

HELLO september

Zion Reformed Church -- FLOODLIGHT 2024



PASTOR'S POSTS

Know the Bible by heart, not by sight. Most of us have at least two or more different Bible's on our bookshelves. We have access to different digital translations of the Bible. We see the Bible app on our phones and on the bookshelves but hardly read it.

In the research of George Barna, he found that only 10% of Christians will use the Bible as the primary source for spiritual growth. Yes, it is scary and sad. Please start reading your Bible. It will change your life.

Regards,
Pastor Petri



Family Ministry
Wed, Sept. 18
@ 6:30pm

HOSTS ARE NEEDED for 6:30pm meal, Please



Consistory Highlights

Consistory Notes

- *Last outside Service: Sept. 8
- *Next meeting: Sept. 12



FYI: To stay in touch with the Alliance of Reformed Churches, to read articles, receive updates

please visit their webpage at:

<https://arc21.org>



Sept. 1
MEN'S STUDY GROUP
8:30am



Food
Pantry
Needs

Please
Bring
Items
Every first
Sunday

Classroom News

Promotion Sunday: Sun, Sept. 8

Following outside service. Games /
Bring a chair.

SS: PreK-HS begins Sun., Sept. 15



Please join us on Sunday, September 8

9:15am Outside Service, bring a chair

10:30am Games/Treats for ALL

Back to Sunday School Celebration



Sunday, September 15: 9:15 am Service

10:30 am Sunday School begins for the new
year

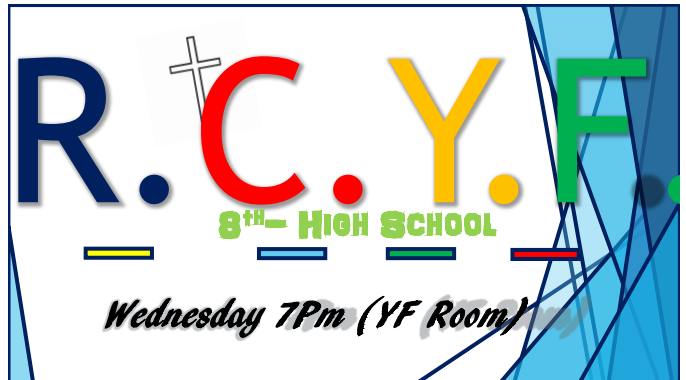
For grades PreK – HS; along with Children's
Choir

All welcome! Spread the word!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR !

Beginning Sept. 15 @
10:30 am, ages PreK – 5
should report to the
basement for MUSIC! (then
they will go to SS) Children
will sing on Sept. 29!
FYI: Children will sing the
last Sunday of each
month.



RCYF:

Grades 8-HS

Begins: Sept. 18

Contact: Clayton/Mariah Miller

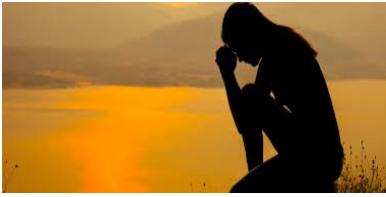


**A New Book is added to
the church library:**

**"Mommy, What is the
Bible?"**

**This book aims to spark kids'
curiosity about God's Word
and encourages family Bible
time.**

**This heartwarming project
(the book) unites
generations to help children
fall in love with the Bible.
What a wonderful way to
honor God and inspire
young minds! – Alliance of
Reformed Churches**



WOZ SPIRITUAL LIFE

WATCHING THE OLYMPIC GAMES FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS THIS PAST MONTH OF AUGUST WAS A NIGHTLY TRADITION IN MY HOUSEHOLD. NOTICING SOME OF THE ATHLETES WERE WEARING CHRISTIAN CROSS NECKLACES THRILLED ME — THAT THEY WERE SO WILLING TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM THEIR FAITH TO THE TELEVISED WORLD AS THEY COMPETED AND HAD THEIR MOMENTS OF FAME ON THE OLYMPIC TRI-LEVEL PODIUM. I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS ARTICLE I READ THAT WAS WRITTEN BY MICHAEL FOUST, COVERING THIS EXACT TOPIC OF CHRISTIAN OLYMPIC ATHLETES. (MR. FOUST HAS COVERED THE INTERSECTION OF FAITH AND NEWS FOR 20 YEARS. HIS STORIES HAVE APPEARED IN BAPTIST PRESS, CHRISTIANITY TODAY, THE CHRISTIAN POST, THE LEAF-CHRONICLE, THE TORONTO STAR AND THE KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL):

