



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

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Blessing

November 20, 2022

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## **ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ZION KIDS:** All kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. All Zion Kids must be picked up by a parent (please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child) following worship. 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.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** practices will be held on 11/20 & 12/4. Kids will meet in room 205 for 30 minutes following the worship service. Dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9:00am-10:30am and the program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 9:30am.

## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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:** Gary Osterink broke his ankle and is recovering at Health Bridges. Larry Westra had extensive back surgery on Friday and plans to be transferred to Health Bridges for rehab. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

**A SURVEY** for the Pastoral Search Process was emailed to the congregation on November 9. Preferred method of response is online but hard copies are available on the table in the narthex for those without internet access. Deadline to respond is today.

**ZION WOMEN:** If you're interested in getting to know other women at church or simply reconnecting after 2 years of limited activities, join us for a fun night of games and food on December 14 at 6PM! Nancy Steenbergen will be bringing back a classic by leading us in Bunco (an easy group dice rolling game). Don't know how to play? No problem we will teach you! To RSVP, sign up on the sheet outside the office or text Haley Stone at (616) 916-6698 by December 10th. Please bring an appetizer to share! Can't wait!

**DONATIONS** of the following items (full size - not travel size) are needed for the Personal Care Pantry and can be placed in the box in the narthex marked "pantry donations". Thank you!

Laundry Soap	Bar Soap	Dish Soap	Disposable Razors
Shampoo	Conditioner	Toothpaste	Paper Grocery Bags
Deodorant	Tampons	Maxi Pads	
Paper towels (1 or 2 pack)	Toilet paper (1-4 pack)		

**HAND2HAND** could use donations of the following: Snack Pack/Jello pudding cups, bags of cracker or snack cracker packs, prepackaged Rice Krispie treats, granola bars, Slim Jim beef snack sticks, fruit snacks and microwave popcorn.

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE:** The Middle School Youth are offering a holiday card delivery service! Beginning on Sunday, November 27 through Christmas Eve, you can place your cards in the big post office box in the narthex and the youth will sort them and place them in the appropriate church mailbox. In exchange for this service, we ask that you make a donation to the Jr. High Youth to help support their summer mission trip. There is a jar on top of the post office box that you can place your donation in. Thank You!

**THERE ARE** still some Key Card Books (\$30) and 2023 God's Creation Calendars (\$10) available for purchase. Products are on a table in the narthex. Payment can be placed in the jar next to the product.

**JOIN US** for a service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30PM. Nursery will be available for children 0-3 years of age. The Deacons have designated the Thanksgiving Offering as follows:

- The first \$1,500 received will be split evenly between the personal care pantry, Hand to Hand and Threads.
- The remaining amount received will be split 50-50 between Access of West Michigan and Love Your Neighbor.

**ALSO, FOR THANKSGIVING,** we will gathering physical items to gift to our to Hand 2 Hand & Personal Care Pantry recipients.

- For Hand 2 Hand we are collecting sugar cookie mix and frosting for kids to make cookies over Christmas break.
- For Personal Care Pantry we are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Our hope is to provide these toothbrushes and toothpaste to those who might not have the income to regularly visit the dentist and receive new toothbrushes every six months.

We will be inviting people forward to bring these items during the offertory at the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.



**DURING THIS** Christmas season we want to bless and encourage those from Zion who are not able to join us in person for worship. We encourage you to write Christmas Cards to the individuals listed below and place them in the basket labeled Christmas Cards located in the back of the sanctuary. Cards must be received by December 11 so that we can get them delivered.

Harv & Harriet Berens  
Connie VanderZouwen  
Gary Osterink  
Margy Ribbens  
Willis Kuiper  
Rog Beute

Betty DeVries  
Erma VanHaitsma  
Kay Sikkema  
Bob Retsema  
Margaret Goodman

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL:** Words Of Hope has made available a Advent Devotional for the month of December. The Waiting With Joy Advent Calendar comes as two versions: an adult devotional and a young families devotional! Along with the daily devotional, there are craft ideas, daily activities, countdown cards, and a calendar. All materials are available to download and print at <https://www.woh.org/adventcalendar/> Children in Sunday School will come home with a hard copy of the young families booklet today. There are hard copies of the adult devotions available on the tables in the back of the narthex for those without internet access.

# ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REGULAR YOUTH group meetings tonight.

- High School Youth(9-12 grade) meet from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.
- Middle School Youth (6-8th grade) meet from 5:45 – 7:15

## PAYMENT for the following events are due today, Sun. Nov. 20:

- ➔Middle School Winter Retreat #2 \$50.00
- ➔Middle School Mission Trip #1 \$25.00
- ➔High School Winter Retreat #2 \$50.00
- ➔High School Mission Trip #1 \$50.00

**NOTE:** Current student fundraising account balances were emailed to you earlier in the week. Account money may be used to pay for any event. Students must indicate this as their chosen method of payment when signing up for an event or on/before payment due dates.

## THIS WEEK AT ZION:

### TODAY

- 10:50AM Christmas Program Practice
- 4:00PM High School Youth Group meets
- 5:45PM Middle School Youth Group meets

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:30PM Thanksgiving Worship Service

## WEEKLY OFFERING: November 13, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17	Year to Date Budget:	\$246,268.08
General Fund: \$ 8,692.50	YTD Contribution:	\$205,946.11

## Message Notes

**Series:** *Preparing For and Pointing To Jesus*

Message: "God's Perfect Preparations"

Luke 1:5-25

### **God prepared people for the coming of Christ at just the right time**

1. "In the time of King Herod" – vs. 5
2. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ time
3. God's timing \_\_\_\_\_ scriptural promises  
- Genesis 3:15, Genesis 49:10

### **God used people to prepare others for the coming of Christ**

**(vss. 5-13)** John's parents → John the Baptist → Jesus

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth sought to be righteous in \_\_\_\_\_ sight
2. They were godly parents to impacted the one who would \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the Lord
3. Zechariah had faith when the odds were against him
4. Mary, the mother of Jesus, exhibited \_\_\_\_\_ as well  
(vs. 38)

### **God wants people today to be prepared**

1. People still need to be prepared to meet \_\_\_\_\_  
(vss. 16-17)
2. John the Baptist lived with the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ people to Christ (vs. 17b, John 1:29)

### **God's preparations require us to have faith**

1. We must \_\_\_\_\_ God and move forward with faith  
- John 20:30

### Application questions:

1. How does Luke 1:5-25 encourage you? Challenge you?
2. What can you do in the Advent season ahead to help prepare others to meet Jesus and point others to Jesus?