

Lutheran Church

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MID-JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020

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

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

MID-JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

1/25: Faith Riders (Marzoni's)

1/31-2/2: Synod Snow Camp

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

2/2: CCI Meeting

2/2: Chili & Soup Cook-off

2/3: SOLO

2/4: Faith Partners Meeting

2/7: Game Night

2/9: Confirmation Course

2/10: Book Club

2/12: Property Board Meeting

2/12: CR@ZY

2/18: Ruth Circle

2/20: CPC Meeting

2/21-23: "Zion Family" Winter Retreat

2/25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

2/26: Ash Wednesday

2/27: Lenten Lunch

2/29: Faith Riders (Marzoni's)

Friends in Christ,

It is my hope and my prayer that you were richly blessed this Christmas season, and that the arrival of a New Year was a time of hope and celebration of all that God has done and will do. For me, January is often a time of looking forward at what is to come and making preparations. While it feels like our trip to Houston with Zion's youth for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering was just a few months ago, it has actually been long enough that we are well into our plans for the trip to Minneapolis for the 2021 Gathering. The biggest difference we are facing with the trip to Minneapolis versus the trip to Houston is the potential of a group that is twice the size! I am so excited for even more youth to have this incredible and transformative experience together as people of faith. Gathered together with somewhere near 31,000 other Christians from around the country, we will worship, pray, sing, dance, and experience the work of the Spirit in our midst.

While a group that could easily be twice the size is exciting, it does bring challenges. The biggest being (perhaps some of you have already had the thought) the cost. Fundraising for this milestone event in our youth's life of faith is going to be the largest part of our preparations. And that means it is time for another Zion yard sale (or should we say Fellowship Hall sale?). You heard it here first, on Saturday, March 28th, our hope is to have the Fellowship Hall packed to the brim with all manner of treasures, bric-a-brac, and goodies to sell to our neighbors, friends, and even each other. So that means it is time to start saving stuff to donate!

Getting ready for a yard sale means seeing the stuff around us with a different set of eyes. What items that have been cast aside or forgotten might have value? What pieces might be transformed into a resource for the formation of our youth's faith? We have to take a moment to see things creatively and put aside our initial assessment or reaction.

This is the way that God sees us, and the way He sees the world. In us He sees potential and value worth the life of the Son. Where the world may see a lost cause or one beyond redemption, God sees a precious child with the potential for radical transformation.

We are all caught up in a process of daily transformation. Each and every moment there are opportunities for us to become even more deeply aware of the presence of God and to be caught up in it. However, most of us can pinpoint a few milestone events in our life of faith that had a huge impact. Experiences that absolutely changed us in dramatic and profound ways. For the forgotten dishes or jewelry or electronics you will donate for our Zion yard sale, the moment they are set out on the tables to be sold will bring about a real transformation; perhaps from 'trash' to 'treasure'. For many throughout the country and even here at Zion, an ELCA Youth Gathering has been an experience that has deeply transformed and changed them. I continue to hear from our youth who went in 2018 what an important impact it made on them.

More information will be coming out on our Zion Spring yard sale soon (the morning of Saturday, March 28th for those who like to mark calendars), but in the meantime we are asking for everyone to begin to start taking a look around for items that you may be able and willing to donate to be sold. All funds raised will go directly to sending our youth to Minneapolis for the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering. As you pause to see the potential and value in the stuff around you, remember that is how God sees the world; full of potential and value. I encourage you to continue to learn to see the world and the people in it as God sees them.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father,

Ryan Custead, Youth Ministry Director



Notes of Thanks!

Dear everyone at Zion,

Thank you for thinking of me during finals week! It was such an amazing gesture & it really brightened my day when I received the very thoughtful care package. I really appreciate my gift & I thank you so much for it!

Love, Sarah Wendle

Thank you so very much to those who participated in the Property Work Day. Your hard work always makes a wonderful difference! Thank you to Sara & Curt Fralish, Laura & Mike Jones, Sam McClure, Shawn & Susan Restly, Scott Sollenberger, Todd Hammaker, Jack Shylo, Blake Wagner, & Bob Coleman

The Girls and I want to say Thank you for the gift cards for Christmas.

Love, David, Katelyn, Lindsey, and Abby

Dearest Friends of Zion:

Thank you so much for hosting this year's Foster, Kinship & Adoptive Families of the year awards dinner. The meal was wonderful & the families & professionals really had a great time. We hope to continue this tradition with you again.

Blair County Children, Youth, and Families

Dear Zion Friend,

Many thanks to all those who so generously purchased and wrapped gifts for the children on our "Giving Tree". Many of you went above and beyond to get some of the more difficult requests that we received this year. As we await the celebration of the joy and wonder of that first holy night, you have shown your spirit of caring by reaching out to those in need. This year's children ranged in age from one to sixteen. God's hand is at work through you. Wishing you a joyous Christmas! A special thank you to Sam Gochnaur, Joni Hammaker, and Jim Renney.