10 U.S. OLYMPIC ATHLETES WHO CHAMPION THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH

“THIS YEAR’S UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM IN PARIS IS MADE UP OF NOT ONLY WORLD-CLASS, TALENTED ATHLETES BUT ALSO DEDICATED CHRISTIANS WHO DRAW STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION FROM THEIR FAITH. FROM SWIMMING TO TRACK TO VOLLEYBALL TO GYMNASTICS, THESE ATHLETES EXEMPLIFY BOTH EXCEPTIONAL SKILL AND PROFOUND FAITH IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS. HERE ARE 10 U.S. OLYMPIC ATHLETES WHO ARE ALSO DEDICATED CHRISTIANS:

1. SYDNEY MCLAUGHLIN-LEVRONE (TRACK)

A TWO-TIME GOLD MEDALIST WHO IS IN HER THIRD OLYMPICS, MCLAUGHLIN-LEVRONE QUALIFIED FOR THE PARIS GAMES IN THE 400-METER HURDLES AND THE 400-METER SPRINT. MCLAUGHLIN-LEVRONE IS VOCAL ABOUT HER FAITH AND DISCUSSES IT IN HER BOOK FAR BEYOND GOLD: RUNNING FROM FEAR TO FAITH. “PRAISE GOD,” SHE TOLD NBC THIS SUMMER WHEN SHE SET A WORLD RECORD AND WON THE 400-METER SPRINT. “I WAS NOT EXPECTING THAT, BUT HE CAN DO ANYTHING. ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN CHRIST. SO YEAH -- I’M JUST AMAZED, BAFFLED, AND SHOCKED.”

2. KELLY CHENG (BEACH VOLLEYBALL)

THE TWO-TIME OLYMPIAN FINISHED NINTH WITH TEAMMATE SARA HUGHES AT THE TOKYO GAMES BUT WON GOLD AT THE 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. CHENG’S INSTAGRAM BIO READS: “SAVED BY GRACE.” “I REALLY WANT TO GLORIFY HIM WITH THE GIFTS THAT HE’S GIVEN ME.”

3. SIMONE MANUEL (SWIMMING)

MANUEL IS IN HER THIRD OLYMPICS, HAVING WON TWO GOLD MEDALS, TWO SILVER AND ONE BRONZE. SHE HAS 16 MEDALS ON THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LEVEL. HER OFFICIAL TEAM USA BIO SAYS SHE “ENJOYS LISTENING TO UPBEAT MUSIC WHEN WORKING OUT, AND GOSPEL MUSIC ALWAYS MOTIVATES HER.” HER INSTAGRAM BIO LISTS PHILIPPIANS 4:13. “WOW!!! TO GOD BE THE GLORY!” SHE WROTE ON FACEBOOK AFTER SHE QUALIFIED FOR THIS YEAR’S OLYMPIC TEAM. IT ALL STARTED WITH A CALL TO BE OBEDIENT AND FAITHFUL TO GOD’S CALLING AND PURPOSE FOR MY LIFE. BELIEVING IN THE FACT THAT HE IS IN CONTROL AND THAT HE ALWAYS HAS MUCH BIGGER PLANS FOR OUR LIVES THAN WE CAN IMAGINE.”

4. HUNTER ARMSTRONG (SWIMMING)

ARMSTRONG WON GOLD IN THE 400-METER MEDLEY RELAY AT THE TOKYO GAMES IN HIS SECOND OLYMPICS. HE HAS ALSO WON 10 MEDALS AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DURING HIS CAREER. HIS INSTAGRAM PROFILE READS, “GOD FIRST.” “EVERY TIME I SWIM, I POINT UP TO THE SKY BECAUSE IT’S GOD FIRST. NONE OF THIS MATTERS WITHOUT HIM,” HE TOLD THE SPORTS SPECTRUM PODCAST. “MY PRAYER BEFORE EVERY RACE IS, ‘GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO DO MY BEST, AND MAY WHATEVER I DO BRING GLORY TO YOUR NAME,’” HE SAID.

