



## Zion Reformed Church -- FLOODLIGHT



### Seek God and You Will Find Him

I think we are all ready to move on. The Corona Virus took a lot of our freedom away. There are a lot of people that lost loved ones, lost their jobs and some of us had to cancel our vacations. The schools struggle to keep their doors open. Children miss their friends. Some farmers in Iowa lost their crops due to straight line winds. Houses were destroyed, people went without electricity for days.

We can definitely ask: Where is God in all of this? This is not a new question. The book of Job explains something of a life-size struggle with suffering and with God's role within it. After Job himself loses all his children to death, along with all his earthly possessions, he struggles to make sense of life and of God. Then Job discovers God in a new way during his suffering. He gets stuck in God. Or is it the other way around? God is stuck in Job! Job then discovers that the Lord has not written him off. He comes to know God as the one who shows His love. He is not at all a manipulative God who pulls all the strings. He does not bully anyone into believing. Nor does God like to get people back by making them suffer. The Lord shows His heart of mercy to seekers and sufferers, so that they eventually turn into founders. God always lets Himself be found by seekers. Remember, our God does not distance Himself from us.

God Bless,  
Pastor Petri



### Consistory Notes (8/13/2020)

\***Sunday, August 30: 9am Start time** with missionary, Daniel Penning.

\*Sunday School and Gatechism start times discussed.

\*Fall Classis is September 15, 9am, via Zoom.

\*Outside services will continue through Sept. 13.

\*Next meeting:

Sept. 10: Coffee: Brian  
Prayer: Joel



### Women of Zion:

Summer adventures are over and students and teachers are back at school. Though things are far from normal we know God is in control of all things and when we need reassurance we can turn to His word, delight in His creation, and listen for His messages of love and care for us. Sometimes it's something simple like the words of a song that touch our hearts in a special way. Yesterday the radio (Thanks, KLMJ) played this old hymn that helped start my day:

"O soul are you weary and troubled?

No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior,

And life more abundant and free!

His word shall not fail you – He promised;

Believe Him and all will be well;

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

Look full in His wonderful face,

And the things of earth will grow  
Strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.”

Our service focus for September is remembering our high school graduates that are starting college and also our missionaries. A note of encouragement or thinking of you card is a great way to let them know our church family is keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Dates to remember:**

Sept. 16: Next quarterly WOZ meeting;  
Election of officers @ 7pm

Oct. 3: Zion's Drive Thru Market. Spread the word to family and friends and keep the bazaar committee in your prayers as they make plans for a safe and successful day.

God Bless,  
Audrey VanHorn, President



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS WITH THE PANDEMIC HAPPENING IF I START TO FEEL STRESSED OR FEAR STARTING TO TAKE OVER I REREAD THESE WORDS AND THE SCRIPTURE VERSES THAT ARE MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE OUT OF THE PAPER. I REMEMBER THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL AND HE IS WHERE OUR HELP COMES. TWO OTHER SCRIPTURES TO HELP IN THESE TIMES ARE 2CHRONICLES 7:14 AND PHILIPPIANS 4:6; “DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING; INSTEAD PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING.”

ARTICLE: DEAR COVID

DEAR COVID,

YOU SURPRISED US WITH YOUR ENTRANCE AND INVASION IN OUR LIVES. YOUR WAVE ACROSS THE COUNTRY FELT TOO DISTANT AND THEN WITHIN MOMENTS CAME CRASHING DOWN ON US. AT FIRST YOUR PRESENCE GAVE MANY PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO SLOW DOWN, THE CHANCE TO MAKE AND EAT MEALS AS A FAMILY AND THE CHANCE FOR PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN KIDS' SCHOOLING AGAIN. THEY HAVE BEEN GOOD LESSONS AND YOU HAVE GIVEN US SUFFICIENT PRACTICE. THANK YOU.

YOU HAVE OVERSTAYED YOUR WELCOME THOUGH. YOUR SOCIAL EFFECTS ARE WORSE THAN YOUR ILLNESS. WE HAVE LOST LOVED ONES AND NOT BEEN ABLE TO GATHER, GRIEVE OR SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES OR FRIENDS. WE HAVE LOVED ONES SICK AND HOSPITALIZED, FOR A MULTITUDE OF REASONS, WHOM WE HAVE TO LEAVE, ISOLATED IN THE HOSPITALS WITH NO SUPPORT SYSTEM. THEY LIE ALONE IN THE HOSPITAL BED AND THEIR LOVED ONES LIE ALONE AT HOME. ENOUGH!

