

Lutheran Church

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MARCH 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

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

3/1: CCI Meeting

3/2: SOLO

3/5: Lenten Lunch(UMC)

3/5: Worship Board Meeting

3/6: Blood Drive

3/8: Pot Luck Dinner

3/11: Property Board Meeting

3/11: CR@ZY

3/12: Lenten Lunch(UMC)

3/13: Salvation Army Dinner

3/18: Ruth Circle

3/19: Lenten Lunch(Zion)

3/19: CPC Meeting

3/20: Confirmation Night

3/22 & 29: 1st Communion Training

3/22: C&F Bowling & Skating

3/24: Stephen Ministry

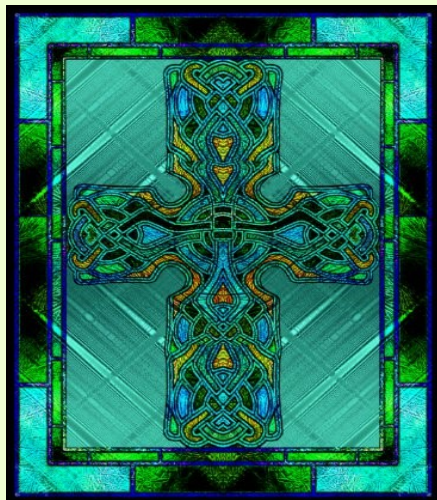
3/25: CR@ZY

3/26: Lenten Lunch(Zion)

3/28: NYG Yard Sale

3/28: Faith Riders

3/29: 4-6th Grade Event



One of the small joys of pastoral leadership is observing the many quality relationships that take place in the hallways, fellowship hall, and pews of the church. Every week as I walk around the building before and after the services I hear these conversations and see these connections. We are companions (literally those who break bread together) in faith and as the Body of Christ we rely on each other especially when we experience hardship. As the church we offer mutual consolation to one another.

On his lectures on Genesis, Martin Luther testified to the importance of friendship and consolation:

When Christ was wrestling with temptation in the garden (Matt. 26:37), we see Him seeking comfort among His three disciples. When Paul, in Acts 28:15, saw the brethren coming to meet him, he took courage from the sight and experienced comfort. Loneliness distresses a person who is solitary and deprived of his intimate friends. He can exert himself and struggle against it, but he does not overcome it without great difficulty.

Everything is less burdensome if you have a brother with you; for then the promise applies (Matt. 18:20): "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Therefore, solitude should be shunned and the companionship of familiar people sought, especially in spiritual peril.

The Holy Spirit grounds us in our ability to support each other as we exist in community. Each of us are equipped for the work of mutual support within this family of Christ.

However, the closeness of a family like church does come with its own challenges. Perhaps the largest challenge is expanding the family and welcoming newcomers. Every weekend we have visitors, meaning that every weekend we have the opportunity to extend a warm welcome and the invitation to participate in this community of faith.

Here are some things to keep in mind to help newcomers land smoothly:

- Offer directions to the sanctuary, restrooms, and fellowship hall. Zion's building can be confusing for first, second, or even tenth time visitors.
- Engage with people you do not recognize before and after the worship services. A warm greeting can go a long way to making people feel at home in a new environment.
- Remember that stories build connection. Don't be afraid to ask open ended questions to someone you've just met to fuel conversation.
- Invite a newer person to smaller groups that exist in the congregation, especially ones that you are familiar with. In smaller settings it is easier for people to experience relational connection.

I pray that we will continue to take care of each other's needs and hardships as a community of faith. I also pray that we will continue to be welcoming and inclusive of those who are newer in our Zion family.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Notes of Thanks!

Thanks to Donna Hymes for hosting the Ruth Circle Christmas Party at her home; we all had a wonderful time and are grateful for her hospitality! Thanks, too, to Kathy Goetz for the fun games!

Thank You!

Pastor Dave for visiting!