5. ANNA HALL (TRACK AND FIELD)

HALL COMPETES IN THE HEPTATHLON IN HER FIRST OLYMPICS, HAVING WON SILVER AT THE 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BRONZE IN 2022 AT THE SAME COMPETITION. HER INSTAGRAM BIO READS, “FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.” “WHEN SOMETHING GOES WRONG, THERE’S SOMETHING BETTER COMING IF YOU JUST STAY FAITHFUL,” HALL TOLD THE SPORTS SPECTRUM PODCAST. “TO ME, [JESUS] IS MY LORD AND SAVIOR,” SHE ADDED. “JESUS IS THE REASON THAT WE’RE HERE AND THAT WE’RE ABLE TO HAVE HOPE, AND THAT AFFECTS ALL ASPECTS OF MY LIFE.”

6. ALISON GIBSON (DIVING)

GIBSON QUALIFIED FOR THE 3-METER SPRINGBOARD FOR THE PARIS GAMES. AT THE TOKYO GAMES, SHE FINISHED EIGHTH IN 3-METER SPRINGBOARD SYNCHRONIZED DIVING. THIS IS HER SECOND OLYMPICS. HER TEAM USA BIO SAYS SHE “LISTENS TO A PLAYLIST OF CHRISTIAN SONGS AND PRAYS BEFORE SHE DIVES.” SHE LISTS ROMANS 5:3-5 ON HER INSTAGRAM BIO. “FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO SAY ALL GLORY TO GOD,” GIBSON TOLD NBC AFTER SHE QUALIFIED FOR THE OLYMPICS. SHE TOLD SPORTS SPECTRUM MAGAZINE THAT HER FAITH KEEPS HER GROUNDED “MY FAITH WAS SOMETHING I COULD ALWAYS COME BACK TO AND RECOGNIZE THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD IT WAS, NO MATTER WHAT INSECURITIES I WAS FEELING, MY IDENTITY WAS CENTERED IN CHRIST,” GIBSON TOLD THE MAGAZINE, “AND GOD MADE ME UNIQUELY FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR THIS PATH.”

7. BRODY MALONE (GYMNASTICS)

A TWO-TIME OLYMPIAN, MALONE NARROWLY MISSED OUT ON A BRONZE MEDAL AT TOKYO, FINISHING FOURTH ON THE HORIZONTAL BAR. HE WON GOLD ON THE HORIZONTAL BAR AT THE 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. AFTER QUALIFYING FOR THE

OLYMPICS THIS YEAR, HE WROTE ON INSTAGRAM: “NOT TO US, LORD, NOT TO US, BUT TO YOUR NAME GIVE GLORY BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE, BECAUSE OF YOUR TRUTH.’ PSALMS 115:1” HE ADDED, “AFTER TAKING A FEW DAYS TO REFLECT ON THIS PAST WEEKEND, MY MIND KEEPS GOING BACK TO THIS VERSE. AS SOON AS MY INJURY HAPPENED, I WAS FLOODED WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT EMOTIONS. PAIN, REGRET, CONFUSION. WHILE LYING ON THE STRETCHER, I REMEMBER SAYING TO GOD, ‘I DON’T KNOW WHY YOU DID THIS, BUT I GUESS IT’S PART OF YOUR PLAN.’ I IMMEDIATELY FELT AT PEACE ABOUT IT AND KNEW THAT HE WAS GOING TO SOMEHOW USE MY INJURY TO DISPLAY HIS GLORY. THAT PEACE KEPT ME FROM BEING UPSET IT HAPPENED, AND ALLOWED ME TO FOCUS ON WHAT GOOD WOULD COME FROM IT. I AM INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL TO BE REPRESENTING THE TEAM.”

8. AARON BROOKS (WRESTLING)

BROOKS IS COMPETING IN HIS FIRST OLYMPICS. HE WON SILVER AT THE 2018 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GOLD AT THE 2017 CADET WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS. HIS INSTAGRAM BIO READS, “JESUS IS KING.” BROOKS MADE HEADLINES IN 2023 FOR HIS FAITH-FOCUSED COMMENTS AFTER HE WON AN NCAA TITLE WHILE WRESTLING FOR PENN STATE. “CHRIST’S RESURRECTION IS EVERYTHING — NOT JUST HIS LIFE, BUT HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION,” BROOKS SAID. “YOU CAN ONLY GET THAT THROUGH HIM, THE HOLY SPIRIT ONLY THROUGH HIM, NO FALSE PROPHETS, NO MUHAMMAD, NO ANYONE ELSE, ONLY JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF.”

