

Lutheran Church

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2019<><DECEMBER

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 (except

12/25 & 1/1)

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals

(except 12/25 & 1/1)

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (except 12/26)

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

12/1: Confirmation Course

12/2: SOLO

12/3: Faith Partners Meeting

12/3: SOLO

12/4 & 11: December Member Rehearsal

12/6: A Night With Santa

12/7: Cookie Walk

12/7 & 21: Pageant Rehearsal

12/8: Usher Meeting

12/8: A Celebration of the Season

12/10: Ruth Circle(Christmas Party)

12/11: Property Board Meeting

12/11: CR@ZY

12/13: New Member Dinner

12/14: Faith Riders

12/15: December Member Choir
(10:45 Service)

12/16: Christmas Caroling

12/19: CPC Meeting

12/22: Christmas Pageant (10:45
Service & Lutheran Home)

12/24: Christmas Eve Services
(5:00, 7:30, & 10:00)

12/25-27: Merry Christmas—Office
Closed

*And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you. Psalm 39:7*

*“Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.”
James 5: 7-8*

This month we observe the season of Advent, that pesky time of the year that buffers us from immediately jumping into the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a season of waiting. Primarily, we wait for the coming of Jesus to fully inaugurate his kingdom and to make good on all of his promises. We also use this time to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Either way, we wait, and waiting is not something we are good at.

We increasingly live in an instant culture. The convenience of quick and reliable service is nice, but it makes the reality of waiting all the more difficult. After all, when you can have coffee, entertainment, home deliveries, and information at the push of a button, why would you wait for anything?

For the past year I have waited for my old home in Somerset to sell. In this year I have strengthened my heart again and again while waiting for a buyer...while waiting for this burden to depart. Twice, interested buyers have disappointed. The house is currently under contract with a buyer who must first sell their home. The wait continues and it is excruciating. However, hope remains that the situation will come to an end.

As people of faith we wait expectantly for the coming of Jesus. Again and again we pray the words, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.” All of us face situations when we plead and long for Jesus’ presence—times when we wait with a dreadful albatross around our necks. This Advent, may we be encouraged to remain steadfast in our hope as we wait for our sufferings to come to an end. Jesus remains faithful. He is coming. And the joy of his arrival will far surpass the weight of our trials.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Notes of Thanks!

I want to thank all my church family for all the cards and prayers I've received.

Special thanks to the Littles, Charlie Wheeler, and the Deremers, for all the phone calls. It makes me feel special to know so many people care. Thank you all again.

In Peace & Love,
Grace Rodriguez

To the Board & Members of Zion,

Thank You! For your graciousness with the offering of transportation. The persons served at the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg Independent Living appreciate the transportation provided for our Fall Foliage trip. Please know we are blessed with your friendship & support.

Rachel Wachler, Administrator (Lutheran Home)

Tom Goetz would like to say thank you to Zion.

To the church as a whole, for your support of the youth activities this season. The Afterburner season was a success because of you, your donation of time & gifts.

Those of you who brought snacks, I sampled each one, they were delicious. Those of you who brought drinks, the youth need the energy to chase each other. Those of you who gave their time to chaperone, God bless you for your time. Those of you who allowed the activity to take place in Zion, thank you.

Zion church has many talents to give back to the community & I thank each of you for sharing them.



Christmas Traditions: A Celebration of the Season

On **December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** we will offer a new Celebration of the Season, aka The Celebration of the Greens. This will be a short program of carols, traditions, and choral music, followed by light refreshments.

Please plan on joining us for some of the "what's and whys" of the holiday season. Everyone will have a great time!



Zion Lutheran Church's **COOKIE WALK**

**Saturday, December 7th
Open from 10:00am-Noon**

2021 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
FUNDRAISER

Walk around our fellowship hall and fill a provided festive container with an assortment of homemade cookies and Christmas goodies!

\$15 per container



**Support our youth's
growing faith!**

**500 Allegheny St.
HOLLIDAYSBURG**

**2021
ELCA**
Youth Gathering
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

USHER

USHER MEETING

There is an Usher Meeting & Breakfast scheduled for Sunday, December 8th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be going over procedures and discussing recruiting.

If you are a current Usher or if you are interested in becoming an Usher, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend and you have any questions, please contact Todd Hammaker at 696-3271.

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



On **Sunday, January 19th** there will be a training held for anyone interested in joining St. John's Guild by becoming an acolyte and crucifer. **4th Graders and older** are invited to join Todd Hammaker 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!**



DECEMBER MEMBER CHOIR

We are looking for voices for the annual December Member Choir. The choir is scheduled to sing an excerpt from Handel's Messiah on **December 15th at the 10:45 service. Rehearsals will be held on November 20th, and December 4th & 11th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome! No long term commitment required. Please come and take part in making a joyful noise!!



A Helping Hand

We are collecting gift cards to have on hand for families going through a rough time. They may be going through a medical situation that requires a lot of travel or just may be having some financial struggles. These families could use a helping hand with things like food and fuel to help ease the burden and give them one less thing to worry about. **If you would like to make a donation, what seems to work the best are Martins, Hometown Market, and Sheetz cards in \$10 to \$25 increments.** Please bring the cards to the church office and we can get them to the families.



