THREADS UPDATE: Threads was open on Tuesday, January 7, for the monthly shopping day. Here are the numbers:

- 53 Families Shopped at Threads
- 179 People Received Clothing
- 752 Clothing Items were given away
- 138 Accessories (shoes, jewelry, etc.) were given away
- 49 Families Shopped in the PCP Store
- 6 Haircuts Given (1 volunteer hair stylist between 5:00-7:00)

January is the second month of the winter quarter, which usually means the numbers are a little lower. However, there is a significant difference between January 2024 and January 2025. This January we had 17 MORE families shop at Threads, 220 MORE pieces of clothing given away, and 65 MORE accessories given away than we did in January 2024!

It felt like Christmas once again this month as we were able to give the children each a darling hand-crocheted stuffed animal that was made and donated by some loving hands at a local nursing home. And, a new blanket was given to each family because a local bank surprised us with blankets from a drive they held for Threads! We also gave frozen meals to three families who were in dire need of the food.

God is so good and so faithful at providing for the needs at Threads. Every month I stand in awe of Him!

I received an update on the 19 year old girl who had surgery last month to remove the massive tumor in her abdomen. 22 pounds of fluid were removed from the cyst along with two tumors. Everything came back cancer free! Praise the Lord! Her mom wanted to thank all of you for praying for her daughter. They could truly feel the prayers.

Thank you for your love, support, prayers, and interest in this ministry. We are able to bless so many people in our community and show them Christ's love and compassion. Jill Austin

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR WEEKLY Youth Group meetings tonight in the youth room (enter at door D) at the following times:

- 4:00-5:30 pm High School (9th-12th grade)
- 5:45-7:15 pm Middle School (6th-12th grade)

PAYMENTS for the following events are due today:

- •Middle School Winter Retreat #3 \$40.00
- •High School Winter Retreat #3 \$40.00

NOTE: Current student fundraising account balances were emailed to you. Account money may be used to pay for any event. Students must indicate this as their chosen method of payment when signing up for an event or on/before payment due dates.

THIS WEEK

TODAY

4:00 PM High School Youth meet 5:45 PM Middle School Youth Meet

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Praise Team Practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: January 5, 2025

Weekly Budget: \$11,518.09 Year to Date Budget: \$368,578.88 General Fund: \$13,680.73 Year to Date Contributions: \$322,390.16

Capital Campaign gifts received to date: \$98,885.00 Capital Campaign future pledges \$119,000.00

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.

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

CONSISTORY NOMINATION materials and ballots have been placed in the church mailboxes of each active confessing member (18 years and older). We are asking you to prayerfully discern and nominate up to four Elders and Deacons and return your nomination ballot to the box in the back of the sanctuary no later than Sunday, February 2.

Love Your Neighbor is looking for a few people willing to make and serve dinner to the participants of their Life Skills Course that is happening at Ridgewood CRC in Jenison on Thursday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Jodi Meyer at 616-662-3300 ext 118 or jodicm@lovewm.org

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CHECK IN: All children from birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby by the front doors prior to participating in our kids ministries.

ZION KIDS PROGRAMMING: Children age 3yr-5th grade will be invited to their classrooms part way through the worship service. Here are the room assignments for the year:

Nursery - birth-2yrs (hall to the west of the sanctuary)

3 yrs-Kindergarten - Room 206

1st -2nd grade - Room 205

3rd-5th grade - Room 207

All children must be picked up from their classroom following worship. Please bring the corresponding tag from check-in to pick up your child.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Call to Worship: Great I Am

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: 1,000 Names

O Come To The Altar

Announcements

Children are invited to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22

Message: Follow Me: An Invitation to Discipleship

Offering: Good Good Father

Closing Song: The Lion and the Lamb

Blessing

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