Ruth Circle for the Gift Bag and Janet Coleman for delivering it!

The lovely poinsettia!

Last but not least—Ryan and the Youth Group for our Christmas Bingo Party and the Christmas Pageant!

God Bless You One and All!

Janet Skonier (Allegheny Lutheran Home)

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas flower. It still looks lovely on my table. Also many thanks to my flowers girls: Susie Wagner and Sally Williams, we had a very nice visit. Pastor Bowman also paid me a visit. His visits are always enjoyable. Once again thank you for my beautiful flower for Christmas.

Sincerely,

Joanne Mountain

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.

Dear Zion Church,

I was a recipient of a check “from a friend with love” and I’m hoping that they see this thank you. That they know how grateful we are. And that they know how blessed we feel by all the love and support we have had from friends & family. Thank you so very much! Please keep my husband Randy in your prayers.

God bless,

Randy & Cindy Geiner

Thank you all very much for the Valentines Day gifts through Blair Senior Services. I have no money, usually I’m broke, it’s hard to live on what I get so It’s even harder to buy a coat or jeans or even food that I might want. So I want you to know how much I appreciate what you gave me.

Thanks again & God Bless you all,

Nancy Stratton

Bill & LeeAnn,

Thank you so much for picking us to receive your portion of special funding at your church. It really means a lot to us that you did this. That is an amazing idea at your church. Please thank everyone there for their generous gift. May God bless you and your church generously.

Love,

WJSM Staff

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.

To make an appointment to donate, you can sign up at redcrossblood.org or there are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board across from the library.

On the same bulletin board, there are sign-up sheets for anyone interested in volunteering to help with the blood drive.



NEEDY CAMPER **FUND**

In the past, Zion has raised funds to help send those in need to Camp Sequanota for a week. Through the years, Zion’s response to this request for funds has allowed us to help send youth from our community and church to Summer Camp. We again invite you to contribute to this fund as the camp season approaches. To do so, simply mark “Needy Camper” on your check or on your offering envelope, or bring your donation to the church office. Thank you for your generosity.



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!

LENTEN LUNCHES

March 5 & 12 at
First United Methodist church
March 19, 26, April 2 & 9 (Note: Last
Lenten Lunch is Thursday, not Good
Friday) Here at Zion

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. Everyone is welcome! Please plan to attend!



EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Sing on Easter Morning
at the 10:45 service

**Rehearsals will be held on
March 25 & April 1 & 8 at 7:00
p.m.**

Please plan to join! (no long term
commitment ☺)

Any questions, please contact
April Tarantine.

Easter Breakfast



Easter Morning Breakfast

Once again we will be having an Easter Breakfast here at Zion. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour between services. Watch for a sign-up card in your bulletins. Please plan to attend and enjoy fellowship on Easter Morning.

Holy Week at Zion

April 5th through April 12th

Palm Sunday services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Community service at 12:00 PM with
Lenten Lunch (begins in the Fellowship Hall)

Good Friday service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at 6:00 PM (Begins in
the Chapel)

Easter Sunday services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM



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.



EASTER BREAKFAST HELP NEEDED—

The Activities Board is looking for some help with the Easter Breakfast for the congregation. **Areas of opportunity are helping to prepare on Saturday evening, setting up the meal on Sunday morning, and clean-up after the meal.** If you are interested, please contact Michele Lloyd (Activities Board) or call the church office at 695-0091. Remember, having more people helping will allow everyone an opportunity to attend worship and enjoy good food and fellowship at the breakfast.

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.



ZION 'YARD' SALE

Saturday, March 28th
8:00am-Noon

You never know what you might find! Lots of stuff for sale!

