



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

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## TODAY AT ZION

**MESSAGE:** The Christians to whom Peter wrote in 1 Peter feel alone, scared, and as if they no longer belong in their own country. Maybe you have felt similarly at times. Peter reminds them and us that our hope is not found in fitting into the culture around us, but in Jesus who is creating us to be a new kind of chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. This week, Peter urges us to consider in all our relationships, from the government to work and school to family members, if our behavior will lead them to glorify Jesus or turn away.

## ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's programming is held during the worship service for kids Pre-school through 5th grade. We will practice social distancing by requiring masks for children in K-5th and attempting to keep unrelated children 6 feet apart. We are following the recommendations in the MI Safe Start for Schools documentation. All children must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby prior to participating in our kids ministries.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL** room assignments:

Preschoolers - Room 206

Kindergarten - 2nd grade: Room 205

3rd-5th grade: Room 207

**“SUMMER SUNDAYS”** in Zion Kids: Starting on June 6, weather permitting, our kids ministry will be moving outside! This is for kids ages 3 through going into 3rd grade. We'll be meeting by the picnic tables to read Bible stories, pray together, do other outdoor crafts/games, and play on our church playground! To make this work, we need your help!! Please consider volunteering for a week or two this summer. There is no prep for our summer ministry, and training will be provided on the Sunday morning you serve. All adults must go through Keeping Kids safe training and a background check to be eligible to serve in kids ministries. If you didn't go through this fall, that's fine. I'll reach out to you, and set up a time to meet. Here's the link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4fa8a72ba6f94-summer>

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in the sanctuary following worship today. The slate chosen by Consistory nominates Ken Johnson and Haley Stone for the office of Elder and Troy Austin and Tom MacGraw for the office of Deacon. The new elders and deacons will be confirmed at the meeting. A copy of the 21/22 Proposed Budget is available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Call to Worship: House Of The Lord

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Stronger  
Evidence

Children Dismissed to Sunday School

Announcements

Prayer of Confession

Worship Song: His Mercy Is More

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-3:7

Message: Living as Foreigners and Exiles

Closing Song: King Of My Heart

Parting Blessing

Message by Pastor Greg Brower

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

### WEEKLY OFFERING: April 25, 2021

Weekly Budget: \$10,506.28      Year to Date Budget: \$493,795.16

General Fund: \$ 6,227.00      Year to Date Contribution: \$470,184.07

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder (assigned by last name):

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|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Pattie Grooters (A-D) | Josh Sanders (E-H) | Brandon Deiter (I-M) |
| Steve Boersma (N-R)   | Arlyn Zoet (S-U)   | Mike Knott (V-Z)     |

It's not always easy to tell who needs an encouraging helping hand. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Chip Harkes at (616) 299-4804. Scripture encourages all of us to carry each others burdens (Galatians 6:2). You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Don Osterink was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. They are still completing some test before they determine the exact course of treatment. Prayers for peace, healing, and the cancer to not have spread are appreciated. Continue to pray for those in our congregation dealing with ongoing health issues.

**MISSIONARY UPDATE:** Geoff and Tammy Kooistra have made a decision to remain here in the USA after spending 24 years abroad working for HCJB. They have been here the last 11 months and have realized how burned out they had become. They have prayed about the decision and feel God is leading them to remain here where Geoff will work remotely as he has for the past 11 months. In June and July they will travel to Ecuador for 6 weeks to pack their belongings, move out of their apartment and say goodbye to fellow workers and friends. Please pray for them as they look for a car and a place to live (in the Grand Rapids area).

**CAMP ZION** is in need of empty cereal boxes and paper towel tubes. Donations can be placed in the tote marked Camp Zion in the narthex. Thank you!

**DONATIONS** of the following items (full size - not travel size) are needed for the Personal Care Pantry:

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| Laundry Soap | Bar Soap    | Dish Soap  | Disposable Razors          |
| Shampoo      | Conditioner | Toothpaste | Paper Grocery Bags         |
| Deodorant    | Tampons     | Maxi Pads  | Paper towels (1 or 2 pack) |

Toilet paper (1-4 pack)

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex.

