

Lutheran Church

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SEPTEMBER 2022

Worship

Saturdays - 6:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for All

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

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

9/2 & 16: Afterburners

9/4: Rally Day

9/5: Labor Day ~ Office Closed

9/7 & 21: FaithFormers

9/9-11: Adult Retreat (Sequanota)

9/11: Shane Claiborne Event

9/13: Property Board Meeting

9/14 & 28: CR@ZY

9/15: CPC Meeting

9/17: Men's Breakfast

9/18: Confirmation Course

9/20: Ruth Circle

9/25: Youth Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

10/2: Blanket Sunday

10/5 & 19: FaithFormers

10/7 & 14: Afterburners

10/8: Blessing of the Animals

10/9: Oktoberfest

10/11: Property Board Meeting

10/12 & 26: Cr@zy

10/18: Ruth Circle

10/20: CPC Meeting

10/23: Commitment Sunday

10/23: Harvest Home

10/23: Confirmation Course

10/30: Reformation Day & Confir-

mation





We recently had our church picnic. Walking into the pavilion was a sight to behold. Billowing smoke wafted through the air and the picnic tables were laden with food. One fourth of the options were hot from the grills, one fourth were side dishes and salads, and one half were scrumptious desserts. While creating a well-balanced and nutritional plate at our church picnic might not be our forte, we do indeed come to the feast with our serving dishes. We come bringing what we can, bringing what we make best.

That's how a picnic works and it is also how the church functions. Everyone brings a spiritual gift and adds it to the smorgasbord of our ministry. If I'm the only one bringing food to the picnic, it's going to be pretty lackluster. The same holds true with our ministry.

Often times, when talking with folks who desire to join the congregation I ask, "What are you looking for?" It's a fine question, especially if you want an honest conversation about whether or not Zion's ministry and community matches well with one's expectations. However, there is an equally important follow up question. Life together as church can't always be as a consumer; we must also produce. "What are you looking for?" must always be paired with "What will you bring?"

In 1 Peter 4:10-11 we read: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ." I love the image that we are all stewards of God's grace. We all have it in our possession and can share it through the unique gifts we have. How do you wish to share them?

Over the next two months you will hear from our Stewardship Board as they help us reflect on the usage of our time and talent (an article is located within the newsletter). Our ministry impacts lives. Our worship, our outreach, our facility, and our fellowship all transform people and edify them against the challenges of life. However, all of these pieces of ministry require flesh, blood, and energy to turn them from ideas into reality. Please take the time to consider how you will play a continued role in our ministry. As a steward of God's grace, how will you share it?

Yours in Christ, Pastor Dave

Youth Sunday!

Sunday, September 25th

Worship led by our youth & more!



Both the 8:00am and 10:45am services on Sunday, September 25th and the 6:00pm service on Saturday, September 24th will have youth volunteers

serving and leading during worship. A special sermon time will feature a report on all that our youth are experiencing together here at Zion! We will be looking to involve youth entering 4th Grade and up in the services. Please contact Ryan/the church office if your child(ren) would like to serve in some way!



STITCH & SEW

Stitch & Sew is a group that comes together to make lap robes for local nursing home residents and quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief for use around the world.

Donations help keep this ministry active. Money given helps to purchase fabric for the backing and the batting needed for the middle. Fabric donations are also welcomed. Only cotton based woven fabric can be used.

You are always welcome to join them on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. All that is needed is a willing heart, and a desire to fellowship, and a bag lunch. Their day usually ends around 2:00. If you can only be there for part of the time—just come as you can.

BLANKET SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 2



<u>PERSONAL CARE KITS</u> (Lutheran World Relief - Kits of Care)

Ruth Circle is sponsoring the collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. As in the past years, we are inviting the congregation to participate in contributing completed kits.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH KIT:

- 1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark color preferred)
- 2. Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
- One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)
- 4. One toothbrush (in original package) (or if multi pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal) (no plastic bags or wrap)

One sturdy comb (not in package)

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED.

Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with yarn. Do not enclose items in plastic bags. Bring completed kits to the church library by Friday, October 21st.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The church commemorates his feast day in October

every year. In the spirit of St. Francis, we will minister to the animals of our congregation with a Blessing of the Animals Service on **Saturday**, **October 8**th **at 10 AM**. The service is short and will be held on the parsonage front lawn. We will move inside to the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

Pastor Dave will bless any animal that walks, crawls, slithers, or flies. Please make sure that your pet is controlled on a leash or secure in a pet taxi or terrarium. Yes, this service will have many distractions and that's part of its charm. If your pet likes to make noise and move around, that's perfectly acceptable. Please do not let your anxiety deter you from attending the service!







