



2025

Zion Reformed Church



PASTOR'S P O S T S

Dear Zion

Life After Easter

Easter is more than a one-day celebration; it's a doorway to a new way of living. The resurrection of Jesus Christ transforms our understanding of life, death, and our ultimate hope. But what does this mean for our day-to-day lives? How does the reality of Easter shape our actions, our relationships, and our outlook on the world?

So, how should our lives look like after the resurrection? Here are a few practical ways:

*Live with hope: In a world filled with uncertainty, we can have a confident hope in the promises of God. This hope can sustain us through trials and challenges.

*Live in love: The resurrection demonstrates the ultimate act of love. We are called to love others as Christ loved us (John 13:34-35).

*Live with purpose: We have a mission to share the gospel and make disciples. This gives our lives meaning and direction.

Easter is not an isolated event but the foundation of our faith and the power for our daily lives. Because Jesus lives, we can live with hope, love, and purpose.

With Love,
Pastor Petri



Tableware and
drinks provided!

**Sunday, May 4,
following
Service!
PLEASE
hand out the
postcards!!
Bring two dishes
to share.**



Consistory Highlights

* The next consistory meeting will be held on May 8



* 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 1



Brotherhood Ministry:
1st Sunday of each
month at 8:30am;
Zion's basement
May 4



ZION'S VBS: Road Trip! (Age 4-Grade 6)

JUNE 9-13

M-TH: 8:30AM – 12:15PM;

F: 8:30AM-1:00PM WITH LUNCH PROVIDED

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, VBS PROGRAM DURING SERVICE

**ALL Teachers/Helpers/Workers:
There will be a meeting on Sunday,
May 4, following service.**

It's that time of year to prepare for VBS, Road Trip! 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 11.** There will be a Friday meal so donations are being sought for the meal as well.

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



"Come to the Ranch"

WOZ MAY PROGRAM

Saturday, May 10 – 1:30 pm

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

PROGRAM

Linda W/Ardith P/Beth B/Teresa S/Sarah D

HOSTS

Shelly B/Tonya H/Teresa B/Rose M/Megan S

GUEST

Derek Segerstrom (Reborn Ranch is a summer camp for kids) WOZ is sponsoring RR.



Happy Mother's Day

**** May 11 is Mother's Day ****



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." [John 15:1-2](#)

May is the time we think of new beginnings and planting. My husband, sister, and I plant popcorn every year because we love to work the soil, plant the seeds, and later hopefully reap a good harvest! We love to eat popcorn too! It's not always so successful. We've had great years and poor years with problems along the way, like weeds, not enough rain, too much rain, or insects. It's like that way in life as Christians. We plant seeds of faith, wait for it to grow, run into life's problems, and pray for the reward of growing in our faith. God is the Master Gardener. He teaches us to be patient, and tends to us in the hard times that come giving us the nutrients we need along the way. May we continue to grow as Christians and serve Jesus remembering how He cares for us!

Remember to sign up for our May Program. It begins at 1:30 on May 10th. The Education Committee has a special program planned and our hosts are Shelly B., Tonya H., Teresa B., Rose M. and Megan S.

Remember your Prayer Pals. Our next WOZ meeting is June 8th directly after the morning worship service in the front of the sanctuary. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Yours in Christ,

Sonna McMahon
WOZ President



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Spring is my favorite time of year. I love watching the grass turn green. I love seeing the animals and hearing the birds singing. Most of all, I love seeing the trees fill with leaves and the flowers bloom. It is beautiful. So fun to watch God's work come to life.

Spring reminds me that, just like the flowers, I am made new in Jesus. He takes away my sin and covers me with His grace. He takes my dead heart, fills me with His life, and makes my soul beautiful.

Titus 3:5-7: He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

My daily devotional reader says: "Baptized in Your Spirit, Lord, I walk through my life as a new creation – reborn into a life measured by my Creator's love. When I feel run-down or unable to move forward through the daily grind, I reflect on this spiritual act of rebirth and am instantly lifted above earthly concerns. My hope is placed in the only timeless beauty: eternal life."

Megan Oehlert, Spiritual Life



Family
Ministry
May 21
Hosts are
needed



Food
Pantry
Needs

Please
Bring
Items
May 4

Tithes Attendance

| | General | Benevolent | Attendance |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| APRIL 6 | \$3,048.00 | \$825.00 | 197 |
| APRIL 13 | \$2,550.00 | \$525.00 | 140 |
| APRIL 20 | \$2,903.00 | \$535.00 | 229 |
| APRIL 27 | \$2,689.00 | \$575.00 | 125 |

Births IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to Grandparents, Jon and Tami, and the entire family on the arrival of Kadence Lee Borcharding. She was born on April 4, 9lbs, 11oz to Ryan and Katelyn.

Congratulations to grandparents, Darwin and Teresa, on the arrival of Lydia Diane. Proud parents are Sam and Rachael who reside in Kansas City, MO. Lydia was born on April 9, 5lbs, 13oz, 20.2" long!



