

SEPTEMBER 2026

Zion Reformed Church -- FLOODLIGHT



PASTOR'S POSTS

BACK TO SCHOOL: A TIME TO PRAY

As a new school year begins, let us remember our children, teachers, and schools in prayer. Pray that God will protect our children, guide their choices, and help them grow not only in knowledge but also in faith and character. Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us to trust in the Lord and allow Him to direct our paths.

Let us also pray for our teachers, administrators, and school staff. Ask God to give them wisdom, patience, strength, and compassion as they serve our children. James 1:5 reminds us that God generously gives wisdom to those who ask.

Parents, school days quickly become filled with homework, sports, practices, and activities. Do not become so busy that family time disappears. Make time to sit around the table, talk, listen, laugh, pray, and read Scripture together. Deuteronomy 6:6–7 reminds us that faith is taught in the everyday moments of family life.

May God bless our children, teachers, schools, and families this school year.

Pastor Petri



Consistory Highlights

Consistory Notes

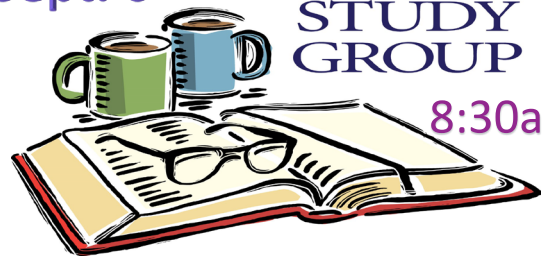
*Last outside Service:

Sept. 20

*Next meeting: Sept. 10

Sept. 6

**MEN'S
STUDY
GROUP**



8:30am



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**Please
Bring
Items
Every first
Sunday**



**Family
Ministry**

September 16

6:30pm Meal

7pm Ministry

**SERVERS ONLY ARE NEEDED for 6:30pm
meal – pizza will need to be served**



FYI: To stay in touch with the Alliance of Reformed Churches, to read articles, receive updates please visit their webpage at:

<https://arc21.org>



Please join us on Sunday, September 20

9:15am Outside Service, bring a chair

10:30am Games/Treats for ALL

Back to Sunday School Celebration



Sunday, September 27: 9:15 am Service
10:30 am Sunday School begins for the new year
For grades PreK – HS; along with Children's Choir.



Sept 27: 3rd Grade Bibles will be distributed during service.



Sept. 27: Youth will share about Rocky Mt. High during service.

All welcome! Spread the word!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR !

Beginning Sept. 27 @ 10:30 am, ages PreK – 5 should report to the basement for MUSIC! (then they will go to SS) **Children will sing on Oct. 25!**
FYI: Children will sing the last Sunday of each month.



RCYF:
Grades 8-HS
Begins: Sept. 30
Contact: Clayton/Mariah Miller



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sunday School is more than a place for kids to gather following worship — it is a sacred space where faith takes root. Through age-appropriate lessons, stories, songs, and hands-on activities, children learn to understand God's love, the meaning of Scripture, and how to live out their faith in everyday life.

It also nurtures character, teaching biblical truths like the Armor of God and helping children grow in courage, integrity, and righteousness. In Sunday School, kids find a safe and welcoming community where they can ask questions, build friendships, and feel connected to the church family.

Most importantly, Sunday School helps children develop a personal relationship with Jesus. As they learn His teachings and experience His love, they begin forming a faith foundation that can guide them throughout their lives.

Investing in Sunday School is an investment in the spiritual future of our children — shaping hearts, strengthening faith, and preparing the next generation to walk with Christ in love and service.

GOD BLESS,
MEGAN MOLLENBECK
SPIRITUAL LIFE



Sept. 9 -- Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Executive Meeting / 7:00pm Program

Following program is lunch: Executive Committee

Following lunch: Business Meeting-Election of officers



Trusting God in Every Season

September has a way of reminding us that change is inevitable. The days begin to shorten, the air turns cooler, and the leaves will soon begin their beautiful transformation. Summer gives way to fall, just as one season of our lives gives way to another.

