

Zion Reformed Church Floodlight - 2025



PASTOR'S P O S T S

Dear Zion Family,

Let us be inspired by the powerful **Prayer of Jabez**: *"Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil."* (1 Chronicles 4:10)

Just as Jabez boldly asked God for more; more of His presence, more opportunity to serve, and more protection, let us also come before the Lord with faith-filled hearts. Our God delights in hearing and answering the prayers of His people!

May we pray that God would bless Zion, expand our reach in this community, and guide our every step. Let's seek His power to do what we cannot do on our own, trusting that His hand will be upon us.

Come, Zion—let's pray boldly, faithfully, and expectantly!

In Christ,

Pastor Petri



Please nominate 1 Deacon and 1 Elder to serve on the consistory for a 3 year term beginning in 2026.
Deadline is Nov. 2



Sunday, November 2 - 2am





Consistory Highlights

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Nov. 13. 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. 7, following service.



In case of implement weather: Tune into KLMJ for church delays/cancellations



Dear Women of Zion,

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

This verse in Thessalonians reminds us to show a sense of gratitude even when things don't go our way! I'm sure we can all relate to that.

As we enjoy the fall season and the holiday of Thanksgiving, let us remember all the blessings we have been given and that God uses all situations to help us grow in our faith. Let's be thankful for the ordinary daily events and the gatherings at our table on Thanksgiving. Let's be thankful for spiritual blessings like God's grace and gift of eternal life through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

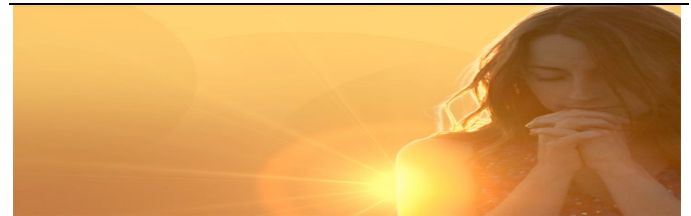
If we are grateful, we recognize that God is in control of lives and will use every situation for our good. Then we can say with the Psalmist: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1.

We can be thankful for another successful bazaar! Sammy Buseman has informed me that we have taken in \$10,498.72. We will see the breakdown of the shop totals at the December meeting. Thank you to

everyone that helped and all the hard work done again this year! The donations, time spent preparing and working are greatly appreciated! Think of all the people we will reach with our missions again this year! Watch for more information on the December 6th meeting in your bulletin.

Blessings and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,
Sonna McMahon,
WOZ President



2026

Prayer Pal Program:

Women of Zion, please return the slip stating if you would like to participate by Nov. 9. Please return to the "catch all" box.



November always makes me think of gratitude. Recently I heard the song "Look What You've Done" by Tasha Layton. The song is about looking at all the things God has done in our lives and listening to this song made me so grateful for how God has changed my heart.

I wanted to share some of the song lyrics with you... In the beginning the song refers to looking at the things we have done, it mentions being ashamed of ourselves and the lies we believed. She goes on to say how those roots of the lies we tell ourselves run so deep and they can take a hold of our life and make us feel like our shame controls us.

Then she changes and says... Standing in God's presence, I can feel you digging all those roots up and healing my wounds. And all I can say is hallelujah!!!

She continues in the song and now has changed the lyrics to say, look what God's done, look what God has done in me! He spoke truth and her heart believed and made her new. Suddenly all the shame is gone, what she thought was broken is breaking new ground inside of her. She talks about how the enemy (Satan) did everything that he could do to make her feel shame and guilt from her sins, but Jesus took that from her.

The song, just like the Bible, says that when Jesus died on the cross he took our shame and our sin and now our souls are with Jesus! I loved this song!! I highly recommend that once you've listened to it, sit with that gratitude of everything that Jesus has done for you! Think about how God has changed your heart, your thinking, your marriage, your family... and be grateful.

Megan Oehlert
Spiritual Life



On November 2 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. 7.



Nov. 11



Hosts are needed for the meal



Church cleaning is underway! Please check your mailboxes and assignments.

Deadline is: Nov. 16 to Ann Lupkes



Shoe Box forms and boxes are on display. Shoe Boxes + \$10. Shipping fee must be at the church by Nov. 23, noon. You may also just donate to the cost of shipping the boxes. You may leave your donation in the "catch all" box or give to Marsha. Zion's goal: 100 Shoeboxes!



Nov. 23



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youth group

SCHEDULE

Nov. 5: 7pm
 Nov. 12: 6:30pm Family Ministry
 Nov. 19: 7pm
 November 23: Leave at 11:30am to take shoeboxes to Mason City drop off location; have lunch together
 Nov. 26: 5:00pm Meal (until 6:30pm) before Thanksgiving Service – PARENTS HELP
 8:00pm Clean-up
 Dec. 3: 6:30pm Start of Christmas program practice
 Sunday, Dec. 7: Watch children during Annual Meeting



RCYF Supper Nov. 26

5:00-6:30pm
 Freewill donation
 Pulled Pork Sundaes!
 (Mashed potatoes,
 pork/gravy)



November 26 @ 7:00pm



Children's Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

Wednesdays: 6:30pm
 Dec. 3, 10, 17
 Dec. 21: During SS Program: Dec. 21 @ 5pm

Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 21 @ 5pm followed with fellowship. Children arrive by 4:40PM!

*** ALL INVITED to support our Sunday School children**

Please bring a goodie tray to share for fellowship following the program on Dec. 21



Duane and Lenora Payne / Phyllis Nelson



Visitation Team:

***Carma, Pam L**



2026 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 Megan Oehlert by Dec. 7

Decorate the Church



The flower committee will be decorating the church on Nov. 30th following service.

