



# ZION REFORMED CHURCH 2025



Dear Zion Family,

Lent season is around the corner. Let us turn our hearts and minds toward a season of spiritual preparation. Lent is a time for introspection, repentance, and renewal, a journey of drawing closer to our Savior. It's a period to examine our lives, identify areas where we've strayed from God's path, and seek His forgiveness and guidance.

This season is not about mere ritual, but a profound transformation of the soul. It's about creating space for God to work within us, to prune away the distractions and foster a deeper connection with Him. We are called to engage in prayer, hospitality, and acts of service, not as burdens, but as opportunities to deepen our faith.

I want to remind you of the word in Joel 2:12-13: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity." Let us enter this Lenten season with humility and a sincere desire to grow in grace.

With Love,  
Pastor Petri



And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

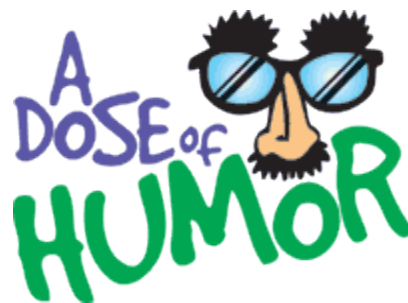
Matthew 17:2, NRSV

## Transfiguration Sunday, March 2

### Alliance of Reformed Churches – The Midwest Network Newsletter (Read in full ... on the bulletin board)

Financial Update by BRENDA VAN BEEK

Our churches continue to support the Network's activity with faithful Partnership Offerings, and as a result, our financial condition remains healthy. At the Annual Meeting, each church received a binder with a January-September 2024 budget report and the 2025 budget(which was approved during the meeting). Throughout the year, our admin team noted that our income was greater than anticipated, so we were able to support our churches in new ways during 2024: Mallory Schouten was hired to help with communication and engagement; a "Being Reformed" class for Pathways candidates is being held in partnership with Horizon Network; our first Pastors' Retreat was held at Inspiration Hills; new teams have been launched for renewal and multiplication; and our Annual Meeting lunch got an upgrade, too. It is our prayer that our churches continue to enjoy strong support from Network initiatives in 2025 and beyond!



Q: HOW DID JOSEPH MAKE HIS COFFEE ?  
A: HEBREWED IT!

Q. HOW DO PASTORS LIKE THEIR ORANGE JUICE ?  
A: WITH PULPIT!



Women of Zion:

It's that time of year when we are heading toward St. Patrick's Day. Lots of people have fun talking about the "Luck of the Irish," the Blarney Stone, and shamrocks. All this is fun! Dressing in green for the day usually brings a "Happy St. Patrick's Day!"

One time when I was teaching Kindergarten, we served up some of those green eggs and ham from the Dr. Seuss book for St. Patrick's Day. The theme was in all our activities. But we also taught the kids how St. Patrick was a great missionary whom God used in miraculous ways.

Today I'm thinking about how frequently people wish each other "Good luck! I even use the saying myself! But I don't believe in luck! When we walk with Jesus, we know that He is involved in the circumstances of our lives. We don't have to go around hoping that things will work out for the best. We pray and put our faith in Him. We know it's not by chance when things work out well for us. God answers prayer and He blesses those who love and follow Him. Instead of "Good luck," how much better to say, "Be blessed," "God be with you," or "I'll be praying for you."

Let's remember Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Yours in Christ,  
Sonna McMahon, WOZ President



**\*March 1, 9:30am @  
Deerfield Assisted Living\*  
Hosted by: Zion St. John Lutheran, Sheffield**



*Watch for the  
Easter Lily  
Order Forms !!!*



## Spiritual Nourishment

Heavenly Father, Thank-you for the gift of Your Spirit working within me. Help me to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in my life today – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control. Let these qualities shape my thoughts, words, and actions as I interact with others. Guide me to reflect Your character in every situation I face. May Your Spirit work through me, blessing those around me and bringing glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, Ames.

I read this prayer recently on a social media account that I follow. Galatians 5: 22-23 was one of the first Bible verses that really caught my attention when I was beginning my journey with God as an adult. It was a verse that listed all the traits I wanted and saw in other Christians. These traits do not always come overnight, but I believe that the Holy Spirit little by little chips away our hardness and can transform us to be more like His image. Reading this prayer was such a reminder of when I pray to have God change me, these are the qualities I develop.