THE FEAR THAT HAS SWEEPED THE NATION IS ALL FOR NOT. GOD IS IN CONTROL HERE (PSALM 27:1), NOT YOU COVID. GOD DETERMINES OUR DAYS HERE ON EARTH (JOB 14:5) NOT YOU COVID. THIS DOES NOT GIVE US PERMISSION TO LIVE RECKLESSLY (MATTHEW 4:7). THIS GIVES US THE PERMISSION TO LIVE.

IT IS FAITH THAT WILL GIVE US STRENGTH (ISAIAH 41:10). IT IS FAITH THAT WILL DROWN OUR FEARS (1 JOHN 4:18). IT IS FAITH ALONE THAT WE NEED (PSALM 46:10).

SO IT IS FAREWELL FOR ME COVID. I AM CHOOSING FAITH WHICH ALLOWS ME TO 'BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, NOT TERRIFIED OR DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD WILL BE WITH ME WHEREVER I GO' (JOSHUA 1:9).



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



## Catechism

\*Wed., Sept. 9: 7pm, Catechism: Grades 3 – 8th; will meet every Wednesday and will run to mid November.

\*Sunday, Sept. 13: Sunday School Kickoff for preK – HS will take place after Sunday service. More details to come.

\*Sunday, Sept. 20: Sunday School classes will begin for preK-8th. (Includes 3 yr. olds)

\*Sunday, Sept. 20: 9-12<sup>th</sup> Catechism after Sunday Service and will run to mid November

\*Wed., Sept. 23, 7pm: 9-12<sup>th</sup> YF begins

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS 2020-2021

#### \*PRIMARY\*

#### \*ELEMENTARY\*

##### PreK

Mollenbeck, Luci(3)  
Rodemeyer, Tate(4)

##### K'GARTEN

Dirksen, Payton  
Van Rooyen, Edrich

##### FIRST

WILLMS, Reagan

##### SECOND

ADRIANO, Cristine

##### THIRD

van Rooyen, Marli

##### FOURTH

DIXON, Parker  
POWERS, Lincoln  
RODEMEYER, Gavin

#### \*MS\*

##### FIFTH

CAMPBELL, Cayden  
CAMPBELL, Kinnick

##### SIXTH

MEYER, Owen  
POWERS, Joseph  
ROTHER, Brooke  
WILLMS, Carter

##### SEVENTH

#### \*HIGH SCHOOL\*

##### EIGHTH

ADRIANO, James  
BUSEMAN, Silas  
DIXON, Sawyer  
HEINZ, Sydney  
DIXON, Brandon  
MEYER, Anthony  
POWERS, Remington  
SCHULZ, Whitney

##### NINTH

CAMPBELL, Tyler  
EBERLING, Cayde  
MEIER, Mallery  
RODEMEYER, Cole  
SCHULZ, Justin

##### TENTH

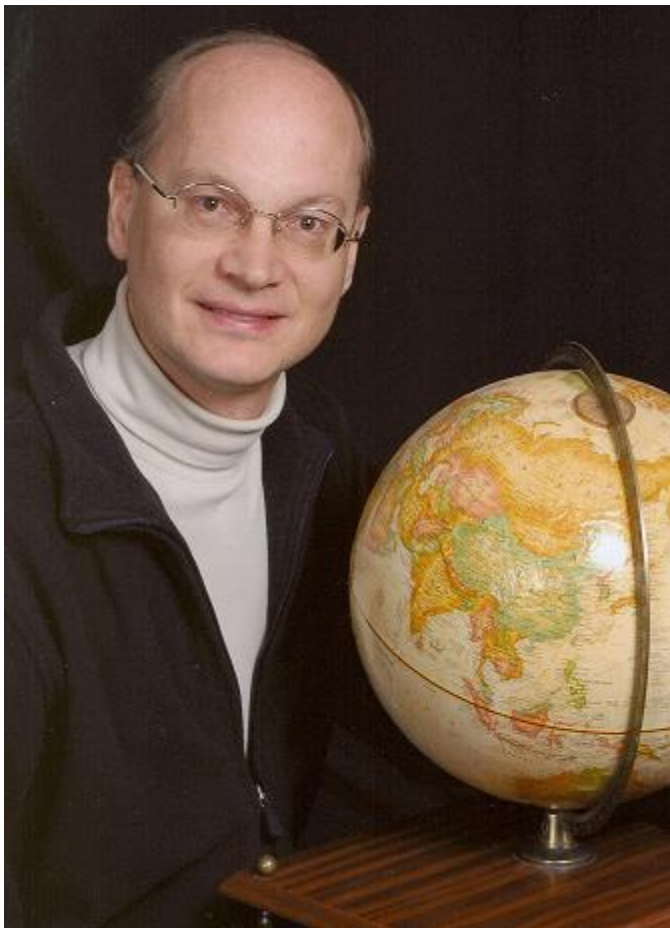
DIRKSEN, Anna  
DIXON, Christian  
ROTHER, Rose

