



Zion Reformed Church - 2021



Last week someone mentioned these words to me: "You do remember that you came with nothing into this world, and you will leave with nothing." This message brought me to a standstill. A moment of self-reflection. If I look at my life, it seems to me that I missed reading the memo. I try to be in control. I am constantly thinking about our retirement and the visa process. If all goes well, I still have a good 25 years before retirement. I am like the squirrels at the parsonage who are constantly busy gathering food for the winter. I do know that you have to plan and that you have to be responsible. The problem is, when there is not a balance.

If there is no balance, you will miss living in the moment. We have one life. I have to experience the good and the bad in life. What are you filling your mind with? Is there a balance in your life? Do you enjoy your money, your vacations, off time, your coffee moment with a friend or your family?

Remember, when we are going to heaven, you are going to leave everything on earth. Make the best of things now. God gives you one life. Live the moment. Enjoy God's blessings now.

With Love,
Pastor Petri



Sunday, November 7 - 2am



Consistory Highlights

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Nov. 11, 7pm. If anyone would like to come before the Elders to inquire about membership or baptism, please do so.



**Annual Church
ELECTION**

Check your mailboxes

All congregant members are asked to prayerfully nominate 2 Elders and 1 Deacon. Place your nominations in the "catch all" box by Nov. 14.



Dear Women of Zion,

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Thank God for all the blessings He has given us. The weather is changing, leaves flourishing with color and we are all busy with our lives but we know "His love endures forever".
- Psalm 136:26.

The Women of Zion should be very proud of themselves for the very successful bazaar in October. A huge thank you to everyone for all their hard work. It was a fun day with lots of wonderful fellowship.

We are all getting ready for the upcoming year. The WOZ Christmas Program will be held on December 4th at 10am. There will be a program, installation of officers, a short meeting and revealing our prayer pals. Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and God's blessings to all!

Dates to remember:

Nov. 14: Prayer Pal sign up deadline

Nov. 21: Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse are due

December 4: WOZ Christmas luncheon

Linda Wells
WOZ President



"Give Thanks" is an expression of gratitude. As we prepare for a day of Thanksgiving this month, Let us reflect on how the Bible teaches us to give thanks to our God each and every day!

T *"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1*

H *"My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together." Isaiah 48:13*

A *"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8*

N *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3: 22-23*

K *"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty he is the King of glory." Psalm 24:7-10*

S *"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all Wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:16-17*

"Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name, proclaim his salvation day after day." Psalm 96:1-2

In response to God's goodness, grace and mercy, let us give thanks to God for all his blessings.

Lovingly in Christ~
Ann Lupkes, WOZ Spiritual Life



2022

Prayer Pal Program:

Women of Zion, please return the slip stating if you would like to participate by
Nov. 14.



On November 7 the Sunday School will begin collecting funds for the **White Gift Offering**. Monetary donations may be left in the container at the back of church. Proceeds will be used to provide winter coats, boots, snow pants & Christmas gifts for area families currently experiencing financial difficulties. The donation deadline is Dec. 5.



Veterans Day

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



Shoe Box forms and boxes are by the bulletin board. Shoe Boxes + \$9. Shipping fee must be at the church by Nov. 21, noon. You may also just donate to the cost of shipping the boxes. You may leave your donation in the "catch all" box. Zion's goal: 115 Shoeboxes! We have 35 shoeboxes left at church that need homes.



Nov. 21

Youth group SCHEDULE

Nov. 3, 10: 8:00pm Following Catechism
 Nov. 17: 7:30pm Following Christmas Program Practice
 Nov. 21: Leave Zion to deliver shoeboxes
 November 24: 5:00pm Meal (until 6:30pm)
 8:00pm Clean-up



RCYF Supper

Nov. 24 5:00-6:30pm
Freewill donation

Loaded baked potatoes,
 Chili dogs, bars and drinks

Questions? See Joel/Mindy



November 24 @ 7:00pm



Catechism



*3rd grade-HS Catechism: Meets every Wednesday,
Last date: Nov. 10

*Grades PreK – HS Sunday School: Meets every Sunday
after service



Children's Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

Wed. @ 6:30pm –
Nov. 17: 5 years & older
Dec. 1, 8, 15: PreK & older
Dec. 19: During SS

"Bed, Bethlehem, and Beyond: When Heaven Touched Earth" production...

