ZION Lutheran Church

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Worship Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. Saturdays - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30 Sunday School for All Ages

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Rehearsal **Wednesdays:**

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

9/11: Property Board Meeting
9/11 & 25: CR@ZY
9/11: Property Board Meeting
9/11: Stewardship Board Meeting
9/13: New Member Dinner
9/14: Men's Breakfast
9/14 & 15: Youth Weekend
9/15: Confirmation Course
9/19: CPC Meeting
9/20: Afterburner
9/22: Harvest Home
9/22: Pot Luck Lunch
9/24: Stephen Ministry
9/26: Worship Board Meeting
9/28: Faith Riders

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

10/4, 11, & 25: Afterburners
10/5: Blessing of the Animals
10/5: Game Night
10/6: Blanket Sunday
10/12: Hollidaysburg Pumpkin Fest
10/12: Ignite Pumpkin Palooza
10/20: Consecration Sunday
10/26: Halloween Parade
10/27: Reformation Sunday & Confirmation



"All Creatures of our God and King"

In January, 2009, our family expanded when we adopted our first cat Osgar. He's a pretty spunky American Shorthair who has always been a little portly. As a kitten Osgar was bored when he was left alone and began eating nonedible objects like watch bands and foam pedicure toe separators. After some costly exploratory cat surgery the vet suggested that we get Osgar a brother to keep him occupied. That's how Odin, our sleek and mischievous black cat came into our lives.

In the winter of 2013 the family spread into the canine world with the adoption of Wallace. Wally was a "lab mix," all muscle, weighing in at 93 pounds. He was a vocal pup who absolutely loved the outdoors. His life was cut short by an aggressive form of lymphoma in April of 2015.



Osgar the cat. 18 pounds of love.

A few months later came Otto—one of 32 lab puppies rescued by the Somerset Humane Socie-

ty. That loveable ball of fur and energy has been by my side for the last four years, making his presence felt at camp and meetings and confirmation classes and long hours at the office.

Psalm 104 says, "Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps...wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!" The Psalmist reminds us that all of creation has the capacity to praise God and we lift our praise together. Animals also give glory to God by sharing their gifts and presence, often as our pets. Our pets become part of our families. They minister to us with their companionship and personalities. They often perceive our emotions and celebrate with us when we are happy and console us when we are feeling blue.

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The church commemorates his feast day in October every year. In the spirit of St. Francis, we will minister to the animals of our congregation with a Blessing of the Animals Service on Saturday, October 5th at 10 AM. The service is short and will be held on the parsonage front lawn. We will move inside to the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

I will bless any animal that walks, crawls, slithers, or flies. Please make sure that your pet is controlled on a leash or secure in a pet taxi or terrarium. Yes, this service will have many distractions and that's part of its charm. If your pet likes to make noise and move around, that's perfectly acceptable. Please do not let your anxiety deter you from attending the service!

I encourage you to take part in this special service. Together, with all of creation, we will give praise to God.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Dave

Notes of Thanks!

Thanks to the Youth Board for the special coffee and snack tables in the fellowship hall after the 10:45 service on the 25th of August.

We Faith Riders appreciate the opportunity to provide the extra financial support for all of Ryan's fantastic youth activities.

May God bless this Zion Youth Ministry.

Youth Sunday!

Sunday, September 15th

Worship led by our youth & more!



services on Sunday, Septem- color preferred) ber 15th and the 6:00pm ser- 2. vice on Saturday, September 3. worship. A special sermon time will feature a report on

encing together here at Zion! We will be looking to ANY ITEMS LISTED. involve youth entering 4th Grade and up in the ser-Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with vices. Please contact Ryan/the church office if your child(ren) would like to serve in some way!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the Parlor

The Parables of Jesus – August 25 through September 29 The Book of Revelation – October 6 through December 8

In the Pastor's study

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans-books will be available, young children welcome!

Zion Game Night



Saturday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Theme: Halloween/ Harvest Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome!



PERSONAL CARE KITS (LWR Kits of Care)

Ruth Circle is sponsoring the collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. As in the past years, we are inviting the congregation to participate in contributing completed kits.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH KIT:

Both the 8:00am and 10:45am 1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark

- Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
- One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)

14th will have youth volunteers 4. One toothbrush (in original package) (or if multi serving and leading during pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal) (no plastic bags or wrap) One sturdy comb (not in package)

all that our youth are experi- DO NOT ADD ANY MORE ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT

varn. Do not enclose items in plastic bags. Bring completed kits to church library by Wednesday, October 27th.



POTLUCK LUNCH Sunday, September 22

There will be a Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service on 9/22. Please plan to bring a dish/ dessert or two to share. Place settings and drinks will be provided. Let's come together for some good food and good fellowship!





