



ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

ANNOUNCEMENTS 9/5/21

MESSAGE: Testing, Perseverance, and Maturity

Churches are not places of model behavior. They have as many people struggling with sin, pain, and brokenness as those outside of church. Rather than being perfectly healthy communities, church is the place we can go to acknowledge, face, and deal with our brokenness. The book of James confronts the conflicts, tensions, and mess of church life head on. This week, we begin our study of James as we consider how broken people can better live in hope through the difficulties of life.

Text: James 1:1-18

On September 19 and 26, we will be holding informational meetings at 6 pm about the Reformed Church in America's upcoming General Synod meeting, our annual national assembly). The first week we will talk about how we decide things in our denomination and the second week we will focus on the specific issues before Synod this year. You can learn more about General Synod [here](#).

THREADS: Thank you for all of your donations thus far! The first shopping day for Threads families will be on Tuesday, September 14. At this time we are in need of:

new and gently used clothing / shoes for girls and boys sizes infant through teen.

New underwear for boys (all sizes)

New underwear for men (all sizes)

Monetary donations are always welcome to purchase these needs.

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nursery training for adult & teen volunteers will be at after worship on Sunday, Sept. 19. This training will include a "Keeping Kids Safe" portion, which is required for all adults 18 yrs. old and above, prior to serving with children.

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.

We will be kicking off our education year on September 12 with a bit of a party after church. Lunch will be catered by Brann's. There will be a bounce house and other games for kids. Threads will hold an open house for everyone to see their space and learn more about this new ministry at Zion. Because the food will be catered, we are asking people to sign up ahead of time if they plan to attend. (Obviously, we would never turn anyone away from a meal! But signing up will help us plan for the day.) You can sign up [here](#).

WEEKLY OFFERING: Aug. 29, 2021

Weekly Budget: \$11,210.27 Year to Date Budget \$145,733.51

General Fund: \$ 7,770.26 Year to Date Contribution: \$ 89,464.81

Bathroom Remodel Fund to date: \$127,539.00

