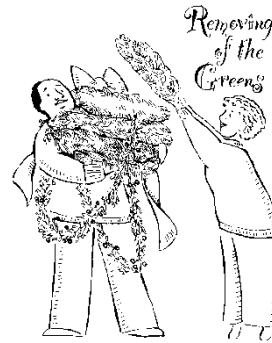




Removal of  
the Greens,  
January 6<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m.

It was a festive and meaningful Christmas season but now it is time to put away the decorations. Please join us on **Saturday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m.**, to help “Un-deck” the halls. With lots of hands it shouldn’t take more than one hour. Thank you!

ALL members are asked to be present as we elect new church council officers for 2018 and attend to Zion’s 2018 business. The 2017 Annual Report will be available in the church narthex for your review by January 14<sup>th</sup>.



COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Please have your annual reports in by Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>!

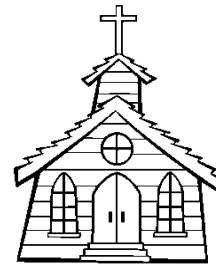
Treasurer's  
Report for  
November 2017

Through November income is \$3,493 or 1.6% below budget. The general fund balance is \$9,569. In November general giving for category 1 was \$9,496 and category 2 was \$9,260 for an income total of \$18,756 and our general expenses totaled \$22,971. Year-to-date general expenses are \$224,401

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compared to \$36,627 for the same period last year.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

compared \$213,736 2016. The November Mortgage receipts \$3,294. mortgage receipts \$37,778

Zion’s ANNUAL MEETING  
of the CONGREGATION,  
Sunday, Jan. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Zion Congregation’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, at 12:30 p.m.



The meeting will be preceded by a sandwich lunch to facilitate your attendance.



Final Bazaar Report

The final tally from the Bazaar is in:

Bazaar Sales	1,977.05
Raffle Intake	1,827.00
Coffee Project	574.80
Youth Cookie Sales	512.60

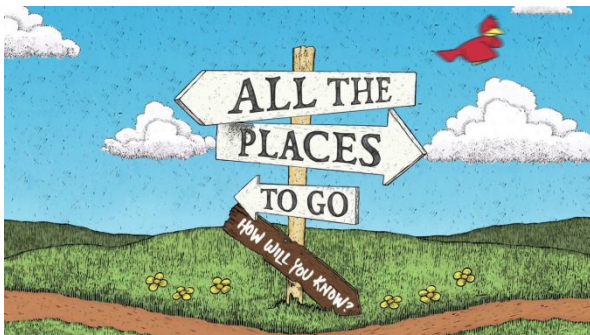
The Raffle income was divided equally, \$609.00 each, between:  
 Community Shower Truck  
 Jericho Road Housing  
 Saving Grace

A hearty thank you to all the busy hardworking hands that contributed to this very worthy and successful cause.

May your blessings multiply in the new year!

*Greta Dean, WELCA Treasurer*

## NEW SERMON SERIES



**A**s 2018 begins we all will be met with new opportunities for open or closed doors of differing opportunities. Every morning is an open door; every moment can become one. Some of us see the doors and seize them, and so life becomes a series of divine adventures. Some of us shrink back or fail to see them. A room with no door becomes a prison. To fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do. If we want to experience more of the Spirit of God in our lives, we need to train ourselves to look for and respond to moments of divine opportunity. In this sermon series we'll see how God doesn't command people to "stay;" rather, God opens a door and invites us to walk through it into the unknown. And whether we stay or go will ultimately determine the kind of life we'll live and the kind of person we become! Join us for worship and the adult forums each Sunday of

this series to make 2018 a year when you step out in faith and embrace the extraordinary opportunities that await you!

**Sunday, January 7:** The Open Door: How to Recognize Divine Opportunities

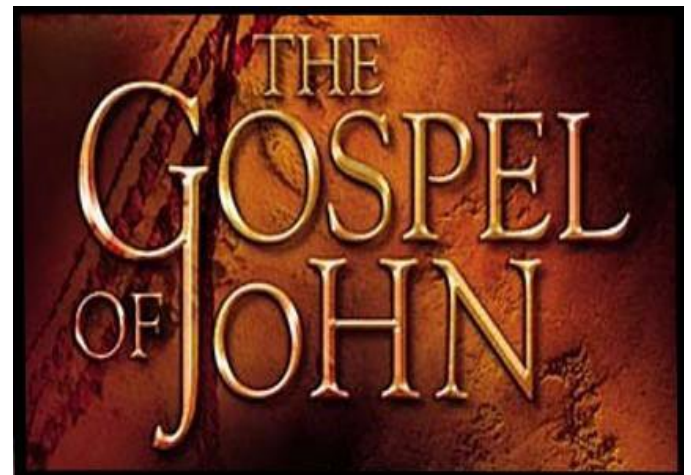
**Sunday, January 14:** Door #1 or Door #2: How Do I Decide Which Door?