##### ELEVENTH

BARKEMA, Carl  
BUSEMAN, Sydney

##### TWELTH

BUSEMAN, Addie  
DeVRIES, Zachary  
EBERLING, Lindsey  
DIXON, Tjaden  
KOENEN, Kendal  
MEIER, Jason  
WILLMS, Grace



## MEET Daniel Pennings: August 30 9am @ Zion !!

Daniel Pennings has served as a Christian professional (tentmaker) in the Peoples Republic of China since 1991. After teaching software engineering for several years, he now is teaching conversational English to engineering students. As a teacher on the university campus, he has been able to share his Christian faith with young scholars. He has helped establish discipleship groups, instructing young believers in the scriptures and equipping them to take on teaching and leadership roles amongst their peers. Daniel has a passion to mentor young Chinese men as they prepare to serve the Body of Christ throughout China and the world.

Daniel has served as a ministry team leader for over 40 Christian professionals from 15 different countries. As a team, they use their skills as teachers, engineers, medical professionals, businessmen and agronomists to contribute to China's economic development while also

helping to establish churches among the Han Chinese and minority groups of Central and Western China.

Daniel is an effective communicator, sharing personal experiences and the spiritual needs of China. He has spoken to churches, conferences and university groups on four continents. Daniel is in the United States during the 2014-2015 school-year, reporting back to his partnering churches in California, the Midwest and New Jersey, and sharing his vision of what God is doing in China. Teaching in a city with over a million university students, Daniel hopes to encourage more Christian professionals to serve alongside him in China.

After being a CIM/DMF member for many years, Daniel is now serving with GoYe Fellowship, an organization which has been working around the globe for 80 years.

## 2021 WOZ PROGRAM BOOK

Circle Chairs, the forms will be available at the WOZ quarterly meeting on Sept. 16. All forms are due to the office no later than October 18 with early turn-ins being greatly appreciated!



### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**HOPE CIRCLE** - Sep 02 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)  
*Devotions/Lesson: Sonna; Host: Jean*

**JOY CIRCLE** - Sept. 13

**VESPER CIRCLE** - Sep 14 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)  
*Devotions/Lesson: Sue; Host: Marge*

**SUNRISE CIRCLE** - Sept 16 @ 9:00am  
*Devotions/ Host: LaVonne; Lesson: Lenora*

**Faith Circle** – Sept 22 @ 6pm

**MISSION: REMEMBER YOUR MISSIONARY & VERSE**



**ZION'S BAZAAR – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
**11am – 3pm**

The sign-up sheets for ZION's Bazaar (worker list/food donations/provide frozen meals/soups) will be emailed in Google Doc. so watch your email!

**“ZION’S  
 DRIVE  
 THRU  
 MARKET”**

If you have an item/s to donate for **the Silent Auction**, please have a picture or the item(s) to the church no later than **Aug. 31**. These items will be shown online via Facebook for an online auction. (Link will be provided soon)

Please sign up on Google Doc **Workers List** to help out where you can on that day—many hands make light work!

There is a Google Doc sign up sheet as mentioned above to **donate food items**. Food items must be at the church no later than Friday, Oct. 2, 9am—preferably sooner.

Try your hand at **frozen casseroles/soups**. We have a freezer and if you need containers, see Janeen. There is a Google Doc sign up sheet as mentioned above for which frozen item(s) you would like to donate and sizes. Frozen items should be to Zion by Friday, Oct. 2, 7pm. **NOTE:** You may preorder frozen casseroles/soups on Google Doc as well. There will be a separate email for preorders.

Make plans now for what you can donate for **the Bakery**. Homemade yeast breads and rolls sell quickly, but any homemade baked goods will be so appreciated! **NOTE:** ALL items should arrive on a plate in a zip loc baggie ready to sell. Have baked goods to Zion by Friday Oct. 2, 7pm. Start thinking about what you have to donate to **the Pantry**—canned goods, plants, fresh eggs, fresh produce are just a few ideas. All items should be ready to sell and to Zion by Friday, Oct. 2, 7pm.

