

NOVEMBER



Zion Reformed Church Floodlight - 2023



Dear Zion,

As Paul thanked fellow Christians for their faith in Jesus Christ and for their hard work, I want to do the same. Zion was running on all cylinders for the last two months. The next two months will not be any different. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and great fellowship. My family and I want to thank you for spoiling us during Pastor Appreciation month. We are grateful to be part of Zion. May God bless you all.

I want to repeat what Paul shared with his fellow Christians:

Colossians 1 (New International Version)

1) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2) to God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father."

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4) because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— 5) the faith and love

that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel, 6) that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

With Love,
Pastor Petri (And Family)



Sunday, November 5 - 2am



Consistory Highlights

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Nov. 9. If anyone would like to come before the Elders to inquire about membership or baptism, please do so. Zion's annual meeting is Sunday, Dec. 3, following service.



Check your mailboxes

All congregate members are asked to prayerfully nominate 1 Elder and 2 Deacons. Place your nominations in the "catch all" box by Nov. 12.



Snow Removal Bids

are being accepted until
Nov. 5 – See Ryan
Koenen
**In case of implement
weather:** Tune into
KLMJ for church
delays/cancellations



Dear Women of Zion,

It is hard to believe November is here. We think of Thanksgiving and all we are thankful for. We are grateful for everyone who helps and shares their talents at Zion.

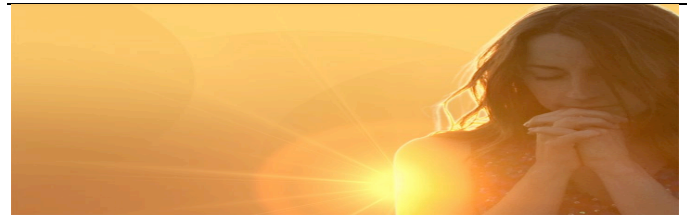
We are so blessed to be able to continue with the bazaar year after year. We are thankful we can support our missions. We had another wonderful day filled with fellowship, laughs and fun. It is always amazing to see everything in all the shops.

December 2 is the WOZ Christmas Party at 10:00 AM. Along with the program, we will install officers and eat delicious food. Thank you to all who are filling the officer needs.

Psalms 100:3-5

3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

God Bless,
Carma, President



2024

Prayer Pal Program:

Women of Zion, please return the slip stating if you would like to participate by Nov. 12. Please return to the "catch all" box.



If you're feeling hopeless today I pray you will read on and know there's hope in difficult seasons. This was taken from one of my favorite bloggers, Cyndi Spivey:

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you." Philippians 2:19

The apostle Paul was writing this letter to the church in Philippi from prison. Paul had done nothing to deserve imprisonment except public proclamation of the gospel. He could not be with the church in person, but he longed for news of their well-being. He also wanted to send them his trusted friend and co-worker, Timothy, to encourage and help them in their ministry. Not all our prisons are made out of brick & mortar, iron, and razor wire.

Some of us are in different prisons:

- Some prisons are made from difficult seasons in marriage.
- Some prisons are made from cancer cells.
- Some prisons are from debilitating debt where there's more debt than money.
- Some prisons are from unending sorrow from the loss of someone we love.
- Some prisons are from bullies who do their best to try and destroy us on social media.
- Some are from addiction or decisions that our adult children are making that we feel helpless to step in and help.

We all face seasons where we feel trapped or incarcerated by unpleasant circumstances, and there seems to be no parole. The question we ask is: Is there hope for this season of my life?

Sometimes, the prison we're in keeps us from hearing God's voice, so here are 5 promises you need to know:

- God will never leave you. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

- He knows your future. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

- The Lord will fight for you. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. Exodus 14:14

- God will give you peace. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

- He loves you, and nothing you do will make him love you any less. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

God wants you to know that whatever prison you find yourself in today, there is hope.

May God Bless & Keep You,
Shelly Buseman
WOZ Spiritual Life



On November 5 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. 3.



Nov. 11



Also joining us will be Immanuel Reformed Church, Belmond. Hosts are needed to make/serve supper please.

November Family Ministry: The Gospel of Luke

Purpose: To present an accurate account of the life of Christ and to present Christ as the perfect human and Savior.

Author: Luke-A doctor.

Original Audience: Theophilus and Gentiles

Date written: About 60 A.D.