9. CAELED DRESSEL (SWIMMING)

IN HIS THIRD OLYMPICS, DRESSEL IS A SEVEN-TIME GOLD MEDALIST, HAVING WON FIVE TIMES IN TOKYO. HE TOLD THE BAPTIST STANDARD IN 2015 THAT FAITH IS “THE REASON I’M IN THE SPORT — NOT JUST TO GO FAST TIMES, BUT TO INSPIRE PEOPLE AND SHOW THEM WHERE I FIND MY HAPPINESS WITH WHAT GOD’S GIVEN ME.” AN EAGLE TATTOO ON HIS LEFT SHOULDER WAS INSPIRED BY HIS FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE, ISAIAH 40:31: “BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES.”

10. MICAH CHRISTENSON (VOLLEYBALL)

A THREE-TIME OLYMPIAN, CHRISTENSON HELPED THE USA MEN WIN BRONZE AT THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO GAMES. HIS INSTAGRAM BIO READS: “SERVANT OF THE KING.” “FOR ME, I’M A CHRISTIAN. I BELIEVE IN GOD, AND SO I KNOW I GET A LOT OF FREEDOM FROM MY FAITH IN GOD,” HE TOLD SPIN. “WHEN I’M OUT THERE, I FEEL FREE TO MAKE DIFFERENT DECISIONS AND TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF RISK BECAUSE I KNOW WHERE MY IDENTITY LIES AND THAT LOVE IS ALWAYS GONNA BE THERE.”

CHANCES ARE WE WOULDN’T HEAR THESE ATHLETE’S TESTIMONIES OF PRAISE TO GOD WHILE BEING INTERVIEWED ON THE NATIONAL NEWS — TO APPEAR “POLITICALLY CORRECT” (?), THEIR SENTENCES WERE CUT. BUT LET’S KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT TO “HIDE THE LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL BASKET” AND LET’S BE INSPIRED BY THESE ATHLETES’ STRONG, PUBLIC FAITH IN JESUS.

“NO ONE AFTER LIGHTING A LAMP PUTS IT UNDER THE BUSHEL BASKET, BUT ON THE LAMPSTAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL IN THE HOUSE. IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN” (MATTHEW 5:15-16).

FOR MORE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN OLYMPIC ATHLETES, READ: THE TOP CHRISTIAN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PARIS OLYMPICS — HOW ATHLETES ARE SHARING THEIR FAITH AND POINTING TO GOD
BY BRUCE BARRON
AUGUST 12, 2024

GOD BLESS,
SHELLY BUSEMAN
SPIRITUAL LIFE SECRETARY



WHERE HAS THE SUMMER GONE? THE LONG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE RAPIDLY COMING TO AN END. CHILDREN ARE BACK TO SCHOOL AND ADJUSTING TO A NEW ROUTINE AND GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH A NEW TEACHER. THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF A NEW YEAR CAN BE QUITE STRESSFUL. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS.

1. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN. IF YOU DON’T HAVE CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN, THINK OF ONE OR TWO CHILDREN FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD OR CHURCH. MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PRAY FOR THESE CHILDREN DAILY BY NAME. PRAY FOR THEIR SAFETY AS THEY ARE AT SCHOOL AND TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL. PRAY FOR THEIR MINDS TO BE ABLE TO LEARN. PRAY FOR THEM TO STAND UP BOLDLY AGAINST PEER PRESSURE.
2. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD’S FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES. PRAY FOR GOOD FRIENDSHIPS TO DEVELOP. PRAY FOR STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO GET ALONG WITH ONE ANOTHER.
3. PRAY FOR YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER. TEACHERS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE THAT WE SOMETIMES TAKE FOR GRANTED. PRAY FOR THEM BY NAME AND REMEMBER TO LIFT HIM/HER AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILY IN PRAYER. HELP THEM TO REALIZE THAT THEY ARE APPRECIATED. PRAY THAT THEY WILL TRULY CARE FOR THEIR STUDENTS. PRAY THAT THEY WILL HAVE POSITIVE ATTITUDES AS THEY DEAL WITH SO MANY ISSUES.
4. PRAY FOR OTHER SCHOOL STAFF, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION, COUNSELOR, NURSE, THERAPISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SECRETARIES, INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES, BUS DRIVERS, COACHES, LUNCH LADIES, LIBRARIANS, AND CUSTODIANS.

