



ZION REFORMED

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Stronger

Call To Worship: Holy Holy Holy

Mother's Day Video

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Reckless Love
What A Beautiful Name

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Recognition of 2023 Graduates

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Mathew 18:1-9, 18-23

Message: The Parable of the Sower

Offering: Cornerstone

Blessing

WE HAVE a Family Room available for parents with babies and small children where you can watch the live-stream of the worship service while comforting a baby or giving a restless toddler a little extra space to move around for part of the worship service. The Family Room is across from the nursery. Upon exiting the sanctuary/worship gathering space, turn right and it is the first room on your right.

May 14, 2023

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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 REQUEST: Continue to pray for our Search Team, Matt Eling, Jill Austin, Ken Cook, Kathy MacGraw, Andrew Moore, Patti Steere, Kyle VanderWall, and Pastor Steve. Pray for those in our congregation who have ongoing health issues.

AT THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Michelle Holzgen and Nancy Steenbergen were elected to the office of Elder and Andy Boeskool and Austen DeHaan were elected to the office of Deacon. These new officers will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 4. The 23/24 Budget was approved at \$600,233.46.

SAVE THE DATE! The Ordination and Installation Service for Jeremy Zoet will be held at Zion on Sunday, June 25 beginning at 9:30AM.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4 we will honor pastor Rick for his 23 years of service at Zion and celebrate his retirement with a cake reception following worship. We encourage you to write Rick a card or note of thanks and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary and we will present them to him on June 4.

HAND2HAND will be packing food bags this morning following worship. If you would like to help pack (it's easy and it's fun) head downstairs after worship and they will show you how!

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL KIDS birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby. All Zion Kids must be picked up by a parent following worship. Nursery is available for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in rm 206. K-2nd graders meet in rm 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in rm 207.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

11:00AM Hand2Hand packs

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

7:00PM Search Team meets

WEEKLY OFFERING: May 7, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17 Year to Date Budget: \$502,797.33

General Fund: \$ 9,945.45 Year to Date Contribution: \$513,708.55

2023 GRADUATES

SAMANTHA ERIKS is graduating from Jenison High School. She plans to attend Hope College to major in Spanish & Undecided, most likely with a Writing minor.

IAN LOBBES is graduating from Jenison High School. He plans to attend GRCC this fall but is undecided on a major.

Message Notes

Series: Learning from the Parables

Message: The Parable of the Sower

Mathew 18:1-9, 18-23

Jesus told the parable (vss. 3-9)

1. Four types of soil and four _____
Path
Rocky places
Thorns
Good soil

2. A Kingdom parable

Jesus interpreted the parable (vss. 18-23)

1. The sowing of seed is like the spreading of the Gospel
 - a. The timing is right when hearts are open and _____
 - b. The timing is right when faith can grow _____
 - c. The timing is right when our priorities are _____

What can we apply from this parable?

1. What is the condition of your _____?
2. How can we impact the receptivity of _____?
3. Hearing should lead to fruitfulness and _____

Application questions to consider:

What type of soil represents your heart?

How are you hearing and responding to the Gospel?

Are you bearing fruit?

How can you help others receive the good news?