YOU ARE WELCOME

The members of the Zion United Reformed Church of Ripon are pleased to welcome you to our place of worship. A sincere invitation is extended to you to participate in our programs of ministry.

We are a Protestant church, belonging to a federation of congregations known as the United Reformed Churches in North America. We believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our only Savior from sin . By the name "Reformed" we say that we stand in the tradition of the historic Protestant Reformation, accepting the Bible as the inspired, inerrant, and unchanging Word of God, seeking to be Reformed by that Word and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As Christ ministers to us, we want to minister to others. Feel free to make use of any of our ministries for yourself and your family.

If you wish to become involved in our programs or would like more information, please contact one of the members of the Council or call 599-9399.

THIS WE BELIEVE

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, inerrant in its entirety, unchanging, and God's revelation of Himself.

In our teachings, we subscribe to these Reformational creeds which constitute our forms of unity: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort. In our worship liturgy, we use these creeds which confess our unity with the historic Christian church: the Apostles' Creed, the Athanasian Creed, and the Nicene Creed.

We hold the world and life view by which we see all of reality in every area of life as being subject to the rule of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE: First Sunday of March (am); Good Friday; First Sunday of June (am); Second Sunday of August (am); First Sunday of October (am); New Years Eve/Day

ELDERS: Duane Bulthuis, Bill De Kok, Ray Enas, Leonard Enserink,
Ken Koolhaas, Jake Sonke, Dan Van Groningen,

DEACONS: Gary Kroon, Larry Mouw, Eric Segaar, Dennis Sonke, Rick Van Duyn

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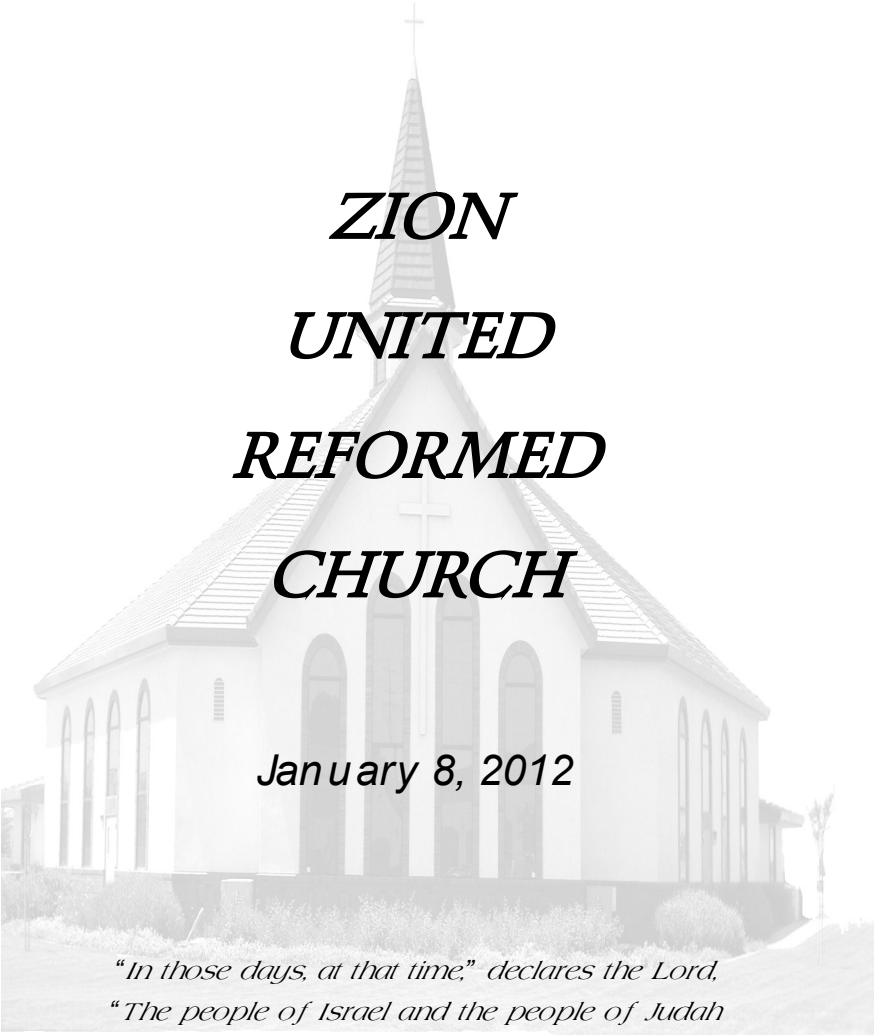
Rev. Kevin Efflandt, Pastor

Radio Program: Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 99.9 FM
"The White Horse Inn"

"Announcing freedom from guilt, the comfort of grace, and the joy of gratitude in the person and work of Jesus Christ."