(no clothing, large appliances, or furniture sold)

500 Allegheny St.
across from Blair County Courthouse

All funds raised help send Zion's Youth to the 2021 ELCA National Youth Gathering

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EASTER EGG HUNT



Zion will be participating in the Community Easter Egg Hunt this year, which will be held at the Lutheran Home starting at **10:00 a.m. on April 4th**. The event is open to **children up to age 11**. There will be light refreshments following the hunt. Hope to see you there! **(Youth helpers are asked to arrive at 9:00 a.m. at the home to help set-up.)**

VBS Volunteers Meeting!

Sunday, March 15
after the 10:45am Worship (noon)



Believe it or not, it is time to get started with planning and preparations for Vacation Bible School 2020, **and we need your help!** Our theme for this year is "Knights of North Castle", and VBS *will be held right here at Zion*. This year's VBS is every evening from 5:15pm-8:15pm from June 7th-11th. As always, we need lots of great volunteers to make this program a success! Whether you want to volunteer to lead a station, help groups of kids move throughout the evening, help with decorations, or just help supervise, **you will be making an impact on a child's growing faith**. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should plan to meet in the library on **Sunday, 3/15 after the 10:45am worship service (noon)**. If you are interested in helping, but can not be at the meeting, please let Ryan or Wendi Naugle know or call the church office at 695-0091.



BOWLING AND ROLLER SKATING

The Children and Family board will be offering bowling and roller skating at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg on **Sunday, March 22 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm**. Everyone is invited to participate in either one or both activities, and friends are welcome. Cost is a free will offering to help cover the rental fees. Anyone needing a ride can contact the church office. (We will drive the church van out if needed.) Afterward, we will meet at Bestway Pizza in East Freedom to enjoy dinner together. Cost of dinner is each family's responsibility. If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Naugle at 696-3176 or anyone on the Children & Family Board.



National Youth Gather- ing 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.



4th thru 12th Grade Retreat

And Sequanota Service Work Projects
*with Zion work crew (more info soon)

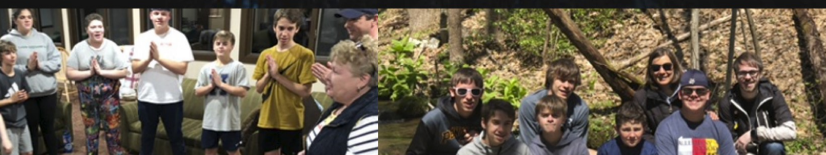
Games, lessons, and lots of fun for
4th-6th Graders AND 7th-12th Graders!

Friday, May 1st @ 6:30pm-
Sunday, May 3rd-mid afternoon

At Camp
Sequanota!
in the Bowersox Enrichment Center

MEET AT CHURCH

Friends
Welcome!



Watch for Youth-Sign up in the bulletin and information on how to join us for work projects (all ages welcome for work projects) call 695-0091 with questions



Zion Game Night

Friday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: Pizza will be provided

Friday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: Potluck

Please bring a dish or two to share. As always, all are welcome!!



4th-6th Grade Youth Group Day

All 4th-6th Graders are invited to **meet at the church at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 29th** to have some Zion Youth fun. We will be "getting a taste" of many of the fun games and activities that our older youth take part in, as well as a special surprise. Friends are welcome!! **We will finish at 5:00pm.** (We will be going outside, weather permitting.)



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SATURDAY, APRIL

7:00PM-9:30PM 18TH

@BLAIR REGIONAL YMCA
1111 HEWIT ST, HOLLIDAYSBURG

All 7th-12th
Graders
Welcome!

Dance room. open
gym. food. games.
space to hang out.
bounce house. a
message. and more!

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YOUTH MINISTERIUM
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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!

March Dates:

3/11 & 3/25 — 7:00 p.m.
Here at the church

CONFIRMATION NIGHT

The last confirmation course of the season will be Confirmation Night on **Friday, March 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.** 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!



