



Lutheran Church

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FEBRUARY 2022

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 Chimers Rehearsal

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

2/9: Property Board Meeting

2/9: Cr@zy

2/9: Finance Board Meeting

2/10: Communication Board Mtg

2/11: Family Night

2/13: Confirmation Course

2/15: Ruth Circle

2/16-18: Church Directory Pictures

2/17: CPC Meeting

2/23: Cr@zy

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

3/1: Pancake Supper

3/2: Ash Wednesday

3/4: Blood Drive

3/4: Winter Jam

3/9: Property Board Meeting

3/9: Cr@zy

3/10: Communication Board Meeting

3/11-13: Family Winter Retreat

3/15: Ruth Circle

3/17: CPC Meeting

3/18: Confirmation Night

3/26: Zion Yard Sale

3/27 & 4/3: First Communion Training



Friends in Christ,

Tired, frustrated, angry, disappointed, afraid, worried; emotions we are all too familiar with these days. There is no sense in avoiding it. Everyone has had plenty to feel this way about since March of 2020. We grow tired of being told and telling others to remain optimistic and to be patient. The pandemic has shaken the very core of our community and life. Its impact reaches into almost everything from schools to family to work to church. We are also no strangers to division and disagreement. Working together has been difficult as we balance and react to two very real dangers: 1. Covid-19 and 2. Negative consequences of limiting our social life together. Both of these dangers carry long lasting and far reaching ramifications. The extent to which we feel each one depends on our circumstances. I encourage us to listen to each other and continue to take both dangers seriously as we work together. I have felt the weight of these realities in my personal and professional life, just as many of you have.

We become so accustomed to our blessings in life. This is a tragic reality that we all contend with; the tendency to "get used" to the good stuff. How easy it is to be so weighed down with our challenges that we become blind to our gifts. Through work with the Salvation Army, I once met a man who lived on the streets of Philadelphia for about 10 years. He shared with me that the key to his health and wellness was to hold on to what it felt like to sleep in a real bed for the first time in a decade. His prayer every night was to never forget this precious gift that many take for granted. I wonder how many times in the last 20 months have I failed to fully appreciate the gift of my children's voices, a smile on my wife's face, a warm home, or God's Word at my fingertips? Recently, I had the chance to dip my hands into water and remind our youth of God's enduring claim on them in their baptisms. What an incredible opportunity and gift, particularly in these times. God got my attention that evening and reminded me not only of my own baptism, but of all His promises that will be kept no matter what. May we be given eyes to see Him at work in all times and places this year.

These days, there is a lot that I feel like I don't know. However, there are some things I do know. The Name of Jesus Christ brings healing and restoration to lives broken by sin and darkness. Hearts will be renewed this year. Children will grow to know the One who loves them. Mouths will be fed in the name of our Lord who will one day satisfy all hunger. God's justice will reign in communities divided by hate. People in pain will find comfort. The Holy Spirit will convict, guide, and inspire believers as they take on the work of the Gospel. God's name will be praised in word and deed. All of this will happen with us and in spite of us. This year, I challenge us all to grab tightly the gifts God gives and ready ourselves for Gospel work.

God's peace,

Ryan Custead, Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach

Notes of Thanks!

To my church family,

Thank you for the prayers and comfort I received at Blaine's death. Special thanks to Pastor David and the church staff.

Shirley Fahr

Dear Church Members,

Thanks to all members of Zion for their prayers and kindness and cards. My son & I really appreciate all of you for helping us through the loss of husband & father, also the loss of Tim, our son and brother. Pastor did a wonderful job of helping us with everything.

All our love to you,

Sondra and Brad Hazenstab

Zion Lutheran Youth, Ruth Circle, etc.,

The poinsettia, drawings, and cards were beautiful and so appreciated. Thank you so much. Being a part of Zion Lutheran is such a gift to all of us.

Bless you,

Ginny Erb

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during finals! The snacks were put to good use during the long hours of studying!

Thank you again!

Zach Clapper

Thank you to all those who participated in the Giving Tree this year. We hope that you had an opportunity to see the results of your generosity in the hallway. It was such a glimpse at the sharing of God's love—packages everywhere filled with presents lovingly purchased and wrapped. This year we provided over 125 gifts for children ages one to 15. Your participation makes this worthy project so very special. Thank you for sharing Christ's love with others.

Your grateful Adult Board

P.S. A "big thank you," too, to Joni Hammaker, Rick Fairhead, Sondra Gochnaur, and Jim Renney for their special help.

Thank you to all who are keeping me in your prayers during my illness. It helps to know so many care and I appreciate the calls and cards I have received. God is good!

Linda Berkheimer

Zion Lutheran,

I want to thank everyone for the lovely bag delivered to me today. Very inspiring. I am using the pen and notebook to write this. Everything is so nice and useful. I enjoyed the homemade cards made by the children. I am glad to be a Zion member. Thank you for all your inspirations.

Sincerely,

Vivian Dugan

Dear Zion,

Yesterday I had visitors, they brought a very pretty poinsettia. It will brighten my house for months to come. Also, Elizabeth and Abby sent pictures and candy, I placed them on the refrigerator and ate the candy; thank you very much.

