



ZION REFORMED

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Rock Of Ages

Call to Worship: Goodness Of God

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)
Kyrie Eleison (A Song of Confession)

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Moment For Missions: Chris Winkler, Wycliffe

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Message: What Is The Gospel?

Offering: O Come To The Altar

Closing Song: Living Hope

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.

August 6, 2023

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ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WILL celebrate the sacrament of Communion next Sunday, August 13. Please take time this week to prepare your heart for this celebration by confessing known sin, seeking reconciliation with others, and thanking God for his grace. A Love Offering for the Benevolent Fund will be received.

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.

WE EXPRESS our sympathy to Rev. Ronald Geschwendt and his family in the passing of his wife Jan on July 29. Rev. Geschwendt and Jan served at Zion from 1988-1993. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to Ron Geschwendt c/o The Atrium at Royal Park 400 Parkside Dr #205 Zeeland MI 49464

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!

PASTOR STEVE'S last Sunday with us is August 13. Following the worship service we will celebrate him and his service to Zion with ice cream sundaes. We encourage you to write 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 August 13. (Blank cards are available in the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.)

HELP STUFF THE BUS! We have partnered with Love Your Neighbor to provide backpacks and supplies for their Stuff The Bus campaign. Tags that show what is needed for each bag will be on a table in the narthex. Please return the bag, supplies, and tag by Sunday, August 13 See Tom MacGraw if you have any questions.

TWO CAMPING SPOTS have opened up for Zion's family camping weekend (September 22-24) at Dunes Harbor. If you are interested contact Pastor Rick or Jonell.

THREADS CLOTHING MINISTRY is having a huge end of the season sale on Saturday, August 12 from 9am-1pm. All summer clothing, shoes, and accessories (newborn through adult sizes) are priced at \$1 each. 100% of the profit from this sale is used to purchase new clothing needs for this ministry. This sale is open to the public. Please help spread the word about the sale and follow us on facebook and instagram (threadsclothingministry) for more information about Threads.

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!

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

TODAY

10:50 AM "Get to Know" Gathering

TUESDAY

7:00PM Elders meet

7:00PM Deacons meet

8:00PM Consistory meets

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: July 30, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$103,886.55

General Fund: \$ 6,499.45 Year to Date Contribution: \$ 86,974.05

Message Notes
What Is The Gospel?
John 3:1-21

Nicodemus was a _____

Nicodemus was also a member of the _____

Nicodemus became a _____

Reflection Questions:

1. Why does it sometimes feel easier to just obey religious rules than to truly grasp God's grace?
2. What "fence laws" have you experienced? In what ways have they been helpful? In what ways have they felt legalistic?
3. The meaning of the word gospel is literally "good news." Has the good news of Jesus become real in your own life?