CIRCLE - MAY 12 @ 7:00pm**  
*Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa S.*

**Faith Circle - May 30 @ 7pm.** Contact: Beth B.

**Who is your biggest spiritual role model?**



Meier: Thank you for all of the cards and prayers. Your support means a lot.  
-Joel

BAKKER: GRANDMA SAID THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR PRAYERS THAT WE HAVE LIFTED UP FOR BAKER AND HIS FAMILY. THEY APPRECIATE ALL OF OUR SUPPORT! PRAISE GOD FOR BAKKER'S PROGRESS!

RCYF: Thank you for your tremendous support on Youth Sunday. Our group of young adults along with us as sponsors are very blessed by the love, support and prayers that the congregation provides.  
-Clayton, Mariah and RCYF Gang

Grounds Clean Up: Again, thank you so much to all of you that took the time to help in the church grounds clean up. Your efforts were appreciated.  
- Ryan Koenen, Deacon



**Congratulations to Matt and Chandler on the holy baptism of Harm Jagger on April 21.**

**Congratulations to Miranda Woltjer and Austin Neff on the holy baptism of Lettie Neff on April 28.**



**Please put the following dates on your calendar:**

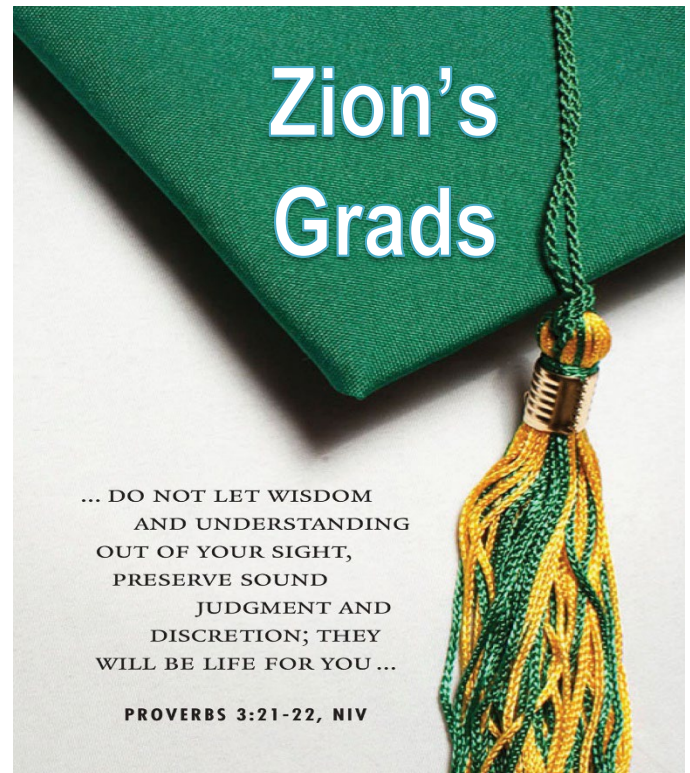
Family Ministry dates for the summer: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21 (Reminder that this is part of the youth catechism so PLEASE be sure to not take a break from FM)

\*Last day of SS for the summer months: May 19; Fall SS will resume with Promotion Sunday, Sept. 15

\*Outside Services: June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15  
Please bring a chair

\*Zion's Family Picnic: TBA

\*June 28-30: Kentucky/Tennessee Ministry



**Sunday, May 19: Zion will celebrate our graduating seniors during the service.**



Celebrating  
our Graduates

# ZION'S CLASS OF 2024

## Teaghan Audrey Bird



**Parents:**

Adam & Molly Bird

**High School:**

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

**Graduation Date:** May 19

**Activities Involved in at School:**

Cross Country, Wrestling,  
Track, Soccer, Softball,  
FFA

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Going to state for track

**College Plans:**

LaJames College for  
Massage Therapy

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF

**Special Zion Memory:**

Watching the guys play a  
“very friendly” game of  
basketball at the YMCA in  
Mason City!

## Tyler Anthony Campbell



**Parents:**

Corey & Teresa Campbell

**High School:**

Clear Lake

**Graduation Date:** May 19

**Activities Involved in at School:**

Football manager and Trap  
shooting

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

First grade year discussions  
with my teacher about Iowa  
vs Iowa State

**Future Plans:**

Work for Dean Snyder  
Construction

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

Rocky Mountain High, Easter  
morning breakfast, Skits

**Special Zion Memory:**

Having a bonfire and pizza  
with the RCYF.

## Cole Max Rodemeyer

**Parents:**

Joel & Amanda Rodemeyer

**High School:**

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

**Graduation Date:** May 19

**Activities Involved in at School:**

Football, Golf, FFA, Big Buddies, Basketball, Baseball, National Honor Society

**Awards Received:**

NIACC Link Scholarship, Honor Roll, NIACC President's List, National Honor Society

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

FFA State Convention and Football playoffs two years in a row

**College Plans:**

NIACC for Ag Sales/Service

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF

**Special Zion Memory:**

Rocky Mountain High with my youth group friends.

## Justin David Schulz

**Parents:**

Teresa Schulz & Scott Schulz

**High School:**

West Fork

**Graduation Date:** May 19

**Activities Involved in at School:**

FFA, Esports, Archery, Band, National Honor Society, Wrestling

**Awards Received:**

Honor Roll, FFA Awards, Max & Nellie White Endowed Scholarship, MVPs for Esports

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Traveling to Orlando for band and directing people away from the police on teepee night

**College Plans:**

Ellsworth Comm.  
College/transfer to ISU for Ag Education/minor in Agronomy.

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

Rocky Mountain High, RCYF, SS, VBS, Childcare, Fellowship, Family Ministry, Church Cleaning, Feed My Starving Children, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Program, Advent Reading.

**Special Zion Memory:**

VBS, Rocky Mt, Watching Sutton and Vieve.



## Trinity Anara Swart

**Parents:**

Tyler & Jenni Swart

**High School:**

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

**Graduation Date:** May 19

**Activities Involved in at School:**

FFA, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Golf, Dance

**Awards Received:**

Tall Corn FFA, Alumni Scholarship, Farm Bureau Scholarship

**A Favorite Memory Of School:**

Parliamentary Procedure for FFA

**College Plans:**

ISU for Ag Communications

**Activities involved in at Zion:**

RCYF

**Special Zion Memory:**

Rocky Mountain High



## Kirsten Suntken

**Parents:**

Jon & Tami Suntken

**College:**

ISU

**Degree:**

Agricultural Studies

**Future Plans:**

Work at Sukup Manufacturing as an inside sales specialist.





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 Pastor Petri van Rooyen



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>VBS: June 10-14!!!</b>	VBS @ Zion: June 10-14 8:45am - 12:15pm (M-TH) Friday: 8:45am-1:15pm w/lunch provided	Age 4 yr - 6th grade Fee: NO COST Register: <a href="mailto:zionchurch2029@gmail.com">zionchurch2029@gmail.com</a> Deadline: May 12				
			1 7:00pm Hope Circle RCYF	2 7pm Journey Circle	3	4 1:30pm WQZ May Program "Bee Kind" "Bee Happy"
5 *Food Pantry 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	6	7	8 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF	9 Ascension Day 6pm Deacons/Elders 7:00pm Consistory	10	11
12  9:15am Worship 10:30am SS; 7pm Joy Circle *VBS DEADLINE*	13	14	15 6:30pm Family Ministry Night	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19  *Graduate Recognition* 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:15am Worship; Baptism 10:30am SS	27  Memorial DAY	28	29	30 7pm Faith Circle & Journey	31	