



# Zion Reformed Church 2025



This year, Zion Reformed Church embarks on a journey of deeper connection and outreach through the theme of **"Unconditional Hospitality."**

We believe in a church that welcomes all, regardless of background, beliefs, or life circumstances. A church where everyone feels valued, respected, and loved.

This theme will guide us as we:

- **Create a more welcoming environment** for all who walk through our doors.
- **Strengthen our relationships** with one another and with our community.
- **Explore new ways to serve** those in need.

We invite you to join us on this journey as we strive to embody the love and compassion of Christ in all that we do.

Let us together build a church that is truly unconditional, a beacon of hope and hospitality to all.

**We look forward to a year of growth, connection, and service!**

With Love,

Pastor Petri

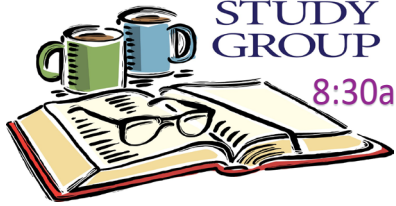


**Family Ministry**  
**Wed, Jan. 15**  
**@ 6:30pm**

\*Family Ministry (FM): Family Ministry is Zion's Catechism. FM meets (generally) the third Wednesday of each month through the year. FM begins at 6:30pm with a free meal and the lesson will begin at 7pm-8pm. Children ages PreK-12th grade will be dismissed to the basement for their lesson time. Adults will remain in the fellowship hall. At 7:45pm the children will join their parents/adult group for a discussion. NOTE: Family Ministry is welcome to any person meaning you are welcome as a single adult/a couple/a family. However, all children of Zion and their parent(s) are strongly encouraged to attend regularly as part of the catechism.

January 5

**MEN'S STUDY GROUP**



**8:30am**



**Food Pantry Needs**

**Please Bring Items Monthly - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**



\*The Annual Congregational Meeting took place on December 8, 2024.

\*Installation of the new consistory members will be on Sunday, Jan. 12.

\* Consistory members were elected for a three yr. term:  
Elders: Jerry Buseman and Dennis Crom  
Deacon: Keaton Buseman

\*Next Consistory Meeting: Jan. 23.



## Consistory Highlights

\*Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, Jan.19.

\*The Consistory will follow last year's format for announcing church cancellation due to inclement weather. The consistory will no longer call all members to announce the cancellation. The cancellation will be put on KLMJ Radio and Radioonthego.com. An all church email will also be sent out notifying the congregational members of the cancellation. You may also call a consistory member if you should have a question.

Jerry Buseman	641-425-2507
Dennis Crom	641-425-4829
Mark DeVries	641-425-2150
Dave Harms	641-456-9823
Keaton Buseman	515-408-6069
Ryan Koenen	641-579-6220
Kelly Bennett	515-480-0758
Michael Halsne	641-512-5314



Greetings Zion Family!

First of all, THANK YOU for your financial gifts in 2024! We will provide 2024 giving statements in your mailboxes by the end of January.

As I mentioned at the annual meeting, we are blessed in many ways at Zion, but the growth of our giving has not kept pace with the growth of expenses, or the growth we have been blessed to receive spiritually and in the increased number of new members. Overall giving has gone down in each of the last two years. In order for us to fulfill our missions and obligations, and to maintain our properties, we ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving in 2025.

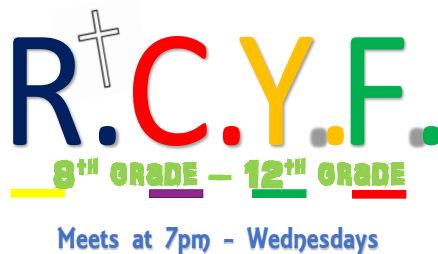
Guidance for SPECIAL OFFERINGS (Pink Envelopes)

1. Denominational Assessments to ARC once each in January and July of \$26 per adult member.
2. Cemetery support once each in April and October of an amount that you are spiritually inspired to give.
3. Outreach support once each in March and September as you are spiritually inspired.
4. Capital Maintenance support once each in February, May, August and November (in anticipation of roof replacement in the next two years.)

Giving regularly helps us manage budgets and cash flows more effectively than occasional offerings. Please consider giving even when church is cancelled, or you are unable to attend for other reasons. If you would like guidance on determining an amount of offering, or have an interest in having your offering set up on auto-pay, please let me know, and I will be happy to help.

Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration!

