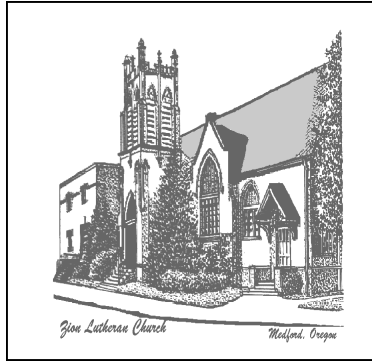


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# The FOCUS

September and October 2013

Reaching out and sharing God's Love with all  
...through worship, service, teaching, and caring.

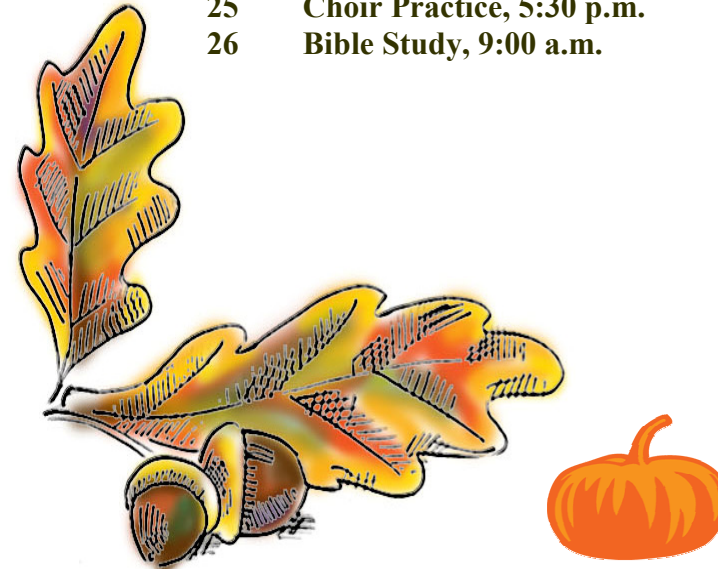


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- 12 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 **First day of Autumn**
- 25 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

## October

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- 24 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Altar Guild, 10:00 a.m.
- 30 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.



September



Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.  
Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

### STAFF

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“Dying legacies are a miserable substitute for living benevolence.”—  
E.B. White

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“To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.”

—Theodore Roosevelt  
Apple Seeds

### “Prayer for Peace”

By St. Francis of Assisi, the 12th-century self-described “fool for Christ” renowned for his humility, wit, and joy.

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let me sow love;*

*Where there is injury, pardon;*

*Where there is doubt, faith;*

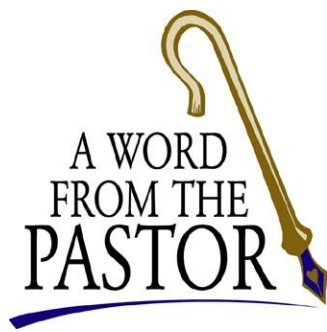
*Where there is despair, hope;*

*Where there is darkness, light;*

*And where there is sadness, joy.*

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# GRATEFUL!

As we move into fall, I do feel **grateful** to God and to you! **Grateful** that in spite of all the inconvenience and disruption that we've had ever since the fire on July 5th, you've continued to respond with love and devotion and commitment to help us here at Zion to help others in the name of Christ. Your zeal is an encouragement and an inspiration in so many ways, as is that of the widespread Body of Christ offering us financial and spiritual help honoring God with your presence, your prayers and your sharing Christ's love and support making our ongoing mission to share Christ and love people a reality every day.

All of this warms my heart and assures all of us that the future is brighter than ever! As Paul writes in Ephesians, "...Our separation from God ended at the cross, and we are reconciled to God in Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit. (This means that) You are no longer a stranger to God and a foreigner to heaven, but you are (literally) a member of God's very own family, a citizen of heaven, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. What a foundation you stand on now: the apostles and the prophets, and the cornerstone of the building is Christ Jesus Himself. We who believe are carefully joined together with Christ as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God to live and move in! And, you are also joined with Him and with each other by the Holy Spirit and are part of the (global) Body of Christ, a dwelling place for God Himself" (Ephesians 2:16-22, paraphrased).

