



## Zion Reformed Church -- FLOODLIGHT



### PASTOR'S P O S T S

Most of us have a picture in our wallets/purses of someone special in our lives. Grandparents love to carry a photo of their grandchildren. Parents love to have a photo of their children or spouse in their wallet or purse. I remember in my high school days that it was a THING to have a photo of your girlfriend in your wallet. The problem, some of those photos did not last for a long time.

I heard a comment from a friend one day: "My family does not carry my photo in their wallets/purses anymore." Why? He had a bad relationship with his family because of things that happened. Disagreements that became arguments to the point where people removed his photo out of their wallets/purses (Metaphorical).

In a broken world with broken relationships, we have a steadfast God. We have a God that does not take your photo out of His wallet. He keeps your photo there forever. Why? Because He loves you too much to take your photo out. Even if you make mistakes, God will forgive and keep your photo in His wallet! FOREVER.

With Love,

Pastor Petri



### Consistory Highlights

#### Consistory Notes

\*Last outside Service:  
Sept. 10

\*Next meeting:  
Sept. 13: Coffee: Mark  
Prayer: Ryan



**Family  
Ministry  
Wed,  
Sept. 20  
@ 6:30pm**



**FYI: To stay in touch with the Alliance of Reformed Churches, to read articles, receive updates**

please visit their webpage at:

**<https://arc21.org>**



## SATURDAY, OCT. 7

**11:00am – 2pm**  
Meal/Shops  
**3pm-7pm**  
Meal; Auction @ 6pm

**11:00am – 2:00pm**  
**SHOPS – Inside Basement**  
Large Bakery / Cards & Napkins /  
Pantry (Canned Meat) / Crafts /  
trash n' Treasure  
Frozen Meals – *preorder by 9/17*  
([www.zionreformed.com](http://www.zionreformed.com))

**MENU – Fellowship Hall**  
Pork Loin / Beef Burgers / Hot Dogs / Calico  
Beans  
Baked Potato Bar / Homemade Potato Salad  
Coleslaw / Pie & Ice Cream / Assorted  
Beverages

**3pm-7pm**  
Meal (Same menu as above)  
Auction – 6pm

### AUCTION ITEMS

Donated auction items are due to Marsha  
by Sept. 17. All auction items will be  
sealed bids during the day of bazaar  
(along with centerpieces) and will be  
auctioned off at 6pm on the day of bazaar  
with sealed bids noted.

**Your support is  
appreciated. All proceeds  
support WOZ Missions –  
WOZ Bazaar Committee**

**\*Old Bazaar photos are wanted for decorating purposes.** If you have any past bazaar photos please put your name on the back of the picture so it will be returned to you. Give to Janette or Marsha as soon as possible before Sept. 10.

**\*All women of the church:** Please bring an uncut baked pie to the kitchen on Friday, Oct. 6, 5-7pm or before 9am on Sat., Oct. 7. The pies will be cut and sold as part of the menu items.

**\*Please refer to the Bazaar information sheet that was placed in your church mailbox** for detailed information. We are excited for a fun filled day of fellowship.

**\*DONATIONS** are being sought to help pay for the meat and for the ingredients for frozen meals/soups or to the Bazaar in general. All donations should be given to Diane Hughes, WOZ Treasurer by Sept. 17.

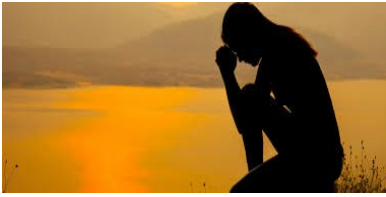
**\*PREORDERS are being taken for frozen meals/soups.** Please place your order on the sign up sheet on bulletin board by Sept. 17. The preorders are now available online at [www.zionreformed.com](http://www.zionreformed.com); click under "Bazaar"

**\*Trash n' Treasure items:** Please have these items to the RCYF room no later than Sept. 17.

We hope to make this a bazaar for all of our church members to work together —men, women, teens, children and all! We really appreciate your help making this a fun, fabulous bazaar that will be welcoming to all our visitors. It is our big fundraiser for WOZ, but it is so much more than that. It's part of our mission to welcome others to Zion. So THANK YOU for helping where you can—working, donating goods or money, praying for us and all who come... whatever you do is appreciated.

In Christ, Marsha, Janeen, Jean, Carol, Ardith,  
Janette, Judy, Rose and Diane B.





## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I SPOKE AND THOUGHT AND REASONED AS A CHILD. BUT WHEN I GREW UP, I PUT AWAY CHILDISH THINGS. (1 CORINTHIANS 13:11)

THIS IS TAKEN FROM A DAILY DEVOTIONAL THAT I READ ONE DAY THIS MONTH. IT'S WRITTEN BY CHUCK SWINDOLL — "BECAUSE OF GRACE WE HAVE BEEN FREED FROM SIN, FROM ITS SLAVERY, ITS BONDAGE IN OUR ATTITUDE, IN OUR URGES, AND IN OUR ACTIONS. BUT HAVING BEEN FREED AND NOW LIVING BY GRACE, WE CAN ACTUALLY GO TOO FAR, SET ASIDE ALL SELF-CONTROL, AND TAKE OUR LIBERTY TO SUCH AN EXTREME THAT WE, AGAIN, SERVE SIN. BUT THAT ISN'T LIBERTY AT ALL, THAT'S LICENSE. AND KNOWING OF THAT POSSIBILITY, MANY OPT FOR LEGALISM LEST THEY BE TEMPTED TO LIVE IRRESPONSIBLY. BAD CHOICE. HOW MUCH BETTER TO HAVE SUCH AN AWESOME RESPECT FOR THE LORD WE VOLUNTARILY HOLD BACK AS WE APPLY SELF-CONTROL."

"I REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST EARNED MY LICENSE TO DRIVE. I WAS ABOUT SIXTEEN, AS I RECALL. I'D BEEN DRIVING OFF AND ON FOR THREE YEARS (SCARY THOUGHT, ISN'T IT?). MY FATHER HAD BEEN WITH ME MOST OF THE TIME DURING MY LEARNING EXPERIENCES, CALMLY SITTING ALONGSIDE ME IN THE FRONT SEAT, GIVING ME TIPS, HELPING ME KNOW WHAT TO DO. MY MOTHER USUALLY WASN'T IN ON THOSE EXCURSIONS BECAUSE SHE SPENT MORE OF HER TIME BITING HER NAILS (AND SCREAMING) THAN SHE DID ADVISING. MY FATHER WAS A LITTLE MORE EASYGOING. LOUD NOISES AND SCREECHING BRAKES DIDN'T BOTHER HIM NEARLY AS MUCH. MY GRANDFATHER WAS THE BEST OF ALL. WHEN I WOULD DRIVE HIS CAR, I WOULD HIT THINGS . . . BOOM! HE'D SAY STUFF LIKE, "JUST KEEP ON GOING, BUD. I CAN BUY MORE FENDERS, BUT I CAN'T BUY MORE GRANDSONS. YOU'RE LEARNING." WHAT A GREAT OLD GENTLEMAN. AFTER THREE YEARS, I FINALLY EARNED MY LICENSE."

"I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I CAME IN, FLASHED MY NEWLY ACQUIRED PERMIT, AND SAID, 'DAD, LOOK!' HE SAID, 'WHOA! LOOK AT THIS. YOU GOT YOUR LICENSE. GOOD FOR YOU!' HOLDING THE KEYS TO HIS CAR, HE TOSSED THEM IN MY DIRECTION AND SMILED, 'TELL YOU WHAT, SON . . . YOU CAN HAVE THE CAR FOR TWO HOURS, ALL ON YOUR OWN.' ONLY FOUR WORDS, BUT HOW WONDERFUL: 'ALL ON YOUR OWN.'" "I THANKED HIM, DANCED OUT TO THE GARAGE, OPENED THE CAR DOOR, AND SHOVED THE KEY INTO THE

IGNITION. MY PULSE RATE MUST HAVE SHOT UP TO 180 AS I BACKED OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY AND ROARED OFF. WHILE CRUISING ALONG 'ALL ON MY OWN,' I BEGAN TO THINK WILD STUFF—LIKE, THIS CAR CAN PROBABLY DO 100 MILES AN HOUR. I COULD GO TO GALVESTON AND BACK TWICE IN TWO HOURS IF I AVERAGED 100 MILES AN HOUR. I CAN FLY DOWN THE GULF FREEWAY AND EVEN RUN A FEW LIGHTS. AFTER ALL, NOBODY'S HERE TO SAY, 'DON'T!' WE'RE TALKING DANGEROUS, CRAZY THOUGHTS! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THEM. I DON'T BELIEVE I DROVE ABOVE THE SPEED LIMIT. IN FACT, I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER TURNING INTO THE DRIVEWAY EARLY . . . DIDN'T EVEN STAY AWAY THE FULL TWO HOURS. AMAZING, HUH? I HAD MY DAD'S CAR ALL TO MYSELF WITH A FULL GAS TANK IN A CONTEXT OF TOTAL PRIVACY AND FREEDOM, BUT I DIDN'T GO CRAZY. WHY? MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY DAD AND MY GRANDDAD WAS SO STRONG THAT I COULDN'T, EVEN THOUGH I HAD A LICENSE AND NOBODY WAS IN THE CAR TO RESTRAIN ME.

OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THERE HAD DEVELOPED A SENSE OF TRUST, A DEEP LOVE RELATIONSHIP THAT HELD ME IN RESTRAINT." "AFTER TOSSING ME THE KEYS, MY DAD DIDN'T RUSH OUT AND TAPE A SIGN ON THE DASHBOARD OF THE CAR, 'DON'T YOU DARE DRIVE BEYOND THE SPEED LIMIT' OR 'COPS ARE ALL AROUND THE CITY, AND THEY'LL CATCH YOU, BOY, SO DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TAKING A RISK.' HE SIMPLY SMILED AND SAID, 'HERE ARE THE KEYS, SON, ENJOY IT.' WHAT A DEMONSTRATION OF GRACE. AND DID I EVER ENJOY IT! LOOKING BACK, NOW THAT I'M A FATHER WHO HAS RELIVED THE SAME SCENE ON FOUR DIFFERENT OCCASIONS WITH MY OWN CHILDREN, I REALIZE WHAT A RISK MY FATHER HAD TAKEN."

OUR GOD IS A GOOD AND FORGIVING GOD. I'M THANKFUL THAT HE SAYS IN PSALM 103 VERSE 12 THAT, "FOR AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS LOVE FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US." HOW IT MUST PLEASE HIM IF WE HAVE "SUCH AN AWESOME RESPECT FOR THE LORD THAT WE VOLUNTARILY HOLD BACK AS WE APPLY SELF-CONTROL" TO THE FREEDOM WE HAVE WITH OUR CHOICES.

SHELLY BUSEMAN  
SPIRITUAL LIFE SECRETARY

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WOW, ALREADY SEPTEMBER! THE BAZAAR IS AROUND THE CORNER. OUR SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE FILLING UP SO A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING. ALSO, A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ORGANIZE THE BAZAAR. IT IS SUCH A GREAT DAY!

SEPTEMBER 14 TH IS OUR NEXT WOZ MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:30PM WITH AN EXECUTIVE MEETING FOLLOWED AT 7PM WITH A PROGRAM/LIGHT SUPPER/BUSINESS MEETING WHICH ALL WOMEN OF ZION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 WAS A RECENT SERMON TOPIC AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THESE VERSES AND MY THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS. 12 THEREFORE, AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLY AND DEARLY LOVED, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE. 13 BEAR WITH EACH OTHER AND FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER IF ANY OF YOU HAS A GRIEVANCE AGAINST SOMEONE. FORGIVE AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU. 14 AND OVER ALL THESE VIRTUES PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY.

BLESSINGS-CARMA, WOZ PRESIDENT



Sept. 14 -- Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm Executive Meeting / 7:00pm Program  
Following program is lunch: Executive Committee  
Following lunch: Business Meeting-Election of officers



Please join us on Sunday, September 10

9:15am Outside Service, bring a chair

10:30am Games/Treats for ALL

Back to Sunday School Celebration



**Sunday, September 17:** 9:15 am Service  
10:30 am Sunday School begins for the new year

For grades PreK – HS; along with Children's Choir

**All welcome! Spread the word!**



**CELEBRATE!!**

It's time to celebrate Zion joining a new denomination, Alliance of Reformed Churches!  
Sunday, Oct. 22, following service will be an all church potluck. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Hayrides available by Zion Ambassadors.



**Zion Ambassadors** would like you to mark your calendars for the upcoming event:  
**\*November 18:** Dinner fundraiser for the Blind  
**\*More information for this event will be coming!**



EVERY MONTH THERE WILL BE A MISSION SUNDAY FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN!



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR !

Beginning Sept. 17 @ 10:30 am, ages PreK – 5 should report to the basement for MUSIC! (then they will go to SS) **Children will sing on Sept. 24!**



There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to provide snacks to our SS children. They will be served snacks following service in the basement prior to class time.



Crop Walk – Hampton  
Sept. 17, Registration at 1pm

You may form a group, walk on your own, donate money. Donations may be left in the "catch all" box. All money will be given to Crop Walk to help feed the hungry. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you choose to walk. If you walk, please wear your Zion t-shirt if you have one. \*Please bring an item for the local food pantry\*



Celebrating Zion's Over 60!

Please check your church mailbox for an RSVP to celebrate YOU on Sat., Sept. 23 at 11:30am with a lunch and program. Please return your RSVPs before Sept. 10 to Judy or Marsha.



