

Zion Reformed Church Floodlight - 2026



Faith with Purpose

Faith was never meant to sit still. God does not save us so we can simply wait for heaven; He saves us so we can live for Him today. Paul reminds us, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

Notice the order. We are not saved by our good works, but for them. Grace comes first, and purpose follows. A faith that trusts Christ will soon begin to move: a meal for a grieving neighbor, a kind word to a weary coworker, a prayer whispered for a struggling friend. James puts it plainly: "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17).

This month, ask the Lord, "Where do You want my faith to go to work?" Then watch Him open the door and step through it with joy.

Pastor Petri



Please nominate 2 Deacons and 1 Elder to serve on the consistory for a 3 year term beginning in 2027. Deadline is Nov. 1



Sunday, November 1 - 2am





Food Pantry Needs

First
Sunday
of each
month



Consistory Highlights

*Next consistory meeting: Thursday, Nov. 12. 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. 6, following service.



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



A Heart of Thanksgiving

November is a time when we are reminded to slow down and give thanks. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is easy to focus on the blessings we can see—our families, our homes, our meals, and the many things we have worked hard for. But gratitude is about more than what we have; it is about recognizing the goodness of God in every season of life.

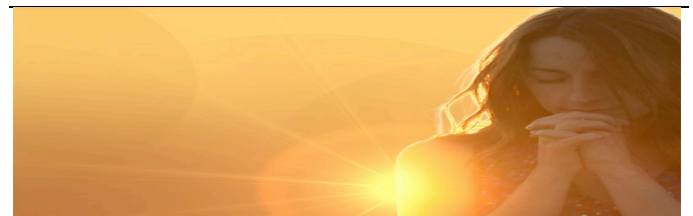
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

As a church family, we have so much to be thankful for. We are blessed by the people who give their time, share their talents, prepare meals, serve our congregation, care for others, and help make Zion a welcoming place for all. Often, it is the little things done quietly and faithfully that make the biggest difference.

As the church calendar grows busy with Thanksgiving activities, preparations for Christmas, and opportunities to serve, may we remember that these tasks are not simply things to check off a list. They are ways to show God's love to one another. Whether we are volunteering our time, lending a helping hand, donating needed items, or offering a word of encouragement, every act of service can be an expression of gratitude.

This November, may we look for reasons to give thanks, even in the ordinary moments of our days. May we also remember those who may be facing a difficult season and find ways to share the comfort, kindness, and hope that God has given us. On behalf of Women of Zion, thank you to everyone who continues to support our church and its ministries. Your willingness to serve and give is a blessing to our congregation. May we enter this season with thankful hearts, willing hands, and a renewed desire to serve the Lord in all that we do.

With gratitude,
Tonya Halsne
WOZ President



2027

Prayer Pal Program:

Women of Zion, please return the slip stating if you would like to participate by Nov. 8. Please return to the "catch all" box.



2 Corinthians 9:7, 10-11 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Paul has been telling the Corinthians that the church in Macedonia has a need. He illustrates how giving and sacrifice are acts of following Jesus. We all not too long ago went through a global pandemic when we hoarded supplies for safety and survival. It isn't tough to imagine what the early church could have felt. They might have been scared to give up too much in a country occupied by the Romans. Yet Paul calls them to give what they have to help. This was a sacrifice giving up not only goods and supplies but also security; giving up comfort to support others.

This reminds me of our work here at Zion. On Thanksgiving, when we reflect on how God has blessed us, perhaps part of our gratitude is giving back. We give because we have been given much- along with an abundance of love, mercy, and grace. We may have to sacrifice, it may not be comfortable; but that is what we are called to do. As you sit around the table with your friends and families this year, remember how much God has given and how you might be able to give back to God.

Molly Allen, Spiritual Life Committee



On November 1 the Sunday School will begin collecting funds for the **White Gift Offering**. Monetary donations may be left in the container (gunny sack jar) 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. 6.



Nov. 11



Hosts are needed for the meal



Church cleaning will begin Nov. 9! Please check your mailboxes and assignments.

Deadline is: Nov. 23 to Ann Lupkes



Shoe Box forms and boxes are on display. Shoe Boxes + \$10. Shipping fee must be at the church by Nov. 22, noon. You may also just donate to the cost of shipping for the boxes. You may leave your donation in the "catch all" box or give to Marsha. Zion's goal: 100 Shoeboxes!



Nov. 22



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Nov. 4: 7pm
 Nov. 7: Help with Bazaar
 Nov. 11: 7pm
 Nov. 18: 7pm (Family ministry @ 6:30pm)
 November 22: Leave at 11:30am to take shoeboxes to drop off location; have lunch together
 Nov. 25: 5:30pm Meal (until 6:30pm) before Thanksgiving Service – PARENTS HELP! 8:00pm Clean-up
 Dec. 2: 6:30pm Start of Christmas program practice
 Sunday, Dec. 6: Watch children during Annual Meeting



**RCYF Supper
 Nov. 25**
 5:30-6:45pm
 Freewill donation



November 25 @ 7:00pm



Children's Christmas Program Practice Schedule:

Wednesdays: 6:30pm
 Dec. 2, 9, 16
 Dec. 20: During SS Program: Dec. 20 @ 5pm

Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 20 @ 5pm followed with fellowship. Children arrive by 4:40PM!

