

# Lutheran Church

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## MID-JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

### Worship

**Sundays} 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Saturdays} 6:00 p.m.**

### Sunday School

**All ages 9:30 a.m.**

#### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Rehearsal

#### Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

12:10 p.m. Communion

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals

#### Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

### MID-JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**1/23: CR@ZY**

**1/26: Faith Riders (Marzoni's)**

**1/27: St. John's Guild Training**

### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**2/1-3: Synod Snow Camp**

**2/3: Chili & Soup Cook-off**

**2/4: SOLO**

**2/8: Game Night**

**2/10: Children & Family Board Mtg.**

**2/10: Confirmation Course**

**2/12: Worship Board Meeting**

**2/12: Youth Board Meeting**

**2/13: Property Board Meeting**

**2/13 & 27: CR@ZY**

**2/15: Winter Jam**

**2/16: ASWO**

**2/19: Ruth Circle**

**2/21: CPC Meeting**

**2/22-24: Zion Winter Retreat**

**2/24: Faith Riders**

**2/26: Stephen Ministry**

Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! May God's blessings be poured out richly for you, your family, and all of us together here at Zion in 2019. As I write this, my quite pregnant wife sits in the other room and our now toddler, Killian, plays with his new singing Elmo toy on the floor next to me (Elmo's singing has become just a little bit familiar to us since Christmas morning). Our holiday celebrations this year were crammed in the middle of a move and preparations for a new baby. Things got a little hectic, but the expectation of a new life during the Advent and Christmas seasons blessed me with a new devotional perspective as I considered a pregnant Mary and infant Jesus. On behalf of my whole family, I want to thank all of you for your constant support, prayers, and love.

Recently, I was having a conversation with a close friend about what personal goals we might set for ourselves in 2019. The word that kept coming up for my friend was resentment. His goal for the new year was to work toward freeing himself from long standing resentments he felt were clouding his vision and heart. My friend did not have an easy last few years. If we were to understand anyone's resentments, we would understand his.

Resentments happen when we have been wronged or hurt. We can hold resentments against family members, friends, coworkers, institutions, situations, and maybe, even just life itself. Many of us have probably heard it said before, in one way or another, that resentments do nothing to change a situation or bring about some kind of vindication. In the end, all they do is hurt us. Much of the world can agree that resentments are a poison. They impede our ability to function and to find joy and meaning.

For the Christian, resentments take on a whole other dimension. Not only can we agree that they rob us of joy and functionality, the Christian understands that forgiveness and reconciliation are deeply woven into the very fabric of existence itself. The reality in which we live is one that bends toward redemption and transformation. "God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:20)" For the Christian, resentments are at odds with the foundational truth of our lives and creation. Through the life, death, and resurrection of the Son, the Father is continually moving in the ways of forgiveness. So too the Spirit is alive in us, working forgiveness at our very core. Perhaps this is why resentments can make us feel so profoundly "out of tune".

What resentments may you be holding onto as we enter into 2019? There is not one of us that has not experienced an injustice or hurt that leaves us feeling an anger that just won't seem to quit. We may be completely justified in desiring and seeking recompense, justice, or reparation. However, the Christian knows that these words only find their fullness when they are wrapped up in the process of reconciliation, forgiveness, and love. This is by God's design as He calls us to forgive as we have been forgiven (Ephesians 4:32). We can feel that forgiving or letting go of a resentment excuses the wrongdoing. On the contrary, forgiveness makes a way for the mutual transformation of all parties involved; forgiveness can bring about true justice.

Letting go of our resentments, of course, is not as simple as making the decision to do so. However, that is the first step. In prayer we can ask God to remove our resentments and inspire us to take advantage of the help He has placed all around us. We can lean on our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we begin 2019 and as we look forward to the time of Lent, may we repent of our resentments and seek the One who has written forgiveness onto our hearts by giving Himself to the world.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father,  
Ryan Custead, Youth Ministry Director



## ***Notes of Thanks!***

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas.  
It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joanne Thomson

Mr. Ryan Custead, Youth Leaders, & You of Zion  
Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sharing an evening with the residents  
at Lutheran Home-Hollidaysburg. They greatly enjoy  
your presence, support, and encouragement.

