

growing disciples who make disciples

July 31, 2022 ZionReformed.org **TODAY AT ZION:** Jesus told his disciples to let the little children come to him, and He mentions children a few times in the gospel stories and their importance in the Kingdom. But why children? Is it because they are innocent and haven't been corrupt by the brokenness of the world? Is it because they are naïve? Quick to trust? Let's learn about children in the first century and how that might help us understand the story a little more clearly.

PASTOR JEREMY is on vacation this week. Kimberly Verbrugge and the praise team will lead us in worship. We thank God for the many people who offer their gifts so freely to our congregation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Good Good Father Call to Worship: Indescribable Welcome & Greeting Worship Songs: Your Name Is Power Living Hope Children dismissed to Sunday School Announcements Prayer of Confession Worship Song: How He Loves **Congregational Prayer** Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15 Message: But Why Children? **Communion Preparatory** Offering: Holy Is The Lord Closing Song: Unstoppable God Blessing Message by Pastor Andrew Moore

COMMUNION: Next Sunday, August 7, we will celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper. A special offering will be received for the Benevolent Fund. If you are unable to attend and would like to receive communion in your home, contact Pastor Rick at 534-7533 ext. 4.

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

All children participating in Zion Kids 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. The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 2 yrs. 3 yrs.-going into 3rd grade meet in room 205.

A PARK PLAYDATE at Zion's playground is being planned for Tuesday, August 2 from 10:00 to 11:30am. There will also be a bounce house and popsicles! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend!

WE NEED more volunteers to help at the Child Check-In Kiosk on Sunday mornings. Training will be provided. If you'd be willing to help on a Sunday this summer, please contact Kelly Osterink at 616-446-6704. Thanks!

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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)Eric Zondervan (I-M)Tim Mekkes (N-R)Arlyn Zoet (S-U)Haley Stone (V-Z)If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally needsome 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: MOTT FAMILY UPDATE: Ellie (19 y/o) had surgery on Tuesday to remove a mass on her brain that had been causing headaches and blurry vision. The surgery and recovery went well, but the preliminary pathology showed it was cancer. Another MRI is being done to see if her spine has spots as well. This was likely something very new and fast growing. She will need treatment, some combination of chemo and radiation. Next week they hope to know more. Sydney (16 y/o) continues chemotherapy to fight the Hodgkin's Lymphoma she found out she has back in May. Please pray for the entire family during this difficult time! A meal train was recently started. If you'd like to contribute, follow this <u>link</u>. There is also a gofundme started to help with costs for Ellie's brain surgery. You can find that <u>here</u>. **DON AND MARCIA** Osterink would like to thank the Zion family for all the prayers, cards and word of encouragement they have shown. Marcia continues to heal from injuries incurred in a fall and is doing well. Don's recent report showed that the medication he is taking has been effective in slowing the spread of his cancer.

WILLIS KUIPER will be celebrating his 90th birthday on August 5. If you would like to send birthday wishes his way his mailing address is: 2589 44th ST SE Room 113, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

THREADS will be having an end of the season sale on Saturday, August 13 from 9am-1pm. All summer clothing items and accessories will be \$1 each (Cash or checks only). All the profit from this sale will be used to purchase new needed items for the ministry.

THE SEARCH for a new Children's Ministry Director is underway. With the help of consistory, a search committee of Shanda VandePol, Emily Morehouse, Matt Eling, Heidi Ondersma, Rick Vander Wal, and Jerrod Holzgen was formed. The job description was updated and is now posted in several locations include the RCA and CRC websites. This is a part time (approx. 20 hours per week), salaried position. If you or someone you know is interested, or if you have questions, please contact Jerrod at <u>jholzgen@yahoo.com</u> or 616-520-1771. Thank you for your support during this period of transition and will keep you posted as the search proceeds.

THIS WEEK AT ZION: TUESDAY

10:00AM Park Play Date WEDNESDAY 6:30PM Praise Team Practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 24, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17 General Fund: \$ 4,205.50 Year to Date Budget: \$82,089.36 Year to Date Contribution: \$66,776.97