

# Lutheran Church

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## DECEMBER 2022

### Worship

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.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

### DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

12/3 & 10: Pageant Rehearsal

12/4: Confirmation Course

12/7 & 21: Faithformers

12/10: Cookie Walk

12/13: Property Board Meeting

12/14: Cr@zy

12/15: CPC Meeting

12/18: Christmas Pageant Presentation

12/19: Christmas Caroling

12/20: Ruth Circle

12/21: Blue Christmas Service

12/24: Christmas Eve Services (5:00, 7:30 & 10:00)

12/25: Christmas Day—No Services

12/30: Zion Theme Night-New Year's Eve Eve

### LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

1/2: Happy New Year ~ Office Closed

1/4 & 18: FaithFormers

1/8: Confirmation Course

1/10: Property Board Meeting

1/11 & 25: Cr@zy

1/12: Communication Board Meeting

1/13-14: 4-6th Grade Lock-in

1/17: Ruth Circle

1/19: CPC Meeting

1/22: Recovery Prayer Service



### Christmas Traditions

One of the most powerful elements of the Advent and Christmas seasons are the traditions we've inherited from our families or the traditions we've built for ourselves. We have rituals that we cherish and fulfill year after year. I know several families that decorate immediately after Thanksgiving as they deck the halls with their totes of festive trinkets. I know another family that, at one time, decorated the entire house during the few hours between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We all have our own versions of holiday baking, cards, gift exchanges, worship, carols, festive gatherings, and every other tradition that is unique to us—and all of these observances hold power and add to the richness of Christmas.

If traditions do instill power and meaning, which traditions of faith have you inherited or built that provide enrichment in your spiritual life? The church, especially the Lutheran church, has no shortage of practices that date back to antiquity and have been influential to an uncountable number of people. Which of these traditions provide meaning and memory for you?

With Christmas the traditions come easy. We have the benefit of nostalgia and holiday cheer. And while these positive associations have pushed the season earlier and earlier in the world's observance, Christmas traditions retain their special status because they are dedicated to a specific time of year. How do we maintain the wonder and love of the faith traditions that we observe week after week and day after day? Can we joyously celebrate the mundane? How much poorer would we be without the everyday traditions of the church?

Perhaps this is why Christianity often utilizes words like discipline and practice. While we do have exciting celebrations throughout the year, we also have all the ordinary days. Not every day, nor can every tradition, be as exciting as what we do at Christmas. And yet, these tried-and-true practices are what carry us through from one holiday to the next. So, as you honor your traditions this Christmas, think about which faith traditions sustain you and refresh you in your life of faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave



## Worship Times

### Christmas Eve

5:00, 7:30,  
& 10:00 PM

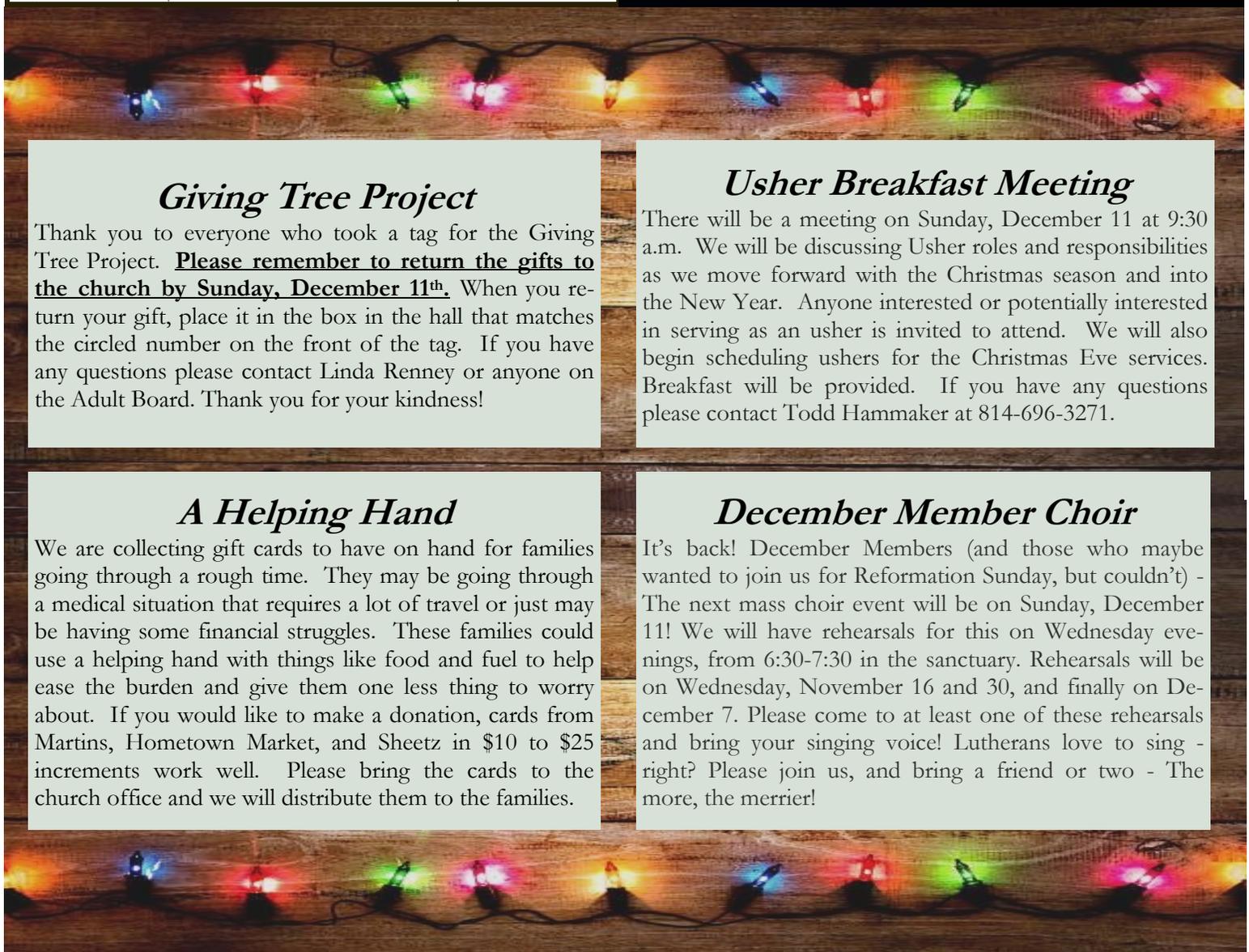
### Christmas Day

NO SUNDAY  
SERVICES

# Blue Christmas

*A service of comfort and hope  
for those who are hurting  
this Christmas.*

Wednesday, December 21  
at 6:30 p.m.



### *Giving Tree Project*

Thank you to everyone who took a tag for the Giving Tree Project. **Please remember to return the gifts to the church by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.** When you return your gift, place it in the box in the hall that matches the circled number on the front of the tag. If you have any questions please contact Linda Renney or anyone on the Adult Board. Thank you for your kindness!

### *Usher Breakfast Meeting*

There will be a meeting on Sunday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m. We will be discussing Usher roles and responsibilities as we move forward with the Christmas season and into the New Year. Anyone interested or potentially interested in serving as an usher is invited to attend. We will also begin scheduling ushers for the Christmas Eve services. Breakfast will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Todd Hammaker at 814-696-3271.

### *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, cards from Martins, Hometown Market, and Sheetz in \$10 to \$25 increments work well. Please bring the cards to the church office and we will distribute them to the families.

### *December Member Choir*

It's back! December Members (and those who maybe wanted to join us for Reformation Sunday, but couldn't) - The next mass choir event will be on Sunday, December 11! We will have rehearsals for this on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-7:30 in the sanctuary. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, November 16 and 30, and finally on December 7. Please come to at least one of these rehearsals and bring your singing voice! Lutherans love to sing - right? Please join us, and bring a friend or two - The more, the merrier!