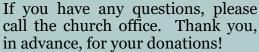
SODA, COOKIES, & SNACKS FOR AFTERBURNERS (Please note changes)

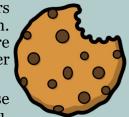


Afterburners are just around the corner, and we are in need of soda, cookies, & snack donations. In an attempt to make things a little safer, we would like to provide individualized snacks & drinks. If you would like to make a donation; cans (or small bottles) of soda,

small bags of snacks, individual packs of cookies. Homemade cookies are still welcome and can be put

in smaller bags or our volunteers can package them for distribution. The dates of the Afterburners are listed to the left on the Afterburner poster.





Sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium

PumpkinPalooza

Saturday, October 22nd 7:00-9:30pm

> 7th-12th Graders welcome

@ Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren 1028 Penn St, Hollidaysburg

Pumpkin carving, music, snacks, scarecrow bulding, and more!





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ADULT FALL START-UPS

STITCH & SEW: For anyone with the time to help make quilts for Lutheran

World Relief. If you can sew, cut, tie knots, iron or just want to enjoy some good company, then join this group each Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Bring a bag lunch. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Summers.

RUTH CIRCLE: All women are welcome and encouraged to join the group for Ruth Circle, which usually meets the third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. **The first meeting is scheduled for 9/20.** Please watch your bulletins for the location. Any questions, please contact Jolene Kopriva.

ThuMBS: This Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in the church library weekly at 10:00 a.m. **Start date will be 9/1**. Any questions, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

CHOIRS: Adult Choir(s): The Choirs will rehearse on Sundays after the 8:00 service from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. The start date will be 9/11. Any questions please contact April Tarantine.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: All men are welcome to attend a monthly men's breakfast with a brief discussion in the Fellowship Hall. The first breakfast will be 9/17 at 8:00 a.m. Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.



ADULT CHOIRS

Does singing with friends sound like fun? Does the idea of spending time together with friends appeal to you? This is your chance! Zion's choir will be meeting, starting September 11, right after the 8 am service preparing music for the year. Have you thought about joining the choir but don't have the time on Wednesday night, or don't want to make a long commitment? This is your chance! We are all out of practice - so don't be afraid of being turned away! We will be working on some music, and enjoying being with each other and you! Come see how much fun it can be! See you from 9-9:30 on Sundays for rehearsal, and let's make a joyful noise together!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the elementary rotation program. Keep in mind, If you are concerned about the commitment, each rotation is only 4 to 5 weeks long. You do not need to commit to the whole year (unless, of course, you would like to ©) If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Naugle, Ryan Custead, or the church office.





KOK CHIMERS

The Kids of the Kingdom Chimers are back for the Fall of 2021! All children K-6th grade are invited to be a part of our new kids' bell and chime choir. Kids will learn all about praising God with music

as we learn t play the bell and learn some music theory too! **KOK Chimers' first rehearsal is Sunday, September 4th.** We rehearse in the second floor music room from 9:00-9:30 a.m. every Sunday unless otherwise announced. All interested children can join anytime by just showing up for rehearsal! Contact Ryan at the church office with any questions. Older youth helpers would be great. No music experience or knowledge required. Contact Ryan if interested.

ZION PORMERS

Zion's new preschool-3rd Grade group continues this Fall!

FaithFormers is a place where children learn about and experience God with fun songs, lessons, games, and more! All Preschool-3rd Graders are welcome to start attending any time we meet. FaithFormers meets here at the church every first and third Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm of every school-year month. Ryan Custead will lead the group along with volunteers from the congregation. Children may choose to have a parent or guardian attend with them. Children who are not potty trained must have a parent or guardian with them. Please contact the church office at (814) 695-0091 or email Ryan at ryncust@gmail.com with any questions. *A parent or guardian will need to register their child with a short release form at the church when attending for the first time. Forms will be available at FaithFormers, on the children's bulletin board, and online.

> Upcoming dates (4:30pm-5:30pm): Wednesday, September 7th Wednesday, September 21st Wednesday, October 5th



Process of Confirmation

Parents and family of youth already in the Process of Confirmation, youth entering 7th Grade, and youth 7th Grade and

older who have not taken part in the process should watch their email for Confirmation Forms (also available in the back of the sanctuary). Re-

turn forms to take part this year will be due on Sunday, September 18th. The first Confirmation Course (for Year 1 and 2 youth) is Sunday, 9/18 from 2:00-4:00pm.