THESE PEOPLE COME IN CONTACT WITH YOUR CHILD AND EACH PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING THE SCHOOL RUN SMOOTHLY. PRAY FOR BLESSINGS FOR THESE PEOPLE AND THAT THEY WILL REALIZE HOW VALUABLE THEY ARE TO THE SCHOOL. YOUR LIST MAY GET LONGER AS THE YEAR GOES BY. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN PRAYING FOR THESE PEOPLE. YOU MAY WANT TO LET ANY OR ALL THE ABOVE PEOPLE KNOW YOU'RE PRAYING FOR THEM THIS YEAR.

LET'S PRAY WITHOUT CEASING (1THESSALONIANS 5:17) AND COVER OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS WITH PRAYERS. I WANT TO THANK A SPECIAL FRIEND OF MINE THAT IS PRAYING FOR HER GRANDCHILDREN FOR GIVING ME THIS INSPIRATION TO SHARE WITH YOU.

THANK YOU TO SONNA McMAHON AND HER COMMITTEE FOR PROVIDING A MEAL AND PROGRAM FOR THE OVER 60'S DINNER ON AUGUST 31. THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT DID A PROGRAM AT HAMPTON FGH – DIANE BARKEMA, KAREN CARSTENS, AND CHERYL SCHNOES.

REMINDER: SEPTEMBER 11 IS A WOZ MEETING. WE WILL BE ELECTING OUR OFFICERS FOR 2025. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!! SEPTEMBER 16 – SHEFFIELD CARE CENTER PROGRAM – LINDA WELLS, ESTHER DeVRIES, AND MOLLY ALLEN

HOPE YOU'RE BUSY WITH IDEAS FOR THE BAZAAR – OCTOBER 5, GRANDMA'S KITCHEN.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS AS THEY ARE OR WILL BE IN SCHOOLS!
WOZ PRESIDENT, JUDY CROM (641-425-2223)



Sept. 11 -- Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Executive Meeting / 7:00pm Program
Following program is lunch: Executive Committee
Following lunch: Business Meeting-Election of officers

GREETINGS FROM THE TREASURER, ZION MEMBERS!

BACK IN THE JANUARY FLOODLIGHT, THE NEW ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL WAS COMMUNICATED ALONG WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WEEKLY GIVING THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THAT BUDGET.

AT THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, A GENERAL BUDGET (11/01/23-10/31/24) OF \$186,046.00 WAS PASSED. TO MEET THIS OBLIGATION A WEEKLY GENERAL OFFERING OF \$3,577.81 IS NEEDED (THROUGH THE END OF JULY WE ARE AVERAGING \$3163.70 PER WEEK). A BENEVOLENT BUDGET(11/01/23-10/31/24) OF \$45,829.00 WAS ALSO PASSED. TO MEET THIS OBLIGATION A WEEKLY BENEVOLENT OFFERING OF \$881.33 IS NEEDED (THROUGH THE END OF JULY WE ARE AVERAGING 733.83 PER WEEK.)

AS A FRAME OF REFERENCE, 67 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS/ FAMILIES HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS THIS YEAR WITH A WEEKLY AVERAGE OF \$58.

IN TOTAL, THIS PUTS US BEHIND BUDGET APPROXIMATELY \$16,500 YTD.

I WILL BE ADDRESSING THIS IN AN UPCOMING BULLETIN AND FELLOWSHIP TO REACH AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

REMINDER, THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE ARC, EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO GIVE MONEY TWO TIMES A YEAR FOR THE DENOMINATIONAL ASSESSMENT: JAN/JULY. EACH MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE TO GIVE \$51.00 TOTAL IN 2024.

ALL MEMBERS OF ZION ARE RESPECTFULLY ASKED TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SHARING THE GIFTS THAT GOD HAS SO GENEROUSLY GIVEN TO HELP BRING THIS IN LINE BY NOVEMBER.

THANK YOU!
KELLY BENNETT



If you are a Zion college student, you may apply for a scholarship. Applications are available at Zion by the church mailboxes. Deadline is Oct. 1. Return to Eric Barkema, Deacon.



