



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, as Peter urges us to love those in the church and to face the challenges of a pagan culture with the confidence that Christ is indeed Lord over everyone and everything.

THIS MORNING we celebrate with Matt & Katie Eling the baptism of their daughter Esther Frances. As they celebrate her life, we give thanks to God for the gift of new life he has made available to all who believe. We thank God as well for the covenant he has established all the way back with Abraham to include children in his family. We honor this faithful God as we welcome Esther into the covenant community at Zion.

AT THE Congregational Meeting Ken Johnson and Haley Stone were elected to the office of Elder and Troy Austin and Tom MacGraw were elected to the office of Deacon. Ordination and Installation of new officers will take place on Sunday, June 6.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

PASTOR GREG is on study leave this week but is available for pastoral phone calls. He will return to the office on Monday, May 17.

WEEKLY OFFERING: May 2, 2021

Weekly Budget: \$10,506.28	Year to Date Budget: \$504,301.44
General Fund: \$10,770.00	Year to Date Contribution: \$480,954.07



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Christ Lives In Me

Call to Worship: This Is Amazing Grace

We Honor Mothers

Welcome & Greeting

Baptism of Esther Frances Eling

Worship Songs: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Brokenness Aside

Children Dismissed to Sunday School

Announcements

Prayer of Confession

Worship Song: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22

Message: Be Church to Each Other

Closing Song: How He Loves

Parting Blessing

Message by Pastor Greg Brower

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's programming is held during the worship service for kids Pre-school through 5th grade. We continue to follow the recommendations in the MI Safe Start for Schools documentation by requiring masks for children in K-5th and social distancing. 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>



ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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: Corrine VanHorn is being treated for heart issues at Spectrum Hospital. Continue to pray for those in our congregation dealing with ongoing health issues.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jeremy Zoet on his graduation from Western Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Christian Study. We are so proud of all the work you have done in your studies and appreciate the blessing you are to Zion in leading us in worship and discipling our youth.

MARK YOUR calendars and save the date to join us for a Youth Led Worship event on Sunday night June 6 at 6:30pm. Youth will be leading us in worship and in some small group discussions about our experiences over the past year.

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:

Laundry Soap	Bar Soap	Dish Soap	Disposable Razors
Shampoo	Conditioner	Toothpaste	Paper Grocery Bags
Deodorant	Tampons	Maxi Pads	Paper towels (1-2 pack)
Toilet paper (1-4 pack)			

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex marked "pantry donations".

2021 GRADUATES will be honored on Sunday, May 23. If you are graduating from high school or college this spring and would like it published in the bulletin, please email Connie in the church office at cstegeman@zionreformed.org or call 534-7533 by Tuesday, May 18 and let her know where you are graduating from, your degree, and what your plans for the future are. (High School graduates who already gave this information to Jeremy don't need to call.)

AS WE LOOK ahead to the summer season and worshipping outside, we are planning to have coffee and some snacks available after worship. If you would be willing to help make coffee and set out snacks on a Sunday, you can sign-up to join one of first impressions teams here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aaeae23a6fd0-summer1>

NURSERY UPDATE: As more and more people are being vaccinated, and the number of Covid cases in our community are starting to decline, we feel it is the right time to try to reopen our nursery at Zion. To be able to do this, we need people willing to serve in the nursery! We are planning on having a 5 week rotation, with 2 volunteers each week. Currently, we have 5 people willing to serve. We are looking for 5 more people that would be comfortable in the nursery, with a love for children, and a heart to bless young parents, many of whom had not had as much support as they normally would this past year. If we can find these 5 people, we'll open the nursery! And parents, please know that young children are also still welcome in the main worship service, as always! We're simply thrilled you're here, and don't mind the wiggles and noises of young kids.



AS WE PREPARE for another great season of Camp Zion, we have built a little wish list for the summer. If you would like to help purchase some supplies and resources for the summer, you can do so from the list at this link. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/M4D5CKCROXH5?ref=wl_share

CAMP ZION still has some volunteer slots available for the summer, If you would like to help out in the summer and invest in the kids in our neighborhood, you can sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949a9a82aa2fd0-camp>

OUR STAFF

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CONSISTORY

ELDERS**

Mike Knott '21 (Clerk) Josh Sanders '21
Steve Boersma '22 Brandon Deiter '22 (Vice President)
Pattie Grooters '23 Arlyn Zoet '23

DEACONS**

Chip Harkes '21 (Chair) Aaron Huizenga '21
Robbi Boeve '22 Dan Sundberg '22 (Treasurer)
Jerrod Holzgen '23 (Secretary) Brandon Ondersma '23 (Asst. Tres.)

** (meets on the second Tuesday of each month)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Personnel & Administration - Shanda VandePol
Worship - Dianne Kooiker
Congregational Care - Rick VanderWall
Evangelism - Sean McAnally
Building & Grounds - Rick VanderWall
Education - Rachel Brower

MISSIONARIES

Chris & Christie Winkler, Wycliffe Bethany Refugee Resettlement
Josiah & Alyssa Walcott, Youth For Christ Haluk & Wendy Bilgen, RCA
Geoff & Tammy Kooistra, HCJB Jibit Asha International
Jeremiah & Mary Kuria, Kenya Albertha Kuiper, Wycliffe
Keith & Denise Krebs, RCA Albino & Sandy Rodriguez, RCA
Bob Offringa, Activation Int. Downtown Church Plant
Doug & Dianne McClintic, RCA

TV MINISTRIES

WCET Jenison-Grandville & WCET Hudsonville: Fri 12:00PM, Sun 4:00PM
WKTV Wyoming: Thurs 8:00PM; BCTV Byron Center: Sun 2:00PM & 6:30PM

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