Kelly Bennett  
General Treasurer



**SPECK 'N  
DICKEN  
JAN. 19  
11AM-1PM  
FREEWILL  
BY RCYF**



Blessing in the New Year! By Carol Kuykendall

"See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared." Exodus 23:20 (NIV)

We sometimes think New Year's Day comes at the wrong time of year. We're usually facing a bunch of tasks left over from the old year, like taking down the Christmas tree and putting away all the decorations, writing thank-you notes and dealing with decisions about what to do with the stack of Christmas cards. Throw them away? Save the ones with pictures? Check the addresses? Then there's the thought of trying to catch up with all the work that is put off during the holidays. Feeling behind before the New Year even starts!

"Who can think about new beginnings or inspirational goals in the midst of old concerns?" Then I remember that God is in control. All I have to do is trust Him and my concerns are put in perspective. I know He will show us the way as we navigate through good times and hard times.

Slowly those words that God is in control began to change my frame of mind. If we needed something to help us carry our old concerns into the New Year, we just found it ... the determination to face each day's concerns, trusting in the words of this promise from the Source of all comfort and strength. We can be thankful and look forward to each day in this new year as we remember that God is in control of everything.

I would like to remind you that our program books were placed in your mailboxes. Please, read through them and be aware of any responsibilities you have. If for some reason you can't fulfill that, please find someone to take your place. Our new program book for our Bible study is "Praying With Power". We have several circles if you are interested in joining a Bible study group. The groups are listed in the program book on the page titled CIRCLE MEMBERS. The chairman has an asterisk behind their name. Thank you to all the officers (listed in the program book) that will serve in 2025.

Blessings to you in the New Year as we work together as Women of Zion,

Sonna McMahon, President



## WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

With the new year comes a new circle Bible study. I always enjoy the time spent in circle and I get excited for the new circle book each year! This year's book is "Praying with Power". I felt a calling to choose a book focusing on prayer. For myself, my prayer life is always something I am working to improve. I can look at some of the women God has put into my life who are prayer warriors. I am so grateful for these women and I am in awe of their prayer life. I love that in any situation, difficult or joyful, they choose to go to God in prayer.

I pray this new year brings you closer to God. I pray you can build your relationship with Him as well as with your relationships with your spouse, family, and friends. I also pray this book brings you a little closer to becoming a prayer warrior!

Here is a devotional I thought I would share: "God, can You work with me on my commitment issues? Build in me a desire to pray. I want to be a disciplined follower. Steady my spirit to stillness. Quiet and solitude prepare me for Your presence. Direct my eyes to be watching for Your answers, watching as my prayers are heard and responded to. I want to see and recognize Your work in my life. Cause my faith to grow, Lord. Each day that I come to meet with You, may I know You better. Replace my ignorance with Your knowledge. Help me be strong in my commitment to You. Show me how to pray, Lord." Amen

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Colossians 4:2; This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5; By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life. Psalm 42:8

Megan Oehlert, Spiritual Life 2025



**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**JANUARY 19**

# SNOW

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



**"ZUBER" Driver's Needed!**

**Name/Contact Number:**

Are you willing to pick up/drop off a Zion member in order for them to attend Sunday Service?

**Return to Marsha by January 5 OR email**

[zionchurch2029@gmail.com](mailto:zionchurch2029@gmail.com)

- Yes, in Hampton
- Yes, in Sheffield
- Yes, in Latimer
- Yes, in Belmond

IF you are wanting a ride to Sunday church service during the winter months or on a particular Sunday, please return to Marsha by Jan 5 OR email.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like a ride to Sunday service during the winter months.



DATE	GENERAL	BENEVOLENT	ATTENDANCE
Dec. 01	\$3,171.00	\$785.00	
Dec. 8	\$12,442.00	\$3,085.00	132
Dec. 15	No Service		
Dec 22	\$4,435.26	\$925.00	155



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



Duane and Lenora Payne, Elaine Parks, Phyllis Nelson

**Homebound Visitation Team**



\*Teresa Schulz, Molly Allen





Special Music Committee is in need of your talent to share during Sunday services. If you are willing to share, please visit Kirsten Suntken, Rose Markwardt or Jessica Sheely. Live talent is inspiring and uplifting. Thank you!



