



ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Raise A Hallelujah

Call to Worship: Joy Of The Lord

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: The Lion and The Lamb
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Commissioning of Zion Kids and Youth educators

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 14:29-31, 15:1-2

Message: "God Gives Hope"

Offering: Always

Closing Song: Living Hope

Blessing

Message by Pastor Steve Petroelje

September 11, 2022

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ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our education year starts today! All kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in room 206. K-2nd graders meet in room 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in room 207. Please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child after worship. We're excited to begin the year!

ZION'S ANNUAL Keeping Kids Safe child protection policy training will be held today & Sunday, Sept. 18 following the morning worship service. This training is mandatory for all adults (and highly encouraged for those who are not yet 18) working with children & youth in any of our ministry programs. Please plan on attending one of these available classes.

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SECURITY doors B, C, and D will be locked from 9:40AM until the end of the service each Sunday.

ZION INPUT GATHERING: Part of my role as a Transition Pastor includes conducting an initial assessment of church health. I have met one-on-one with staff and Consistory members in order to get to know them better and gain input from them on the strengths of Zion, areas that might benefit from improvement, and any other helpful insights into what makes Zion special and effective. I want to hear your input as well. I will hold a Zion Input Gathering on Sunday, September 18 following worship in the Sanctuary. It will last about 30-45 minutes. At this gathering I will share an overview of the transition process, offer a bit of teaching on church health, answer questions you might have, and then invite you to share input by responding to four questions. A link will be emailed to the congregation after the input gathering so that you can anonymously respond to these questions online. For those without access to it, hard copies of the four questions will also be available. Responses must be submitted by Sunday, September 25. From there, I will review all feedback and bring some recommendations to the Consistory for enhancing the ministry at Zion. Thanks for your partnership in the ministry at Zion. ~ Steve

NEXT SUNDAY, following the Input Gathering, we will celebrate the start of our education year with a lunch catered by Brann's. We hope you will join us, this is a great time to reconnect after a busy summer.

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 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: Tom Boeve will have hip replacement surgery on Thursday, Sept. 15. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who deal with ongoing health issues.

WE ARE starting to plan a family camping opportunity for summer 2023 at Dunes Harbor Family Camp in Silver Lake. While we don't have a specific date, we would like to determine if there is sufficient interest to move forward. If you would like to join us, please sign up (you are not obligated at this time) on the bulletin board by the church office. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Rick or Jonell VanderWall.

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY we kick off the year with a pool party at the Erik's house. We will eat a meal, play some games to get to know one another, and hang out at their pool.

- Middle School party is from 12:30 pm – 3 pm
- High School party is from 3 pm – 5:30 pm

REGULAR YOUTH group meetings will start Sunday, September 18.

- High School Youth(9-12 grade) meet every Sunday from 4 - 5:30 pm.
- Middle School Youth (6-8th) meet every Sunday from 5:45 – 7:15 pm.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

TODAY

10:50AM Keeping Kids Safe Training (Youth room)
12:30PM Middle School Youth Kickoff Party
3:00PM High School Youth Kickoff Party

TUESDAY

7:00PM Elders meet
7:00PM Deacons meet
8:00PM Consistory meets

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

Message Notes

Series: Lessons for Transitioning: A series from Exodus

Message: "God Gives Hope"

Scripture: Exodus 14:29-31, 15:1-2

We have hope because of God's _____ and grace

1. The Israelites had so much to be thankful for in their past.
2. The Israelites had so much to be thankful for as they looked to the future.

From hope and celebration to grumbling and _____

1. From worship (15:1-21) to doubt (15:24).
2. Let's pause and look in the mirror.

Will we _____ with hope?

1. Transition always brings uncertainty, but it also brings new opportunities and hope if we transition with faith in God.
 - a. Jeremiah 29:10-13
2. Where do you need hope? What might that require?
 - a. Perhaps living with hope requires:
 - 1) Spiritual growth as a disciple
 - 2) An attitude change
 - 3) Living with a dose of reality
3. Will we praise God in light of the hope he gives?
 - a. Guilt, Grace, Gratitude
 - b. Exodus 15:1-2 and Romans 12:1
 - c. Philippians 3:13-14

Application Questions:

1. What in your life is currently stealing your sense of hope?
2. What steps can you take to name and remember God's faithfulness to you?
3. How can you point others to the hope we have in Christ?