Thank you very much and Merry Christmas!

Barbara

Dear Family of Zion,

A thousand thank yous for the gifts, cards, and edible wonders that you shared this Christmas. I am grateful for your generosity and the life we share at the church. God's blessings to you this new year!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



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 see the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall 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.



Blood Drive

We Need Your Blood!!



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on

March 8, 2018

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.



RUTH CIRCLE

DATE: March 15, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church

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 through constant involvement in antislavery activism and women's rights at the time of the Civil War. If you are a fan of Little Women or any other of Louisa May Alcott's books, or just want to learn about this fascinating woman, please join us for this special presentation. You do not have to be a member of Ruth Circle to attend; all are welcome.



SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

Free-will
donation for our
youth's trip to
the 2022 ELCA
National Youth
Gathering!

MARCH 1ST

SERVED FROM
5:30-7:00PM

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



2021 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
boundless GOD BEYOND MEASURE

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2nd

Holy Communion with Ashes

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



WE MAKE
THE ROAD BY
WALKING

Lenten Tuesdays and Zoom Wednesdays

Lent is traditionally a season of spiritual formation as we engage in additional faith practices like fasting (giving things up) and prayer. This year we will continue in that tradition by utilizing the book *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren. This resource will provide direction and discussion for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation.

Two group opportunities will be offered this Lent: in person on Tuesday nights from 7 to 8 PM and on Zoom on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, beginning March 8th and 9th. If you would like to participate, please call or email Pastor Dave (bowdavidman@gmail.com) before February 22nd to reserve a copy of the book.

We Make the Road by Walking is designed to be a year-long resource. If there is sufficient interest then Pastor Dave will continue small group discussions with anyone interested, either in person or online. Please consider utilizing this opportunity to "seek aliveness" in your faith.



First Communion Training

For children in 3rd Grade
or Age 8 & Parents

March 27th & April 3rd
12:30 to 2:00

(following the 10:45 Service)

Lunch will be provided

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

Rejoice in hope;

Endure in tribulation;

Persevere in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12



CR@ZY

Cr@zy is Zion's regularly meeting 7th-12th grade youth group. We do a variety of things throughout the year like bible studies, service work with American Rescue Workers and ALSM, games, ice cream trips, etc. Cr@zy is a great opportunity for youth to grow in faith together and build relationships! Friends are always welcome.

Cr@zy meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the church unless otherwise announced.

Upcoming Dates:
2/9 & 2/23 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
at Zion



National Youth Gathering

'Envelope' Fundraiser

Starting on February 13th, be sure to check out a special National Youth Gathering bulletin board while you're in the church building (located in the entrance to the office hallway)! The bulletin board will feature an **Envelope Fundraiser** for our National Youth Gathering fund. This is an opportunity to make a fun and quick donation that goes to support an amazing experience of faith for our youth!



Here's how it works: There will be small envelopes posted on the bulletin board that are numbered \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, etc. If you'd like to make a donation, select one of the envelopes, fill it with the correct donation amount, and return it to the church office or along with your offering. That's it! A special thank you will be posted on the bulletin board when we finish.

2022 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

CONFIRMATION COURSE

A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday, February 13 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 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.** There will be a **Confirmation Course Make-up on Sunday, April 3.** 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!



WINTER JAM 2022

Zion will again be sending a group to Winter Jam (Christian Concert tour) in State College at the Bryce Jordan Center on **Friday, March 4th.** We will leave mid-afternoon and return late that night. Mark your calendars and watch for more info!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 5 THRU JUNE 9 — 5:15 TO 8:15 PM

HERE AT ZION

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!



**Zion 2022
Family Retreat
March 11th-13th
at Camp Sequanota**

Mark your calendars! Spend a weekend together as church growing in faith and friendship. Take time to stop and focus fully on God's rich blessings as we play, worship, and learn together. All ages welcome. Begins in the evening on Friday and ends mid day on Sunday. **More information to come!**

**Family
Game Night**

**Friday, February 11th at
6:00 p.m.**



Join us on **Friday, 2/11 at 6:00pm** for a family game night! Spend time together with your Zion friends playing some group games, board games, cards, or whatever you like. This is a great chance to grow together as a community of faith. All ages are welcome! Dinner is included and will be served at 6:15pm. Please contact the church office with any questions (814) 695-0091.

Zion Family Pittsburgh Day



On **Saturday, April 23rd**, we will be traveling to Pittsburgh for a fun day together as church family! Children, families, and all ages are invited to join us. Our day will include something for everyone with stops at two fun destinations.

1. Mattress Factory (contemporary art museum). Mattress Factory is home to some 'out of this world' art including paintings, sculptures, immersive rooms, and displays that take up an entire floor!