God Bless,  
Megan Oehlert, Spiritual Life



# Consistory Highlights

\*Consistory will not meet the month of March\*

## Snow Reminder:

The consistory had previously revised the format for announcing church cancellation due to inclement weather. The consistory will no longer call all members to announce the cancellation. The church cancellation will be put on KLMJ Radio and Radioonthego.com. An all church e-mail will also be sent out notifying the congregational members of the cancellation. If you would still have a question regarding church, you may feel free to call any consistory member.

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**Brotherhood Ministry:**  
March 2 at 8:30am;  
Zion's basement



**Food Pantry Needs**

Please Bring Items  
March 2



\*\* Set clocks 1 hour ahead: March 9\*\*

**youth group**

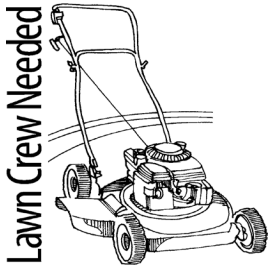
**SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays @ 7pm

**On the Bulletin Board**

Please remember that there are places in need! There is a list of items needed from the Orphan Grain Train and Nursing Facilities/Shelters.





Lawn bids due to Keaton Buseman by March 9.



Don't Forget Your Tithe

	General	Benevolent	Attendance
FEB 02	\$3,427.00	\$745.00	120
FEB 9			
FEB 16	\$4,272.30	\$965.00	70



Duane and Lenora Payne / Phyllis Nelson



Arlene Maifeld, Darwin Butson, Mark DeVries, Kelly Bennett, Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries, Diane Hughes, Ted Hughes, Duane Payne, Lenora Payne, Linda Wells, Dale Butson, Judy Klink

Please pray for John McCarville Jr and family. John is the nephew of Janet Atkinson and Marlys Hirth and cousin to Tami Suntken and Lisa Bennett.

Please keep Pastor Petri and family along with Dennis and Judy Crom in prayer as they travel to South Africa.



**\*All Youth:** If your child plans to attend Lakeview Summer Camp or Riverside Bible Camp, please have your confirmation to Marsha by May 4. As in the past years, Zion will pay half of the camper's fee. If there is another church camp that your child is interested in please give that contact information to Elder Mark DeVries before the end of April because a survey must be completed to make sure that beliefs align. Questions: See Elder Mark DeVries



	<u>AUDIO</u>	<u>VIDEO</u>
MAR 02	Jesse	Tonya
MAR 9	Jerry	Duane
MAR 16	Nick	Molly
MAR 23	Dave	Carma
MAR 30	Jesse	Tonya



Marsha\*, Mariah Miller, McKayla Miller



### Children's Time during church service

DATE	NAME
March 2	Robin Sweers
March 9	Megan M
March 16	Kelly B
March 23	Dave H
March 30	Ann L



### DAYCARE PROVIDERS! After Children's Time

DATE	NAME/Helper
March 2	Kirsten/Gavin
March 9	Sammy/Morgan
March 16	Shelly/Barrett
March 23	Megan S/Gavin
March 30	Molly B/Tatum



**HOPE CIRCLE** - MAR 05 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson: Shelly; Host: Ann*

**Journey Circle** – Mar 06 @ 7:00pm; Lesson 3

**JOY CIRCLE** - MAR 9 @7:00pm

*Devotions/Lesson/Host: Teresa*

**VESPER CIRCLE** - MAR 10 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson: Judy D; Host: Esther*

**SUNRISE CIRCLE** - MAR 12 @ 9am (Fellowship Hall)

*Devotions/Lesson/Host: Mardel*

**Faith Circle** – March 27 - Lesson 4

**\*How Do You Like to Relax After a Hard Day?\***

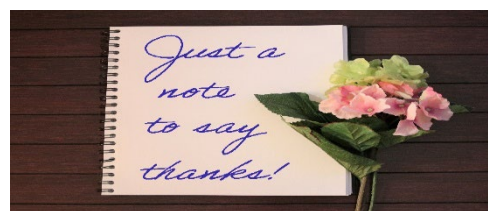
## FELLOWSHIP

March 2	Birds/McMahon
March 9	Hosts Needed
March 16	Hosts Needed
March 23	Hosts Needed
March 30	Janette, Marli and Edrich



**Feb. 16:** Flowers were left to celebrate Miss Luci's birthday!

**Feb. 23:** A rose was left to celebrate the Holy Baptism of Genevieve Miller!



Parks: Bob and I would like to thank everyone for the cards and wishes for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A special thank you to Pastor Petri and Dennis for taking the time to visit us while they were in Arizona. It's great to belong to such a caring church family. God Bless, Bob and Ardith

Thank you to our Sunday School children and teachers who thoughtfully made "inspiration" cards for the congregation. This is an awesome way to show hospitality and love at Zion.