Giving Tree Project

Thank you to everyone who took a tag for the Giving Tree Project. Please remember to return the gifts to the church by December 8th and place them in the boxes in the hall that match the number on the tag. The gifts will go to children ages 9 months to 14 years through Home Nursing Agency. Thank you for your kindness!

Zion Christmas Caroling



Everyone is invited to join us for some Christmas Caroling on **Monday, December 16th at 7:00pm.** We will be singing some classic favorites for our neighbors around Walnut and Allegheny Streets here in Hollidaysburg. Our last stop will be at American Rescue Workers' Mulberry Street house where we will stay for some holiday goodies at their annual Christmas Party! Anyone of any age is encouraged to join us as we share the Good News about Christmas through song!

A Night With Santa

Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street

(Youth Babysitting Night)

Friday, December 6th

6:00pm (closes at 9:00pm)

2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

Children of all ages welcome!

Parents may stay with children or take advantage of some holiday season babysitting!

A visit from Santa, cookie decorating, Christmas games and activities, and more!

\$10 Suggested Donation



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

2021

NATIVITY 2019



ZION

Christmas Pageant



Believe it or not, it is time to start getting ready for our yearly Christmas Pageant! Last year's "Robot Christmas in the Year 4545" was a great success! This year we will be taking focusing on the story of Jesus's birth with "Nativity 2019". Ryan Custead will be directing this Zion original Pageant. While hearing the Christmas story from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke at their family dinner table, we will see what a few teens imagine things might look like if they happened in 2019. This Pageant is going to need kids and youth of all ages to be a success.

Please fill out the sign-up in the weekly bulletin or call the church office if your children and youth are interested in being a part of this year's Pageant. We are also in need of a few parent/adult volunteers to help out. Below is a schedule of our rehearsals and performances. Please call the church office if you have any questions!

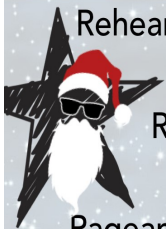


Rehearsals: Saturdays, December 7th and 21st,
10:00-11:30am

Rehearsal during Sunday School: Sunday,
December 22nd, 9:30-10:30am

Pageant Performance: Sunday, December 22nd
during the 10:45 service

Pageant Performance 2: Sunday, December 22nd
early afternoon, at the Lutheran Home in
Hollidaysburg (exact time TBA)



FAMILY. WINTER.



AT CAMP SEQUANOTA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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



February 21-23



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

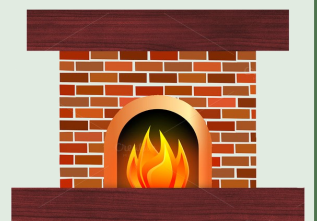
Zion Winter Retreat

February 21ST – 23RD



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 office if you have any questions or are interested in attending.

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



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!

December Dates:

12/11 — 6:30 to 8:30 meet at the church & going to American Rescue Workers
12/25 — No CR@ZY due to the Christmas Holiday

WINTER JAM 2020 TWENTYTWENTY

Winter Jam 2020!!!

Everyone is invited to join Zion's youth as we head to Winter Jam at the PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh on **Friday, January 17th**. 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. We will return to the church somewhere around 1:00-2:00am.

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: CROWDER, ANDY MINEO, RED and more! **Please contact the church office or email Ryan at 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 28th when the tour will be in State College!*

Zion Game Night

Friday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner theme for the January Game Night will be Soups, etc. Of course, any type of food will be just fine ☺. Please bring a dish or two to share. As always, everyone is welcome!! We would love to see you there!



CONFIRMATION COURSES

Confirmation Courses are scheduled for **Sundays, January 12 and February 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** here at the church. The last course for the season will be Confirmation Night on **Friday, March 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.** The courses 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!

6th-12th Grade **SYNOD** ❄️❄️❄️❄️

SNOW CAMP

AT CAMP SEQUANOTA

**Friday, January 31st at 4:15PM (meet at Zion)-
Sunday, February 2nd (returning to Zion early afternoon)**

ALL
6TH-12TH
GRADERS
WELCOME

Registration will open 12/15 on www.sequanota.com and will BE DUE BY 1/5 for Zion Youth
Watch for more info!
No Cost to families!



Faith Partners: Updates and more!



For over a year and a half, the Zion Faith Partners team has responded to issues of substance abuse and addiction in our community by partnering with local advocacy organizations, working with other church teams, and supporting recovery and prevention efforts already in place here at Zion. Before, during, and after the worship services on **Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th**, the Zion Faith Partners team will be giving the congregation an update about their efforts and providing resources for the great variety of ways that these issues impact our lives.



Blair-Huntingdon Conference Bowling BENEFIT

**Sunday, January 5th
from 2-4 PM**

@ Splinters Lanes Free-will donation
1879 E Pleasant for two hours of bowling
Valley Blvd. and shoe rental
Altoona

Standard bowling AND "Wacky Bowling"
means all experience levels will have a
great time! All ages are welcome!



