



# ZION REFORMED

September 8, 2024  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Your Name Is Power

Call to Worship: Graves Into Gardens

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Trust In God  
Make Room

Announcements

Children's Message/Children are invited to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Message: Everyday Followers: Lessons from Philippians

Offering: Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Closing Song: My Friends May You Grow In Grace

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 in the west hall of the education wing.

**OUR SANCTUARY** is equipped with a hearing loop for the hearing impaired. Turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to use this feature.

**YOU MAY** have noticed over the summer a few different configurations of chairs in the sanctuary. We recognize people have different needs and preferences, and we are working towards a more hospitable space for all. Thanks for helping us make Zion a welcoming place!

## ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE EXPRESS** our sympathy to Tom and Megan MacGraw and their family in the passing of their mom/grandma, Darlene Childs, who went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, August 29. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 1-3pm at Palmer Park (1275 52<sup>nd</sup> St SW Wyoming, MI 49509) in pavilion C.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** We are looking for more people willing to serve on the First Impressions Team - particularly in the area of Ushers and Welcome Table. Contact Angie at [awalker@zionreformed.org](mailto:awalker@zionreformed.org) if you would like to know more or are interested in serving.

**THIS FALL,** Zion will kick off a church-wide learning opportunity for all ages. We will be hosting a Serving with Dignity class on Sunday afternoons from 4-5:30 PM, with dinner available to follow. The class will be taught by facilitators from Love Your Neighbor. It is a chance to not only learn how we might serve others with dignity in our ministries at Zion, but also how we might be a better neighbor, friend or coworker in our everyday lives. Pastor Marcia, Pastor Jeremy and Angie have been attending the classes this summer in preparation for the fall, and the material is excellent. This course will challenge every one of us to grow in our own personal discipleship. We truly want everyone to be involved - from the youngest to the oldest. There will be age-appropriate learning and activities for kids. Classes will be held Oct 6, 13, 20 and Nov 3, 10 and 17. Watch for sign ups to begin the week of September 8th!

**MORNING OF SERVICE:** As part of our intergenerational learning opportunity on Serving with Dignity this fall, we will be hosting a church-wide Morning of Service on Sunday, October 27th. We will begin in the sanctuary at our normal service time of 9:30 AM, and will open our time together with a song, meditation, and prayer. We will then spend the rest of the morning serving together! EVERYONE is welcome to join us for the Morning of Service, even if you are not signed up for the Serving with Dignity class. We will have options available for all ages and abilities. Stay tuned for more details and look for sign ups to begin the week of September 8th. And for those who sign up, you will receive a new Zion t-shirt to wear that day!

**OUR CHURCH** has been accepted to receive the RCA Renovations Grant which is for \$5,000 on up. Part of the process for this grant was having 7 congregants from different age groups ,as well as a couple of staff, answer survey questions. Based on those results, a proposal can begin to be written. The survey results highlighted how great we are in the area of local missions and outreach! This is something we should be proud of! A couple area's that the survey indicated needed some improvement was in relationship building and discipleship. Our proposal will include ways in which we can provide space and atmosphere for facilitating hospitality, relationships and discipleship. This could include asking for funds to supplement the upcoming Serving with Dignity Class and meals, it could include renovating our lobby/narthex to incorporate an area where all ages could feel comfortable having conversations together, it could include updating how we serve coffee and cookies on Sunday's, better signs outside for the entrances, etc. Here is a link for more information on this grant: <https://www.rca.org/equipping-congregations/the-renovations-project/> If you have questions or just want to chat about this some more, reach out to Angie Walker in the next week or two.

**THREADS UPDATE:** September 2024 marks 3 years since Threads has been located at Zion! My oh my, how we have grown!! We originally started with approximately 60 families and have currently grown to 139 families that regularly shop at Threads. On September 14, 2021, our first shopping day, we had 21 families shop and 582 articles of clothing were given away. This past Tuesday we had 57 families shop and 1,157 items were given away.

Here is the breakdown of the numbers from our busy day on Tuesday:

- 57 Families Shopped
- 200 People Received Clothing
- 1,066 Pieces of Clothes Given
- 91 Accessories (Shoes, Purses, etc) Given
- 48 Families used PCP Store
- 6 Haircuts Given (salon open 4:30-7:00)

Continual praise and glory given to Christ our Lord and Savior, who faithfully provides for this ministry! It is an honor to show HIS love and compassion to the families that we serve at Threads.

# Women's Event

**Saturday, September 21st**

**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**A Continental Breakfast will be served.**

**FEATURING: LIZ TESTA,  
RCA DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S  
TRANSFORMATION &  
LEADERSHIP**

**Questions - see Lauren Bosma, Emily Morehouse,  
Patti Steere or Angie Walker**

**RSVP online or at the bulletin board by the office**

**TO RSVP ONLINE FOR** this event click [here](#)

**DONATIONS** of the following items (full size - not travel size) are needed for the Personal Care Pantry:

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)			

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex marked "pantry donations".

## ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILD CHECK IN:** All children from birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby by the front doors prior to participating in our kids ministries.

**ZION KIDS PROGRAMMING** starts today! Children age 3yr-5th grade will be invited to their classrooms Here are the room assignments for the year:

Nursery - birth-2yrs (hall to the west of the sanctuary)

3 yrs-Kindergarten - Room 206

1st -2nd grade - Room 205

3rd-5th grade - Room 207

All children must be picked up from their classroom following worship. Please bring the corresponding tag from check-in to pick up your child.

## ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**KICK OFF:** Zion's Youth Group is kicking off on September 8! We are meeting at Zion for some Olympic competitions (with a youth group twist - volleyball with a giant beach ball, fencing with pool noodles, funny break dancing, creating a team flag, etc).We will be meeting during our regular weekly Sunday evening youth group times:

- 4:00-5:30 pm - High School (9th-12th grade)
- 5:45-7:15 pm - Middle School (6th-12th grade)

For youth group meetings on Sundays, please enter through door "D" in the back of church. With a new youth group year, we need everyone to fill out new Release/Registration Forms. [You can do that online here](#) or visit the Youth Group page on Zion's Website for a link.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

11:00AM Fall Kick-Off Party  
4:00PM High School Youth Kick-Off Party  
5:45PM Middle School Youth Kick-Off Party

### **MONDAY**

6:00PM Threads sorting

### **TUESDAY**

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

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

### **WEEKLY OFFERING:** September 1, 2024

Weekly Budget: \$11,518.09    Year to Date Budget:            \$161,253.26

General Fund:    \$ 7,582.73    Year to Date Contributions: \$123,873.22

## MESSAGE NOTES