**God's love** is the motivator of all we do to share the Good News and moves people to do good things, great things, inspiring things, and I thank God for His love, and I thank you for demonstrating and sharing His love in all the ways that you do, and may His love help to continue to change the world around us, making Jesus known as Lord and Savior!

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Cyril

**MEMBERSHIP** is a special way of saying, "I'll be here; I'm committed to participating in the mission of Zion to share Jesus and His saving grace with my/our world; **Count me in!**" If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Cyril. The opportunity will be given to celebrate **membership** monthly.


**LEGACY**-- a way to ensure that your faith will live on when you go to your heavenly reward is to remember Zion Lutheran in your will. Thank you for helping your church to continue its ministry when you're gone to your heavenly reward! Please remember Zion in your will.

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1 <b>October is Pastor appreciation month!</b>			2 Choir Practice 5:30 pm	3 Bible Study 9:00 a.m.	4	5
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**September and October Activities**

Due to the extent of repairs, restoration, and constraints of space following the fire involving Zion’s Sanctuary, we are unable to plan the regular early Fall activities normally enjoyed this time of year. All is busily being put “back together,” and we will resume normal routines as soon as possible.

Members and Friends of Zion,

As all are aware, Zion Lutheran Church became the target of arsonists in the early morning hours of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Those misguided souls may have had thoughts of destroying the church building, or the cross standing in front of it. ....who knows what the motive may have been....but they failed in every sense of the word. Alert and caring neighbors quickly reported the burst of flames outside the church, and a fortuitously close City of Medford Fire Department responded immediately. The fire was put out before it could cause much destruction – yes, the Sanctuary was heavily damaged and yes, the cross was completely engulfed in flame and all but totally destroyed, but God’s hand was clearly there – and the destruction that might have been.....wasn’t..

But that is not the entire story to be told!

The Sanctuary will take some time for restoration to be completed – but it will be good as new, or even better, as the old roof must be replaced along with the carpeting, and everything will have to be painted inside and out. And the cross that they tried to destroy by fire? A new cross will stand in its place. ....but the burnt one has been saved in order that it might be used to show that this symbol of Jesus Christ and the salvation he died to give cannot be destroyed by mere arsonists.

In these weeks after the fire, Zion has been blessed to see the entire Rogue Valley community- both religious and secular - stand together in support of Zion – offering prayer, hymnals and helping hands; sending and bringing donations of money in support of our recovery from the fire damage. Surely THAT was not anything the arsonists had in mind when they set the cross and building on fire!

Zion’s Fireside Room is serving wonderfully as a temporary Sanctuary for Sunday Worship Service, providing opportunity for worship in a slightly cozier, more intimate setting. At this writing, the contractors have removed the old roof, prepped for the new roof and should begin putting on the new shingles any time now. Carpet and paint have been chosen for the interior of the Sanctuary—and ordered—so, we are well on the way to recovery. The latest word from the contractor is that—barring the unexpected—we could be back in the Sanctuary for Worship by Thanksgiving.

On the first day of school, little Jimmy began to cry, and the teacher suggested he see the school nurse. “What’s the matter, Jimmy?” the nurse asked. “Are you homesick?” “No, I’m here-sick,” Jimmy replied.

—via Rev. Harry Mahoney  
Dedham, MA

God’s kids say he funniest things. A seven-year-old boy was sitting in church with his grandmother impatiently fidgeting while a longwinded preacher went on and on. Finally, the boy nudged his grandmother and asked, “Grandma, would you please sing?”

