

## 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.

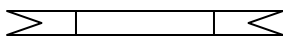
In our teachings, we subscribe to these Reformational creeds which constitute our forms of unity: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Belgic Confession, and the Canons of Dort. In our worship liturgy, we use these creeds which confess our unity with the historic Christian church: the Apostles' Creed, the Athanasian 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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Radio Program: Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 99.9 FM  
"The White Horse Inn"

*"Sola Scriptura"*



# ZION UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

*September 18, 2011*

*"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*

# Zion United Reformed Church

September 18, 2011  
Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.

## Entering God's Presence

- \* Call to worship
- \* 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: #190 "Sing a New Song To Jehovah"

## Confession of Sin

- Reading of God's Law
- \* Hymn of Confession: #454 "Nearer, Still Nearer" (v. 3 a cappella)
- Assurance of Pardon

## Offering Ourselves to God

- Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: General Fund
- Congregational Prayer
- \* Hymn of Preparation: #218 "My Steadfast Heart, O God"

## God's Word

- Scripture: Exodus 20:4
- Confessional Reading: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 35
- Sermon: **The Right God, The Right Way**
- Prayer of Application

## Closing With God

- \* Hymn of Commitment: #318 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (vs. 1-3)
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: #318 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" (v.4)
- \* Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand

Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

## Preparing for Worship

Praise Team: Chris Van Groningen, Phil Mensonides,  
Kristina Fisher, Alicia Vander Wal

- Call to Worship
- \* God's Greeting
- \* Hymn of Praise: #183 "O Come Before the Lord" (vs. 1,3,5)

## Confession of Faith

- \* Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (page 3 in the Psalter Hymnal)
- \* Hymn in Response: #385 "Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

## Offering of Gifts and Offerings

- Presentation of Gifts and Offerings: MARS
- Congregational Prayer
- \* Hymn of Preparation: #105 "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1,3,4) (LB)

## God's Word

- Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
- Sermon: **The Search for Meaning**
- Prayer of Application

## Closing With God

- \* Hymn of Commitment: #176 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1-5)  
(alternate tune)
- \* Benediction
- \* Doxology: # 176 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 6)  
(alternate tune)
- \* Postlude

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## Schedules

Greeters today: Roger & Denise Ray  
Mark & Annette Borges  
Greeters next week: Roger & Denise Ray  
Mark & Annette Borges  
Organists today: AM: Joann Veenstra PM: Glenn De Jong  
Organists next week: AM: Glenn De Jong PM: Joann Veenstra  
Praise Team today: PM: Chris Van Groningen, Phil Mensonides  
Kristina Fisher, Alicia Vander Wal  
Song Service next week: PM: John Vander Helm  
Nursery today: AM: Infants: Wilma C., Mona B., Molly H.  
Toddlers: Lydia F., Ruth S., Vanessa V.H.  
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Jeanny T., Sherrie V.H., Faith E.  
Nursery next week: Infants: Sandy M., Mackenzie W., Melinda Segaar  
Toddlers: Lisa S., Ciara W., Tanya T.  
PM: Infants/Toddlers: Joann S., Michelle S., Derek H.  
Ushers today: Harry Van't Voort, Jon Stelpstra, Greg Snodgrass  
Ushers next week: Vince Van't Voort, Greg Kamper, Phil Van Groningen  
Coffee servers today: Bert & Joann Piers  
Coffee servers next week: Tom & Jan Watkins  
Library today: Rena S., Adrianna M.  
Library next week: Jan W., Ruth S.  
Hospitality Hosts today: Dan & Pat Van Groningen  
Hospitality Hosts next week: Jerry & Judy Sonke  
Refreshments today: AM: Karan P., Irene W., Leslie H., Sandy F.  
Nicole S., Hermina O.  
PM: Alyda S., Sherrie V.H., Jeanny T., Shaina B.  
Refreshments next week: AM: Gloria J., Joanne S., Elena Z.,  
Teresa A., Henrietta V.S., Connie M.  
PM: Nettie R., Jan W., Cindy H., Alida C.  
Truck Stop Ministry today: AM: Ralph R., Les H., John M.  
PM: \*Bill D.K., Dan J.  
Truck Stop Ministry next week: AM: Ralph R., Les H., John M.  
PM: \*Fritz H., John S.  
\*Denotes Leader PM  
Sound today: Jon Stelpstra, Jeremy Sonke  
Sound next week: Daniel Enas, Tim Philipsen  
Offerings this week: AM: General Fund  
PM: Mid America Reformed Seminary (MARS)  
Offerings next week: AM: Deacon Fund  
PM: Messiah Reformed Fellowship

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:

Reformation Night: If there is to be a Reformation Night event this year (Monday, October 31st), a point person is needed to spearhead this event. There are people who have already volunteered to help with this, but as of yet we do not have someone to coordinate all the activities (games for the children, prizes, etc.). If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please speak to one of the council members.

Sunday Evening Bible Study begins tonight from 4:45-5:45pm, in the Fireside room. All ages are encouraged to participate in this study of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Ladies Bible Study with Children's Story hour, will begin a 10 week study of Colossians and Philemon "Continue to live in Him." We will have the first meeting this Tuesday Sept 20th from 9:30-11:00am. This meeting will include an introduction to the study with a light "get acquainted" brunch provided. Nursery and Children's Bible story hour, are provided. All ladies are welcome.

Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. We will begin our new season on September 20. We will have coffee fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m., with our bible study following at 9:30 a.m. We will continue our study on John. For September 20 we will be covering Lesson 28 and the questions in Study 17 ( page 292). All are welcome and encouraged to attend! If you need a book please let Ada know.

Youth group will not meet this coming Wednesday, but will meet on Friday instead. Meet at the parsonage right after school to help tear down the fence and get it ready to put up a new fence on Saturday. We will be bringing in Mt. Mike's pizza for supper. If anyone needs a ride or has any questions talk to a leader.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 AM, we will be replacing the wooden fence at Zion's parsonage at 866 Ruess Ave. We need experienced carpenters/fence builders to help with this project. If you can help, please contact either Bert Piers (599-3709) or Dan Van Groningen (982-4349).

On the back table, there is a referendum against an act that would require public schools to teach children as young as five not only to accept but also to endorse transgender, bisexual and homosexual identity and behavior. Please take a petition, sign it as instructed, and return to church, placing it in the mailbox of Muriel Green by September 25.

Nursery: We are currently looking for more nursery volunteers. If you would like to help, please let Jessica Sonke know (872-1433). You must be at least 10 years old to be in the nursery. For those of you who already volunteer, we would like to thank you for your faithful service to our little ones.

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!

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.

## **Calendar**

### Today

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship; Church School, Adult Sunday School  
Toddler – 4<sup>th</sup> Time of singing before Church School  
Choir  
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

### Tuesday

6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Ladies Coffee Time Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study with Story Hour

### Thursday

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

### Friday

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

## **Church Family**

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who sent cards, expressions of love, and offered prayers for our family during this time of loss. We are especially grateful to all of you who gave of your time in helping prepare for the memorial service for Gary's grandfather and the luncheon that followed. God is faithful and has shown us his love through all of you. God's blessings to each one of you!  
*The Kroon Family*

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