Your Grateful Adult Board

I would like to thank so many members of the congregation for their many, many hours of decorating the church. To the Tree Elves: Walt & Brad Wohler, Dan Dangel, Denny Rodreguez, Jim Rhodes, John Tate, Andrew Woomer, and Gary Launtz. Those that helped decorate the sanctuary: Gary & Donna Launtz, Denny & Grace Rodreguez, and Vicki Imler. Those that helped with the poinsettias: Gary & Donna Launtz, Jim Rhodes, John Tate, Denny Rodreguez and Bill Deremer. Their tireless service each and every year adds to the festive look at the Christmas season. Many of these members have completed this job every year and without their help and guidance, we would not have the warm, rich look of the holiday. So, if you see any of these helpers, give them a warm thank you. And if I have missed anyone, my apologies and my thanks!

Gail Nedimyer (Worship Board Director)

Thank you notes continued on next page



FAMILY.

WINTER.



RETREAT.

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! ☺)



Dear people of Zion,

Thank you for all your cards, flowers, phone calls, prayers, and support you have given my family and I during this difficult time. They were all greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Jan Rawlins & Family

Dear People of Zion,

Thank you for your bounty of generosity this Christmas season. I truly appreciate the variety of gifts and cards that I received for the holiday. It continues to be my joy to serve you as we bring the message of Jesus Christ to our community. New Year's blessing to you all!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Dave

Thank you to the Hilling Family & Hollidaysburg NAPA for the donation of a Jumper Pack for the church van.

Lutheran World Relief Projects 2019

Thank you to the 10 women in the Stitch and Sew group for your diligence in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The total quilts sent to LWR were 120 (12 more than in 2018)!! During the months of November and December they made lap robes for adults and small quilts for children which are donated to local agencies. Thank You, also, to the congregation for supporting this ministry either by monetary or material donations! They meet weekly on Wednesdays throughout the whole year from 9 am to 1:30 pm. They invite anyone to join them.

Thank you to Ruth Circle for sponsoring the LWR Personal Care Kit project and to all those at Zion who donated kits. The total kits sent to LWR was 91 (54 more than in 2018)!!

Thank you to Dan and Bonnie Summers and Sam McClure for taking the quilts and personal care kits to the collection site in East Freedom. The quilts and kits were then taken by a trucking firm to the New Windsor, MD warehouse for distribution to those in need throughout the world.



POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, March 8

There will be a Potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 service on 3/8. 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!

Dear Zion brothers and sisters,

Greetings and peace from our Lord and Savior! As you likely have noticed, Pastor Dave has now celebrated his first anniversary as Pastor of Zion Lutheran! Alleluia! Pastor Dave gave the Congregational Planning Council (CPC) his annual report. As your executive director, I thought it made sense to share with you, the members, as well.

Weekend Services	141
Wednesday Services	35
Special Services	26
Weddings	3
Funerals	16
Baptisms	6
New Members	28
Hospital visits	29
Pastoral visits	229
Sunday School Lessons Taught	12
Thursday Bible Studies Led	35

These numbers certainly indicate Pastor Dave has worked diligently to develop many relationships in our church community and beyond. "By the Numbers" also does not include his synod ministerium work and committees, youth activities, Hollidaysburg ministerium and other community events and meetings. The large number of pastoral visits reflects his commitment to meet individually with any member who asked. Pastor Dave enjoyed very much the opportunity so many gave him. We can expect that number to change radically of course next year since he will finish those visits this month.

Thank you for welcoming Pastor Dave in his first year. We have worked together in ministry in many ways. Pastor Dave has put the love on Zion and we have felt it in many ways. We appreciate the new and old members who have helped in the past year to grow our faith and love as we build relationship through Christ. Zion has many blessings indeed and we have many blessings to share in the years ahead. Thank you, Pastor Dave, for your leadership in love! Lead on! We see many hurting folks around us and the church has much opportunity, so we need you, the members of Zion, to join in anywhere and any way you can!

"I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts living within you as you trust in Him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love." Ephesians 3:17-18

In this type of soil who knows where Zion ministry can continue to go!! Alleluia!

TEXT MESSAGE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

A 2017 *New York Post* article reported that the "average American" interacts with their phone 80 times a day which is once every 12 minutes. What if one of those 80 daily interactions with your phone was designed to help you in your life of faith?

The Text Message Lenten Devotional is a daily faith-filled reflection that is sent by text to your phone at 7 AM every morning. This service will run between Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Easter Sunday (April 12). If you would like to participate in this Lenten Devotional please add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the church office. Contact Pr. Dave with any questions.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26th

Breakfast & Ashes to Go

7:00 AM at Allegheny
Creamery & Crepes

Holy Communion with Ashes

12:10-12:45 PM in the Chapel
7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

LENTEN LUNCHES

begin Thursday, February 27th

(see note below for details)

TAIZÉ TUESDAY

begins Tuesday, March 3rd

(see note below for details)



Zion Lutheran Church

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

AND FEBRUARY 25TH
BASKET SERVED FROM
RAFFLE! 5:30-7:00PM

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

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



Breakfast and Ashes to Go at Allegheny Creamery and Crepes

505 Allegheny St, Hollidaysburg

**Ash Wednesday, February 26
at 7 AM**

A shared time of worship and breakfast
with Pastor David Bowman and Zion Lutheran
Church, Hollidaysburg, and Pastor Jaime
Olson and Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Duncansville.