Thank you,

Jeremy B. Schrader, Administrator

Thanks to Beth Fahr for organizing the Encourage-  
ment Visits for Ruth Circle!

Thank you to Donna Hymes for preparing and hosting  
the Ruth Circle Christmas brunch!

Thank you to my Zion Lutheran friends for the beauti-  
ful poinsettia and to Karen Wagner for the delicious  
scones.

Your Zion Lutheran Friend,

Irene Helsel

Dear people of Zion,

Thank you for your many cards and gifts this Christ-  
mas season. I am humbled by your support and gener-  
osity. Perhaps the greatest gift this Christmas was my  
view from the chancel during candlelight litany, see-  
ing all of you by the candles' soft glow. God's bless-  
ing be with you in the New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Friends of Zion,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas  
flower. As usual my dear friend Susie Wagner  
brought it to me.

Also I had a very nice visit with our new Pastor.  
Pastor Bowman seems like a wonderful young man,  
and I'm sure he is a very good pastor. I hope he en-  
joys many good years at Zion. Once again, thank you  
so much.

Joanne Mountain

A most hearty and warm thank you to all of you who  
made this past Advent and Christmas Celebrations  
possible. Starting with putting up trees, decorating the  
sanctuary, the special choir and music, the youth play,  
and Christmas Eve Services. Without your dedication  
and talents this would not have been possible. Again  
thanks to all of you and may God Bless you in this  
new year.

Worship Board



# FAMILY.



# WINTER.



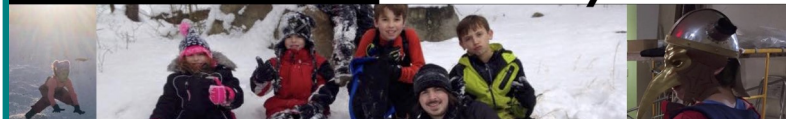
# RETREAT.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sign up forms will be available  
in the weekly bulletin or call the  
church office.



## February 22-24



## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Zion Winter

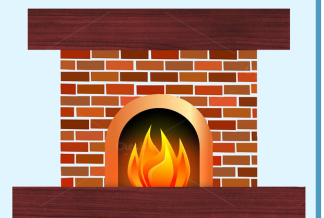
## Retreat

## February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>



A Retreat for all ages for a  
weekend of winter fun at Sequanota. The  
cost is \$50.00 for adults; \$15.00 for children  
in room with parents; children 4 & under are  
free. This includes the cost of the room, all  
meals, & Wifi. Please contact the church of-  
fice if you have any ques-  
tions or are interested in  
attending.

(P.S. It's OK to stay inside  
by the warm fire too! ☺)







## The Allegheny Synod 40,000 Can Challenge

Thru Super Bowl Sunday — February 3

As members of the Allegheny Synod, let's work together to gather 40,000 cans of food and non-perishable food items that will benefit your local food banks and service agencies.

**Zion's goal is 1500 items!**

(Zion's donations will go to the American Rescue Workers or anyone in need who comes into Zion)

Please place your items in the box in the stairwell at the Union Street entrance. Thank you for your kindness

## Blood Drive

### We Need Your Blood!!



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on

**March 8, 2018**

**12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please watch your bulletin for information regarding sign-up for an appointment to give blood or to donate your time or food items for the event.



## Valentine Caring Tree

*On this Valentine's Day, the Adult board will be sponsoring a special project to help needy seniors through Blair Senior Services. Please watch the bulletin boards for The Caring Tree with hearts that name items that will be helpful. These items will be collected and delivered shortly before Valentine's Day to brighten the lives of those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Renney at 693-7789.*



## Salvation Army Dinner & Care Bags

On **Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** Zion and our Faith Partners team will be hosting the men of The Altoona Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center for dinner and a short program by Kids of the Kingdom and Song of Zion at 5:00 p.m. Our youth, members of our Activities, Youth, and Children and Family boards, and our Faith Partners Team will be serving the meal and having time of fellowship with the men.. By welcoming them into our church we hope to help them as they learn to walk in newness of life with Christ.