Sometimes change is exciting. Other times, it can leave us feeling uncertain or even a little unsettled. But Scripture reminds us that while our circumstances and seasons may change, God does not.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." God is present in every season—not just the easy ones or the seasons we understand, but also the seasons of waiting, transition, and uncertainty.

As we enter this new season, may we remember that we do not have to know what lies ahead to trust the One who does. We can look at the changing world around us and be reminded that God has been faithful in the past, He is faithful today, and He will remain faithful in whatever comes next.

Perhaps September can be an invitation to slow down, notice God's goodness, and thank Him for the season we are in right now. Whatever changes this fall may bring, we can face them with confidence knowing that we never walk through them alone. **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** — Hebrews 13:8
May God bless you and your family as we enter this new season together.

Tonya Halsne
WOZ President



Grandparents
are a delightful blend of
Laughter,
Caring deeds,
Wonderful stories,
and Love!

Flannel & Fellowship Bazaar

Zion Reformed Church

2029 Jonquil Ave, Rural Sheffield

Saturday, November 7

SHOPS

11am-5pm

*Bakery *Cards/napkins
*Pantry (canned meat) *Crafts

Menu

11am-6pm

pork loin, beef burgers, hot dogs,
calico beans, baked potato bar,
homemade potato salad,
coleslaw, pie/ice cream

FROZEN MEALS

preorder from 9/21 - 10/18 at
www.zionreformed.com or
call Zion at 641-579-6186

Live Auction

6:30pm

Auction items will be
online to place a bid from
9/21 - 10/18 at
www.zionreformed.com also
silent bids will be taken during
bazaar; need not be present to
win

Make 'n Take Porch Pots

3pm - preregister
from 9/21 - 10/18 at
www.zionreformed.com

***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 or to the Bazaar in general. All donations should be given to Sammy Buseman, WOZ Treasurer by Oct. 18.

***PREORDERS are being taken for frozen meals/soups.** The preorders will be available online at www.zionreformed.com; click under "Bazaar" frozen meals/soups Sept. 21 – Oct. 18.

***AUCTION ITEMS:** All auction items are due to the church by **Sept. 21** so that pictures can be taken and placed on line. These items do NOT need to be hand made.

You may ask for donations/gift certificates from businesses, etc. If you choose to do this, please take a form with you so that you can fill it out as a receipt and give to the business. Forms are located at the information desk.

***Make 'n Take Porch Pot kits:** On the day of bazaar, 3pm, you may make your very own porch pot and take it home with you. You must preregister between Sept. 21 – Oct. 18. There is a cost.

***Food Pantry Items are appreciated** and will be used to help decorate the entry ways on the day of bazaar. Please have your items to the church by Oct. 25.

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, Carol, Tonya, Janette, Heather, Rose, Cheryl and Teresa S.

Did you know that if you are a woman that attends Zion, you are a member of WOZ (Women of Zion)?

WOZ purpose states:

To Glorify God! We as Reformed Church women unite in devoting ourselves to Jesus Christ; disciplining one another in love; developing a

responsibility for mission through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

A quick review of the Missions that the Women of Zion currently support: (This is why the fall bazaar is crucial ...)

Missions:	Crisis Intervention Mission
Reborn Ranch	Hospice NI Mission
Access Inc Mission	Mescalero Mission
Alt Preg Ctr Mission	Nthrn Lights Mission
Every Step Mission	One Vision Mission
Angel Tree Mission	Orphan Grain Train
Grace Covenant	Samaritan Purse Mission
Apache Reformed	Franklin Food Pantry
Bethany Mission	West Fork Food Pantry
Bridge of Hope	La Luz Mission
Care Initiative	Wings of Refuge
Caring Preg Mission	Wycliff Mission
KCMR Mission	Youth for Christ Mission
KJYL Mission	Bible Society for SA (2025)
KNWS Mission	Kentucky Ministry