	General	Benevolent	Attendance
AUG 6	\$2,512.00	\$581.00	122
AUG 13	\$2,139.00	\$465.00	115
AUG 20	\$2,441.00	\$745.00	94



Shirley Ludens / Darlene Meints / Gordon Meyer /  
Marie Jurgens



**Please keep the following in prayer**

Maynard Koenen – cards may be sent to his home address and they will be forwarded; Bev Moore, Dale Butson, Brian Lupkes, Jill Schade,

Angie DeVries, McKayla Drake

Justin Sprung, son-in-law to Phil and Rose

**Homebound Members:** Marie Jurgens, Darlene Meints, Gordon Meyer, Shirley Ludens



**Children's Time** during church service

Sept 3	Pastor Petri
Sept 10	Megan M. – Outside Service
Sept 17	Shelly
Sept 24	Dave



**DAYCARE PROVIDERS!**

After Children's Time – AGES 5 and Under

Sept 3	Megan O & Gavin
Sept 10	NA – Outside service
Sept 17	Shelly & Marli
Sept 24	Tonya & Barrett

**FELLOWSHIP**

<b>SEP 3</b>	Bretz & Halsne
<b>SEP 10</b>	Promotion Sunday
<b>SEP 17</b>	Carstens
<b>SEP 24</b>	Hosts are needed



	AUDIO	VIDEO
Sept 3	Duane	Kendal
Sept 10	– Outside	
Sept 17	Dave	Tonya
Sept 24	Jesse	Carma



Rose Markwardt\*, Julie Dannen,  
Pam Lage, Amy Eberling



Sept 18 @ 2:30pm -- Sheffield Care Center  
Linda Wells\*/Esther DeVries/Carol Stock

**CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**HOPE CIRCLE** - Sep 06 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Devotions/Lesson: Pauline; Host: Julie D.

**JOURNEY CIRCLE** – SEPT. 07 @ 7PM

**JOY CIRCLE** - Sept. 10@ 7:00pm  
DEVOTIONS/LESSON/Host: Amy

**VESPER CIRCLE** - Sep 11 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)  
Devotions/Lesson: Doreen; Host: Marge

**SUNRISE CIRCLE** - Sept 13@ 9:00am  
Devotions/Host: LaVonne; Lesson: Lenora

**Faith Circle** – Sept. 28 @ 7pm  
**CONVERSATION STARTER: DO YOU PREFER TO READ THE OLD OR NEW TESTAMENT? WHY?**



# 2024 WOZ PROGRAM BOOK

Circle Chairs, check your mailboxes in the near future!  
All forms are due to the office no later than October 8 with  
early turn-ins being greatly appreciated!



**REMINDER:** We are still  
collecting empty ink  
cartridges for recycle. We  
use this money to purchase  
coffee and other items.  
See Bev Moore for questions.



Thank you to Carol Stock for handling Zion's food pantry  
items every month.



May God richly bless you as married couples!

Congratulations on the marriage of Kellen Suntken and  
Megan Warin.

Congratulations on the marriage of Keaton Buseman and  
Sammy Alphs.



Congratulations to  
Brian and Ann on the arrival of  
their granddaughter on Aug. 24.

Welcome, Isabelle Ann  
weighing 7lb, 7oz, 20"long.

Proud parents are Alex and  
Hannah Frankl along with big  
sister Aria and big brother Mason



Congratulations to Ben and Traci Smith on the baptisms  
of Anita and Alex!



- 02 Linda Wells
- 03 Mark & Carma DeVries
- 07 Carol Koenen
- 08 Sharon Parks
- 09 Cayde Eberling
- 10 Shane & Leann Braun
- 11 Tami Ballhagen  
Kirsten Suntken
- 16 Myron VanHorn
- 19 Zach DeVries
- 21 Kinnick Campbell / Cayden Campbell
- 22 Andy & Abby Sheeler; Shaun Koenen
- 24 Elaine Parks
- 25 Dick Stevenson
- 27 Eric Barkema, Julie Dannen
- 28 Darwin & Teresa Butson
- 29 Jerrad Dirksen
- 30 Teaghan Bird

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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>EVERY SUNDAY beginning on 9/17:</b>	<b>PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Choir: 10:30 am PreK-12<sup>th</sup>: 10:45 am SS</b>				1	2
3  9:15am Service	4 	5	6 7pm Hope Circle	7  7:00pm Journey Circle	8	9
10 Outside service 9:15am Service SS kickoff: Promotion Sunday – fun for all ages! 7pm Joy Circle	11 1:30 pm Vesper Circle	13	13 9am Sunrise Circle  7pm Consistory	14 6:30pm WOZ Ex. Mtng; 7:00pm - Business Mtng	15	16
17 9:15am Service SS: PreK-HS after service *Crop Walk*	18 2:30pm Sheffield Care Center Program	19	20  6:30pm Family Ministry	21	22	23 Zion Over 60's @ 11:30am
24 9:15am Service SS: PreK-HS	25	26	27	28 7pm Faith Circle	29	30