

Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: 8:30AM-3:30P M Tuesday-Friday
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www.zionholidaysburg.org

Worship

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
(Services also available on Face-
book & YouTube)

Saturdays: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School

All ages 9:30 a.m.

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. Drive Thru Communion

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

6:00 p.m. Drive Thru Communion

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS(Via Zoom)

HIGHLIGHTS

3/28: Palm Sunday

3/28: First Communion

3/28: VBS Volunteer Meeting

3/28: Children & Family Board
Mtg.

4/1: Maundy Thursday Service

4/2: Good Friday Service

4/3: Holy Saturday

4/4: Easter Sunday

4/5: Easter Monday-Office
Closed

4/14: Property Board Meeting

4/14: CR@ZY

4/15: CPC Meeting

4/23: NYG Hoagie Sale Pick-up

4/28: CR@ZY

4/30-5/2: Spring Family Retreat



I struggle to find adequate words as I reflect on these past twelve months. We spent a whole year living in the shifting stresses of a pandemic, donning masks, and being disappointed and unfulfilled as many of the routines and activities we took for granted were stripped away. It is easy to feel like this has been a lost year and wallow in self-pity. In response to that mindset theologian Diana Butler Bass writes, "You haven't lost a year of your life to COVID. You've invested a year of your life in saving the lives of your family, friends, neighbors, and strangers."

Last year's COVID lockdown occurred in Lent and in many respects it feels like Lent never left us. Lent is a season of somberness and solemnity as we reflect on our baptism and its foundation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the Easter celebration. In 2020 Easter came and went, and although we celebrated virtually, the veil of COVID still covered us like purple fabric draped over the cross.

This year an Easter spirit has crept into our Lenten observance. That feeling may be due to the spring flowers rising from the soil, or the longer days warming the earth, or the return of the birds' song...but I suspect that the true reason is the hope of new life spurred by our rising vaccination reports. To be clear, a vaccine is not our Savior, even if it saves us from the coronavirus. However, it is hard to create a better image of resurrected life than our community emerging beyond the pandemic's pall. We are living a modern parable of the Kingdom of God.

Although we do not know when masks will go away or when singing will return, although we do not know when the "new normal" will set in, we are confident that God's presence and promise will accompany us on the way. There are bound to be a few more disappointments and bumps in the road as the pandemic resolves, but resurrected life will come to us nonetheless. We are an Easter people. Let us praise God for the gift of renewed life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave





Camp Sequanota 2021

Zion Camp Week 8/1-8/6
(other weeks also available)

Summer camp is back for 2021. We believe every kid needs a chance to go to Sequanota's camp programs this year, and **the congregation is paying the entire fee for all of our children and youth to attend a week of camp!** There are camp programs available for a variety of weeks this summer. **Ryan Custead and Pastor Dave will be on site as camp chaplains for the week of August 1st-August 8th.** Many Zion kids and Confirmation Youth will choose to attend this week.

"Zion Camp Week" (8/1-8/6)
has cabin camping programs for:

Elementary: Completed Grades 2-6

Elementary half week (8/1-8/4): Completed Grades K-5

Jr. High: Completed Grades 6-9

Sr. High: Completed Grades 9-12

Register now online and find more information at

www.sequanota.com

(indicate that your congregation should be billed when prompted for payment) Contact the church office with questions or difficulties registering at 695-0091 **and let us know when you have registered :)**



National Youth Gathering Hoagie Sale & update!

Work has begun again making preparations for the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN! Youth currently in 7th-11th Grade will be eligible to attend the Gathering in 2022 on July 24-28. **You can support the youth going to the Gathering now by participating in Zion's online Drive Thru Marianna's Hoagie (and pizza) Sale!** Simply go to www.mfs2go.com and scroll down to find the 'Hollidaysburg Zion Lutheran Church Youth Group' sale. You will then place your order and pay online. Orders must be placed by Tuesday 4/20 before 5pm. You will **pick up your food orders on Friday, 4/23 4pm-6pm from your car in the church parking lot.** That's it! An easy and great way to support our youth's faith formation! Please call the church office at 695-0091 to place your order with us if you are unable to order online.

Order today!

