

growing disciples who make disciples

TODAY AT ZION: During the Easter season, we will be considering questions Christians often avoid that many young people as well as people wondering about Christianity frequently want to ask. Some of these topics may be uncomfortable for us as believers as young people often see through the masks and inconsistencies of our lives, but I hope in considering these questions we can humbly acknowledge our own weaknesses and point each other to the glory and beauty of our God. This week, we consider the painful reality of hypocrisy among our Christians leaders and our own lives.

COMMUNION, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church. A Love Offering to support the Benevolent Fund will be received.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today following worship in the sanctuary. The slate chosen by Consistory nominates Tim Mekkes and Eric Zondervan for the office of Elder and Ashley Gross and Ashley VanderWall for the office of Deacon. The new elders and deacons will be confirmed at the meeting. A copy of the 22/23 Proposed Budget is available on the information table in the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

TODAY

10:45AM Annual Congregational Meeting12:00PM Youth Group Year End Party

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 24, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$11,210.27 Year to Date Budget: \$526,882.69

General Fund: \$ 7,951.93 Year to Date Contribution: \$491,100.56

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Christ Be Magnified

Call to Worship: Firm Foundation

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Never Walk Alone

It Is Well With My Soul

Children dismissed to Sunday School

Announcements

Prayer of Confession

Worship Song: Lord I Need You

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-6 & Matthew 13:1-27

Message: Questions Christians Avoid: What about hypocrisy in the

church?

Communion: In Christ Alone

How Marvelous

Offering: 1. General 2. Benevolent

Offering Song: New Wine

Blessing

Message by Pastor Greg Brower

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. Please bring the corresponding tag to pick up children (Kids in 3rd grade and younger).

Preschoolers Room 206 K & 1st graders Room 205 2nd & 3rd graders Room 204 4th & 5th graders Room 207

The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs.

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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) Ken Johnson (E-H) Brandon Deiter (I-M) Steve Boersma (N-R) Arlyn Zoet (S-U) Haley Stone (V-Z) 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. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please continue to pray for those in our congregation that deal with ongoing health issues.

OUR NURSERY is filling up again! Praise God for the gift of these children! And, we need your help! Would you be willing to support young families so they can attend the worship service, and provide great care for our young children? The time commitment is once every 4 weeks during the school year, and a couple of times over the summer. If you're interested, please contact Rachel Brower at 616-669-3412.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR END PARTY: Today is the middle school/high school youth group year end party at Craig's Cruisers. We will meet at church at 12 pm and return around 3:30-3:45 pm. **Each participant will need to fill out an online waiver before going.** Please forward me your confirmation email so I can print it which will save us time checking in. **Student cost is \$20** and the youth budget will cover the remaining cost. Please pay a youth leader when you arrive. You may also choose to use account money if you have any left or you can Venmo Jeremy @Jeremy-Zoet. We will have access to the 3 hour food and fun wristbands which include all attractions, jump time, and the 3 hour buffet (so come hungry!). If your child would like to do arcade stuff, they will need to bring their own additional money and take care of that themselves.