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 fundraiser a success for WOZ and its missions. It's part of our mission to welcome others to Zion; therefore, we are making adjustments to offer a safe and enjoyable event. 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, Sonna, Jean, Carol, Janeen, Janette, Judy, Linda, Ardith and Diane B.

Tithes  Attendance

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
<b>JULY 26</b>	\$2,125.00	\$412.00	88
<b>AUG 2</b>	\$2,835.00	\$767.00	86
<b>AUG 9</b>	\$1,955.00	\$667.00	96
<b>AUG 16</b>	\$3,163.98.	\$252.00	94
<b>AUG 23</b>	\$1,861.00	\$487.00	90



Marie Jurgens, Larry Moore, Donna Meints, Bazetta Kew, Jill Schade, Duane Barkema, Dorothy Jurgens, Debbie McCloud – Niece to Esther DeVries  
 Nancy Barkema – Niece to Esther DeVries  
 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  
 Fred Taylor – Father of Melanie Dixon. Fred is battling a stage 4 brain tumor.

**Remember Our Homebound Members**

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



A rose was given to Ben and Traci Smith in honor of Avianna's baptism on August 16. Congratulations to the Smith family and grandparents, Dave and Deanna Harms.



## IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Micayla (Schulz) and Alan Lahner on the birth of their son, Asher William Lahner. Asher was born on July 23 and weighed in at 7lb, 3oz. Congratulations to the Schulz and Meints family!

Congratulations to Andy and Abby (Butson) Sheeler on the birth of Wells Albert on August 3. Wells weighed 9lb 1 oz, 21"long. Congratulations to grandparents, Darwin and Teresa Butson!



## It's a Girl!

**Congratulations to Frank and Cheryl Schnoes on the arrival of their granddaughter, Kaembria Joy. Kaembria arrived on August 12. Tara (Schnoes) and Matt Schuring are proud parents!**



Dear Zion Family:  
Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls when I had my pacemaker replaced. Your support during this time was very much appreciated.  
Thank you and God Bless you all,  
Dennis Crom

(Miller)Kinseth:  
Thank you to my Zion family for your continued prayers, support, cards, gifts as I married Elijah Kinseth on August 15. We were blessed with a perfect outside wedding surrounded by loved ones. A special thank you to Pastor Petri for officiating but most of all for your support and guidance. Thank you to Marli and Edrich for "stealing the show"! All our love, Karter and Elijah

# VISITATION TEAM



Carol Stock\*, Sonna McMahon,  
Jean Mollenbeck, Cheryl Schnoes  
Please remember our shut ins with cards, phone calls



**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.



ANNIVERSARIES



September  
BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Mark & Carma DeVries
- 07 Carol Koenen
- 09 Cayde Eberling
- 11 Tami Ballhagen  
Kirsten Suntken
- 16 Myron VanHorn
- 19 Zach DeVries
- 21 Kinnick Campbell / Cayden Campbell
- 22 Andy & Abby Sheeler
- 24 Elaine Parks / Larry & Donna Meints
- 25 Dick Stevenson
- 27 Eric Barkema
- 28 Darwin & Teresa Butson
- 29 Jerrad Dirksen



College bound students or those of you with a change of address, please notify the office. Snail mail is always welcome!



## WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

*Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.*

	school	--○----
	paper	--○--
	wisdom	--○--
	read	---○
	play	-----
	learn	○-----
	grow	-○-----
	pencils	-----
	pray	-○---
	art	-----
	student	---○---
	kids	---○---
apple	---○---	

"... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful."

**JOSHUA 1:8, NIV**

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

## A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

### What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper



### What you do:

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!





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## September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15am Outside Service – Sept. 13		1	2 7pm Hope Circle	3	4	5
6 9:15am Service	7 	8	9 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism	10 7:00pm Deacons/ Elders 8:00pm Consistory	11 	12
13*Grandparents Day 9:15am Service SS kickoff: PreK-HS Joy Circle	14 1:30 pm Vesper Circle	15 9am Fall Classis meeting via Zoom	16 9am Sunrise Circle 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism	17	18	19
20 9:15am Service *Floodlight Deadline* HS: Catechism following service SS: PreK-8 <sup>th</sup> grade	21	22 7pm Faith Circle	23 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism 7pm RCYF	24	25	26
27 9:15am Service HS: Catechism following service SS: PreK-8 <sup>th</sup> grade *MSC Offering	28	29	30 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Catechism 7pm RCYF	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 Prep for Bazaar	Oct. 3 Zion's Drive Thru Market Bazaar 11am-3pm; Meals to go, bakery, pantry, crafts, frozen foods