*Parents: Let Marsha, Tonya or Janette know if your kiddos will be participating. Deadline: Nov. 15

* ALL INVITED to support our Sunday School children.

Please bring a goodie tray to share for fellowship following the program on Dec. 20



Duane and Lenora Payne / Phyllis Nelson



Visitation Team:
Carma, Teresa



Are you currently reading the November Floodlight? If so, please email back AND do not share this message Thank you!



2027 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 Nov. 12



The flower committee will be decorating the church on Nov. 29th following service. ALL help is greatly appreciated.



Flowers were left on Oct. 4 for Bev Moore's birthday.



WOZ INSTALLATION/MEETING/LUNCHEON:

December 5, Fellowship Hall, 10:00am. All ladies of the church are welcome! For planning purposes, please sign up on the bulletin board by Nov. 22 if you plan to attend. Lunch will be provided. 2026 Prayer Pals will be revealed/2027 Prayer Pals will be chosen.



Faith Circle – Nov. 4 @ 7pm

HOPE CIRCLE - Nov 12 @ 10am (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Shelly; Host: Rose

JOY CIRCLE - Nov 8 @ 7:00pm
Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa S.

VESPER CIRCLE - Nov 9 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Molly; Host: Audrey

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG?



November 1: Brian and Ann Lupkes
November 8: Bazaar Comm.
November 15: Hosts are needed
November 22: Stevens Family
November 29: Hosts are needed

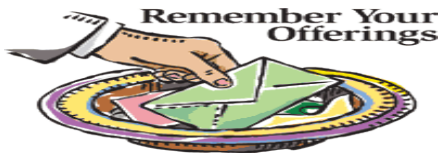
GREETERS

November 1: Corey & Teresa Campbell
 November 8: Michael & Nadine Goodwin
 November 15: Travis & Gabbi Webb
 November 22: Kaleb & Stephanie Kloetzer
 November 29: Clayton & Mariah Miller

Check your mailbox for your name cards



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
Nov 01	Nick	Tonya
Nov 08	Jerry	Molly
Nov 15	Dave	Duane
Nov 22	Jesse	Carma
Nov 25 THANKSGIVING SERV.	Jerry	Tonya
Nov 29	Nick	Molly



OCT. 4	\$4,798.00	\$185.00	127
OCT. 11			125
OCT. 18	\$4,033.00	\$488.00	137
OCT. 25	\$4,217.17	\$380.00	135



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 1	Pastor
Nov. 8	Kelly B.
Nov. 15	Wendy B.
Nov. 25	Shelly
Nov. 29	Ann



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Nov. 1	Shelly/Morgan
Nov. 8	Kirsten/Edrich
Nov. 15	Sammy/Tenley
Nov. 22	Marli/Morgan
Nov. 29	Molly B/Tatum



DIANE HUGHES, SHARON OLSEN, JON SUNTKEN, DARWIN BUTSON, BRIAN LUPKES, TED HUGHES, MAYNARD KOENEN, AL MUHLENBRUCH



NEW: "In the Spotlight"

By: M. L. Dickson

A PRAYER LIST: A SIMPLE WAY TO PRAY WITH INTENTION

HOW LONG DO YOU USUALLY SPEND PRAYING? BEFORE I STARTED KEEPING A PRAYER LIST, I RARELY PRAYED FOR MORE THAN A FEW MINUTES. LOOKING BACK, I REALIZED THERE WERE PEOPLE AND CONCERNS I MEANT TO BRING TO GOD BUT OFTEN FORGOT. A PERSONAL PRAYER LIST MAY NOT BE FOR EVERYONE, AND IT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE CHURCH PRAYER LIST WE SHARE AT ZION. BUT FOR ME, KEEPING A LIST HAS BECOME A SIMPLE AND MEANINGFUL PART OF MY PRAYER LIFE. I KEEP MINE IN THE NOTES APP ON MY PHONE, WHERE I CAN ADD TO IT WHENEVER SOMEONE OR SOMETHING COMES TO MIND.

THE LIST HELPS ME REMEMBER WHO I WANT TO PRAY FOR. I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE SOMEONE OUT SIMPLY BECAUSE I FORGOT AT THE

MOMENT. IT ALSO HELPS ME BE MORE SPECIFIC. INSTEAD OF PRAYING ONLY, "LORD, BLESS EVERYONE I KNOW," I CAN NAME THE PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS IN MY HEART.