Camp Sequanota



Be sure to visit www.sequanota.com or pick up a camp brochure in the church office or on the youth bulletin board outside the fellowship hall to see this summer's programs for children and youth! Registration is online. Take special note of **Confirmation Camp, Week 3, and Week 4!** Ryan and Pastor Dave will be on site for Confirmation Camp, Ryan will be on site for Week 3, and Pastor Dave will be on site for Week 4. Reminder: Zion pays the entire fee for Confirmation Camp.

SUMMER 2020

In the Summer of 2020, Zion is covering the entire Tier II fee for any Sequanota Camp program for all Zion children and youth (one Sequanota program per child or youth).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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)

5/17 ANNUAL MEETING

5/17 BACCALAUREATE

6/4-6 ALLEGHENY SYNOD ASSEMBLY

6/7 BEGIN SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE WITH ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY SERVICE WILL REMAIN THE SAME AT 6:00 P.M.

6/7-11 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (AT ZION)

6/14 CONFIRMATION CAMP

7/10 ZION FAMILY CAMP

8/15 RECOVERY WALK

8/30 RETURN TO REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE WITH TWO SERVICES AT 8:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

8/30 RALLY DAY

9/13 CHURCH PICNIC AT LEGION PARK

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 17, 2020 at 10:15 a.m.
Zion Fellowship Hall

Reminder: There will be one worship service on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting.



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@zionhollidaysburg.org and sign-up instructions will be emailed to you.

FAITH RIDERS

For our meetings during the winter months, the Faith Riders will meet at Marzoni's Restaurant in Duncansville at 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Meeting date: March 28

RUTH CIRCLE

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

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. The speaker will start at 9:00 a.m. because of her class schedule; the meeting will follow.

April 28 - Nature Works Park (note day & date change)—We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. for the meeting and then go to the park. If the weather is enclément, the speaker will come to Zion at 10:30.

May 5 - Girl's Night Out



FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

July 1, 2019 thru January 31, 2020

Income (Giving) \$205,008.30

Expenses 171,185.61

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)

\$ 33,822.69

(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 1/31/20 \$492,172.06

Less Principal(initial investment) \$294,318.88

Value over principal as of 1/31/20 \$197,853.18

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FLAMINGO FLOCK 2020

Our favorite pink birds are back for the Spring of 2020! Be aware that you might find your front lawn inhabited by our flock of friends. You will receive a note with instructions if you get "flocked". The birds usually stay in the same place for 3-5 days. This feathered fundraiser supports Zion's youth going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2021. ***(Please let us know at the church office, 695-0091, if you would prefer to be on a 'no flock' list)***



Arts in Recovery 2019

Friday, May 15th at 7:00pm
in the fellowship hall

Zion is once again hosting Arts in Recovery this May. This event is sponsored by the Zion Faith Partners, Rise for Recovery Blair County, and Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships. The evening will include poetry, music, and visual art submissions that celebrate the gift of recovery here in our community. We will be hosting individuals and clients from local treatment facilities and the recovery community, but **all are welcome** to attend this uplifting event!

Anyone is also welcome to make a submission (music, poetry, visual art, etc.). Contact Ryan at the church office (695-0091) or by email at ryncust@gmail.com with any questions.



Congregational Leaders

Executive Director	
Jolene Kopriwa	695-0338
Treasurer	
Renetta Deremer	695-8327
Children & Family Board Director	
Dana Sollenberger	239-0500
Youth Board Director	
Tom Goetz	386-0838
Adult Board Director	
Kathy Goetz	934-2161
Worship Board Director	
Gail Nedimyer	943-6013
Finance Board Director	
Carol Frederick	693-0658
Stewardship Board Director	
Frank Ardizzone	695-3490
Communications Board Director	
Katie McCabe	380-3103
Property Board Director	
Shawn Restly	312-6211
Activities Board Director	
Continuous Church Improvement	
Kevin Naugle	696-3176
CPC Members-at-Large	
John Mancinelli	940-1744
Sally Williams	695-4148
Pastor	
Rev. David Bowman	330-8025
Youth Ministry Director	
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