

Zion Tidings

Serving Christ Through Serving Others

January, 2018

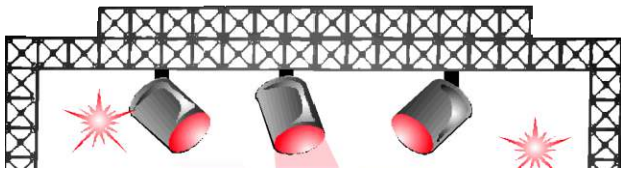
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE February "TIDINGS" ON Friday, January 19, 2018.



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION OF THE MONTH

January's Mission of the Month

The Sunday School children will bring their offering as well as ask the Zion congregation to bring their change in the month of January for **The Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit "WITH GOD'S GRACE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY"**.

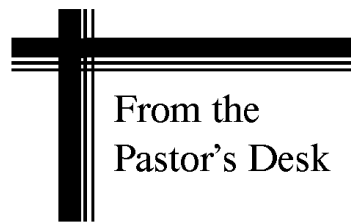
"With God's Grace" is a mobile food pantry that goes to scheduled locations where people in need in the community can come and receive food and some other small necessities to help members of their household. Every \$1.00 donated = 4 meals. Watch for the BIG RED BOWL in the back of the church starting in January where you can make donations for this wonderful cause. Their motto is: *We show people we care, that they have value, and that they are loved – by us and by God. It is our intention that they receive not only food for their physical hunger, but generous portions of kindness and grace to feed their spiritual and emotional hungers.*

We believe the words of Jesus that this is one way we can respond directly to God's love for us: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I

was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Any questions contact Jackie Glawe. You can also go on their website for additional information:

<http://withgodsgracepantry.org>



From the Pastor's Desk

January 2018

It is a new year! One way to start the New Year is to count your blessings in the church and share your thanksgiving with others. I am thankful and blessed to be here as your pastor and it takes a team to serve the Lord. I am so fortunate to have so many awesome ministry teams that are all gifted. Along with these gifts that you bring to the Lord you also bring your devotion and dedication to serve him.

My main prayer as a pastor is to work as a team for Jesus and empower others to serve him. I believe my prayer has been answered by God as I serve you as your pastor. I am also blessed because ministry at Zion is looking to the future by exploring new ways and avenues to enhance our mission statement of **Serving Christ through Serving others**. Thank you servants of Zion Lutheran Church! I look forward to serving the king with you in 2018.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

- 2 Melissa Garvic
- 7 Cyndi Grube, Terrie Werts
- 9 Joe Delaplane
- 10 Dave Cook, Laurie Reedstrom,
Tom Wesbecher
- 11 Linda Shutt
- 12 Babs Wesbecher
- 17 Erin Brooks, Mason Lopez
- 19 Cole Coppock
- 21 Bob Stollmer
- 22 Norm Barnhart
- 24 Birdie Kitchen
- 27 Anna Marie Stover
- 28 Miriam Comer, Larry Nichols
- 29 Greg Fetters



Pray for healing and recovery

Fred Aller, Pat Battiston, Darryl Bendickson, Jack Cable, Kathleen Kessler, Laura Roeth, Derek Roseman, Roger Schall, Susan Smith, Marina Snipes, Angela Stum, Dick Turner, Russ VanHorn, Piper Watkins.

Home bound residents specially thought of:

Patsy Furrow, Mary Sue Helke, Hap Johnson, Herb Johnson, Mary Jean King, John Kruse, Bob Kuhls, Belia Parrish.

Those who have lost a loved one:

Christine Copeland, whose father passed away on December 5. Please keep the Copeland family on your prayers.

Pat Cowan's brother-in-law, George Hudson, passed away Dec. 8 from cancer.

Phil Elliott and family. Boots passed away on Dec. 12. Funeral services were held at Zion on December 16.

Katie Sonnanstine whose husband Neal passed away Dec. 18. Funeral services were held at Zion on Dec. 22.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Thanks to Thrivent Financial and the Women of Zion for funding the purchase of fabric to make pillowcases for the kids! On November 20, 2017, **82** pillowcases were delivered to Dayton Children's Hospital. Children with cancer like to pick out their own personal pillowcase. Special thanks to the shoppers and seamstresses.

THANK YOU to all the choir members for stopping and singing Christmas carols at Spring Meade.

Stewart King

Dear Friends at Zion,

Thank you for thinking of me with the cheer plate of candy, cookies & fruit. It means a lot to me at this time. And thanks so much to Debbie Turner for delivering it.

May God Bless, Felicia Young

Thank you for your gift of \$243.00 to our ministry Samaritan's Purse. We gratefully acknowledge your contribution. Your partnership helps us to bless people around the world with clean water, food, shelter, medical care, and other desperately needed aid.