**Sunday, January 21:** How to Cross a Threshold: Practicing Discernment

**Sunday, January 28:** The Doors We Open for Others: Seizing the Opportunity to Bless Others

**Sunday, February 4:** The Jonah Complex: The Things that Hold Us Back

**Sunday, February 11:** Thank God for Closed Doors: Why God Leaves Some Doors Closed



## Wednesday Noon Bible Study: The Gospel of John!

**T**he Gospel of John is the story of Jesus; God's Son who came down to save the world. The Gospel was written by the disciple whom Jesus loved – the church traditionally attributes it to John the disciples. Unlike the other Gospel writers, John does not seek to chronicle the whole life of Jesus, but instead presents signs and wonders and teachings that are aimed to compel us to believe in Jesus. The Gospel of John is a "believer's Gospel", written that we might have faith and life in Jesus' name. **Join us for this in-depth study of this wonderful Gospel each Wednesday**

**at noon.** Feel free to bring a bag lunch along with your Bible!

**Wednesday, January 10:** John 2:  
The Wedding at Cana

**Wednesday, January 17:** John 3: Nicodemus and Jesus

**Wednesday, January 24:** John 4:  
The Woman at the Well

**Wednesday, January 31:** John 5:  
The Scandal of Healing on the Sabbath

**Wednesday, February 7:** John 6:  
Feeding of the 5,000

**Wednesday, February 14:** John 6:  
Jesus Faces Increasing Conflict

**Wednesday, February 21:** John 8:  
The Woman Caught in Adultery  
*[continued on top of page]*

*[Wednesday Bible Study, continued]*

**Wednesday, February 28:** John 9:  
The Healing of the Man Born Blind

**Wednesday, March 7:** John 11:  
The Death and Raising of Lazarus

**Wednesday, March 14:** John 12:  
Mary Anoints Jesus for His Death

**Wednesday, March 21:** John 13-17:  
The Upper Room Discourse

**Wednesday, March 28 – NO STUDY –  
Holy Week**

**Wednesday, April 4:** John 18-19:  
The Meaning of the Death of Jesus

**Wednesday, April 11:** John 20:  
The Resurrection of Jesus

**Wednesday, April 18:** John 21:  
The Post-Resurrection Breakfast on the Beach



## *Come Celebrate!*

The seed has been planted for the Zion Lutheran Church Foundation, and we are beginning to grow. We are grateful to those who have planted that seed with their gifts and planning, and we would like to celebrate with a “Pie Social” at Pastor Eric and Margaret’s home January 6, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you have included or plan to include the foundation in your will or estate plan, or if you would like to know more about the foundation come and join us. This is a time to celebrate and to give thanks!



## **Make a Resolution to serve at Zion on Sundays!**

Looking for a worthwhile New Year’s resolution? Look no further! We have many opportunities for you to help at Zion’s Sunday services. Our servers at both services have shrunk to critical levels in many areas. Take a look at the server categories on the back page of your Sunday bulletin and resolve to pitch in. Make a note on the blue communication slip where you can help out and at what service, or



contact Doris at the office to find out more.

## Opportunities at Tuck Elementary

**A**re you able to give some time to some neighborhood children? We are connecting with Tuck Elementary School, right up the block and there are several opportunities for you to help out.

The Garden Club meets on the first Monday of the month after school. They learn about planting and weeding and plant growth and nurture.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in February there is a Girl's Empowerment Exercise Group that meets after school that could use women or men to help out.

**If you are interested in helping out with either one of these groups talk to Fred**



**Cook** at church, and be sure to fill out a Background Check for all volunteers. You can get one of these forms in the church office.

Help out our neighborhood school and you'll be a blessing to someone who could use your help and guidance!

## Dinner Groups

**T**his is a great fellowship to start the new year with! There are usually 6 people to a dinner group, this can be for lunch, brunch or dinner - the host/hostess chooses. Open to singles and couples. It's a great way to meet others in our church family. Groups will start in January! A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy!