Duane and Lenora Payne, Phyllis Nelson



Please keep the following in prayer DIANE HUGHES,
SHARON OLSEN, JON SUNTKEN, DARWIN BUTSON, BRIAN
LUPKES, TED HUGHES, MAYNARD KOENEN, JUDY DANNEN,
Al Muhlenbruch

Prayers for Sarah Vander Schaaf (Brian and Ann's daughter)

**PRAYERS FOR OUR KIDDOS AND FAMILIES, TEACHERS AND STAFF
THAT HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL. MAY THEIR NEW SCHOOL YEAR
BE FULL OF POSITIVE LEARNING, FUN AND GRACE.**



Children's Time during church service

Sept 6	Pastor Petri
Sept 13	Shelly Buseman
Sept 20	Outside Service
Sept 27	Wendy Buseman



DAYCARE PROVIDERS!

After Children's Time – AGES 5 and Under

Sept 6	Shelly
Sept 13	Sammy & Tenley
Sept 20	NA / Outside Service
Sept 27	Marli / Morgan

FELLOWSHIP

SEP 6	Hosts are needed
SEP 13	Bennett
SEP 20	Promotion Sunday
SEP 27	Cheryl/Carol



	AUDIO	VIDEO
Sept 6	Jerry	Molly
Sept 13	Dave	Duane
Sept 20	- Outside -	
Sept 27	Jesse	Carma

GREETERS SCHEDULE

September 6: Jerrad & Sarah Dirksen
 September 13: Jon & Tami Suntken
 September 20: NA / Outside Service
 September 27: Joel & Amanda Rodemeyer



Ann Lupkes* / Nadine Goodwin



Sept 21 @ 2:00pm -- Sheffield Care Center
 Linda Wells*/Nadine Goodwin/Molly Allen

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - Sep 03 @ 10am (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/ Lesson: Sonna / Host: Teresa B
SUNRISE CIRCLE - Sept 9 @ 9:00am
Devotions/Lesson: LaVonne; Host:
JOY CIRCLE - SEP 13 @ 7PM
 DEVOTIONS/LESSON/HOST: AMY E
VESPER CIRCLE - Sep 14 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Molly; Host: Sue
Faith Circle - Sept. 24 @ 7pm

CONVERSATION STARTER: WHAT GENRE OF BOOKS DO YOU ENJOY?

2027 WOZ PROGRAM BOOK

Circle Chairs, check your mailboxes in the near future!
 All forms are due to the office no later than October 4 with early turn-ins being greatly appreciated!



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

Hughes: "Sometimes thank you just doesn't seem adequate. Ted and I are so very blessed and grateful to our Zion family for so much. Thank you Pastor Petri for all your visits and help. Thank you Janette for all your help with my dressings- such a big help! Thank you to my precious friends for bringing in delicious meals-- Sonna, Rose, Carol, Judy and Teresa. That really helped us get through this time after my surgery. And the food was delicious! Thank you to Roger for trimming our shrubs and pines out front. Thank you everyone for the cards, visits, concerns and loving prayers. You are all so special to us, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God continues to bless us through these health issues. We serve an awesome God!

Blessings, Ted and Diane

Dannen/Meyer: Thank you to all those who came so quickly and helped us at the house after the storm!! Amazing to see the support from our congregation. Your prayers, phone calls and expressions of concern have all been appreciated.

Thank you, Judy, Deb and Randy



Flowers were left on the altar in celebration of Larry Meint's 80th birthday.

Flowers were left on the altar in celebration of life for Arlene Maifeld.



Vernon and Audrey VanHorn, 127 Country Club Drive
Belmond, IA 50421

ARE YOU OVER 60?? Join the Fun!