Sincerely, Franklin Graham

On behalf of my parents I'd like to thank the sweet ladies who made the Cheer plates and for Deb Turner's special delivery. My parents were like a couple of kids – they sat right down and ate the cookies for their dinner! (when you are 88 you're allowed) Also, thanks to all who have called or sent cards during this recent rough patch with Dad's health . . . such a blessing!

Anna Marie Stover, Dick & Jean Turner

To: The Kitchen Ladies

Thank you for the meal during our rough time. You spread smiles at a low time as well as food.

God Bless, Phil & Kids

Thank you so much for the wonderful cheer plate that was delivered to Darryl and I. It means a lot to be remembered during the holidays. Thank you to all of those involved in the preparation and delivery. It is very much appreciated.

Nancy & Darryl Bendickson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHURCH COUNCIL – Highlights from the

December 14 meeting:

1. Approved financials for October.
2. Approved November minutes.
3. The acolyte will now ring the tower bell at 9:45am before Sunday service.
4. We will be receiving new pews from St. Paul's in Dayton which is closing year end.
5. Council will try to make the transition as smooth as possible with the installation of new flooring and pews in the sanctuary.
6. Zion Lutheran is starting a new fund to cover the costs of these upgrades in the sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to this fund please mark donations as **Sanctuary** on the envelope.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS/WELCOMING- Dec. 12, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Byrd, Pastor Glawe, Jill Greer, Kathy Groth, Deb Keppel, Peggy McCoy

Deb Keppel opened with a prayer. We remember Boots Elliott, a long time member of our committee.

WELCOMING:

1. Family Game Night was attended by more than 20 adults and children. Discussed having a BUNCO night for our next Game Night. Debbie T and

Christine Copeland know the rules and procedures of Bunco.

2. Walnut Street Exit Sign on inside of door: Deb K emailed Eloise Haas for progress update. Will we need something in place on the back of this sign so as not to reflect or impact the Entrance Sign on the outside of the door?

3. Invitation Cards Update: Jill will get price information from Western Ohio Graphics, after the Christmas Season.

ZION WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Lifetouch contacted Deb K regarding setting up a Scheduling Program on the Zion Website. Deb will ask Chuck's advice on using this function. Do we think it's wise to use two different and separate methods of scheduling?

PHOTO DIRECTORY:

1. Sharon, Jill and Peggy volunteered to work together to administer/coordinate the Lifetouch scheduling for April.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

Meeting Minutes - Nov 29, 2017

In attendance: Heidi Coppock, Susan Pytel, Jen Garvic and Jackie Glawe

- Discussed Sunday School is going well with approx. 17-20 children per week including Confirmation class with high school class averaging 7 per week.
- The Sunday School children/youth will present "The Amazing Story of Christmas Dec 10th during worship.
- Youth Group helped at "With God's Grace mobile food pantry" in Oct along with the Quarter Auction. The youth gathering fund made \$832.00. Jackie shared she is waiting on information on the 2018 Capital Youth Retreat and she shared that she received info from Wittenberg College of free usage of their facility for youth retreats.
- We discussed what was needed for the concessions for the Holiday of Home Tours as well as upcoming events including Project Believe wrapping, With God's Grace food pantry and the youth movie night.

- We reviewed the family game night games for children and decided we would offer more interactive games for the younger children.
- Jackie shared that 9 youth and 5 adults will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston June 27th - July 1st and that each person was responsible for \$150.00 deposit and that was sent on Nov 6th to secure the early bird registration.
- We reviewed the fundraisers the youth and adults have been working on as well as upcoming fundraising efforts. We closed in the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Jackie Glawe

GRACE PLACE NEWS

Happy New Year!
 Sunday School children, youth and adult classes resume on January 7th.

Prek - K will finish up their lessons on "The Lord's Prayer".
1st - 5th grade will continue reviewing the Old Testament.
6th - 7th Confirmation with Pastor.
8th - 12th will begin the Gathering Material based on "Love". . . truth vs. lies.

Thank you to everyone who helped the Zion children/youth tell "The Amazing Story of Christmas" on Dec 10th!

Adult Sunday School - all are invited January 7th - they will begin watching the movie "90 Minutes in Heaven".
 Based on a true story and the book of the same title. Pronounced dead by rescue workers after a car accident, Texas pastor Don Piper believes that he visited heaven before coming back to life 90 minutes later.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The next meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



The February Newsletter

Deadline is: **Friday, January 19.**

FLOWER CHART

There are still dates available on the 2018 Flower Chart. If you have a special date in mind and would like to provide altar flowers, please sign up on the chart hanging on the wall by the church entrance. The vases are \$40.00 and we order from Tipp Florist.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes, please check your mailbox. Any boxes that were not picked up have been placed in the appropriate mailbox.