**SUPPORT CAMP SEQUANOTA'S
VITAL MINISTRY!**

Bring extra \$
SEQUANOTA RAFFLE



FAITH RIDERS

December – December 14 (second Saturday)
– Christmas luncheon at 12:00 p.m. at the U. S. Hotel Restaurant. Please call Carol Little by December 6 at 814-695-0284 if you plan to attend.

January 25 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Marzoni's

February 29 - 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Marzoni's

March 28 – 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Marzoni's

RUTH CIRCLE

December 10 at 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Party at Donna Hymes' House

January 21 at 9:00 a.m. – The Skirted Soldier-- A female veteran owned operation that specializes in hand blended, loose tea. They donate 10% of their proceeds to female veterans' organizations. We will learn how these teas are grown in Blue Knob and be able to sample some delicious tea!

February 18 at 9:00 a.m. – Pastor David Bowman

March 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor (note day & date change) – Sandra Harbert Petrulonis, Ph. D., Distinguished Professor of English and American Studies at Penn State will be talking to us about Louisa May Alcott and her books, life and social reform



2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering

Updates and Committee Meeting

Planning and preparations have begun for Zion's trip to the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. Anyone is welcome to be a part of the NYG Committee as we plan fundraisers, travel plans, and trip itinerary. **Youth who are currently in 7th-11th Grade will be eligible to attend** the Gathering in the summer of 2021.

The Gathering dates are June 29th-July 3rd. However, anyone marking calendars for their children should include a potential few days before and after for travel. Upcoming fundraisers include the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a Spring "Yard" Sale, the return of the Flamingos, and more! The Committee deeply appreciates the congregation's support of The Gathering and its fundraisers. Parents should continue to watch for more info about The Gathering and when and how to register. The next NYG Committee meeting is **Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00pm.**

Offering Envelopes & Giving:

2020 offering envelopes will be available mid-way through December. Please pick them up (and any you might be able to deliver to friends, neighbors and family) in the fellowship hall and **discard any old ones**. Using old envelopes may cause a discrepancy on your giving statement, so please do not use them.

We are also in the midst of setting up on-line giving. You will be able to set up automatic giving using a credit or debit card or directly from your checking or savings account. You will be able to define how your money will be distributed, just like on your giving envelopes. You can also log-in to make a one time gift if there is a special project you would like to support. Please watch your bulletin/newsletter for additional information.

If you cannot find your envelope box or you are a newer member who has not received envelopes yet, please call the church office and we will make sure you receive them.



FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2019

Income (Giving)	\$99,413.41
Expenses	100,239.28
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	\$(825.87)

(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 10/25	\$470,798.56
Less Principal (initial investment)	\$294,318.88
Value over principal as of 10/25	\$176,479.68

ALTAR FLOWERS & RATE CHANGE

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 small bulletin board near the kitchen. Also, when you sign up, be sure to mark the column stating if you want to take the flowers after services.

There will be an increase in the cost for altar vases in 2020. **The cost will be \$50 payable to Zion.** You can also include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers". We have been very fortunate to not have experienced a cost increase for seven years. **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 1/1** HAPPY NEW YEAR—OFFICE CLOSED
- 1/7** NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- 1/11** LOVE FEAST
- 1/31-2/2** 7-12TH SYNOD SNOW CAMP
- 2/2** SOUP/CHILI COOK-OFF
- 2/25** SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
- 2/26** ASH WEDNESDAY
- 2/27** LENTEN LUNCHES BEGIN
- 3/6** BLOOD DRIVE
- 3/8** POT LUCK DINNER
- 3/13** SALVATION ARMY DINNER
- 3/20** CONFIRMATION NIGHT
- 3/29** 4-6TH GRADE EVENT

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Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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SEQUANOTA
Confirmation Camp 2020
June 14th - 19th
Zion "Church Family" Camp 2020
July 10th - 14th

Worship Times
Christmas Eve
Services

5:00 PM
7:30 PM
& 10:00 PM

Congregational Leaders

Executive Director	
<i>Jolene Kopriwa</i>	695-0338
Treasurer	
<i>Renetta Deremer</i>	695-8327
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<i>Dana Sollenberger</i>	239-0500
Youth Board Director	
<i>Tom Goetz</i>	386-0838
Adult Board Director	
<i>Kathy Goetz</i>	934-2161
Worship Board Director	
<i>Gail Nedimyer</i>	943-6013
Finance Board Director	
<i>Carol Frederick</i>	693-0658
Stewardship Board Director	
<i>Frank Ardizzone</i>	695-3490
Communications Board Director	
<i>Katie McCabe</i>	380-3103
Property Board Director	
<i>Shawn Restly</i>	312-6211
Activities Board Director	
Continuous Church Improvement	
<i>Kevin Naugle</i>	696-3176
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<i>Sally Williams</i>	695-4148
Pastor	
<i>Rev. David Bowman</i>	330-8025
Youth Ministry Director	
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