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

2021 VBS Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, March 28th
after 10:45 Worship



Plans and preparations are beginning for Knights of North Castle Vacation Bible School here at Zion! We need volunteers of all kinds to assist with leading VBS, caring for kids, decorating, helping with preparations, and more. **This is a wonderful opportunity to impact a child's faith formation.** On Sunday, March 28th (Palm Sunday) anyone interested in helping out with VBS or hearing more is invited to attend a 30 minute meeting after the 10:45am worship service (about 11:45am) in the fellowship hall. Some volunteers will be with us for the VBS program itself, but there are also lots of ways to help that don't require attending the program. *Please contact the church office at 695-0091 if you are interested in helping but are unable to attend the in-person meeting.*

VBS is Sunday, June 6th-Thursday, June 10th
in the evenings. (more info to come!)



IN
BENEFIT
OF:

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Lutheran Church
Youth Group
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA



Order Online @ www.mfs2go.com

Pick Up Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 • Pick Up Time: 4 PM - 6 PM
Church Parking Lot: 500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg
Orders Due By: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Before 5 PM

www.MariannasFundraisers.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



6/6-6/10 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
(HELD HERE AT ZION)

7/9-7/13 ZION FAMILY CAMP

Annual Congregational Meeting

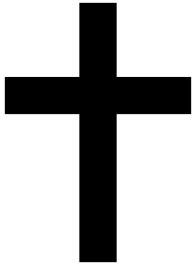
May 16, 2021

Time & Location to be determined

Baccalaureate 2021



Baccalaureate is a Christian worship service and program for the class of 2021 and their friends and families in celebration and thanksgiving to God for graduation. Baccalaureate 2021 will be **outdoors** this year (rain or shine) at **Hicks United Methodist Church (1211 3rd Ave, Duncansville) on Sunday, May 16th at 7:00pm**. The service and program will be led by ministry staff from Hollidaysburg churches and members of the class of 2021. All are welcome to attend in support of the graduates.



A Giving Opportunity

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Are you aware of the tax benefits of this giving opportunity?

As men and women approach their 72nd birthdays, their financial advisor or tax preparer should make them aware that they are required by federal law to make an annual **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from all of their retirement accounts – *whether they need the money or not*.

That RMD is about four percent of a person's IRA and as you would expect, federal tax must be paid on that amount. Most financial planners take care of remitting the tax for you at the time the RMD is made.

Did you know there is a way to avoid paying Federal Income Tax on a portion, or even the entire amount, of your RMD and support the ministries of Zion Lutheran Church at the same time?

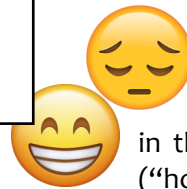
Federal law provides an opportunity to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** when your annual distribution is required. A QCD is a tax-free donation that can be paid directly from your IRA to Zion Lutheran Church, a recognized 501 (c)(3) organization.

The maximum annual exclusion for this Qualified Charitable Donation is \$100,000. ***Please remember that this QCD must be paid directly from your IRA to the church.*** Your financial advisor can assist with this process.

Please contact Pastor Dave or your financial advisor if you have any questions.

Zion Spring Family Retreat (at Camp Sequanota's Bowersox Center)

Friday, April 30th-Sunday, May 2nd



We are so excited to offer a family retreat this Spring at Sequanota! Attendees will stay in the comfortable Bowersox Center ("hotel style" private rooms and bathrooms) as we play games, worship around a campfire, enjoy the outdoors, and more. Families (or individuals), sign up today. Space is limited!

Arrival and "move in" time at Sequanota is **Friday evening from 7:00-8:00pm**. At 8:00pm we kick things off with group activities and **finish after lunch on Sunday**.

"Feeling Bad?" is our theme for our Bible studies, activities, and worship! We have all had an incredibly difficult year together. Many of us are feeling angry, frustrated, lonely, or scared. Together we will look at these emotions and discover how God can use them to bring peace, joy, and reconciliation in our lives.

Price is **\$50 for adults, \$15 for children and youth** in rooms with parents, and kids **under 4 are free**. (Price includes room and all meals) Registration is online (sent to our email list) or in the weekly bulletin. Contact the church office at 695-0091 with any questions or if you have a Zion youth who would be interested in attending without family. Payment should be made to the church office prior to the Retreat. Make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran"



FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2020 thru February 28, 2021

Income (Giving)	\$232,216.67
Expenses	202,198.72
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	\$ 30,017.95

(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 2/26/21	\$576,877.09
Less initial investment/designated	\$330,818.88
Value over principal as of 2/26/21	\$246,058.21

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The *angel* said to
the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for

Jesus,

who was CRUCiFIED.

He is not here;

He has *Risen*

just as He said.

Matthew 28:5-6

Congregational Leaders

Executive Director	
Jolene Kopriva	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
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