**“Meet the Family”  
Please meet the Sifert Family**



Cooper (20) & Vanessa, John & Melissa,  
Clementine (17), Cohen (20) & Shea, Callum  
(17), Caden (22) & Keagan

John and Melissa have lived in Belmond their entire lives other than their college years and a few years that they lived in San Antonio, Texas. John and Melissa met in High School, then both went to The University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

John teaches Spanish at the Belmond-Klemme Jr/Sr High School and Melissa teaches preschool at Jacobson Elementary School in Belmond. Caden works as an MRI Technician at Mercy Hospital in Mason City. His girlfriend of 5 and 1/2 years, Keagan Barkema, works as a graphic designer for the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. Fortunately, they both are close enough to attend church with the family on Sundays. Cooper is pursuing a career in music. He enjoys writing and performing his own songs. He works at Aldi in Grimes. His girlfriend of 5 years, Vanessa Naranjo, works as a medical lab technician in the Des Moines area. She is also an active member of the Army National Guard. Cohen is a student at Iowa State University, studying Civil Engineering. He will graduate and get married to his fiancéé, Shea Sopher, in June of 2026 at which time she will begin medical school. Callum and Clementine are both Juniors at Belmond-Klemme High School and are very involved in school activities.

The family loves to spend time together playing table games, pickleball, hiking, bowling, escape rooms, watching movies, enjoying music, and trying new things.

The Siferts have past connections to Zion. Melissa’s grandparents, Lloyd and Frieda Jurgens, attended Zion before moving to Belmond and attending Bethany Reformed Church. Growing up, she attended events at Zion as well as VBS at Immanuel and Bethany, so she has many memories of all three Reformed churches. They really enjoy Pastor Petri’s sermons and the very welcoming people of Zion. It was also important to them for their teens to have other teens to fellowship with, so Wednesday night youth group has been a blessing!

If they had to pick a favorite Bible Verse, this one has been said often while raising 5 children when things in their lives don’t always go as expected: Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

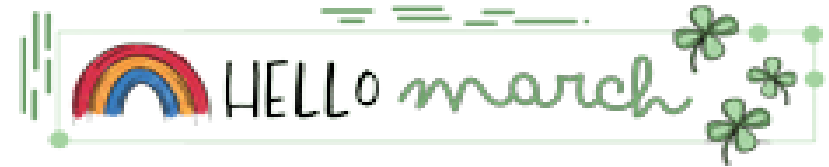
Zion is truly blessed with the involvement of the Sifert family. May we continue to grow in faith together.



- 04 Chandler Koenen
- 05 Callum Sifert, Clementine Sifert, Elizabeth Symens
- 07 Dave Harms
- 09 Sydney Buseman, Lindsey Eberling
- 10 Jon Suntken
- 11 Vernon VanHorn, LaVonne Conlon
- 13 Chris Sheehan, Sue Smit
- 15 Diane Hughes
- 18 CoCo Koenen
- 19 *Kaleb and Stephanie Kloetzer*
- 21 Sara Stevenson, Deb Schroeder, Mark Lage
- 22 Ron Jurgens, Pierson Dirksen
- 23 Alexandria Bennett
- 27 Everette Kinseth
- 28 Kendal Koenen
- 29 Pastor van Rooyen
- 30 Jerry Stock, Kallie Smith

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2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: M/W/TH 8am-Noon *Bad Weather: KL MJ*	<b>* Every Sunday *</b> 9:15am Worship 10:30am Sunday School / Kids' Choir					1 World Day of Prayer @ Deerfield Assisted Living – 9:30am
2 *Food Pantry* 8:30am Men's Bible Study Transfiguration Sunday 9:15am Worship-Robin S 10:30am SS	3 Office Closed – 3/7	4	5 Ash Wednesday NO RCYF 7:00 pm Hope Circle	6 7:00 pm Journey Circle	7	8
9 *Clocks: Spring ahead 1st Sunday of Lent 9:15am Worship- Dave H. 10:30am SS 7pm JOY Circle	10 1:30pm Vesper Circle	11	12 9:00 am Sunrise Circle 7:00pm RCYF	13	14	15
16 9:15am Worship-Larry S. 10:30am SS	17	18	19 7:00pm RCYF	20 First day of Spring!	21	22
23 Holy Communion 9:15am Worship 10:30am SS	24	25	26 7:00pm RCYF	27 7pm Faith Circle	28	29
30 SS Children Sing 9:15 am Worship 10:30am SS	31					