Children's Christmas Program will take place
on Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 3pm followed with
fellowship. Children arrive by 2:40PM!

*Please bring a goodie plate to share. Drop
off your goodie plate prior to the program.
ALL INVITED to support our Sunday School
children.



*First Sunday
of Advent*

November 28



Darlene Meints / Donna Meints/
Marie Jurgens/ Dean Miller



Visitation Team:

*Charlane,
Linda B,
Lauren M,
Elizabeth N.



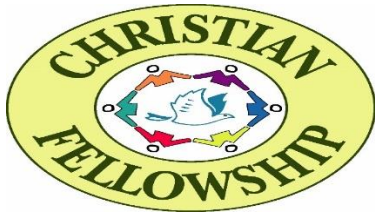
2022 PRAYER CHAIN:

ALL men, women, youth
who would like to
add/remove their name or
make a change to current
contact information in
order to receive prayer
concerns by email or by
the calling tree, please
see Ann Lupkes by Dec.
5. (lupkesa@gmail.com;
641-425-5367)



WOZ INSTALLATION/MEETING/LUNCHEON:

December 4, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am. All ladies of
the church are welcome! For planning purposes,
please sign up on the bulletin board by Nov. 21
if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. 2021
Prayer Pals will be revealed/2022 Prayer Pals will
be chosen.



HOPE CIRCLE - Nov 02 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Ann; Host:

VESPER CIRCLE - Nov 08 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions: Elaine; Lesson: Arlene; Host: Elaine

SUNRISE CIRCLE - Nov 10 @ 9:00am
Devotions/Lesson: Mardel; Host: Sharon

JOY CIRCLE - Nov 14 @ 7:00pm
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma

Faith Circle –

MISSIONS: SAMARITAN'S PURSE; FILL A BOX or more



Flowers were left on the altar in memory of:
October 3, Dorothy Jurgen's birthday and
October 24, in memory of Larry Moore

Flowers were left on the altar in celebration of:
October, Judy Crom and Bev Moore's birthdays



November 7: Jeff and Shelly Buseman
November 14: Ted and Diane Hughes
November 21: Hosts needed
November 28: Hosts needed



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
Nov 07	Dave	Kendal
Nov 14	Jerry	Tonya
Nov 21	Jesse	Carma
Nov 24	Jesse	Duane
Nov 28	Duane	Tonya



OCT. 3	\$2,717.00	\$1,105.00	133
OCT. 10	\$5,329.03	\$3,048.00	112
OCT. 17	\$2,820.00	\$1,650.00	107
OCT. 24	\$2,214.00	\$600.00	83



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 7	Pastor
Nov. 14	Shelly
Nov. 21	Ann
Nov. 28	Megan M.



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 7	Janette
Nov. 14	Marsha
Nov. 21	Shelly
Nov. 28	Megan M.



Dear Zion friends and families!

We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this past month of Pastor Appreciation! We were blessed with so many cards, kind words and gifts. Your words of thanks and encouragement means so much to us!

You are one special congregation and we love you all so much! Thank you once again, we look forward to and pray for many more years at Zion!