ZION UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

January 8, 2012

"In those days, at that time," declares the Lord, "The people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Lord their God. They will ask the way to Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten."
Jeremiah 50:4-5

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Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Entering God's Presence

* Call to worship: Psalm 96:1-6
* Votum
  **Minister:* In Whom is your help?
  **Congregation:* "Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
* God's Greeting
* Hymn of Praise: #324 *"God Himself is With Us"*
  #89 "Within Thy Temple, Lord"

Confession of Sin

Reading of God's Law
* Hymn of Confession: #226 *"Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven" (vs. 1,3,5)*
Assurance of Pardon

Offering Ourselves to God

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: Deacon Fund
Congregational Prayer
* Hymn of Preparation: #159 *"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"*

God's Word

Scripture: Mark 9:14-29
Sermon: **I Believe; Help My Unbelief**
Prayer of Application

Closing With God

* Hymn of Commitment: #407 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (vs. 1-2)*
* Benediction
* Doxology: #488 *"Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"*
* Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Preparing for Worship

* Call to Worship
* God's Greeting

Confession of Faith

* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (page 3 in the Psalter Hymnal)
* Hymn in Response: #230 *"What Shall I Render to the Lord" (vs. 1,4,5)*
Reading of the Psalms: Psalm 13

Offering of Gifts and Offerings

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: Rev. Vander Pol
Congregational Prayer
* Hymn of Preparation: *"Speak O Lord" (insert)*

God's Word

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6
Sermon: **Called To Be Christians**
Prayer of Application

Closing With God

*Hymn of Commitment: #466 *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*
* Benediction
* Doxology: #493 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
* Postlude

"Those who are able, please stand

Calendar

Today

9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship; Church School, Adult Sunday School Toddler – 4th Time of singing before Church School
4:30 p.m.	Choir
4:45 p.m.	Sunday Evening Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
7:15 p.m.	Coffee Fellowship

Monday

7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting (2nd Monday of month)

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.	GEMS
6:30 p.m.	Cadets
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group at Church

Thursday

7:00 p.m.	Mid-Week Bible Study

Church Family

Remember those of our congregation who have ongoing needs: Binie Den Dulk, Marinus Gaalswyk, Cindy Hoeksema, Connie Mays, Don Paauw, Carl & Evelyn Plett, Berneice Van Duyn, Fred Veenstra, and Rhondalynn Whitehead.

January 8, 2012

We welcome you and pray you will receive God's blessing in your worship with us today. Please be sure to sign our guest book on the table in the narthex if you have not already done so. We invite you to a time of fellowship immediately following each worship service.

Church Announcements:

Pastor Kevin has been on vacation this past week. This morning, Rev. Fritz Harms will lead us in worship, Mr. Angelo Contreras will lead our service this evening.

Next Sunday, Rev. Fritz Harms will lead us in worship in the morning and Mr. Angelo Contreras will lead us in worship in the evening. Pastor Kevin will be speaking at an RYS retreat.

There will be a first baby shower for Lynette Drost and baby Walter, and Patricia Kamper and baby on Saturday January 21st at 10am. All ladies are welcome to join us as we celebrate with these new mothers.

Choir: We are starting our new season with rehearsal today at 4:30 pm. We are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, today is a great time to start.

Youth Group will be meeting at church this week. All parents who are able to meet should come as well. We will be going over retreat info and convention info as well as fundraising organization. The meeting probably will last about an hour.

White Horse Inn Discussion Group: This will be starting on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be part of this, please sign up on the sheet on the book table so that you can receive copies of the necessary materials.

Men's Book Club: Our men's book club will begin meeting soon: Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, January 21st at 8:00 am. We will be discussing chapters 1 and 2 of "The Masculine Mandate."

Cadets: We have been invited to join the Almond Valley Cadets for a practice race for the Pinewood Derby. We will meet at Almond Valley CRC on Monday, Jan. 30th at 7:00 p.m. Dads are also welcome to come and watch the race. Pizza will be served! Please be working on your cars so they are ready for this race! Advanced Notice: The Pinewood Derby will be held on Feb. 11th.

If you would like to receive ***Christian Renewal*** at the bulk rate, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please place your money in the attached envelope and mark paid behind your name. The cost for 2012 is $37.00.

Ladies Bible Study with Story hour will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 24th with an introduction to their new study on Proverbs by Kathleen Buswell Nielson. This will be followed with a welcome back brunch.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study with coffee break will continue their study of John on Tuesday, January 24 with Lesson 38.