2. The Battlegrounds. A NERF arena full of themed rooms and warehouse space to have some seriously fun battles! We will travel together, and transportation will be available for those who need it. Mark your calendars for this all day adventure and **watch for more info!**



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

(no clothing, large appliances, or furniture sold)



**All funds raised help send Zion's Youth to the 2022
ELCA National Youth Gathering**



**Lutheran Church
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA**



Yard Sale Donations and Help

The Zion Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th. We had lots of great donations collected in 2020 for the original yard sale date. Thank you to all who donated! For those who have been holding on to items or will have things to donate, **donations may be brought to the church from March 21st-March 25th, 9:00am-3:00pm**. There will be signage to direct where to leave donations on the first floor. We ask that larger quantities be delivered earlier in the week, thank you! Unsold donations will be given to the Salvation Army for use in their thrift stores which raise funds for their Adult Rehabilitation Centers.

In advance of the 2022 Capital Campaign

Zion's Property Board tirelessly addresses a long list of projects

Property owners can attest to the fact that proactive upgrades and improvements cannot be ignored. Finding money to complete these projects saves money in the long run and lessens the chances of unexpected disasters and ongoing problems in the years ahead.

In recent years Zion's Property Board has done an amazing job to identify and complete projects that need addressed in both the church and the parsonage.

Zion's \$350,000 "Renew, Restore and Rejuvenate" capital campaign later this year will help complete six major projects that simply cannot be funded by the regular budget.

It's important for members of the Zion family to take a look at what has been tackled in recent years. Most of these projects have been finished without much fanfare. Few of them would be considered "glamorous" - *but each was vitally important.*

- A \$6,000 upgrade to the fire alarm system will assist first responders should an emergency arise.
- An \$8,000 wireless microphone update in the sanctuary was necessary to make the system compliant with FCC regulations.
- Zion's WiFi was improved to allow for additional "traffic" and give a stronger signal throughout the church. This was a modest \$500 expenditure.
- Have you noticed the new ADA-compliant restroom on the first floor? Rather than renovating one of Zion's existing restrooms for people with disabilities, the Property Board decided to construct a new one at a cost of \$14,000.
- A tripping hazard was identified when the old carpet on the first floor began to "bubble" as the glue lifted. A sum of \$20,000 was allocated to replace this tripping hazard and the walls were painted at the same time.
- Because the parsonage windows were old, wooden and single-pane glass, \$56,000 was allocated to replace them with double-pane fiberglass windows – creating a significant energy saving in both summer and winter. All of the trim, soffit and fascia were repainted to match.
- To protect part of this investment, \$400 was spent to install window wells and re-work the landscaping around the parsonage during a workday last spring.
- The flat roof on the parsonage was re-done after a problem was identified and a second-floor window was improved at a total cost of \$14,000. Another \$5,000 was earmarked to replace two dilapidated storage sheds with a new one.
- The roof of the fellowship hall has been leaking for many years. Recently, the Property Board allocated \$17,000 to have a new economical roofing product installed that did not require removal of the old material.
- A storage room that can be used by various Zion groups was constructed. In the process, the senior high room was walled off and a new mural was painted there. Total cost of this project was \$1,100.
- As the mortar and bricks along with the joints on Zion's slate steps were losing the battle with the elements, a sum of \$3,500 was earmarked for re-pointing and repair in that area.
- Another \$10,000 was spent to replace the old air conditioning unit in the nursery that had stopped working. The new unit will cool a larger area far-more efficiently.
- Lastly, \$15,000 was allocated to replace the Lexan material which protects Zion's beautiful stained glass windows. The old covers had been impossible to see through and due to a lack of ventilation were damaging the windows. This might have been the project that got the most notice from our members which led to rave reviews.

Offering Envelopes & Online Giving

2022 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.

Also a reminder that the church has online giving available for a more streamlined giving option. You can define how your money is distributed just like on your giving envelopes. If you are interested in online giving please contact the church office.

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.



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 **Quali-fied 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/10 PALM SUNDAY
4/14 MAUNDY THURSDAY
4/15 GOOD FRIDAY
4/16 HOLY SATURDAY
4/17 EASTER SUNDAY

5/14 SYNOD FAMILY DAY
5/15 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
6/5-9 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (AT ZION)
6/19-23 CONFIRMATION CAMP
7/8-12 FAMILY CAMP
7/24-28 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING



ALTAR FLOWERS

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 will be 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.

The cost for 2022 will remain \$50 payable to Zion. You can also include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers". **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021

Income (Giving) \$171,663.75

Expenses \$153,166.31

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)
\$18,497.44

(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 12/31/21 \$660,676.15

Less Principal(Designated) \$336,214.17

Value over principal as of 12/31/21 \$324,461.98

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I Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Congregational Leaders

Executive Director	Aaron Wagner	814-404-6584
Treasurer	Jim Conway	814-931-1360
Children & Family Board Director	Elizabeth Sagaities	814-932-5998
Youth Board Director	Beth Lyon	814-696-0488
Adult Board Director	Sharon Collins	814-696-3909
Worship Board Director	Gail Nedimyer	814-943-6013
Finance Board Director	Jim Conway	814-931-1360
Stewardship Board Director	Ken Streilein	814-935-1039
Communications Board Director	Christina Pavlock	208-569-7177
Property Board Director	Shawn Restly	814-312-6211
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Continuing Church Improvement	Katie McCabe	814-650-5550
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