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
<b>JAN 05</b>	Jerry	Duane
<b>JAN 12</b>	Nick	Molly
<b>JAN 19</b>	Dave	Carma
<b>JAN 26</b>	Jesse	Tonya



Sunday School children's choir will sing the last Sunday of every month



Children's Time during church service

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Jan. 5	Pastor
Jan. 12	Megan M
Jan. 19	Shelly
Jan. 26	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>LEADER / HELPER</u>
Jan. 5	Sammy/Edrich
Jan. 12	Molly B/Tatum
Jan. 19	Shelly/Barrett
Jan. 26	Kirsten/Gavin



**Orphan Grain Train and Country View Nursing Facility** are needing donations. See Bulletin Board



**HOPE CIRCLE:** No January Meeting  
**Sunrise Circle:** No January Meeting  
**Faith Circle & Journey Circle:** Jan. 2, Movie Night  
**JOY CIRCLE -** Jan 12 @ 7:00pm  
*Devotions/Lesson/Host:* Carma  
**VESPER CIRCLE -** Jan 13 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)  
*Devotions:Elaine; Lesson: Molly; Host: Arlene*  
**Faith:** Jan. 30: Lesson 1 & 2

#### CIRCLE CONVERSATION STARTER:

OTHER THAN THE BIBLE, WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE EVER READ? WHY?

## FELLOWSHIP

Jan. 5	Hosts needed	<b>If you are serving fellowship,</b> please review the list of kitchen duties that go along with serving. The list is posted by the sign up sheet.
Jan. 12	Hosts needed	
Jan. 19	Hosts needed	
Jan. 26	Phil & Rose	

# POINSETTIAS

In Loving Memory of:

Given By:

Mike, Sarah, Luke,  
Meghan, Matt & Mac

\*Dad/Grandpa Al

Their Family

\*Paul & Marie Jurgens  
Therron Miller

In Honor of:

Mike, Sarah, Luke,  
Meghan, Matt & Mac

\*Mom/Gamma Esther

In Celebration of Christmas

\*Phil and Rose Markwardt

\*Mark and Carma DeVries

\*Justin and Candace Sprung



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Corey Eberling
- 06 Molly Allen
- 07 Jennie Barkema
- 08 Dale Haver
- 11 Roger Stock
- 13 Weston Barkema
- 16 Carma DeVries, Jessica Sheely  
Dave & Deanna Harms
- 17 Haisley Smith
- 20 Megan Oehlert
- 21 Jane Elphic
- 22 Kendrick Suntken
- 26 Bob & Ardith Parks
- 30 Bob Parks

# Thank You!



Dear Zion Family,

It was an honor for me to share my recent health experience with many of you at the recent Soup Benefit held after church by the Ambassadors. It is my hope that you were able to learn something about the process and experience, but more importantly, I hope that it was abundantly clear how much I appreciate how so many of you pulled together to provide the food, service, prayer, and gifts that were shared that day! Your love and support will be remembered for a lifetime, and as I mentioned that day, I vow that it will also be paid forward!

In humble appreciation,  
Kelly

## “Meet the Family”



Zion would like to introduce the AULT family:

Jon and Rebekah Ault

Morgan - 14 years (8th grade)

Rustin - 12 years (7th grade)

Payton - 10 years (4th grade)

The Ault family bought a house in Hampton about a year ago and have been busy with renovations and improvements, but they have been in the Hampton area for 3 years after moving here from Des Moines. Rebekah grew up in Altoona and Jon in Mitchellville. Rebekah's dad was Jon's little league coach back in the day, and the couple reconnected through baseball when Rebekah was 18.

Jon works as an Electrician for Echo in Mason City and Rebekah as the Chief Nursing Officer at Franklin General Hospital.

Favorite family activities for the Ault's include: Games, UTV rides, Sports activities, Figure 8 races, Hockey, Iowa Football.

What they love most about Zion is the people!! Since moving to Hampton they attended another church for over a year and found it hard to make connections. It is very important for them to raise their children with like-minded individuals and have support within their Christian faith.

We are thankful the Ault's have jumped in and started serving in Zion! Rebekah is singing as a Hymn Leader in church and both Jon and Rebekah are serving as Sunday School teachers.

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 (zionchurch2029@gmail.com)  
 Pastor Petri van Rooyen; 641-231-2361



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*REMINDER* Office Hours: M,W,TH: 8-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	* <u>Every Sunday</u> * 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir		 1	2 7pm Journey /Faith Circle	3	4
5 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	6	7	8 7:00pm RCYF	9	10	11
12 9:15am Worship & 2025 Installation 10:30am Sunday School 7pm Joy Circle	13 1:30pm Vesper Circle	14	15 6:30pm Family Ministry	16	17	18
19 Holy Communion 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11am-1pm Spec'n Dicken	20	21	22 7:00pm RCYF	23 6pm Elders' Mtng 7pm Consistory	24	25
26 *ARC Assessment* 9:15 am worship 10:30am Sunday School; SS Sing	27	28	29 7:00pm RCYF	30	31	