As an extra way of supporting and encouraging them, we will be filling tote bags that we decorate at the Family Winter Retreat with needed items for each one of them. The bags will include things like deodorant, toothpaste, a notepad, etc. **We are asking for monetary donations to purchase these items.** We will be putting together 40 bags, so we have set a **goal of \$700.00** to be gathered **by Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Donations can be placed in the labeled boxes in the Union Street entrance and in the library, given to the office, or by way of your giving envelopes (marked "Salvation Army").

Thank you so much for supporting this opportunity to extend God's love and grace.

"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."



## Zion Game Night

**Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

The dinner theme for the February game night will be Italian Food (of course any type of food will be just fine ☺.) Please bring a dish or two to share. As always, all are welcome!!



# CR@ZY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CR@ZY. EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00-8:30 P.M. (UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE) FOR ALL YOUTH IN 7TH THRU 12TH GRADE!

## February Dates:

**2/13 & 2/27 — Here at the church.**

## ST. JOHN'S GUILD TRAINING (Acolytes and Crucifers)



On **Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** there will be a training held for anyone interested in joining St. John's Guild by becoming an acolyte and crucifer. **4<sup>th</sup> Graders and older** are invited to join Todd Ham-maker in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (**9:30-10:30am**) for this training. All current members of St. John's Guild should also plan to attend for a refresher course and to help out the new recruits!



## CONFIRMATION COURSE & CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN

A Confirmation Course & Confirmation Lock-in are scheduled for **Sunday, February 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Friday to Saturday overnight, March 22 & 23 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.** here at the church.

These events are for all youth in the Confirmation process. Topics for the courses will range from Catechism, to the Bible, to Church History. Looking forward to seeing you there!



## Winter Jam 2019!!!

Everyone is invited to join Zion's youth as we head to Winter Jam at the PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh on **Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The concert doors open at 6:00pm, so we will be meeting and leaving from the church at **2:15pm**. Please note that this means that children and youth will need to be dismissed from school early. If parents with students at HAJHS or HAHS would like their children picked up by the church van at 2:00pm, please let us know at the church office. Otherwise, everyone should be ready to leave from the church at 2:15pm. We will return to the church somewhere around 1:00-2:00am.

**New this year: we will have sandwich dinners packed for everyone on the ride there!** The cost of admission is covered, but you may want some money for a snack stop on the way home or any band merch.

Winter Jam is an annual winter tour featuring a variety of contemporary Christian bands and artists. This is always a great event, and you won't want to miss it! Bands include: NEWSBOYS, REND COLLECTIVE and more! **Please contact the church office or email Ryan at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) to let us know who will be joining us! \*In case of very bad weather, our snow make up date for Winter Jam will be Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> when the tour will be in State College!\***

## First Communion Training

For children in 3rd Grade  
or Age 8 & Parents

**March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 to 2:00**

(following the 10:45 Service)

Lunch will be provided

If you have any questions or special requests,  
please contact Pastor Dave or Ryan.





6th-12th Grade **SYNOD** ❄️❄️❄️❄️

# SNOW CAMP

At CAMP SEQUANOTA

Friday, February 1st at  
5:00PM (meet at Zion)-  
Sunday, February 3rd  
(returning to Zion  
around 12:00pm)

ALL  
6TH-12TH  
GRADERS  
WELCOME

Please sign up **ASAP** by  
contacting Ryan at  
runcust@gmail.com or letting  
the office know at 695-0091  
by Sunday, January 20th  
**No Cost!**



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Worship Board would like to remind the congregation of the sponsorship program for the flowers that are placed on the altar each week. You are welcome to sponsor the flowers in memory of loved ones, in honor of a special event, or in thanks for God's many blessings.

If you are interested in signing up, the sign-up sheet for the new year has been placed on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Also, when you sign up, be sure to mark the column stating if you want to take the flowers after services. The cost is \$40 payable to Zion. You can also include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers" **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.