## Join us on Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

**A**re you in physical, spiritual, or emotional pain? Have you been grieving a loss, experiencing depression or have an illness or chronic disease? Perhaps you have a friend in those circumstances who could benefit from healing prayers.

**On Monday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m.** our Health Ministry Team and Pastor Eric are offering a Healing Service. We hope to offer this service on a regular basis following this time in February. All are welcome to this quiet service where prayers, singing, silence, anointing with oil and Holy Communion combine to provide healing touches for those in need.

At this service, all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives, may join in prayer for others and themselves. Each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer, and also receive a physical gesture of healing through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. You may also light a candle in memory or remembrance of a loved one or friend who may be in need of healing. We will lift up and celebrate God's presence with strength and comfort in the time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

Zion Lutheran Church  
Cancellation Policy  
In Case of Inclement Weather

**Z**ion Lutheran Church encourages individuals and families to rely on their own best judgment when conditions such as inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or other situations might put their health and safety at risk by attending church services or church-related events.

**Events for Children and Youth** during the week will be cancelled whenever the Redmond public schools are closed.

**Meetings or Other Events**, with the exception of Sunday morning education classes and worship services, will be cancelled at the discretion of the team leader in charge of the event. The team leader, with assistance from the office staff or others, will notify participants.

**Sunday Morning Worship Services** may be cancelled at the determination of the Pastor, in consultation with church council leadership. The decision will be made by 6:00 a.m. that morning and communicated to the congregation as quickly as possible through a variety of communication channels.

Please consult any of the following after 6:30 a.m. to see if church is cancelled:

- 1) Check the church web site:  
**[www.zionrdm.com](http://www.zionrdm.com)**
- 2) Call the church's voicemail for cancellation information **(541) 923-7466**
- 3) Listen to or watch local TV and radio stations
- 4) Check the church Facebook page, **Zion Lutheran Corner**
- 5) A **Zion E-News** email will be sent to those on the email list

***Remember to use your best judgment if there is inclement weather or dangerous situations. Your safety is our highest priority!!***



**W**e had a great time again at breakfast last month! We meet on the **FIRST Tuesday** of the month at the Redmond Pancake House for a time of good food and fellowship. **Our next breakfast will be held at the Redmond Pancake House on Tuesday, January 2, at 9:00 a.m.** If you are interested, please sign up in Fellowship Hall to save a seat.

## WELCA/ Ruth Circle

### News:

**T**he ladies of Ruth Circle wish you a Happy New Year!

2018  
bring



will  
more

activities that will bring us together in the Spirit of Service to Zion and the community. As we look to the future at our meeting January 18, 2018, there are many new plans to consider and a slate of new officers to select.

It has been suggested that in addition to Bible Study and social events our group may include gatherings to create homemade items for next year's Christmas Bazaar and/or a book club of selected readings. We could also approve a time to meet for special projects when more working members could attend (perhaps an early evening time with a lite meal prepared for everyone).

Please, attend the January meeting, or provide your agenda ideas in writing (You may wish to suggest speakers for the monthly meeting).

Enjoy the remaining holidays. We will see you in 2018!

Blessings,  
*Bobbie Cramer*

**Come join us For Breakfast!**



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Zion 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Retreat:

**April 26<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday 1:00 pm through Saturday 1:00 pm**

Ladies, join us again this year for our Zion's Annual Women's Retreat at the Diocese of Baker Retreat Center in Powell Butte, Oregon! We had such an amazing time last year of fellowship, studying God's word, worshipping, and bonding as sisters in Christ. This year will be an exciting 3 day adventure as we delve into an action plan for putting on the armor of God and how God uniquely created every woman to arise and shine for His glory! Invite a friend or just come and make some new ones!

4 person cabin with private bath: \$155.00 per person

2 person hotel rooms: \$185.00 per person - double occupancy

\*costs include all meals\*

We have 52 spots available. The sign-up sheets will be out on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

50% deposit due Sunday, 2/18

Final payment due Sunday, 4/1

Please contact Anne Bohac, Susie Grant, Dolly Marston, or Margaret Burtness with questions.



**Knit-Purl-Knit will NOT meet in January**

**Zion's Knit-Purl-Knit group will**

**NOT** meet in January. Join us next month when we meet again at our regular time, the second Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Hansen. It is open to anyone interested in knitting or learning how, and enjoying fellowship with each other. Call Karen if you need directions—541-923-2318.