**RSVP to the church office by Sun-
day, February 23, 2020**



TAIZÉ TUESDAY

7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin
with 45 minutes of study followed by a
brief service of Evening Prayer. 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
Taizé style of Evening Prayer will end the
night utilizing simple chants, silence, and
candles.



LENTEN LUNCHES

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 27TH 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: February 27 & March 5 & 12 will be held at First United Methodist Church, 801 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg. The remaining dates, March 19, 26 & April 2 & 10 (Good Friday) will be held here at Zion



The Allegheny Synod 40,000 Can Challenge

Thru Super Bowl Sunday — February 2

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 6, 2020

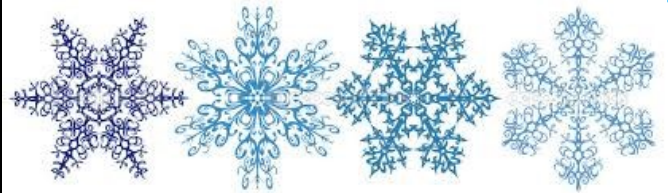
12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 13th** 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 1st. Donations can be 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.

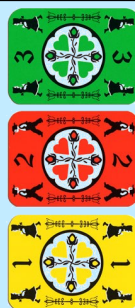
"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home."



Zion Game Night

Friday, February 7th at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner theme for the February game night will be Appetizers or finger food. Any bite size morsels will do. Please bring a dish or two to share. As always, all are welcome!!





National Youth Gathering Yard Sale:

WE NEED STUFF!

On **Saturday, March 28th from 8:00am-Noon** Zion will be holding a Spring yard sale in our fellowship hall as a fundraiser for our youth's trip to Minneapolis for the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering. This is an incredibly impactful opportunity for Zion's youth, and we need your support!

The National Youth Gathering Committee is looking for donated items to sell at the yard sale. We are asking the congregation to take a look around and consider what you may be able to offer! (We are **not** accepting clothing, furniture, or large appliances).

While we can offer to store items from now until the sale, we are asking that those who are able store their items until the week of March 22nd when they should be brought to the church (remember that the office is closed on Mondays). Please call the church office at 695-0091 to let us know if you will be donating an item or items or if you have questions.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet **Monday, February 10 at 6:30** to discuss "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Although it is fiction, the book illuminates a land and customs very strange to us. The aftermath of China's cultural revolution, changes in the lives of China's ethnic minorities, and U.S. adoption of Chinese girls are all featured in a story that is engaging from beginning to end. We will also enjoy a tea tasting of pu-erh tea, which is at the center of the story. Books are available online or from your local book store.



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:

2/12 — Meet at 6:30—Going to Lutheran Home.
2/26 — No CR@ZY-Ash Wednesday

CONFIRMATION COURSE & CONFIRMATION NIGHT

A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday, February 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** here at the church. The last course of 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!



First Communion Training

For children in 3rd Grade
or Age 8 & Parents

March 22nd & 29th

Following the 10:45 service until 2:00

Lunch will be provided

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



3/20 CONFIRMATION NIGHT

3/22 C&F BOWLING & SKATING(MORRISON COVE)

3/28 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING YARD SALE

3/29 4-6TH GRADE EVENT

4/5-4/12 HOLY WEEK (SERVICES INCLUDE PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL, & EASTER SUNDAY)

4/12 EASTER BREAKFAST (9:30 A.M. DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR)

4/18 "IGNITE THE Y" YOUTH EVENT

5/1-5/3 4-12TH GRADE SEQUANOTA WORK RETREAT

FAITH RIDERS

For our meetings during the winter months scheduled for January 25, February 29, & March 28, 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 18 - Pastor David Bowman

March 18 - in the Parlor (note day & date change) — Sandra Harbert Petrulionis, 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

April 21 - To Be Announced

May - Girl's Night Out

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 in the kitchen hall. 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.



ONLINE GIVING



Are you tired of writing a check for your weekly offering (then forgetting it on the kitchen table)? Will you be away for the weekend, but still want to support Zion?

Online giving is now an option!

Email giving@zionholidaysburg.org and sign-up instructions will be emailed to you.



FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019

Income (Giving) \$177,827.30

Expenses 143,566.23

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)
\$34,261.07

(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 12/31/19 \$493,193.19

Less Principal(initial investment) \$294,318.88

Value over principal as of 12/31 \$198,874.31

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SEQUANOTA

Confirmation Camp 2020
June 14th - 19th

Zion "Church Family" Camp 2020
July 10th - 14th



Annual Chili & Soup Cook Off!

**February 2ND 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 ARW/Zion to assist in reaching our goal of 1,500 items!

Congregational Leaders

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