Celebrate Zion Over 60's

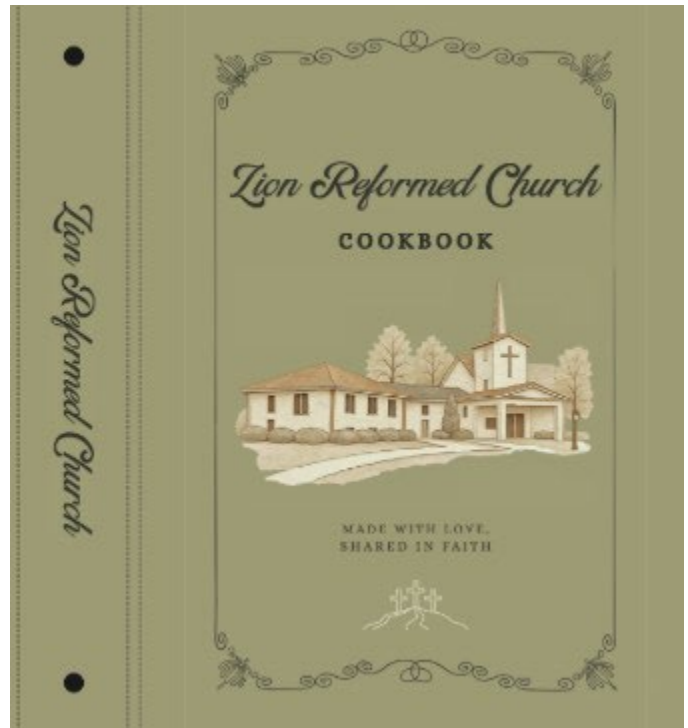
*Music
Therapy
with
Talia*

*Enjoy a
light
lunch*



Wed., September 30 - 11am @ Zion
RSVP to Teresa Schulz or Marsha by Sept 20

Zion Cookbook's!!



ORDER FORM

Zion Church Cookbook

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name:

ORDER NAME	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Zion Church Cookbook		\$20.00	

ORDER NOTES:

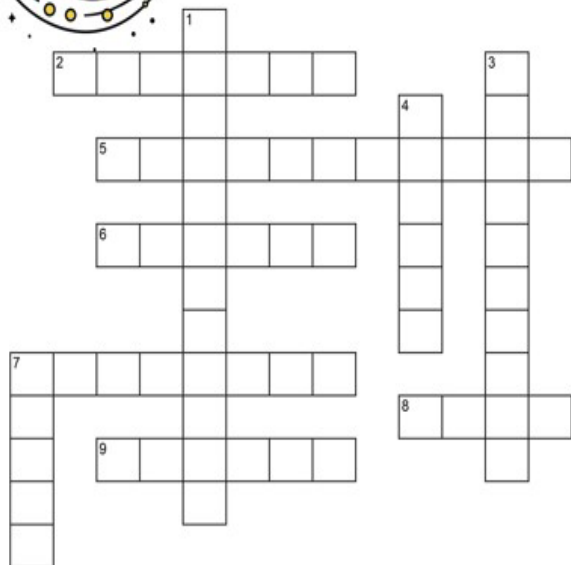
Please place your order and money in the catch all box by September 13. This is for the congregation only. FYI: Cookbooks will be available for purchase at the fall bazaar for outside guests. Thank you.

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poor in spirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



- 01 Michael & Nadine Goodwin /
Paul & Jackie Sandersfeld
- 02 Linda Wells
- 03 Mark & Carma DeVries
- 07 Carol Koenen / Austin Neff
- 08 Sharon Parks
- 09 Cayde Eberling
- 10 Shane & Leann Braun
- 11 Kirsten Suntken
- 13 Evelyn Suntken
- 15 Gary Bennett
- 16 Myron VanHorn / Payton Ault
- 19 Zach DeVries
- 20 Austin & Miranda Neff
- 21 Kinnick Campbell / Cayden Campbell
- 22 Andy & Abby Sheeler, Shaun Koenen / Jon Ault
Melissa Sifert
- 24 Stephanie Kloetzer
- 25 Eli Webb
- 26 Maddie Pralle
- 27 Eric Barkema
- 28 Darwin & Teresa Butson
- 29 Jerrad Dirksen
- 30 Teaghan Bird

CPR with Kara!

If you signed up with interest of learning the basics of CPR, the date is Sunday, September 27 @ 10:30am following church service. Please plan accordingly.

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September 2026

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