HOMEBOUND
MEMBERS

Duane and Lenora Payne / Phyllis Nelson



Please keep the following in prayer:

DALE BUTSON, MARK LAGE, ARLENE MAIFELD, DARWIN BUTSON,
BRIAN LUPKES, DIANE HUGHES, TED HUGHES



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 11. We need you!!



| | <u>AUDIO</u> | <u>VIDEO</u> |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| MAY 4 | Jesse | Tonya |
| MAY 11 | Dave | DUANE |
| MAY 18 | Jerry | Molly |
| MAY 25 | Nick | Carma |

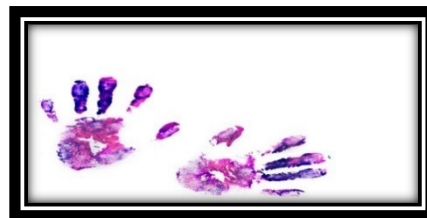
FELLOWSHIP

| | |
|---------------|------------------|
| MAY 4 | Brian & Ann |
| MAY 11 | Hosts are needed |
| MAY 18 | Megan M/SS |
| MAY 25 | Allen/Wells |



Children's Time during church service

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|-------------|-------------|
| May 4 | Kelly B |
| May 11 | Shelly B. |
| May 18 | Dave |
| May 25 | Ann |



DAYCARE PROVIDERS! After Children's Time

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME/Helper</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|
| May 4 | Megan S/Edrich |
| May 11 | Kirsten/Marli |
| May 18 | Steph C/Barrett |
| May 25 | Molly B/Tatum |



WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00pm



Sharon H.* / LaVonne C. / Mardel W.



HOPE CIRCLE - MAY 07 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Sonna; Host: Judy

Journey Circle – May 01 @ 7pm. Contact: Tonya
& MAY 29 w/ FAITH

SUNRISE CIRCLE - MAY 14 @ 9:00am
Devotions/Lesson: Sharon; Host: Lavonne

JOY CIRCLE - MAY 11 @ 7:00pm
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa S.

Faith Circle – May 29 @ 7pm w/Journey

What's Your Favorite Way to Spend a Rainy Day?



Butson: Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, food, help & offers for Darwin during his treatment. He is over half way through his treatments now. Thanks to Pastor Petri for the prayers & visits. Also thank you for the prayers for baby Lydia who was having some issues. We appreciate all of the prayers and our church family so much. Thank you! Darwin & Teresa

Wells: Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, calls and concerns following my knee replacement surgery. I am doing well. Thank you, again. -Linda

Schnoes: We want to express our gratitude for the cards, calls, the many words of comfort and concern, as well as prayers given in the recent passing of my mom. Thank you so much. It was all truly appreciated. -Frank & Cheryl

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. - Keaton Buseman, Deacon



2025 Lily Tribute

In Memory Of: **Our Family in Heaven** from Pam Rusinack

Granddad Al from Mike, Sarah, Luke, Meghan, Matt & Mac

Our parents from Markwardt family

Paul & Marie Jurgens/Therron Miller from Marsha & Al family

In Honor Of: **Mom (Esther)** from Mike, Sarah, Luke, Meghan, Matt & Mac

In Celebration of The Resurrection:

Mark and Carma DeVries

Ron and Marge Jurgens



Children's Choir: (Last one until fall)
Special Music on Sunday, May 18. Please arrive by 9am in fellowship hall.



Please put the following dates on your calendar:

*Family Ministry dates for the summer: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 (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 18;
Fall SS will resume with Promotion Sunday, Sept. 14

*Outside Services: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14

Please bring a chair/blanket

*Zion's Family Picnic: TBA

*June 1: Kentucky/Tennessee Ministry



Christmas at Grandma and Grandpa's BAZAAR 2025

Date: Saturday, Oct. 4

Time: Shops: 11am – 2pm

Lunch/Supper: 11am – 6pm

Auction: 6:30pm

Attire: Christmas sweaters! (Old/Ugly/New ... up to you!)

Meet the Stock Family that is part of Zion!



Ryan and Kylee Stock
Molly (10), Nora (8), Tucker (5), Emily (3) and Anna (2)

The Stock family live in Sheffield for the last 12 years. Ryan was raised in Sheffield and is the youngest son of Roger and Carol Stock. Kylee grew up in Nebraska. She has 2 brothers and 2 sisters and is the youngest of the sisters.

They met at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, while having a literacy class together. Ryan claims it was "love at first sight".

Ryan drives semi and Kylee is a receptionist at a hair salon in Clear Lake. The children attend West Fork School and are very active in sports and other activities.

As a family, they really love sports, being outside, riding their bikes and traveling to new places and experiencing new sceneries.

Their favorite part about coming to Zion is enjoying the messages each week. The Stock children have attended VBS for many years and we love having them in Sunday School. Little Miss Emily especially enjoys the singing!

The Stock family is fond of Psalm 127. They say it is a good reminder that God is in control of every aspect of their lives, especially when they feel caught up in worries about worldly things that can affect their young children.

Psalm 127

1 Unless the lord builds a house,
the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.

2 It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat;
for God gives rest to his loved ones.

3 Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.

4 Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.

5 How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them!
He will not be put to shame when he confronts his accusers at the city gates.