VBS needs for 2012: Although it is early, the VBS committee is asking the congregation to start saving items needed for crafts for next summer's VBS program. Please check your closets for the following items; jute, brown fleece, wide mouth canning rings, muslin, calico or gingham fabric scraps. We also need tuna or chicken cans which have been thoroughly washed and dried. There will be a big green VBS donation box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much!

Mark your calendars: VBS dates for 2012 are June 18th - 22nd.

Items for the bulletin are due Wednesday by 6:00 p.m.

Hearing assistance receivers with earplugs or headsets are available upon request. Inquire at the sound table.

Prayer Chain: Nettie Roos, 599-7404; Adrianna Miedema, 599-6639

Tapes and CD's of the morning and evening worship services will be available after each service at the sound desk or contact Chuck De Jong. A suggested donation of $1 per tape or CD is appreciated.

Ripon Christian School Announcements:

Ripon Christian School Circle invites you to their first 2012 meeting, to be held at Almond Valley CRC's fellowship hall on Friday, January 13. Make a note on your calendar for the second Friday of the month, since school will have just resumed on the 5th. Decisions for allocation of fall funds raised have been carried over into 2012, so SC welcomes your attendance and participation for this very important meeting! Nursery provided; T.R.I.P. sold at this location. Refreshments served at 8:20, meeting to follow. T.R.I.P. drawing for those present. Hope to see many of you there!

Ripon Christian School Announcements (con't):

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION MEETING: Parents of college-bound students, regardless of college choice, are welcome on Tuesday evening, January 10 at 6:30 pm at the Ripon Christian High School Library. Steve Mouw of Dordt College will be leading an informational meeting to explain the college financial aid process.

Ripon Christian School invites you to attend our annual "Information Night" held in the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, January 19th. Beginning at 7 p.m. New parents will learn about our K-12 curriculum, meet our administrators and teachers, view a multi-media presentation, and take a campus tour. This is a great opportunity for interested families to visit the school and learn more about what Ripon Christian has to offer. Parents and students are encouraged to come. If you know of an interested family, please pass this information along.

Community Announcements:

Westminster Seminary California Annual Conference 2012: You are invited to join us in Escondido, CA for this year's conference entitled, The Unfolding Mystery: Reading and Applying the Bible. This will take place on Jan. 13-14, 2012 at the WSC campus. The Bible can be described as an unfolding mystery because its diverse contents all progress toward one goal Jesus Christ. This conference will show how we are to understand the differences in the Bible in light of its unity, and how that understanding affects our reading and application of the Bible. For plenary topics, speakers, schedule, rates, and to register online, visit www.wscal.edu or call 888.480.8474.

Uruapan, Mexico: There are 37 people going to Uruapan, Mexico. This includes people from California, New Jersey, Idaho, Canada, and several from West Michigan they are joining the group from Faith URC to work on the Mount Of Olives Children's Village in Uruapan. We plan to leave Friday the 20th and return Saturday the 28th. Watch the website, www.rms.org, for pictures and updates during the work week. Please pray for this team as the final arrangements are made. Thank you, Reformed Mission Services.

Grief Support Group: There will be a 13 week grief support group starting on Saturday, January 7 from 9:30 to 11:00 am at Calvary Church in Ripon. All are welcome to join. For more information, call 599-4294

Schedules

Greeters today: Bill & Susy De Kok
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Organist/Pianist next week: AM: Clarissa Bohrer PM: Kelli Sikma
Nursery today: AM: Infants: Ruth S., Corrine K., Ciara W.
Toddlers: Kristina F., Wilma C., Faith Eberhard
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Letha E, Ada B., Kayla S.
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Ushers today: Kent Van Groningen, John Sikkema, Phil Mensonides
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Coffee servers today: Tim & Karan Philipsen
Coffee servers next week: Dennis & Joanne Sonke
Library today: Monique D.J., Nettie R.
Library next week: Char V.V., Letha E.
Hospitality Hosts today: Leonard & Letha Enserink
Hospitality Hosts next week: Harry & Char Van't Voort
Refreshments today: AM: Nicole S., Hermina O., Gloria J.
Joanne S., Elena Z., Teresa A.
PM: Jeanny T., Nettie R., Jan W., Cindy H.
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Susy D.K., Marilyn D.J., Henrietta V.S.
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Offering Totals for December

General Fund	$ 56,876.96
Deacon Fund	$ 11,025.00
Zion URC Building and Grounds	$ 5,000.00
Roatan Water Project	$ 5,000.00
Ripon Christian Tuition Relief	$ 2,524.95
Isaac Vargas	$ 2,122.97
Gideons	$ 2,000.00
Providence Christian College	$ 969.35
Tepeyac Construction	$ 949.25
MERF	$ 946.23
MARS	$ 714.01
Kauai URC	$ 500.00
Rev. Vander Pol	$ 500.00
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