

ANNOUNCEMENTS 7/11/21

The Grudge: I'm Over It

Today we're launching a brand new message series called "The Grudge". We're talking all about forgiveness for the next few weeks. Today, as we ease into it, we will be talking about forgiving the small offenses that often accumulate and lead to bitterness and look at scripture to see how we, as followers of Christ, can get over the grudge.

THIS MORNING we celebrate with Chip and Becky Harkes the baptism of their daughter Isabelle Grace. 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 Isabelle into the covenant community at Zion.

After the service we would love to have you join us for some cookies and drinks and some great conversation with friends from church.

Our nursery is open! Nursery is for children ages 0-3. The nursery check-in will be inside at the nursery. Young children are also welcome in the main worship service.

PRAYER REQUEST: Marge Westra's back fusion surgery went well. Please continue to pray for her as she recovers.

If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact Pastor Greg, Pastor Rick, or your elder (assigned by last name):

Pattie Grooters (A-D) Ken Johnson (E-H) Brandon Deiter (I-M)
Steve Boersma (N-R) Arlyn Zoet (S-U) Haley Stone (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, Jerrod Holzgen at (616) 520-1771. Scripture encourages all of us to carry each others burdens (Galatians 6:2). You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 4, 2021

Weekly Budget: \$11,210.27 Year to Date Budget \$56,051.35 General Fund: \$3,675.00 Year to Date Contribution: \$32,089.76

Bathroom Remodel Fund to date: \$2,405.00



THREADS UPDATE: Beginning July 15, Threads will be accepting donations of new and gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories for infants through adults. Also, donations of new socks and new underwear (for kids and adults) would be greatly appreciated. Please place donations either in the Threads sheds located on Zion's front steps or in the Threads wooden box in the narthex. Thank you!

Here is an email received from one of the families that shopped at Threads on the last shopping day in May. THIS is what Threads is all about!

"The girls immediately wanted to look at their clothes and start the fashion show lol I just wanted to thank you again be I've been really struggling with everything. Bills, food, clothing them all and gas alone has me to the point of constant stress. even budgeting and stretching every dollar just doesn't cut it but I'm trying so incredibly hard. So getting these clothes was a real win the week before rents due and well the month starts all over again. We left there today each girl having been blessed with 2 dresses for church, a play dress, a pair of jammies, a swimsuit and cover up and SIX outfits each! I can actually go a entire week now!!!!!! Plus a pair of flip flops and nicer summer pair for them both!

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. Just as in fact you are doing" Thank you so much for all you do!

And to the ladies who helped up while checking out, especially the one who said the kind words to me.

Proverbs 16:24
"Kind words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

When life is just full of kids and work and struggling to provide it felt great to be complimented on how I'm doing with them. It really meant so much to me.

Thanks again!! I really appreciate it!