- 03 Carol Stock, Vanessa Miller
- 04 Caden Sifert, Brian Lupkes
- 05 Jon Klink
- 06 Heather Koenen
- 07 Jen Koenen
- 10 Sammy Buseman
- 11 Adam Bird
- 14 Francis Brass
- 18 Michael Goodwin
- 19 Karen Carstens / Lisa Bennett
- 20 Pam Lage
- 21 LeAnn Braun
- 22 Tenley Bird / Duane & Diane Barkema
- 23 Dick & Sara Stevenson
- 24 Jon & Judy Klink
- 27 Lenora Payne/Judy Klink
- 28 Exene Koenen, Emily Stock
- 30 Mark DeVries
- 31 Bev Mason / Eric & Pauline Barkema



Sunday, May 18: Zion will celebrate our graduating seniors during the service.

Seniors: PLEASE remember to bring your cap and gown to church.

ZION'S CLASS OF 2025

Colin Isaac Bird



Parents: Adam & Molly Bird

High School:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

Graduation Date: May 18

Activities Involved in at

School: Football,
Wrestling, Track, FFA

A Favorite Memory Of

School: Playing football

College Plans:

Northwest Iowa Community
College (NWICC) for
Powerline School

Activities involved in at

Zion: RCYF

Special Zion Memory:

Youth Sundays!

Karli Jane Hansen



Parents:

Brent & Robyn Hansen

High School:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

Graduation Date: May 18

Activities Involved in at
School:

Student Council, "Cool to
be Kind", Volleyball,
Dance Team, Wrestling
Stats, Speech, Softball,
Little Buddy

Awards Received:

Honor Society,

All Academic

A Favorite Memory Of
School:

Making memories with my
friends

College Plans:

Ivy College of Business@
ISU to major in marketing

Activities involved in at
Zion:

RCYF, Christmas
programs, Youth Sunday,
RMH

Special Zion Memory:

RMH and growing my
relationship with RCYF
members and my faith.
Pastor putting gum in his
ears because the music
was "too loud"!

Silas Holland Buseman



Parents:

Jerry & Wendy Buseman

High School:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

Graduation Date: May 18

Activities Involved in at

School: Band, Jazz Band,
Soccer, Football

A Favorite Memory Of

School: Playing soccer

Future Plans:

Clemson University,
South Carolina to major in
Engineering

Activities involved in at

Zion: RCYF, VBS

Special Zion Memory:

VBS, 2X Golden shoe
champion – Promotion Sunday

Remington Joseph Powers

**Parents:**

Colt & Kara Powers

High School:

Hampton-Dumont-CAL

Graduation Date:

May 18

Activities Involved in at School:

Track, Speech, Football, Wrestling

A Favorite Memory Of School:

Junior year track season and working at the Rehab in the kitchen

College Plans:

North Iowa Area Community College then University of Northern Iowa to major in Education

Activities involved in at Zion:

RCYF, VBS helper, Bazaar helper

Special Zion Memory:

RMH, (Hiking the mountain and Pastor putting gum in his ears), Youth Sundays

Whitney Rae Schulz

**Parents:**

Teresa Schulz

High School:

West Fork

Graduation Date: May 18**Activities Involved in at School:**

Band, Choir, Wrestling, Archery, FFA, FCCLA, National Honor Society, Talented and Gifted

Awards Received:

Outstanding Choral Senior Award, Honor Choir, Archery Medals, Reserved Champion for Photography at Franklin Co. Fair, 1st in Prose and 3rd in Poetry for Top of Iowa writing contest

A Favorite Memory Of School:

Traveling to Orlando, FL, with the band, freshman year

College Plans:

Hawkeye Community College to major in Occupational Therapy

Activities involved in at Zion:

RCYF, VBS, Zion parades, Prayer-O-Thon, Corn Festival, SS, Catechism, FM, RMH

Special Zion Memory:

RMH and participating in Feed My Starving Children, VBS helper

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Pastor Petri van Rooyen



2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|--|--------|---|
| VBS: June 9-13!! | VBS @ Zion: June 9-13 8:30am - 12:15pm (M-TH) Friday: 8:30am-1:00pm w/lunch provided | Age 4 yr - 6th grade Fee: NO COST Register: zionchurch2029@gmail.com Deadline: May 4 | | 1 National Day of Prayer! 7pm Journey Circle | 2 | 3 |
| 4*Food Pantry 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Worship VBS Meeting Potluck | 5 | 6 | 7 7:00pm Hope Circle RCYF | 8 Deacons/Elders 7:00pm Consistory | 9 | 10 1:30pm WQZ May Program "Come to the Ranch" |
| 11  Happy Mother's Day! | 12 | 13 | 14 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7pm RCYF | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:15am Worship 7pm Joy Circle | | | | | | |
| 18  | 19 | 20 | 21 6:30pm Family Ministry Night | 22 | 23 | 24 (Fellowship hall is being used) |
| 9:15am Worship SS Choir SS Celebration *Graduate Recognition* | | | | | | |
| 25 9:15am Worship | 26 Memorial DAY  | 27 | 28 | 29 7pm Faith Circle & Journey | 30 | 31 |