Key verse for the discussion: "Jesus said to him, "today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:9,10)

Key people: Jesus, Elizabeth, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Mary, the disciples, Herod the Great, Pilate, Mary Magdalene.

Catechism Questions:

Questions 16: Why must He be a true and righteous man?

Answer:

He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

Question 17: Why must He at the same time be a true God?

Answer:

He must be a true God so that by the power of his divine nature he might bear in his human nature the burden of God's wrath and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Question 18: But who is that Mediator who at the same time is a true God and a true and righteous man?

Answer:

Our Lord Jesus Christ who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God. (1 Cor 1:30).



Shoe Box forms and boxes are by the bulletin board. Shoe Boxes + \$10. Shipping fee must be at the church by Nov. 19, 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: 100 Shoeboxes!



Nov. 26



Nov. 1: 7:00pm
 Nov. 8: 7pm
 Nov. 15, 29: 8pm following Christmas Practice
 November 19: Leave at noon to take shoeboxes to Mason City drop off location; have lunch together
 Nov. 22: 5:00pm Meal (until 6:30pm) before Thanksgiving Service
 8:00pm Clean-up



**RCYF Supper
 Nov. 22**
 5:00-6:30pm
 Freewill donation
 Serving: Soups/
 grilled cheese sandwiches/
 bars/drink



November 22 @ 7:00pm



**Children's Christmas
 Program Practice**

Schedule:

Wednesdays: 6:30-8pm
 Nov. 15 (FM)
 Nov. 29
 Dec. 6, 13
 Dec. 17: During SS

Children's Christmas Program will take place on
 Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 3pm followed with fellowship.
 Children arrive by 2:40PM!

* ALL INVITED to support our Sunday School
 children. PLEASE bring a plate of Christmas goodies
 to share following the program.



"Hanging of the Greens"

Please stay and help
 decorate the church for
 Christmas following
 fellowship on Nov. 26.
 All invited!





Shirley Ludens / Darlene Meints



Visitation Team:

*Carma,
Wendy, Bev,
Sharon



2023 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 Shelly Buseman, 515-571-4034; jsbuseman@gmail.com

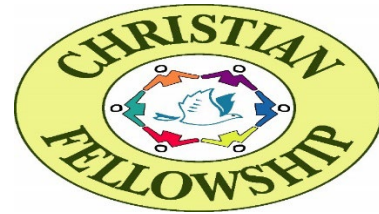


WOZ INSTALLATION/MEETING/LUNCHEON:

December 2, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am. All ladies of the church are welcome! For planning purposes, please sign up on the bulletin board by Nov. 19 if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. 2023 Prayer Pals will be revealed/2024 Prayer Pals will be chosen.



**Congratulations to
Zion's 3rd Graders on
receiving their Bibles:
Payton Ault, Tatum Bird,
Payton Dirksen,
Edrich van Rooyen**



HOPE CIRCLE - Nov 01 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Sonna; Host: Rose

Journey Circle – Nov. 2 @ 7pm

SUNRISE CIRCLE - Nov 8 @ 9:00am

Devotions/Lesson: Mardel; Host: Sharon

JOY CIRCLE - Nov 12 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Carma

VESPER CIRCLE - Nov 13 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions: Elaine; Lesson: Arlene; Host: Elaine

Faith Circle – Nov. 30 @ 7pm

WHAT ARE FIVE THINGS YOU ARE MOST THANKFUL FOR IN YOUR LIFE?



Flowers were left on the altar in celebration of life of Gordon Meyer.



November 5: Linda Wells/Audrey VanHorn

November 12: Harlyn and Charlane J.

November 19: Hosts needed

November 26: Flower Committee



Zion Family:

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and well wishes during my hospitalization and the surgery that followed. A special thank you to Pastor van Rooyen for the visits and phone calls. I so much appreciate belonging to a family of believers who are always there for those in need. God bless all of you. - Jerry Buseman

Koenen:

A warm thank you for all the letters, calls, visits and cards that I received while I was at the Ankeny Rehab Center and the Des Moines hospital. Watching the Zion Sunday services were sure a little different during my time away but all of your prayers brought me home once again. I now reside at the Franklin Country View, Hampton, Room 31.