## FAITH RIDERS

For our meetings during the winter months scheduled for January 26, February 23, & March 30, the Faith Riders will meet at Marzoni's Restaurant in Duncansville at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

## RUTH CIRCLE Upcoming Dates

Ruth Circle is scheduled to meet at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

**February 19** - Pastor Dave-The role of Ruth in the Bible

**March 19** - Deb Lavalla from the American Rescue Workers

**April 16** - Pastors Carol and Scott Custead's Travel Log

**May** - Girl's Night Out(Date TBD)



## FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

**July 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2018**

Income (Giving) \$146,210.40

Expenses 140,526.69

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)  
\$5,683.71

**(REMINDER: The above income figure reflects money given in the "Current Expenses" portion of your giving envelopes and undesignated loose offering only. Benevolence and money given to designated funds is not included.)**

### Edward Jones Investments

E J Account Value as of 12/31/18 \$413,083.57

Less Principal(initial investment) \$294,318.88

Value over principal as of 12/31 \$118,764.69



## Lent Begins March 6<sup>th</sup>

### ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion  
with Ashes

12:10-12:45 PM in the Chapel

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

### LENTEN LUNCHES

begin Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>  
(see note below for details)

### LENTEN TUESDAY PROGRAM

begins Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
(see note below for details)



## LENTEN LUNCHES

**BEGINNING MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 12:00 P.M.**

Sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Ministerium. These luncheons are open to the public. Each week a local clergy will bring a short devotional message and a local congregation will prepare a light luncheon. A free will offering is collected. Any money collected above expenses is donated to the American Rescue Workers.

**Please note the locations for this year:** March 7, 14, & 21 will be held at First United Methodist Church, 801 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg. The remaining dates, March 28, April 4, 11, & 19 (Good Friday) will be held here at Zion

Everyone is welcome! Please plan to attend!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**3/10 SKATING/BOWLING AT MORRISON COVE PARK**

**4/7 4-6TH GRADE EVENT**

**4/14 - 4/21 HOLY WEEK (SERVICES INCLUDE PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL, & EASTER SUNDAY)**

**4/21 EASTER BREAKFAST (9:30 A.M. DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR)**

**4/26-28 4-12TH YOUTH RETREAT AT SEQUANOTA**

*Zion Lutheran Church*

# SHROVE TUESDAY

## PANCAKE SUPPER

**MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>  
SERVED FROM  
5:30-7:00PM**

Zion's Youth will be serving and decorating. Come see us turn the fellowship hall into New Orleans!

**Free-will  
donation for the  
ELCA National  
Youth Gathering  
Fund!**

**ELCA Youth Gathering**  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN • JUNE 29 - JULY 3, 2021

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## LENTEN TUESDAY PROGRAM

**7:00 to 8:15 p.m.**

**March 12, 19, & 26 & April 2 & 9**

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin with 45 minutes of study followed by a brief service of Evening Prayer. This year's discussion topic will be the Seven Deadly Sins. Pastor Dave will lead the adults in study and conversation, ryan will lead the youth. Younger children may remain with the adults or be supervised in the nursery. A Taize style of Evening Prayer will end the night utilizing simple chants, silence, and candles.

# FEBRUARY SERVERS

## Saturday Evening Assistants

2/2 Bill & LeeAnn Lightner  
2/9 Ann Pfahler  
2/16 Michele Lloyd  
2/23 Sharon Collins

## Acolyte/Crucifer

**8:00**

To Be Determined

**10:45**

To Be Determined

## Readers

**8:00**

2/3 Carol Scarbro  
2/10 Jim Conway  
2/17 Ken Streilein  
2/24 Linda Berkheimer

**10:45**

2/3 Susie Wagner  
2/10 Ryan Custead  
2/17 Carol McClure  
2/24 Ann Wedel

## Greeters

**8:00**

2/3 Linda Berkheimer  
2/10 Tom & Carol Scarbro  
2/18 Jim & Brenda Conway  
2/25 Ruth Grubb & Jolene Kopriva

**10:45**

2/3 Ken Streilein  
2/10 Denny & Grace Rodriguez  
2/17 Todd & Joni Hammaker  
2/24 Bob & Sally Williams

