



ZION REFORMED

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude: Rock Of Ages

Call to Worship: Living Hope

Welcome & Greeting

Baptism

Worship Song: Promises

Announcements

Children are invited to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Esther 4

Message: Looking Closer: Mordecai

Song Of Response: Cornerstone

Closing Song: Abandoned

Blessing

August 18, 2024  
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## **ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**TODAY** we celebrate with Austen and Olivia DeHaan, Matt and Katie Eling and Andrew and Ellen Moore as they present their children Gibson Robert DeHaan, Ruthie Nicole Eling, and Lucy Jade Moore for baptism. Baptism is a sign and seal of God's covenant of grace with us and our children. The sacrament of baptism is done in community; we as a church make promises to help nurture these children in their faith. One way we as a church family can tangibly express this commitment is by writing and sharing a blessing with the child being baptized. Since this is something new we will be doing with baptism, we want to give you time to reflect on this and to prayerfully learn about and think of a blessing you could write down to share with each baptism. You may write this blessing on your own piece of paper you have at home and bring it with you, or on the piece of paper that we will provide during the service. A blessing can include words of encouragement, empowerment, commendation & protection. You can find a scripture passage to use or you can write your own blessing. If you really want to make it personal, you can use the name of the child being baptized in your blessing.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Continue to pray for those in our congregation who deal with ongoing health issues.

**WE EXTEND** our sympathy to Shawn Landstra, Hayley and Carly in the passing of their father-in-law and grandfather Carroll "Cal" Landstra. Cal entered his eternal home on Friday, August 9, 2024. Please pray that they feel the comfort and strength of our Savior in this time of grief and loss.

**WE WILL** be celebrating the sacrament of communion together on Sunday, August 25th. We invite you to take some time to reflect and prepare your hearts as we come to this beautiful table of grace. In response to God's gift of grace to us, we will give an offering for Zion's benevolence fund after communion. Benevolence funds are used in a variety of ways to come alongside people in our Zion family and in our local community. One of the ways we are able to meet local needs is through CarePortal. Local agencies can post specific needs to the CarePortal technology platform, and we are able to respond as we are able. Recently we were able to purchase cribs for a local mom in need. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

**LAST WEEK** was a busy one at Threads! We had our open shopping day on Tuesday, August 6, and our end of the season sale on Saturday the 10th. We made \$928 at our sale!! And, my dreams came true....we actually had a line of people waiting to get in before we opened!! I may have done a happy dance! All of this money will be used to purchase new socks, underwear, and other needs for the Boutique. We also had a busy day at the monthly shopping day with the Threads' families. Here are our numbers for that day:

- ★ 50 Families shopped (3 of these were brand new)
- ★ 158 People received clothes
- ★ 757 Pieces of Clothing were given away
- ★ 57 Accessories were given away
- ★ 47 Families used the PCP store
- ★ 12 Haircuts were given

August also marks the end of the third year of Threads. Throughout this past year (September 2023 - August 2024), we have given away 13,000 items of clothing and have 137 families that regularly shop at Threads. This is 3,000 more clothing items than what we gave away last year. The needs in our community continue to grow, and this clothing ministry makes a HUGE difference and is a blessing to the Threads' families. Thank you to all of you for your love and support for this wonderful ministry. Above all, praise and glory to our Lord for His continual provision. ~Jill

## ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ZION KIDS:** Our summer class is for children 3yrs old through 2nd grade. 3rd-5th graders are invited to sit with their families in the sanctuary for the summer months. We will be watching some videos on the Fruit of the Spirit and having some play time afterwards. Please sign your child in at the Zion Kids Check In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service and bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child.

### THIS WEEK

#### TODAY

11:00AM Back To School Brunch

#### MONDAY

6:00PM Threads Sorting

#### WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

### WEEKLY OFFERING: August 11, 2024

Weekly Budget: \$11,518.09 Year to Date Budget: \$126,698.09

General Fund: \$ 8,382.73 Year to Date Contributions: \$100,889.03

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

## Fall Kick-Off Party

SEPTEMBER 8 - AFTER WORSHIP



HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS PROVIDED  
BRING A DISH TO PASS