



## Zion Reformed Church -- August 2020



Dear Zion,

I want to mention a few expressions about the concept of time: "Days are numbered", "Big time", "Time is money", "It is about time", "All in good time", "Have the time of your life" and "Seize the day". You all know these expressions. I wonder if there was to be a Stock Market for time, what will the value of time be? If there should be a currency for time, what will it be? Yet we all have 86,400 new seconds or 1,440 minutes at our disposal every day. We cannot bank it anywhere. We cannot save each day's unused seconds for later use. Time not used is – LOST TIME. Even if we cannot regain or buy back time, we can buy out today's piece of time. Meaning, we can live today's time portion to the best we can.

How must we approach time according to the Bible? Paul writes in Colossians 3:17 "that whatever we say or do, we do it to the glory of the Lord." We make the most of today's time when we offer someone else a cup of cold water, praying for someone, listening and just being there for someone, in His Name. Or if we take someone's burden off their shoulders today. We do not know what tomorrow and the day after tomorrow entails. We do not have to know! Jesus says in Matthew 6 that if we want to break our heads over the day of tomorrow, then our faith and our joy will be gone with it. Let's buy out time today and trust the Lord with tomorrow. The well-known artist, Cher, uses the following words when she sings about time:

If I could turn back time  
If I could find a way

I'd take back those words that have hurt you and you'd stay.

What do you think about time?

God Bless,  
Pastor Petri



## Consistory Highlights

\*Zion's Consistory will meet on Thursday, Aug. 13, 7pm.  
(Closing prayer: Vernon./Coffee: Joe)



Dear Women of Zion,

We were able to have a brief WOZ meeting following the church service on July 12. Please note some of the information that was discussed:

\*Due to COVID 19 the Women's Conference that was to be held this fall at First Reformed Church at Meservey is now scheduled for April 17, 2021.

\*The painting and redecorating of the men's and women's restrooms on the main level at Zion has been completed. Many thanks to those who served on the committee.

\*Discussion was held about having a bazaar this year and different ideas shared on what might be able to be done due to the pandemic. The bazaar committee will be meeting soon so watch the Floodlight and emails for details. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they make decisions to plan a safe and enjoyable annual event that we all look forward to.

\*It was decided to put the replacing of the counter top in the kitchen on hold for the time being.

It has been an unusual year but God has been faithful in so many ways and we have much to be thankful for.

Remember: Every moment of your life is in God's care; Every day begins and ends with His purpose; There will always be a faithful never changing God in Control!

Have a blessed month,  
Audrey VanHorn



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

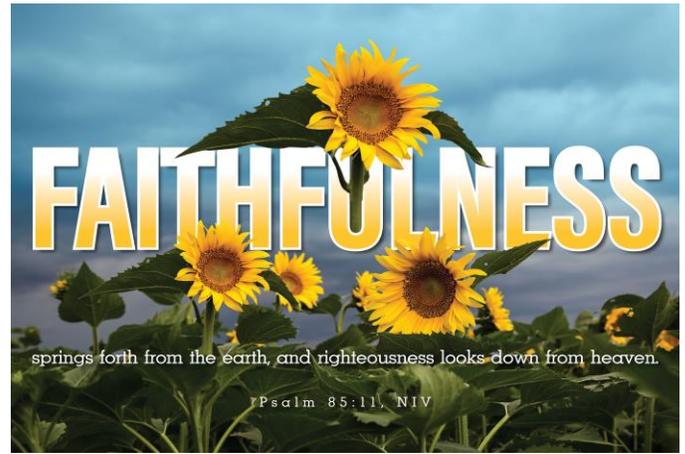
At our last Circle meeting, one of our members who has faced some very difficult trials reminded us that she chooses to trust God—that is a choice. Another one of our members gave each of us a very nice devotional booklet, "One-Minute Inspirations for Women". One of those devotions said:

***It may surprise you to know that a positive attitude and the giving of thanks is willful... a choice you make. Giving thanks is a conscious decision, and it's also commanded by God. His word tells us to give thanks always for all things, in everything and evermore. 1 Thes. 5:16-18 says "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." That's pretty clear!***

***And the decision to do just that—to give thanks.. no matter what... in whatever situation—has a powerful effect on your attitude. Not only that, it also has a huge impact on everyone around you.***

Sometimes we get bogged down in life's trials. The coronavirus has turned our world upside-down and made difficult things even more difficult. Yet there are good things that have come from this pandemic, too. Pray for God's help to give us a thankful heart, to look for the good things, to share His love and joy with others. It's a choice. I am very thankful for my church and circle friends who pray for each other and encourage each other. May God bless each of you. We can rely on God's promises.

Diane Hughes, Sp Life committee member



Unexpected Blessings during the Covid-19 pandemic, as reported by FAITH circle!

"While I truly miss routine and the million sporting events that would have been; I have been grateful for this "extra" time to spend making cherished memories with each of the boys individually and as a family!" - Amanda Rodemeyer

"Being reminded of the value of family and friends – to be in their physical presence and to see, hear, and feel them on an emotional level. To be able to share a hug, laughter, tears, or just to hold their hand – that is a blessing!"

- Elizabeth Nannenga

"Hearing about covid was very scary and a bit overwhelming at first but what has given me comfort was remembering that God is in control and He has a plan. Each time I hear a new statistic or story about covid I remember that God is bigger than this virus and that He knew about it before it was ever created. This has taught me to trust God deeper and give Him my worry and concerns."

- Megan Conlon

"My unexpected blessing has been the chance to spend so much more time with Jace – watching him grow and learn! If I wasn't working from home I would have missed many of these milestones he has hit during these last few months. It has also been refreshing to see how dedicated people are to finding a way to worship during this hard time!"