ALL help is greatly appreciated.



WOZ INSTALLATION/MEETING/LUNCHEON:

December 6, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am. All ladies of the church are welcome! For planning purposes, please sign up on the bulletin board by Nov. 23 if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. 2025 Prayer Pals will be revealed/2026 Prayer Pals will be chosen.



HOPE CIRCLE - Nov 05 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions/Lesson: Jean; Host: Rose

Journey Circle – Nov. 6 @ 7pm

JOY CIRCLE - Nov 9 @ 7:00pm

Devotions/Lesson/Host: Amy

VESPER CIRCLE - Nov 10 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

Devotions: Arlene; Lesson: Molly; Host: Molly A.

SUNRISE CIRCLE - Nov 12@ 9:00am

Devotions/Lesson: Mardel; Host: Sharon

Faith Circle – Nov. 20?? @ 7pm

WHAT IS THE BEST GIFT YOU HAVE EVER RECEIVED?



November 2: Stocks

November 9: Schnoes / Dorenkamps

November 16: Jean and Sonna

November 23: Matt and Chandler

November 30: Hosts are needed



Zion's Bazaar: What an amazing and blessed bazaar we had on Oct. 4! Thank you to EVERYONE for all of your time, donations, and prayers.
-Zion's Bazaar Committee



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
Nov 02	Nick	Carma
Nov 09	Jerry	Molly
Nov 16	Dave	Duane
Nov 23	Jesse	Carma
Nov 26 THANKSGIVING SERV.	Nick	Tonya
Nov 30	Jerry	Molly



OCT. 5	\$2,522.00	\$660.00	121
OCT. 12	\$3,570.00	\$685.00	104
OCT. 19	\$3,664.00	\$1,885.00	137



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 2	Pastor
Nov. 9	Kelly B.
Nov. 16	Wendy B.
Nov. 23	Shelly
Nov. 30	Ann



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 2	Shelly/Marli
Nov. 9	Tenley/Morgan/Edrich
Nov. 16	Sammy/Morgan
Nov. 23	Kirsten/Marli
Nov. 30	Molly B/Tatum



ELAINE PARKS, DALE BUTSON, JON SUNTKEN, Arlene Maifeld,
Bev Moore, Darwin Butson, Brian Lupkes, Ted Hughes,
Sam Butson



Congratulations to John and Brittany Lupkes on
their wedding, October 25. God Bless your lives
together.



- 02 Ryan Koenen
- 03 Jan VanHorn
Jon & Rebekah Ault
- 04 Kevin Vander Schaaf / Sara Vander Schaaf
- 05 Gabby Webb
- 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*
- 18 Nate Stevens
- 22 Noella Stevens
- 23 *Francis & Linda Brass*
- 27 Elizabeth Nannenga
- 29 Colin Bird / Teresa Schulz



Sunday, December 7, following church service.

All congregant members should report to the fellowship hall. All budgets will be reviewed. Voting will take place for one nominated Deacon and one Elder. Please take time to thank Phil Markwardt for filling in as Deacon; Mark DeVries, Elder, for their commitment to Zion over the past year(s). Their leadership on consistory will remain in effect until the new installation in January 2026. God Bless Zion.

Zion's Meet the Family



Travis (28) Gabby (28) Webb; Elias (5) & Rebecca (1)

Travis and Gabby were introduced to each other by friends, who Gabby actually introduced to each other initially. Travis claims that for him it was love at first sight, and that for Gabby it took some convincing. They got engaged 2 years after they met and were married in August of 2018.

They live on a small acreage outside of Dows. They've lived there since August 2019. He lived in Waterloo and Gabby in Williams before they were married. They have 2 horses, 5 cats, 4 rabbits (and 2 children) running around the acreage at the moment.

Travis is an assistant manager for Love's Truck Care in Ellsworth and Gabby is a stay-at-home mother. They love to go hiking as a family.

What they love about our church is how family oriented and welcoming Zion is and how committed Zion is to following God's Word.

One of their favorite verses is Joshua 24:15
"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". In everything they do as a family, they want to serve God in any way they are able and teach their children to do the same.

Church Playground Delivery Update! 🎉

The committee and I are excited to share that the new playground equipment has arrived! The equipment has been delivered, is currently housed in my farm machine shop so it is protected from the weather, and will be ready to be assembled!

(see photo below, Butler, the dog, not included 😊)

The first step will be to level the ground and install the foundation pieces! This will be done as soon as we can — depending on the weather, how fast the ground freezes, and the availability of some helping hands.

Stay tuned for updates — and if you're interested in lending a hand, we'd love your help!

— Shelly Buseman, Steph Kloester, Janette van Rooyen, Jess Sheely, Sammy Buseman & Gabby Webb



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School						1
2 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School 	3	4 	5 7pm Hope Circle 7:00pm RCYF	6 7pm Journey Circle	7	8
9 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Joy Circle	10 1:30pm Vesper	11 	12 9 am Sunrise Circle 6:30pm Family Ministry Meal; Ministry at 7pm	13 7pm Consistory	14	15
16 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School	17	18	19 7pm RCYF	20 7pm Faith Circle ??	21	22
23 Christ the King Sunday! Holy Communion 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due 30 First Sunday of Advent; 9:15am Service; SS CHOIR	24	25	26 5-6:30pm Freewill meal – Pull pork Sundaes! 7:00pm Thanksgiving Svc	27 	28	29