**Zion All Church Picnic
Sat., Sept. 21, 5pm
Beeds Lake STONE SHELTER**

Zion Ambassadors will provide the meat for the night. Those attending are asked to furnish items. See bulletin board for the sign up sheet. Plan to attend rain, shine or wind!! It's always a great time of food, fun & fellowship. If you have any questions: contact Shelly Buseman, Nadine Goodwin, Diane Hughes, Ann Lupkes, Bev Moore or Pastor Petri

BAZAAR – Oct. 5 See Bulletin Board!



**SATURDAY,
OCT. 5**

**11:00am – 2pm
Meal/Shops**

**3pm-6pm
Meal
Auction @ 6:30pm**

11:00am – 2:00pm

SHOPS – Inside Basement
Large Bakery / Cards & Napkins /
Pantry (Canned Meat) / Crafts /
Frozen Meals – preorder by 9/15
(www.zionreformed.com)

MENU – Fellowship Hall
Pork Loin / Beef Burgers / Hot Dogs /
Calico Beans
Baked Potato Bar / Homemade Potato Salad
Coleslaw / Pie & Ice Cream /
Assorted Beverages

**3pm-6pm
Meal (Same menu as above)
Auction – 6:30pm**

AUCTION ITEMS

Donated auction items are due to Marsha by Sept. 15. All auction items will be sealed bids during the day of bazaar (along with centerpieces) and will be auctioned off at 6:30pm on the day of bazaar with sealed bids noted.

Your support is appreciated. All proceeds support WOZ Missions – WOZ Bazaar Committee

***All women of the church:** Please bring an uncut baked pie to the kitchen on Friday, Oct. 4, 5-7pm or before 9am on Sat., Oct. 5. The pies will be cut and sold as part of the menu items.

***Please refer to the Bazaar information sheet that was placed in your church mailbox for detailed information.** We are excited for a fun filled day of fellowship.

***DONATIONS** are being sought to help pay for the meat and for the ingredients for frozen meals/soups or to the Bazaar in general. All donations should be given to Diane Hughes, WOZ Treasurer by Sept. 15.

***PREORDERS** are being taken for frozen meals. Please place your order on the sign up sheet on bulletin board by Sept. 15. The preorders are now available online at www.zionreformed.com; click under "Bazaar Grandma's Kitchen".

***Food Pantry Items** are appreciated and will be used to help decorate the entry ways on the day of bazaar. Please have your items to the church by Sept. 29.

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 a fun, fabulous bazaar that will be welcoming to all our visitors. It is our big fundraiser for WOZ, but it is so much more than that. It's part of our mission to welcome others to Zion. 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, Janeen, Jean, Carol, Tonya, Janette, Heather, Rose and Diane B.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Maynard Koenen, Phyllis Nelson



Prayer Chain

Please keep the following in prayer

Prayers: Brian Lupkes, Angie DeVries,

Diane Hughes, Dale Butson, Kelly Bennett,

Duane Payne, Ron Jurgens, Haisley daughter of Stephanie Carstens



Children's Time during church service

Sept 1	Shelly Buseman
Sept 8	Megan M. – Outside Service
Sept 15	Ann Lupkes
Sept 22	Wendy Buseman
Sept 29	Dave Harms



DAYCARE PROVIDERS!

After Children's Time – AGES 5 and Under

Sept 1	Shelly & Barrett
Sept 8	NA – Outside service
Sept 15	VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!
Sept 22	Kirsten & Morgan
Sept 29	Steph C & Marli

FELLOWSHIP

SEP 1	Croms
SEP 8	Promotion Sunday
SEP 15	Bennetts
SEP 22	Parks & Pam R.
SEP 29	Hosts are needed



	AUDIO	VIDEO
Sept 1	Kolton	Kendal
Sept 8	– Outside	
Sept 15	Jesse	Molly
Sept 22	Nick	Duane
Sept 29	Jerry	Tonya



Diane Hughes* / Judy Crom /
Rose Markwardt / Nadine Goodwin



Sept 16 @ 2:30pm -- Sheffield Care Center
Linda Wells*/Esther DeVries/Molly Allen

CIRCLE MEETINGS

HOPE CIRCLE - Sep 04 @ 7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Rose; Host: Deanna

JOURNEY CIRCLE – SEPT. 05 @ 7PM

JOY CIRCLE - Sept. 8@ 7:00pm
DEVOTIONS/LESSON/Host: Carma

VESPER CIRCLE - Sep 9 @ 1:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
Devotions/Lesson: Molly; Host: Marge

SUNRISE CIRCLE - Sept 11@ 9:00am
Devotions/Host: LaVonne; Lesson: Lenora

Faith Circle – Sept. 26 @ 7pm

CONVERSATION STARTER: NAME A PRAYER THAT GOD HAS ANSWERED IN YOUR LIFE.