Process of Confirmation

Parents of youth already in the Process of Confirmation, youth entering 7th Grade, and youth 7th Grade and older who have not taken part in the process should watch

their mail and email for Confirmation Packets! Return forms to take part this year will be due on Sunday, September 15th. **Please let Ryan know**



if your child is eligible to begin Confirmation and you do not receive any information! The first Confirmation Course (for Year 1 and 2 youth) is <u>Sunday, 9/15</u> from 2:00-5:00pm.

4th-6th Grade Photo Scavenger Hunt







On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 20th from 2:00pm to</u> <u>5:00pm</u>, 4th-6th Graders will be meeting at the church for a Photo Scavenger Hunt! We will split into teams and head off with parent drivers to complete a photo list of items in the area (as well as some silly pictures). Whichever team can check off all the photos on their list within the given time wins! There will, of course, be bonus points for creative and funny pictures. We will also play some games together when we are all finished with the hunt. Please call the church office with any questions and to let us know if your child will be attending. Friends welcome!!





SODA & COOKIES & <u>VOLUNTEERS</u>

With the Afterburners just around the corner, we are in need of 2 liter bottles of soda and cookies. If you would like to provide homemade cookies, the dates of listed to the right. Store bought

the Afterburners are listed to the right. Store bought cookies are appreciated also.

We are also in need of adult volunteers. The Afterburners are a fantastic community outreach and it is growing each year, but without adult volunteers we will not be able to maintain a safe environment and this could risk the program. Yes, it can get loud, but don't let that stop you! We will have ear plugs available or you can volunteer in one of the quieter areas! ©

If you have any questions, please call the church office. We really need your help! Thank you, in advance, for your donations and your time!





AFTERBURNERS

Free Dance for 7-12 Graders @ Zion Lutheran Church

Fridays, this fall, right after the Hollidaysburg home Football games until 11:00 p.m.

Afterburner Dates: 8/23(before school starts), 8/30, 9/20, 10/4, 10/11, & 10/25

DJ, Lights, Food, Drinks

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) All youth in 7th thru 12th grade are invited to gather for some discussion and fun with Ryan Custead!

Upcoming Dates: 9/11, & 9/25

CONFIRMATION COURSE

A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday**, **September 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** here at the church. The course is 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!





Allegheny Synod Youth Event Register now!

All 6th-12th Graders can now register for the Synod Youth Event in State College! From November 22-24 Zion youth will join Ryan, Pastor Dave, parent chaperones, and youth and leaders from across the Allegheny Synod for a weekend of fun, worship, and faith formation. We will spend our time at Grace Lutheran Church, on the Penn State campus, in downtown State College, and be housed in the Days Inn. Registration forms will be sent out by email and are also available in the Zion office. \$50.00 is due for each Zion youth by the weekend of the event. (the remaining cost will be covered for our youth). We will be leaving together after school on Friday and returning mid-afternoon on Sunday. Friends are welcome!

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Parents must fill out permission when dropping kids off. Friends welcome with signed permission. Call the church office with any questions and to let us know if you are coming!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the elementary rotation program. Keep in mind, If vou are concerned about the commitment, each rotation is only 4 to 5 weeks long. You do not need to commit to the whole year (unless, of course, you would like to \odot) If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Naugle or the church office.





FALL START-UPS!

STITCH & SEW: For anyone with the time to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can sew, cut, tie knots, iron or just want to enjoy some good company, then join this group each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch.

SOLO: This group for widows meets the first Monday of each month at The Dream. Please watch your bulletins for the meeting time. In September they will meet on 9/9 due to Labor Day.

RUTH CIRCLE: All women are welcome and encouraged to join the group for Ruth Circle, which usually meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Please watch your bulletins for the location.

ThuMBS: This Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in the church library weekly at 10:00 a.m.

CHOIRS:

Adult Choirs: rehearsals are held at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the choir room.

KOK Choir (Kids of the Kingdom) rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: All men are welcome to attend a monthly men's breakfast with a brief message and good fellowship. Please watch your bulletins for the first date of the fall.

FINANCIAL REPORT **General Fund**

July 1, 2019 thru July 31, 2019 Income (Giving) \$26,628.25 Expenses \$19,758.37 Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only) \$6,869.88

(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 7/26/19Less Principal(initial investment) Value over principal as of 7/26/19 \$172,756.62

\$467,075.50 \$294,318.88 **Zion Lutheran Church 500 Allegheny Street** Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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12/15 DECEMBER MEMBER CHOIR (10:45 SERVICE)

12/22 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PERFORMANCE (10:45 SERVICE & **LUTHERAN HOME**)