Mark your calendars for CR@ZY! Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (unless stated otherwise) Zion Youth & friends, 7th-12th Grade are invited for youth group fun, Faith discussions, opportunities to serve, and more!

Upcoming Dates: 9/14 - at Zion 9/28 - at Zion



YOUTH LOCK-IN DATES

7th-12th Grade Lock-in November 11-12, 2022 4th-6th Grade Lock-in January 13-14, 2023



CONFIRMATION COURSE

A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday**, **September 18**th **from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** here at the church. The course is for all youth in year 1 and 2 of the Confirmation process. Topics for the courses will range from Catechism, to the Bible, to Church History. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Courses for this year: Sunday 9/18, 10/23, 12/4, 1/8, & 2/5 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 3/17-18 from 7:00 4 p.m. to 10:00 a.m.





Advent Devotional

For this year's theme, the devotional is to be inspired by your favorite Christmas Tree ornament. Each submission will include a photo or description of the ornament, the story behind it or why you enjoy it, it's connection to your faith, and a related prayer.

There will be sign-up tables after worship services in September. Watch the bulletin for exact dates. Due date for devotionals will be October 23rd.

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.



SEPTEMBER UPDATE

The "pledge phase" of Zion's capital campaign was wrapped up in early July. As you already know, more than 154 members have collectively pledged \$479,000 for six important projects that will be completed over the coming months.

• Zion's Property Board, headed by **Shawn Restly**, has already signed a contract with Eastern Elevator so much-needed elevator restoration can begin on January 16.



- Contracts for work to be done in the sanctuary are also being finalized with input from Zion's design team and the interior designer who is providing expertise and input. Unless something unexpected happens, the final worship services in the sanctuary will take place on the weekend of January 7-8.
- Asbestos mitigation in the narthex is also scheduled to begin during the week of
- January 9 so three of the capital campaign projects will be underway right after the first of the year. Weekly worship services will be held in the Fellowship Hall until all three projects are completed hopefully in 6-8 weeks.
- Renetta Deremer and Beverly Green continue to work with Joni Hammaker in the church office several times each month to make sure all capital campaign contributions have been accurately recorded. As of the end of August, payments total \$206,912.
- It is quite gratifying that some members who did not make formal pledges have been including special capital campaign gifts with their weekly offerings. THANK YOU!
- **IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER**: If you choose to include pledge payments and/or special campaign gifts with your weekly offerings, please <u>clearly write CAPITAL CAMPAIGN</u> on the front of your envelope. Zion's offering counters will appreciate your efforts so all gifts can be recorded accurately.
- In early October, members who have given to the capital campaign will receive their first quarterly report listing their campaign gifts remitted thus far.
- Never hesitate to call or email the Zion office if you have any questions about the capital campaign.

"Peacefully, Simply, Together" feat. Shane Claiborne

Sunday, September 11th 1:00-3:00pm Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren

Zion will join with HCOB as they host prominent Christian speaker, activist, and best-selling author, Shane Claiborne for an event with music, children's activities, prayer, and more. Zion's worship band, Song of Zion, will provide a portion of the event's music. **Sunday, 9/11, from**



1:00pm-3:00pm in the HCOB parking lot (1028 Penn St). Bring your own chairs! If you are planning to attend, please let Ryan Custead know at ryncust@gmail.com or (814) 695-0091.



MARK YOUR CAL-ENDAR

10/30 REFORMATION AND CONFIRMATION

11/5 APPLE DUMPLING BAKING

11/6 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING (FORMERLY OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

11/13 ZION THANKSGIVIG DINNER (NOTE WEEKEND CHANGE)

12/3 & 10 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT RE-HEARSAL

12/18 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRESENTATION





Fellowship Hall October 9, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. following the 10:45 service

Please contact the church office no later then 10/2 to give us a count to help us with our planning.

Our menu for this event will be:

Pork Tenderloin, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Apple Desserts, and Root Beer & other beverages



FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2022

Income (Giving) \$21,827.00 Expenses \$22,219.23

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)

(\$392.23)

(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 7/29/22 \$576,900.74 Less Principal(initial investment) \$336,214.17 Value over principal as of 7/29/22 \$240,686.57 Zion Lutheran Church 500 Allegheny Street Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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