- Tonya Halsne

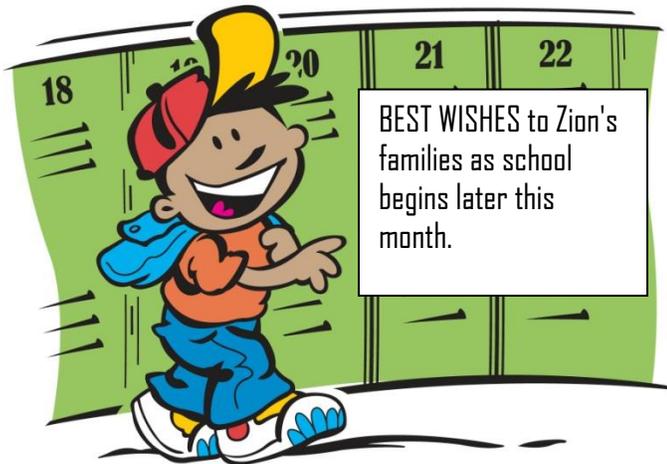
"Although the COVID-19 Pandemic is something no one wishes we would have had to experience, God's blessings continued to shine through. For me personally, it was a reminder to enjoy the simple things and not allow the 'hustle and bustle' of life get in the way of what truly is important."

-Megan Mollenbeck

"When this Covid pandemic started, I felt very uncertain, confused and worried. I prayed so much, and God provided me with the peace I needed. I am content now with the situation and trust in Him for seeing us through this. I also feel blessed that I was able to be with my children when the schools closed and could help them learn. We have had loads of quality, fun family time!"

- Janette van Rooyen

# Back To School



**Third Grade Bibles:**  
Marli van Rooyen

## Tithes Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
JUL 5	\$3,190.00	\$1,017.00	84
JUL 12	\$2,145.00	\$352.00	105
JUL 19	\$2,475.00	\$327.00	89
July 26	\$2,125.00	\$412.00	88

Thank you so much for your continued tithes. Please remember the "special offerings": RCA General Fund: Each member's responsibility is \$97.12/yearly; Capital Maint. Fund is \$15/member.



Sara Stevenson\*, Elaine Parks,  
Mavis Meyer, Audrey VanHorn  
(Please remember our friends with cards, phone calls)



Thank you to the Koenen family for the rock from their farm that they transported out to the church and for Kolton making the Zion sign.

## Remember Our Homebound Members

Darlene Meints / Pat Blau/ Marie Jurgens  
Dorothy Jurgens/Bazetta Kew

## Prayer Chain

Please keep our friends in your prayers:

Marie Jurgens, Larry Moore, Donna Meints, Bazetta Kew,  
Jill Schade, Duane Barkema, Dorothy Jurgens,  
Mindy Meier, Dennis Crom  
Liz Hilton – Niece to Carol Stock  
Mike Oswald – Son-in-law to Marie Jurgens  
Jerry Corey – Amy Eberling's father  
Duane VanHorn – Vernon and Myron VanHorn's brother

God Bless our world leaders and our nation

## CIRCLES

**Vesper:** Aug 10 Devotions/Lesson: Sara; Host: Doreen  
**Sunrise:** Aug 12 Devotions/Host: Sharon; Lesson: ALL  
**Faith:** Aug. 18

Verse to Memorize: Hebrew 13:16  
Missions: Orphan Grain Train; school supplies



Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Bob McCormick. Bob passed away on July 4 with a zoom memorial service on July 12.



Blueberry Blitz: Thank you to everyone who purchased blueberries in support of Lake View Camp. This first shipment of berries raised \$4,000 for the ministry. Think of the young campers as you use your berries through out the year!  
Blessings, Ann Lupkes

Lupkes: Dear Zion Family: Thank you for your prayers and concern for my dad with his recent hospitalization. We are so thankful that he has returned to the nursing home and all test results were negative. He is doing well as a result of your prayers and God's grace.  
Lovingly in Christ, Ann

McCormick: Thank you for your prayers, cards, and reaching out during Bob's passing.  
Blessings, LaVonne



**WOZ IS HOSTING A FALL BAZAAR!!**

**"ZION'S MARKET"**

DETAILS YET TO COME!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD WOZ MISSIONS

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY &**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- 03 *Dean & Melanie Dixon*  
*Dick & Sonna McMahon*
- 04 Shawn Francis  
Joel Rodemeyer
- 06 Jace Halsne, Randy Meyer
- 07 Marge Jurgens  
Amanda Rodemeyer
- 09 Sharon Haver
- 10 *Ron & Marge Jurgens*
- 11 *Jon & Tami Suntken*
- 12 *Frank & Cheryl Schnoes*
- 14 Addie Buseman
- 15 Crisia Adriano
- 16 *Eric & Brittnee Meyer / Myron & Jan VanHorn*
- 17 Duane Barkema
- 18 Darlene Meints
- 19 Darwin Butson
- 20 Donna Meints / Chance Moore
- 21 Diane Barkema
- 22 *Ryan & Jen Koenen*
- 24 Gavin Rodemeyer
- 27 Corey Campbell / Andrew Lupkes
- 28 Eric Meyer
- 30 *Michael & Tonya Halsne*
- 31 Silas Buseman/ Clayton & Mariah Miller

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>						
Office Hours: Monday 8am - Noon	Sunday Service: 9:15am "drive in" at Zion. Enjoy sitting outside or remain in your car.					1
2 *Food Pantry* 9:15am Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:15am Worship	10 1:30pm Vesper Circle	11	12 9:00am Sunrise Circle	13 7:00pm Deacons/Elders 8:00pm Consistory	14	15
16*Floodlight Deadline* 9:15am Worship	17	18 7pm Faith Circle	19	20	21	22
23 9:15am Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 *Capital Mtc Offering* 9:15am Worship	31					