



Zion Reformed Church – Floodlight 2024



Dear Zion Members,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for being a part of this wonderful Christian family at Zion. We are called to love one another as Christ loves us, and this church exemplifies that love through acts of service.

Kelly Bennett's recent benefit is a testament to our commitment to serving each other. The outpouring of support, from the countless hours of preparation to the generous donations, showcased the unity and compassion within our congregation. I want to extend a special thank you to the dedicated church ladies who tirelessly work behind the scenes to make our church a welcoming and nurturing place. Your selfless service is a true inspiration. Have a blessed Christmas season.

With love,
Pastor Petri



Please tune into KLMJ (104.9) for church service/event cancellations or postponements.



**Sunday,
Dec. 8
10:30am
BRING
Own
pencil!**

ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

- 1- Meeting will begin directly after worship service. Everyone should report to the fellowship hall to sign in, take a packet and grab a snack/drink.
- 2- The roll of the members will be taken by consistory.
- 3- Meeting will begin as shown on Agenda.
- 4- Deacons & tellers will distribute the ballot for election of elders & deacon.



2025 WOZ Books will be placed in your church mailbox.



Women of Zion

I would like to share something written in one of our advent devotions by a member of Zion in 1987. It is titled "Christmas is Anticipation."

Christmas is anticipation - - Anticipation of things to come - - Children with sparkle in their eyes as they see the many toys, Christmas trees and things that go with the season's anticipation and apprehension at taking part in the Christmas program on Christmas Eve. Families anticipate gathering together.

Grandparents seeing grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and maybe seeing relatives they haven't seen in some time or seeing new members of the family. Anticipation of the Christmas meal and the opening gifts or the anticipation of a couple awaiting the birth of a child.

Just imagine the anticipation of Mary and Joseph as they awaited the birth of their child and not knowing what was in store for him and only knowing that he was the Chosen One, the Messiah, everyone was awaiting.

We, too, must never lose sight of the fact that Christ came, walked on our earth, and died for our sins so that we could have this sense of anticipation of the joys to come.

Prayer: Dear Lord, be with us as we anticipate Christmas, the most joyous time of the year. May the love and joy of the season be with us through the coming year. This we ask in Thy name. Amen

Suggested Scripture – Luke 1: 26 – 33
Thank you, Mardel Weber, for this reminder about anticipation.

Reminders: December 7th is WOZ Christmas program, installation of officers, business meeting, and salad luncheon. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Prayer pals will be revealed. Thanks to the food committee: Ann Lupkes, Rose Markwardt, Carma DeVries, Carol Stock and the program committee: Bev Moore, Teresa Schulz, Megan Oehlert, Arlene Maifeld, Sarah Dirksen, Deanna Harms.

Thanks to the visitation committee that packs Christmas goodie boxes for the shut-ins they will visit in December.

Merry Christmas and may God Bless you and yours in the New Year! I've enjoyed being the president of WOZ!

Yours in Christ,
Judy Crom



It is time to update the prayer chain! If anyone (women, men, youth) would like to be added by email or the calling tree, please let Megan Oehlert know by Dec. 15. Reminder that if you have a prayer concern and you would like those on the prayer chain to be praying, please contact Megan Oehlert at megan.oehlert@gmail.com or 515-368-2233 and she will begin the prayer chain.

WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." —
John 1:14

The season of Advent reminds us to prepare our hearts for celebrating the birth of Jesus. Its name comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming."

I know that you agree that there's way more to Christmas than the tree, decorating, gifts, Black Friday shopping, and Santa Claus. But in all the busyness, if we don't make an intentional effort within our families, we risk missing what Advent is all about! Every year I say that I want less "hustle and bustle" and more "simple and sacred".

Here at Zion, we are going to light the first candle on the Advent wreath. This candle is the light of HOPE. Some of you reading this may have lost hope this year. Maybe life has been difficult for you financially or with health concerns. You might be worried because it seems a family member has lost their way, or maybe you've lost someone you love. Scripture reminds us we still have hope!

- So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord! Psalm 31:24
- I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him. I have put my hope in his word. Psalm 130:5
- But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31
- Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23
- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13
- For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Shelly Buseman, Spiritual Life 2024

White Gift Offering

Monetary donations are being accepted in the burlap container until December 1.

Proceeds will be used to provide winter coats, boots, Christmas gifts, etc. for area families currently experiencing financial difficulties. Q: See Megan M.



Bank Open Houses:

Green Belt Bank & Trust: Bank holiday open house on Dec. 6 @ Belmond, Eldora and Dec. 9 @ Iowa Falls from 9am-1pm. The bank will donate \$1.00

First Bank Hampton: Friday, Dec. 13, Hampton and Latimer, 9am-3:30pm. The bank will donate \$2.00 to our church by registering.



Order forms are by the Catch-All box. The cost is \$17.00/plant & the order/payment deadline is noon on December 8. If you want to provide your own plant – see the order form for details. Questions? See ROSE.



SNOW!! If you are at Zion during the week, please use the south driveway and east parking area as these will be kept clear throughout the week. The remainder of the grounds will only be cleared on Sunday mornings or for funerals.



Ages 8th grade – HS are welcome!