“Why do you want me to sing?” she asked. “I heard it wasn’t over until the fat lady sings,” he answered.  
—Columnist Smiley Anders

An epitaph on a tombstone read: “Remember, man, as you pass by, as you are now, so once was I. And as I am now, so must you be. Prepare yourself to follow me.” Beneath the epitaph a living wit wrote: “To follow you I’m not content, until I know which way you went.”

—via Pastor Don Hoffmann  
St. John’s Lutheran Church

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The phone rang in Pastor Schmidt’s office, and the pastor answered it. “Is this Pastor Schmidt?” the caller asked. “It is.” “This is the IRS office,” the caller said. “Do you know a Fred Maxwell?”

“Yes, he is a member of our congregation,” the pastor said. “Did Mr. Maxwell donate \$15,000 to your church?” the IRS agent asked. “He will,” replied the pastor.

—via George Goldtrap  
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



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Presents a workshop: “My Retirement Matters”  
Thursday, September 26, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.  
Black Bear Diner, 1900 NW 6th St., Grants Pass

Please RSVP no later than September 19th to Billie Haydon, 541-474-0824 or email

# Sunday School and Youth

## A child's book report on Old & New Testaments

Pastor Dale Schoening of the Bussey (IA) UMC passed on the following "A Child's Book Report on the Bible" by an unknown author. It appeared in the newsletter of the Church of the Damascus Road, which serves the inmate population of the men's correctional facilities at Fort Dodge and Rockwell City, IA.)

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in, though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent 10 plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include don't lie, cheat, smoke, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more, Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua, who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them. Jesus is the star of the New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn, too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?") It would be nice to say "yes."

Jesus had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyway, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

*Reprinted from The Joyful Noiseletter*

## Birds

Birds figure prominently in the pages of the Bible. Can you name the birds mentioned or alluded to in the verses given below? (The answers will be found on page 7.)

1. Jesus said, "Be as innocent as \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Jesus said, "You are of more value than many \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Jesus said, "Consider the \_\_\_\_\_."
4. A pair of \_\_\_\_\_ were used for Mary's purification sacrifice.
5. "Your youth is renewed like the \_\_\_\_\_."
6. "The \_\_\_\_\_ finds a home, and the \_\_\_\_\_ a nest."
7. The first bird Noah sent from the ark was a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. "Does the \_\_\_\_\_ take flight by your wisdom?" NIV
9. "Like the \_\_\_\_\_ that gathers a brood...."
10. Zechariah saw two women in a vision and "they had wings like the wings of a \_\_\_\_\_."



## September 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
September 1	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
September 8	Jim Ashby	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader
September 15	Wayne Bennett	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
September 22	Nancy Swan	J.J. Bowman	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
September 29	Linda Mustain	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Hailey Schwenn

## October 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
October 6	Rod Voss	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
October 13	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
October 20	Jim Ashby	Jerry Thomas	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader
October 27	Nancy Swan	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams

Please call Karen at 541-664-4433 if you are unable to assist at the scheduled time. Thank You!

### Bulletin Assistants: September and October

Bob & Barbara Simmons



### Offering Counters:

September and October

Debi and Sandy



# NEWS Notes

What is God calling *you* to share by way of ministry?

Please pray about our continuing ministries here at Zion. Are there any changes or new things that we want to do as individuals or as a congregation?



Church Secretary

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

October 21st

### Zion has a new mailing address!

Please note that, as of July 1st, Zion is no longer receiving mail or correspondence at the Medford Post Office. All mail, correspondence, and such should now be sent to the physical Zion Lutheran Church address, which is:

Zion Lutheran Church  
516 W. 4th St.  
Medford, OR 97501

Pastor continues to do home visitations — and home blessings. If you desire one or the other or both, please notify Pastor or Penny.