2025 WOZ PROGRAM BOOK

Circle Chairs, check your mailboxes in the near future! All forms are due to the office no later than October 6 with early turn-ins being greatly appreciated!



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.



Thank you to Carol Stock for handling Zion's food pantry items every month.

Thank You to the anonymous giver of the spiral notebooks/pens that have been made available to the congregation to take sermon notes. You probably have noticed these items in the pew "pockets".

Harms: I wish to thank all those who shared cards, notes, texts and well wishes with me during this difficult summer. I'm hopeful my health concerns are behind me. I can personally attest to the power of prayerful healing as I know many of you lifted my needs as well as provided support for my family in the passing of my father. Zion is truly a place where the Holy Spirit is present and can be felt by all who seek His power. -Dave

Nannenga: Dear Zion Friends: After 17 years of playing, I have decided that it is time for me to step away from the piano. This last year has shown me that I have reached a point where, after teaching music all week, my "musical batteries" (and wrists!) need more time to recharge. You all have blessed me beyond measure with your kindness, support, and prayers - for that I am eternally grateful! I look forward to sitting in a pew, with no other responsibility than to praise and worship the Lord.

-Elizabeth

Allen: Thank you everyone for the prayers and condolences since my dad, Maynard Johnson's passing. His oft repeated advise was "If you want friends, you have to be a friend". All of you at Zion have definitely shown us your friendship during this difficult time.

-Molly, Russell Allen family



Congratulations to Carter and Lexis Barkema on the Holy baptism of Weston. A rose was given in celebration of his baptism.



- 01 *Michael & Nadine Goodwin*
- 02 Linda Wells
- 03 *Mark & Carma DeVries*
- 07 Carol Koenen / Austin Neff
- 08 Sharon Parks
- 09 Cayde Eberling
- 10 *Shane & Leann Braun*
- 11 Tami Ballhagen / Kirsten Suntken
- 15 Gary Bennett
- 16 Myron VanHorn / Payton Ault
- 19 Zach DeVries
- 20 *Austin & Miranda Neff*
- 21 Kinnick Campbell / Cayden Campbell
- 22 *Andy & Abby Sheeler*, Shaun Koenen / Jon Ault
- 24 Elaine Parks / Stephanie Kloetzer
- 25 Dick Stevenson / Eli Webb
- 27 Eric Barkema / Julie Dannen
- 28 *Darwin & Teresa Butson*
- 29 Jerrad Dirksen
- 30 Teaghan Bird



Young at heart

I like to walk with Grandpa and
Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.

I like to walk with Grandpa and
Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half-hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made Grandpa
and Grandma
Unrushed and young like me.

—Author unknown

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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY SUNDAY beginning on 9/15:	PreK-5th Choir: 10:30 am PreK-12th: 10:45 am SS					
1 9:15am Service Welcome, Molly!	2 	3	4 7pm Hope Circle	5 7:00pm Journey Circle	6	7
8 Outside service 9:15am Service SS kickoff: Promotion Sunday – fun for all ages! 7pm Joy Circle	9 1:30 pm Vesper Circle	10	11 9am Sunrise Circle 6:30pm WOZ Ex. Mtng; 7:00pm - Business Mtng	12 7pm Consistory	13	14
15 9:15am Service SS: PreK-HS after service	16 2:30pm Sheffield Care Center Program	17	18 6:30pm Family Ministry RCYF BEGINS!	19	20 Wedding at Zion	21 9am-5pm Church open for crafters
22 9:15 am Service SS: PreK-HS after Service 29 9:15am Service (Kentucky Ministry) Children’s Choir	23 30	24	25 7pm RCYF	26 7pm Faith Circle	27	28