Love, Pastor Petri, Janette, Marli and Edrich

STOCK - Thank you for your prayers for my niece, Liz Hilton, this past year as she has dealt with breast cancer. She is feeling better and has returned to work as a veterinarian. Thank you, Carol and Roger

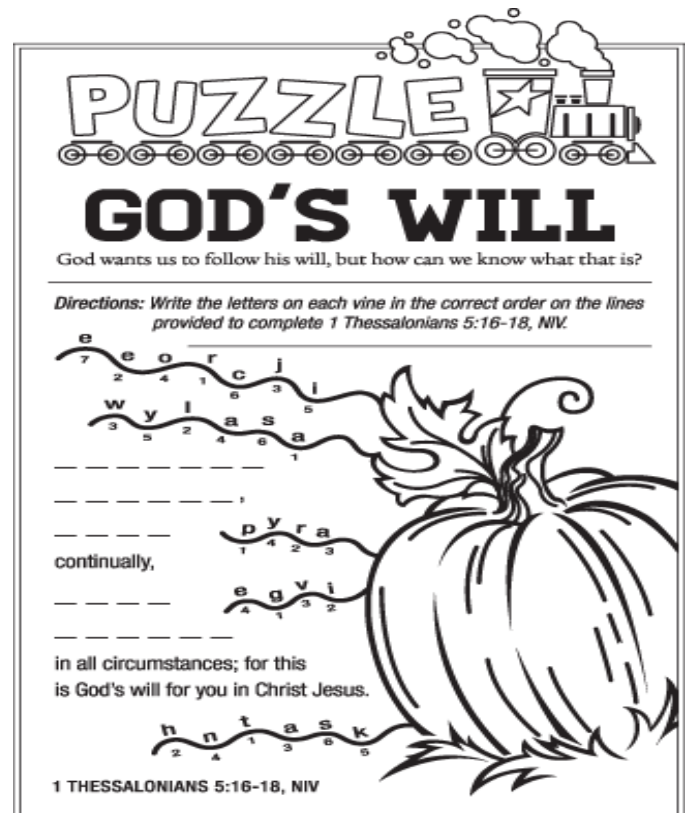
MOORE - Thank you to everyone that said prayers, called, and sent cards after my surgery in August. I'm sure with prayer power my results were on the positive side. I am in the middle of radiation now and all is continuing to show positive results. Radiation will be finished Nov. 5. Thank God for watching over me during this time. Thank you to those for remembering me with birthday cards and messages. It was a crazy weekend with the bazaar and Judy C's birthday as well but one of the best I've had in a long time! Bev Moore



CORNUCOPIA—Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning “horn of plenty,” has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.



- 02 Marie Jurgens / Ryan Koenen
- 03 Jan VanHorn
- 04 Kevin Vander Schaaf / Sara Vander Schaaf
- 07 Nick Bretz
- 08 Duane Carstens / Arlene Maifeld / Phil Markwardt
- 09 Cheryl Schnoes
- 10 Frank Schnoes
- 11 Jan Dorenkamp
- 12 Sarah Dirksen
- 15 Chris Oehlert
- 17 Dale & Janeen Butson
- 23 Grace Willms / Francis & Linda Brass / Greg Crom
- 27 Elizabeth Nannenga
- 29 Teresa Schulz



Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir	1	2 7pm Hope Circle	3 7:00pm 3-HS Catechism 8:00pm RCYF	4	5	6
7 *Food Pantry* 9:15 Service 10:30 Sunday School 	8 1:30pm Vesper Circle	9	10 9:00am Sunrise Circle 7:00pm 3-HS Catechism LAST DAY 8:00pm RCYF	11  7pm Elders/Deacons 8pm Consistory	12	13
14 9:15 Service 10:30 Sunday School Nominations/P Pal- Deadlines 7pm Joy Circle	15	16	17 6:30 pm K-HS Christmas Prog. Prac. 7:30pm RCYF	18	19	20
21 *Floodlight Deadline* 9:15 Service 10:30 Sunday School RCYF - Shoeboxes	22	23	24 5-6:30pm Potato Bar/chili dogs Supper 7:00pm Thanksgiving Svc	25 	26	27
28 9:15 Service 10:30 Sunday School First Sunday of Advent	29	30				