## A Prayer for Our Nation

*God bless America  
And keep us safe and free.  
Safe from all our enemies,  
Wherever they may be.*

*Teach us to walk humbly  
And closer in Thy ways.  
Give us faith and courage  
And put purpose in our days.*

*Make each one of us aware  
That each must do his part,  
For in the individual  
Is where peace must have its start.*

*For a better world to live in,  
Where all are safe and free,  
Must start with faith and hope and love  
Deep in the heart of me.*

*Pray for peace in your heart that will touch the hearts  
of others and inspire all with faith and courage.*

- A reminder that Pastor's sermons are recorded on CD weekly and will be sent to any who request a copy, just for the asking.

Prayer requests: If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needs, please let Penny know at:

Email: [office@lutheranswired.org](mailto:office@lutheranswired.org)

Mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.



### Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the **flag**  
of the **United States of America**,  
and to the republic for which it stands,  
**one nation under God**,  
**indivisible**,  
with liberty and justice for all."

### Can you help?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following:  
egg cartons—1 doz. Size, plastic grocery bags  
and paper grocery bags. Right now we no  
longer need plastic medicine bottles.

A pastor announced that admission to a church social event to raise money for the church would be \$6 per person, but that anyone over 65 would be admitted for only \$5.50. From the back of the congregation, a woman's voice rang out: "Do you really think I'd give you that information for only 50 cents?"

—Columnist Smiley Anders

Reprinted from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

"I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying."

—A senior lady

Reprinted from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

### Mary Circle September and October 2013

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible Study and fellowship.

Mary Circle will meet:

Monday, September 9, 2013

Monday, October 14, 2013

If you have any questions,  
contact Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689  
or Diane Lewis at 541-772-1710.

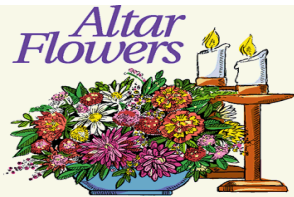


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As of this newsletter publication there are no dates taken for either September or November Coffee Hours or Altar Flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you.

The bride, bent with age, leaned over her cane.

Her steps uncertain needed guiding.

While down the church aisle with a warm,  
toothless smile came the groom in wheelchair  
gliding.

And who is this elderly couple thus wed?

You'll find when you closely explore it,

that this is that rare, most conservative pair

Who waited until they could afford it.

—Jack Taylor  
via Stan Toler

Reprinted from *The Joyful Noiseletter*



### Sarah Circle September and October 2013

Meets the third Tuesday of each month  
at 6:30 p.m.,  
for dinner and Christian fellowship.

September 17, 2013

Cicity's Pastoria and Grill  
1251 E. McAndrews Ave., Ste. 110  
541-776-3500

October 15, 2013

Hannah's Southern Bar-B-Que & Catfish  
(formerly Casa Ramos)  
Riverside Ave., in Cobblestone Village

All ladies are invited to join us!  
If you have any questions,  
contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.



Zion Church Council  
2013

Pastor Cyril Hunkler

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Treasurer: Karen Thomas Secretary: Shannon Magda

Bob Simmons, Jonathan Bowman, Linda Mustain,  
Mike Mustain, Rod Voss



**September:**

- 03 Anna Schwenn
- 07 William James Ashby
- 30 Daren Meidell

**October:**

- 04 Virginia Stanfield
- 05 Edwin Andren
- 14 Isabelle Schwenn
- 31 Steven Rader

**Anniversaries to Celebrate**



**September:**

- 06 Pastor Cyril & Arlene Hunkler
- 18 Greg & Shannon Magda

**October:**

- 05 Edwin & Patricia Andren
- 27 Bob & Barbara Simmons

**Sick/Surgery/Other:**

Ron Bender	Dan McCormack
Brandyn Bowman	Lisa Mustain
Kathy Carboni	Doug Pierce
Bob Cordova	Pastor Joy Proper
Diane Cordova	Jeannine Reddell
David Cullmer	Shantil Reid
Lynn Davidson	Trinity Reid
Steve Dutton	Marilyn Sandau
Karen Fredenberg	Clayton Schneider
Pastor Cyril Hunkler	Max Shott
Marie Hutchison	Virginia Stanfield
Dale Janzen	Neal Stanfield
Jenna Jenkins	Bud Van Vrimm
Jenny Lewis	Lisa Williams
Patrick Lewis	John Winkler
	Florence Yasuda