Candlelight Service

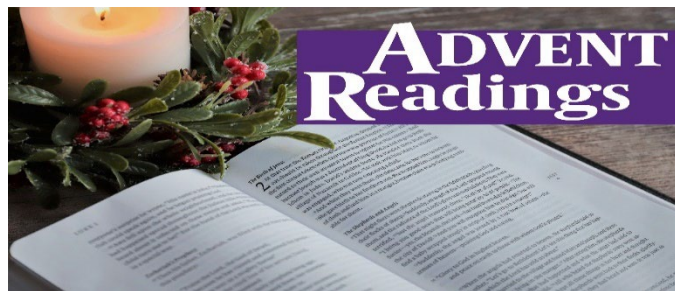
December 24 @ 6:00pm



A Time to Share

***Season Of Sharing:** If you feel you can help others here at Zion, please purchase 10 gift cards (your choice of denomination) and place 1 gift card in each yellow envelope of your 10 neighbors to the right of your mailbox. Leave the yellow envelope in your mailbox.

Q: See Eric Barkema



Sunday, Dec. 1: Kellen & Megan Suntken

Sunday, Dec. 8: Steve & Linda Wells

Sunday, Dec. 15: Jerry Stock & Deb Schroeder

Sunday, Dec. 22: Kaleb & Stephanie Kloetzer

Candlelight: Russ & Molly Allen



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Wednesday, December 4 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 11 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 18 - 6:30pm

Sunday, December 22 - right after church- Final dress rehearsal during Sunday School

Sunday, December 22 - Students arrive by 2:40 pm for the 3:00 pm - SHOWTIME

ALL invited to stay after; PLEASE bring a goodie tray to share



Please keep the following in prayer:

Mark DeVries, Elaine Parks, Ron Jurgens, Kelly Bennett, Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries, Diane Hughes, Ted Hughes, Duane Payne, Lenora Payne

Homebound Members: Phyllis Nelson, Duane & Lenora Payne

VISITATION TEAM



Audrey VanHorn*, Sharon Parks, Sue Smit,
Linda Wells, Stephanie Kloetzer

Women's
STUDY
GROUP



CIRCLE MEETINGS

JOURNEY CIRCLE - DEC. 5

FOCUS ON: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
DEC 01	Nick	Molly
DEC 08	Jerry	Kendal
DEC 15	Jesse	Carma
DEC 22	Dave	Tonya
DEC 24	Nick	Duane
DEC 29	Kendal	Kolton



Miller/Lind/Mollenbeck: The family of Dean Miller would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Petri and everyone who prayed for him and us during his last illness and death. Dean loved attending Zion and the friends he had there. Your expressions of sympathy mean a lot to all of us!

Payne: Thank you so much for all of the prayers, phone calls and visits during our transition to Apple Valley Assisted Living and alongside our health issues. A special thank you to Pastor Petri for always lending us a hand.
God Bless, Duane and Lenora

Flower Committee: The flower committee would like to thank everyone in advance who will help with hanging of the greens! It's fun to work together and make our church beautiful for the Christmas season

RCYF is shouting "thank you" to every person who supports our Thanksgiving supper! We appreciate your support.

-Blessings, Clayton, Mariah, and the RCYF kids

THANK YOU to Zion's Ambassador Committee!

Thank you for all of the activities you put together for Zion and the community in 2024. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Faith & Fellowship

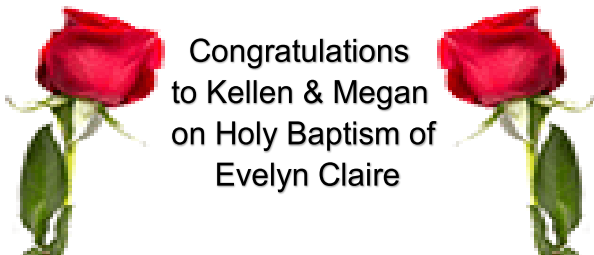
Fellowship

Dec. 1	Sonna/Jean
Dec. 8	Consistory
Dec. 15	Hosts are needed
Dec. 22	Hosts are needed
Dec. 29	Buseman family



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dec. 1	Pastor
Dec. 8	Molly A.
Dec. 15	Kelly B ?
Dec. 22	Wendy
Dec. 29	Dave



DAYCARE PROVIDERS

After Children's Time !

* If your Sunday does not work, please find a replacement. Your efforts are very much appreciated*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Dec. 1	Kirsten/Morgan
Dec. 8	Steph C/Marli
Dec. 15	Sammy/Edrich
Dec 22	Shelly/Barrett
Dec 29	Kirsten/Gavin



- 01 Anthony Meyer
- 03 Charlane Janssen
- 06 Connor Jacobson / Kaitlyn Vogel
- 07 Natasha Smith
- 09 Duane Payne
- 10 Duane & Lenora Payne
- 11 Harlyn Janssen
- 12 Andy Sheeler
- 13 Tyler Campbell
- 16 Morgan Ault
Russell & Molly Allen
- 18 Rowan Barkema
- 19 Alyssa Eberling, Elijah Kinseth
- 20 Lauren Stevens
Steve & Linda Wells
- 21 Tonya Halsne / Miranda Neff
- 22 Dennis & Judy Crom
Gene & Jane Elphic
- 26 Piper Bretz
- 27 Tanner Buseman /
Jean Mollenbeck
- 29 Owen Meyer
- 30 Nadine Goodwin

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CALENDAR 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Every Sunday * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir	Office Hours: M/W/TH 8am-noon (unless noted)					
1*Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study 1 st Sunday in Advent Holy Baptism	2	3	4 6:30pm-7:45pm Children's Christmas Practice	5 7pm Journey Circle	6	7 10am WOZ Christmas Program/ Installation / Meeting
8 2nd Sunday in Advent 10:30 am Annual Church Mtg	9	10	11 6:30pm-7:45pm Children's Christmas Practice	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday in Advent	16	17	18 6:30pm-7:45pm Children's Christmas Practice	19	20	21
22 4 th Sunday in Advent 3pm Children's Christmas Program	23	24 6:00pm Candlelight Svc	25 Our Savior is Born! Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				