

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: All the Poor and Powerless

Call to Worship: Raise A Hallelujah

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Promises

**Holy Spirit** 

**Announcements** 

Children Dismissed to Zion Kids

**Congregational Prayer** 

Scripture: John 20:19-29

Message: Wrestling With God

Offering: Never Walk Alone

Closing Song: My Lighthouse

Blessing

A Family Room is 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 turn right and it is the first room on your right.

### ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE EXPRESS** our sympathy to Debbie Coke in the passing of her mother, Cornelia "Connie" Ruth Van Duinen who went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 16. Please pray for peace and comfort for Debbie during this difficult time.

**ON BEHALF** of the Landstra family, we want to send a huge THANK YOU to the Zion congregation. You all have been so supportive and kind over the past 3 years as Steve battled cancer. Your support, compassion and kindness truly showed us what the hands and feet of God look like. We are so grateful to be part of such a loving and faithful church family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Shawn, Hayley & Carly Landstra

**IT'S A GIRL!** Bronson and Ashley Swan welcomed Harper Alaina into the world at 11:27AM on Wednesday, April 17. Harper weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and measured 20" long. Congratulations to the Swan family on their new, beautiful little blessing!

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held in the sanctuary after worship on Sunday, May 5. The meeting is open to anyone who attends Zion, but only active confessing members can vote. Childcare is not provided. This year's double slate of nominated and consenting individuals are:

**Elder Slate**: Matt Eling, Rachel Eriks, Mark Gazan and Andrew Moore **Deacon Slate:** Jacquie Knott, Adam Morehouse, Josh Sanders and Justin Steere

From the four Elders and four Deacons, two of each will be chosen by the drawing of names at the meeting. A copy of the proposed budget is available in the back of the sanctuary.

**"YOU ROCK"** Appreciation Luncheon: We want to celebrate all of our Nursery, Zion Kids & Youth Group volunteers and thank you for all the time, talents, energy, and joy you have given this year to our children and youth ministries. So, we are serving up lunch for you at the Zion rock-n-roll diner.

**Who:** All Nursery, Zion Kids & Youth Group volunteers and their families.

When: April 28, 2024 - Following the morning worship service.

**RSVP:** Text (616- 258-3291) or Email (zionkids@zionreformed.org) Rachel Verbrugge, by April 24th, with the number of people from your family that plan to attend.

**SPRING BOOK CLUB!** Would you like to grow in life-giving ways as you age? In Aging Faithfully, spiritual director Alice Fryling explores how to navigate the journey of retirement, lifestyle changes, and new limitations - and invites us to see God at work in new ways in the midst of it all. Join Pastor Marcia for one of two Book Club sessions to discuss the book together. RSVP for whichever day/time works best for you - Monday, April 29th at 6:30 PM or Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 AM at Zion. This is just a one-time gathering. Please read the book before you come. (It's fairly short!) This is open to anyone interested in the topic, regardless of your age! Books can be purchased on your own at a local bookstore or via Amazon here: Aging Faithfully, You can RSVP by emailing Pastor Marcia at mpratt@zionreformed.org, calling the church office, or signing up on the bulletin board outside the office.

**THREADS BOUTIQUE** was ready for spring on Tuesday April 9th. The boutique was filled with spring apparel and accessories, Prom dresses, brand new donated Vera Bradley items, and new shoes donated from Striders. And Wow! Threads was hopping on shopping day! A couple of us were talking about how it felt as busy as it does before Christmas. Then I did the numbers...and this was actually our HIGHEST NUMBERS EVER!

- ★ We served 62 families
- ☆ 1,413 pieces of clothing were given away
- ★ 196 accessories were given away
- ☆ 60 families received personal care items
- ★ 10 people had haircuts

Praise be to God that we were able to serve that many families and were able to give away over 1,600 pieces of quality clothing items to these families in one day! Thank you, Lord, for this truly remarkable ministry that our church can provide to the community. ~Jill Austin

**WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT:** Join us for a fun night of Bunco and food on Wednesday, April 24 at 6PM in the church basement (enter through Door F)! Don't know how to play? No problem we will teach you! RSVP <u>TODAY</u> on the sign up on the sheet outside the office or text Haley Stone at (616) 916-6698. Please bring an appetizer or sweet to share!

### ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL KIDS** from 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 newborns - 3 yrs old. 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.

**SAY IT DAY #6:** Kids, we will be practicing the following Bible verse for the next four weeks in class and at home. Anyone who can recite this verse from memory to their teacher in class on May 12, will be able to choose a prize from the treasure box.

Preschool - 2nd Grade: "Yours, Lord is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11b CSB

3rd-5th Grade: "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all." 1 Chronicles 29:11 CSB

### ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REGULAR WEEKLY YOUTH** groups meet on Sundays in the youth room at the following times:

- 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 pm.

# **THIS WEEK**

# **TODAY**

4:00PM High School Youth Group 5:45PM Middle School Youth Group

MONDAY

6:00PM Threads Sorting

# **WEDNESDAY**

6:00PM Women's Bunco Night 6:30PM Praise Team Practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: April 14, 2024

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$530,975.70 General Fund: \$7,622.73 Year to Date Contributions: \$507,325.59

Mission Offering for Emma DeVries \$2,136.00