## Quilting begins

### Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>!

**Quilting starts Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Absolutely no experience necessary** (you only need to know how to tie a knot) - lots to do this year - so many quilt tops to tie - Come and join us!

We had a great time last year as we placed quilts on the 'church chairs' and then packed them off and sent them to Lutheran World Relief. They send them around the world to those in need. We also gave 3 quilts to Saving Grace and 3 to the chaplain at the Redmond Fire Station.

We'll have 'special hot dogs' for lunch or you can bring your own choice - a fun way to end the morning. So come and join us! See you about 9:00 am!

PS: We can always use flat sheets (any color, any size) - just place them on the back table in Fellowship Hall. Much appreciated!

## Taizé Invitation

**T**he Taizé Choir of Central Oregon invites you to participate in an hour of meditative non-denominational Taizé music and silence at our monthly ecumenical service, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 4, at Trinity Episcopal Church (St. Helens Hall), 231 NW Idaho, Bend. The theme for this service is '*Praying For World Peace*'. For more information call [541-815-5574](tel:541-815-5574) or email [taizebend@gmail.com](mailto:taizebend@gmail.com).



## Blood Pressure Check, Jan. 28

**T**he monthly blood pressure check is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. Zion's Parish nurses will be holding the next check on **Sunday, January 28**, between services. You are invited to stop by, get a smile, and have

this vital health indicator checked.



## *Health Ministry Highlights:* *National Blood Donation Awareness*

**“Blood** is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person, the gift of life.”

Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday. Some believe it is the right thing to do, but the number one reason donors say they give blood is because they “want to help others.” Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components — red cells, platelets and plasma — which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.

To give blood you must be in general good health and be at least 17 years old. There is no upper age limit as long as you have no health restrictions. You should not have a cold, flu or infection when you give blood. There are some restrictions regarding some medications you might be taking or medical conditions you might have, so check on line @redcrossblood.org eligibility or call 1-800-RedCross before you plan to donate.

Our bodies are quite miraculous and replace what has been given . . . we all have approximately 9 pints of blood circulating in our body. When you donate one pint of blood the plasma (liquid portion) is replaced within 24 hours, red cells in about four to six weeks.

You don’t need a special reason to give blood; you just need your own reason. Redmond donation sites in January include: Jan 2, LDS Church Rimrock Way 10-3:30; Jan 16, LDS Church Rimrock Way 11-4:30; Jan 17, CRR

Fire Hall 1-6; Jan 22, Redmond Grange 8-12, 12-5; Jan. 26, VFW Redmond 1-6.

References: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) [givingblood.org](http://givingblood.org)

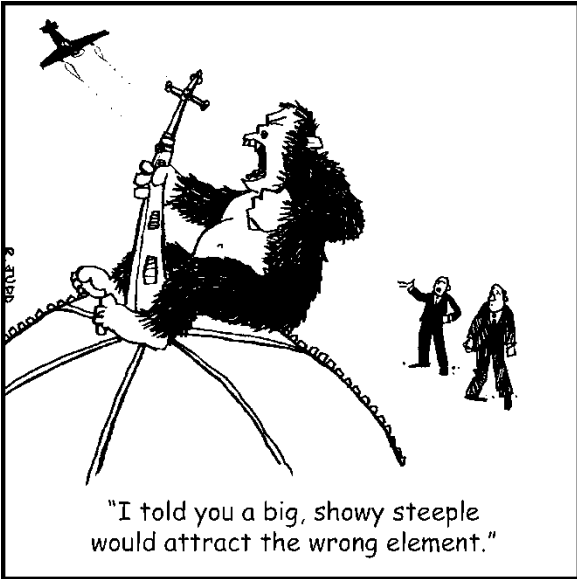
## *Thanks from:*



It is difficult for me to find adequate words to express my sincere Thanks to such a loving Church family. I so appreciated your prayers, flowers, books, cards, telephone calls, visits, during my hospital stays, and home confinement. God has heard our prayers and responding in his time. I also appreciate the prayer shawl I received. It has given me such comfort. I want to send a special “Thanks” to Carolyn Abbott who took my Lady Cara into her home to provide her with the love and comfort she has become accustomed to. God is good all the time, All the time God is good. Thank you again.

June Overberg





"I told you a big, showy steeple  
would attract the wrong element."