**Shut Ins:**

- Ed Andren
- Vonnie Fichtner
- Myrtle Hoover
- Dale Hoover



*"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."*  
JOHN 14:14, NRSV

**Note About the Prayer Lists:**

We will be reviewing names monthly on the prayer lists. Names will be removed unless we are informed that they still need to be on the list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer lists up to date.



- Alex Bustard
- Andrea Castagnato
- Carl Franklin
- Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
- Chad Hoover
- Travis Hoover
- Justin Schneider



**Marion McMeen**  
January 27, 1924 - July 13, 2013

**Steve Fredenberg**  
- July 21, 2013



# Zion's Broader Community

## Pray for America

"IN HIS NAME THE NATIONS WILL PUT THEIR HOPE." MATTHEW 12:21

**THE CHALLENGE:** As we pray for our leaders with humility, our hearts are softened, and we realize that they need God's grace just as we do. As we pray for our nation with hope, we are encouraged knowing that it is ultimately in the hands of our Father—God Almighty! Based on Ephesians 4, the *Pray for America* Challenge is designed to ENGAGE, EQUIP, AND ENCOURAGE people to seek and ENCOUNTER the Lord through prayer for our nation.

**GOVERNMENT:** Pray for our local, state, and national leaders asking God to grant them wisdom, discernment, and hearts that are open to His leading.

**CHURCH:** Pray for the Churches and Church Leaders throughout our nation and in your community.

**MILITARY:** Pray for our military and its leaders. Pray for God to grant courage, protection and strength for our service men and women, and their families.

**FAMILY:** Pray for families in our nation, in your state, and throughout your community. Pray for the Lord to protect and strengthen marriages, encourage parents, and bring healing to relationships.

**EDUCATION:** Pray for God's presence in our schools, colleges, and universities. Ask Him to select teachers and administrators who honor His statutes, protect our children, and inspire them to discover their God-given calling.

**MEDIA:** Pray for Christian influence in the media, from movies, television, and radio to newspaper and magazine publishers.

**BUSINESS:** Pray for divine intervention in our national, state, and local economies. Ask God to raise up godly business leaders.

## Spiritual Reflections

*The following writing is an excerpt from a booklet entitled 40 Days with Jesus by Sarah Young. Presented in the 'voice' of Jesus, she offers this as a tool to help deepen your relationship with God.*

Peace is My continual gift to you. It flows abundantly from My throne of grace. Just as the Israelites could not store up manna for the future but had to gather it daily, so it is with My Peace. The day-by-day collecting of manna kept My people aware of their dependence on Me. Similarly, I give you sufficient Peace for the present, when you come to me *by prayer and petition with thanksgiving*. If I gave you permanent Peace, independent of My Presence, you might fall into the trap of self-sufficiency. May that never be!

I have designed you to need Me moment by moment. As your awareness of your neediness increases, so does your realization of My abundant sufficiency. *I can meet every one of your needs without draining my resources at all. Approach My throne of grace with bold confidence, receiving My Peace with a thankful heart.*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus...And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

Phillippians 4:6-7, 19

*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Hebrews 4:16

**Answers to Bible quiz on page 4.**

1. doves, Matthew 10:16
2. sparrows, Matthew 10:31
3. ravens, Luke 12:24
4. turtledoves, Luke 2:24
5. eagle's, Psalm 103:5
6. sparrow, swallow, Psalm 84:3
7. raven, Genesis 8:7
8. hawk, Job 39:26
9. partridge, Jeremiah 17:11
10. Stork, Zechariah 5:9



**TOPS**  
(Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is great support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to visit and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion, 7:00 — 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360