My cell number is: 641-231-1599. God Bless, Maynard

Miller:

A special thank you for all of your prayers while Genevieve was in the hospital. Our Zion family is very important to us. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Love, Clayton & Mariah

Muhlenbruch:

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and phone calls that I have received and continue to receive. Zion is filled with so many wonderful people and the power of prayer is amazing. I will have a long road to recovery but your prayers and God's power make it possible. Thank you Pastor Petri for the visit and phone calls. God Bless, Al (Marsha)

West Fork Food Pantry: Thank you so much for your support of the pantry! Thank you for being part of our ministry and sharing your generosity with so many families.

Thank you to Carol Stock for delivering Zion's food pantry items!

Zion's Bazaar: What an amazing and blessed bazaar we had on Oct. 7! Thank you to EVERYONE for all of your time, donations, and prayers.

Enjoy just a few of the comments we received on the day of bazaar from our guests:

"I've never been to Zion's bazaar before. It is amazing!" - Greene, IA

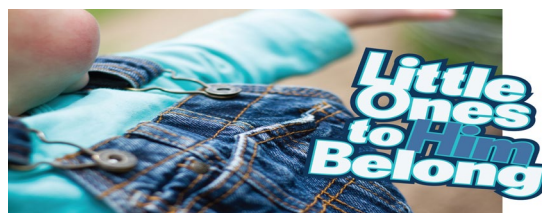
"I've eaten at a lot of places in my life but this is the best food ever!" -Illinois -Zion's Bazaar Committee



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
Nov 05	Jerry	Molly
Nov 12	Nick	Kolton
Nov 19	Duane	Kendal
Nov 22	Dave	Tonya
Nov 26	Jesse	Carma



OCT. 1	\$3,411.00	\$1,681.00	127
OCT. 8	\$2,274.00	\$560.00	119
OCT. 15	\$1,923.00	\$675.00	90
OCT. 22	\$2,674.00	\$500.00	151
OCT. 29			129



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 5	Megan M.
Nov. 12	Shelly
Nov. 19	Dave
Nov. 26	Megan M.



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 5	Megan O/Marli
Nov. 12	Shelly/Barrett
Nov. 19	Tonya/Gavin
Nov. 26	Steph C/Marli

Keep These Friends in Your Heart

Al Muhlenbruch, Dale Butson, Brian Lupkes

Angie DeVries

Jackie, Daughter of Donna Buseman (sister to
Jeff/Jerry)



- 02 Ryan Koenen
- 03 Jan VanHorn
Jon & Rebekah Ault
- 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, Kelly Bennett
- 12 Sarah Dirksen / Molly Bird
- 15 Chris Oehlert
- 17 *Dale & Janeen Butson*
- 23 *Francis & Linda Brass*
- 27 Elizabeth Nannenga
- 29 Colin Bird / Teresa Schulz



The RCYF would like to thank you for your votes on their pumpkin carving contest! Team 6, Justin and Mariah, won the contest! (The pumpkin with the windows with the baby pumpkin looking out) Everyone had a great time with making their creations!



Disability Awareness Meal **Sat., Nov. 18**

Zion Ambassadors are hosting a Disability Awareness Meal to support individuals from birth to 21 years old with low vision or blindness. The night will include a steak dinner, opportunity to experience sight impairment or blindness, and hear from individuals with sight issues.

****Needed** There are 29 spots/tickets yet available!!**

We need table hosts for the event. We would like individuals or couples to be the host at a total of 12 tables for the evening. Responsibilities would include setting your table for 8 with the church tableware and inviting others to fill your table. Tickets will be \$25 each. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Ann Lupkes (lupkesa@gmail.com) or 641.425.5367.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir			1 7:00pm RCYF Hope Circle	2 Journey Circle	3	4
5 *Food Pantry* 9:15am Service – 3 rd Grade Bibles 10:30 Sunday School 	6	7	8 Sunrise Circle 7:00pm RCYF	9 6pm Elders 7pm Consistory	10 ARC Meeting -- -----	11  -----
12 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School Joy Circle Nomination ballots are due back	13 Vesper Circle	14	15 6:30 pm Family Ministry Children's Program Practice	16	17	18 Disability Awareness Meal @ Zion Sponsor a table: 641-425-5367
19 9:15am Service Children Sing 10:30 Sunday School Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due	20	21	22 5-6:30pm Soup/grilled cheese dessert 7:00pm Thanksgiving Svc	23 	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday! 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School Decorate Church!!	27	28	29 6:30pm Children's Christmas Practice RCYF will follow	30 7pm Faith Circle		