



ZION REFORMED

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Glorious Grace

Call to Worship Song: Great Are You Lord

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Hallelujah What A Savior
Not Yet I But Through Christ In Me

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Message: "The Parable of the Prodigal Son"

Offering: Dancing On The Waves

Closing Song: Forever Reign

July 16, 2023

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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PRAYER REQUEST: Barb Overweg did not have an ablation on her back as planned but was given a nerve block instead. Linda Tuit is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Pray for those in our congregation who have ongoing health issues.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder. Member Care Districts by Elder are listed on the bulletin board by the nursery. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Tom MacGraw at (616) 315-7938. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

SUMMER is a great time to try out new ways to serve at Zion! It is also the time of year that people who are looking for a church home tend to visit and we want them to feel welcomed! We all know that first impressions are important! Our First Impressions Team is looking for volunteers to make coffee, serve as an usher, greeter, or to help at the child check in station. All of these tasks are very easy, require minimal time commitment and you can pick your own schedule! Click [here](#) to sign-up through Sign-Up-Genius or call Connie in the church office at 616-534-7533 ext. 3 and she can help you with scheduling!

FOR THOSE who signed up for Dunes Harbor camping, an information letter has been placed in your Zion mailbox. Also, a sign up for food has been placed on the bulletin board by the church office. Please take a minute to review it and sign up before the end of July. If you have questions, please contact Rick or Jonell VanderWall.

CAMP ZION is still in need of snack donations. The sign-up sheet is on the Camp Zion bulletin board by the church office.

WE ARE STILL collecting toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste through the end of August to meet our goal of providing toothbrushes and toothpaste to all of our Personal Care Pantry, Hand2Hand, and Threads participants in September. Donations can be placed in the Personal Care Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

HAND2HAND is looking for volunteers to deliver food to Grandview Elementary School. Delivery would be every Wednesday or Thursday between 3:30-4:00PM beginning in the fall and continue weekly during the regular school year schedule. Food is packed in totes so volunteers would need to be able to lift the totes which can weigh up to 40lbs. Contact Sheila Johnson or Shawn Sanders if you have more questions or would like to help.

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION KIDS has switched over to our summer programming. Through Sept 3, we will hold one combined class each week for kids ages 3yrs old through 3rd grade. We will sing songs, watch a Bible story video, pray together and have some playtime while service is happening in the sanctuary. Children should check in at the child check in station each week as usual.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

6:30PM Elders meet
7:00PM Consistory meets

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 9, 2023

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| Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 | Year to Date Budget: \$69,257.70 |
| General Fund: \$10,797.45 | Year to Date Contribution: \$64,284.70 |

Message Notes

“The Parable of the Prodigal Son”

Luke 15:11-32

Context: Luke 15:1-2

The poor decisions of the prodigal son (vss. 11-20)

1. Admitting what we have in _____ with him
2. Sin separates us from the _____

The persevering love of the Father (vss. 20-24)

1. Our heavenly Father longs for our _____
- Luke 15:10, Luke 19:10
2. God _____ upon our return and treats us with grace.
- Psalm 103:13, Psalm 116:5

The pride of the older son (vss. 25-32)

1. The setting
2. The response to the younger brothers _____
3. Connecting the audience, parable and modern setting
4. We act like the older son when we think we are _____
in God’s sight or when we fail to joyfully celebrate when
spiritually lost people are _____

Application questions:

1. How are you like the younger son, aiming to go your own way?
2. How are you like the older son?
3. How can we delight in the mercy of the Father?
4. What can you do to help reach spiritually lost people?