## Altar Guild

**8:00**

2/3 Cindy Fickes  
2/10 Diane Stoehr  
2/17 Donna Launtz  
2/24 Shelly Miller

**10:45**

2/3 Carol Frederick  
2/10 Donna Hymes  
2/17 Susie Wagner  
2/24 Sally Williams

## Communion Assistants

**\*For February — 1 assistant to the Pulpit side and 2 to the Lectern side.**

**8:00**

To Be Determined

**10:45**

To Be Determined

## Ushers

### Head Usher

**8:00**

Dan Dangel

**10:45**

Mike Nedimyer

**8:00**

2/3 Gary Launtz/Shawn Restly/  
Tom Scarbro

2/10 Gary Launtz/Shawn Restly/  
Tom Scarbro

2/17 Eric Harpster/Bill Hite/Walt  
Wohler

2/24 Eric Harpster/Bill Hite/Walt  
Wohler

**10:45**

2/3 Jim Hilling/Denny Rodriguez/  
Grace Rodriguez

2/10 Jim Hilling/Denny Rodriguez/  
Grace Rodriguez

2/17 Todd Hammaker/Sam  
McClure/Greg Swope

2/24 Todd Hammaker/Sam  
McClure/Greg Swope

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING

If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please make arrangements with another person in your group to fill your position.

## February Bible Readings

In the process of developing a more passionate spirituality, a month of Bible reading is provided below from The Lutheran Bible Translators:

1 Mark 10:46-52  
2 Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
3 Mark 12:28-34  
4 Luke 10:25-37  
5 Leviticus 19:1-18  
6 Romans 12:1-8  
7 Romans 12:9-21  
8 Romans 13:8-14  
9 Romans 14:1-12  
10 Galatians 5:1-15  
11 Colossians 3:1-17  
12 Psalm 107:1-16  
13 Psalm 107:17-32  
14 Psalm 107:33-43  
15 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
16 1 Corinthians 16:1-14  
17 John 3:1-21  
18 John 10:1-21  
19 John 13:1-20  
20 John 13:21-35  
21 John 15:1-17  
22 1 John 3:11-24  
23 1 John 4:7-21  
24 Psalm 25  
25 Psalm 36  
26 Psalm 136  
27 Psalm 138  
28 Isaiah 54:1-17

*Rejoice in hope;*

*Endure in tribulation;*

*Persevere in prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12

Robin Clifton



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# SEQUANOTA

**Confirmation Camp 2019**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Zion "Church Family" Camp 2019**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**



## Annual Chili & Soup Cook Off!

**February 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**following the 10:45 service  
in the Fellowship Hall**

Sign up for your group (Sunday School Class,  
Cr@zy, Board, Ruth Circle, Sewing Circle,  
Thumbs, Faith Riders, etc.), family, or individual-

ly to submit a soup or chili entry to this highly competitive contest!

Guests will impartially determine the winning soup and chili. Sign up quick!  
When the spaces are gone, so is your opportunity to win the major award!

All congregation members and friends are invited to attend to kick off the Super Bowl in style by participating in the all American custom of eating too much and then sitting in front of the TV!

### RULES:

1. Make a soup or chili and bring to Zion in a large pot or crockpot.
2. Share it and eat it.

The sign up will be posted on a bulletin board across from the Library or talk to Kathy Goetz.

**Please bring an item for the 40,000 Can Challenge (Canned Food, Non-perishable Food items, and Personal Care Items are all appropriate) collection for the ARW/Zion to assist in reaching our goal of 1,500 food items!**

## Congregational Leaders

Executive Director  
*Jolene Kopriwa* 695-0338  
Treasurer  
*Renetta Deremer* 695-8327  
Children & Family Board Director  
*Dana Sollenberger*  
Youth Board Director  
*Tom Goetz* 386-0838  
Adult Board Director  
*Kathy Goetz* 934-2161  
Worship Board Director  
*Gary Launtz* 696-3897  
Finance Board Director  
*Carol Frederick* 693-0658  
Stewardship Board Director  
*Frank Ardizzone* 695-3490  
Communications Board Director

Property Board Director  
*Bill Lightner* 317-7967  
Activities Board Director  
*Michele Lloyd* 695-6753  
Continuing Church Improvement  
*Kevin Naugle* 696-3176

CPC Members-at-Large  
*John Mancinelli* 940-1744  
*Sally Williams* 695-4148

Pastor  
*Rev. David Bowman* 317-7967

Youth Ministry Director  
*Ryan Custead* 695-0091

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