BEING SPECIFIC ISN'T ABOUT GIVING GOD BETTER INSTRUCTIONS. GOD DOESN'T NEED THEM. IT HELPS ME UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M ASKING AND EXPRESS MY CONCERNS HONESTLY. MY LIST INCLUDES FAMILY, FRIENDS, PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK OR STRUGGLING, MARRIAGES, CHILDREN, OUR CHURCH AND ITS LEADERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND COMMUNITIES FACING HARDSHIP. I ALSO INCLUDE THE BLESSINGS I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR. IN THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE, IT'S EASY TO FOCUS ON WHAT WE NEED AND FORGET TO GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE, MERCY, AND DAILY BLESSINGS.

A PRAYER LIST ALSO GIVES ME A WAY TO LOOK BACK. OVER TIME, I CAN SEE WHERE GOD HAS ANSWERED, WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED, AND WHERE I'M STILL WAITING. SOMETIMES THE ANSWER ISN'T WHAT I EXPECTED. SOMETIMES THE ANSWER SEEMS TO BE "NOT YET," OR GOD LEADS ME IN ANOTHER DIRECTION. LOOKING BACK HELPS ME NOTICE THOSE CHANGES AND KEEP PRAYING. AND WHEN NOTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING, THE LIST GIVES ME A PLACE TO RETURN—TO TELL GOD HOW I FEEL, CONSIDER WHAT I MIGHT DO NEXT, AND KEEP BRINGING THE CONCERN TO HIM.

A PRAYER LIST ISN'T A FORMULA, AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ELABORATE. IT'S SIMPLY ONE TOOL THAT CAN HELP US REMEMBER, FOCUS, GIVE THANKS, AND REMAIN FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. IF IT SOUNDS USEFUL TO YOU, TRY STARTING WITH A FEW NAMES, NEEDS, AND BLESSINGS. YOU MAY FIND, AS I DID, THAT IT HELPS YOU MAKE MORE ROOM FOR AN HONEST CONVERSATION WITH GOD.



MICHAEL AND TONYA HALSNE

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DUANE AND LENORA PAYNE

NEW PHONE: 641-456-4538



- 02 Ryan Koenen
- 03 Jan VanHorn
Jon & Rebekah Ault
- 04 Kevin Vander Schaaf / Sara Vander Schaaf
- 05 Gabby Webb
- 07 Nick Bretz / Jackie Sandersfeld
- 08 Duane Carstens / Phil Markwardt
- 09 Cheryl Schnoes
- 10 Frank Schnoes
- 11 Jan Dorenkamp, Kelly Bennett
- 12 Sarah Dirksen / Molly Bird
- 15 Chris Oehlert
- 18 Nate Stevens
- 22 Noella Stevens
- 29 Colin Bird / Teresa Schulz



Sunday, December 6, 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 Kelly Bennett and Michael Halsne, Deacons; Dave Harms, Elder, for their commitment to Zion over the past years. Their leadership on consistory will remain in effect until the new installation in January 2027. God Bless Zion.

An Invitation to Women of Every Generation

An 8-Week Multigenerational Women's Bible Study

Come as you are. Grow together. Women of all ages and seasons of life are invited to gather around God's Word, build meaningful relationships, and learn from one another. Whether you are opening a Bible for the first time or have studied Scripture for years, there is a place for you at the table.

Over eight weeks, we will explore biblical truth, join in honest conversation, prayer, and encouragement. Together, we will discover how God uses every generation to strengthen faith, share wisdom, and inspire hope.

STUDY BOOK: EVERYDAY THEOLOGY:

What You Believe Matters

STUDY DETAILS

When: Wednesday's starting Jan. 13 ending March 24
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Where: Zion Reformed Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$20

Register: Sign up on the bulletin board or contact
Ann Lupkes, 2027 WOZ Spiritual Life Secretary

What to Expect

- ▣ Welcoming, Christ-centered community across generations
- ▣ Practical Bible study and thoughtful small-group discussion
- ▣ Encouragement, prayer, and friendships that extend beyond the study

Bring a friend—or come ready to meet one. Join us for eight meaningful weeks of connection, growth, and renewed faith.

Save your seat today!

Deadline to Register: Sunday, December 6

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____—five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____.”
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They’d need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____—five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School 	2	3 	4 7:00pm RCYF 7pm Faith Circle	5	6 Set up for bazaar	7 "Flannel & Fellowship Bazaar" 11am-5pm Shops Full menu served all day: 11am-6:00pm Live Auction: 6:30pm
8 9:15am Service Holy Baptism 10:30 Sunday School 7pm Joy Circle	9 1:30pm Vesper	10	11 	12 10am Hope Circle 7pm Consistory	13	14
15 9:15am Service 10:30 Sunday School All committees turn in fiscal year end	16	17	18 6:30pm Family Ministry Free Meal; 7pm Ministry	19	20	21
22 Christ the King Sunday! 9:15am Service Holy Communion Holy Baptisms 10:30 Sunday School Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due 29 First Sunday of Advent; 9:15am Service/ Children Sing; SS & CHOIR	23 30	24	25 5:30-6:45pm Freewill meal - RCYF 7:00pm Thanksgiving Svc	26 	27	28