## Notes of Thanks!

My dear Zion friends,

Oh what joy to receive all your cards and good wishes after my misadventure. Your kindness brought back many fond memories of our dear Zion. Thank you and God bless Zion and it's people.

In Christ's love,  
Ruth Grubb

To Zion,

Thank you so much for the Christmas poinsettia I received. I will certainly enjoy it through the holidays.

Barb Clary

To Zion Lutheran Church,

The Women of Hill Crest Apartments wish to thank you for our delicious Turkey dinner.

The Ruth Circle for our Root Beer Floats. The Christmas Bags full of goodies and especially for our beautiful poinsettias.

Most of us are ninety plus and so appreciate your thoughtfulness and love. We thank you.

Love & Blessings,  
Phyllis Hultman, Pat Fulton, Ruth Grubb, Nancy Alwine,  
Carole Richardson, & Clara Churchill

I want to thank you so very much for the lovely bag of goodies—so much and so enjoyable.

You all do a very good job and it's always appreciated. Thank you again and have an enjoyable Holiday Season.

Vivian Dugan



**Saturday, December 10th**  
**Open from 10:00am-Noon**

**YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER**

Walk around our fellowship hall and fill a provided festive container with an assortment of homemade cookies and Christmas goodies!  
**\$15 per container**



**Support our youth's growing faith!**

**500 Allegheny St.**  
**HOLLIDAYSBURG** **ZION** Lutheran Church  
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA



## **Recovery Prayer Service**

2023

**Sunday, January 22nd**  
**@ 7:00pm** Zion Lutheran Church  
**500 Allegheny St**

**Hollidaysburg**



Join local churches and community leaders as we gather for a service of prayer, scripture, and music.

Pray for the **addicted**, those in **recovery**, and the health of our **community**. Give thanks for the **victories** of treatment.

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HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

## More Notes of Thanks!

I want to thank everyone at Zion for their thoughtfulness regarding all their cards and prayers when I broke my wrist. Also the care package and poinsettia was very nice.

Ann Stubbs

To Ruth Circle,

Your "Encouragement Basket" was greatly appreciated. Filled with many items of need, fun, and love, for all ages. What a joy to be a member of Zion Lutheran for over 70 years.

Bless you,  
Ginny Erb

We would like to give a most heartfelt thank you to the congregation for its celebration of our wedding. We are truly awed by your collective generosity and have enjoyed reading your many cards and notes. Thank you! We ask for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers as we continue to grow our marriage. It's a delight to be a family within this wonderful family of faith.

A thousand thanks,  
Pastor Dave and Kelsey

# Christmas Pageant 2022



Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Zion's Christmas Pageant for 2022! We need children, youth, and a few parent/adult volunteers to make this pageant a success. Participating is a great way to help your child focus on faith in the Advent season. Please let Ryan Custead know at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) or at (814)695-0091 if your children will participate. We also need a few parent helpers. Zion's pageants are always unique and fun, so watch for more info about this year's.



## Pageant Schedule:

**Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice/filming  
**Saturday, December 10th from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice/filming  
**Sunday, December 18th @ 10:45am** Pageant performance/showing



## Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us for some Christmas Caroling on **Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm**. We will be singing some classic favorites for our neighbors around Walnut and Allegheny Streets here in Hollidaysburg. Our last stop will be at American Rescue Workers' Mulberry Street house where we will stay for some holiday goodies at their annual Christmas Party! Anyone of any age is encouraged to join us as we share the Good News about Christmas through song!

## Snow Camp

6th-12th Graders!  
January 27-29th



Join Ryan and friends from Zion as we gather at Camp Sequanota with youth and leaders from across the Allegheny Synod for a weekend of Snow Camp this January. Watch for more info!



## Family Winter Retreat

March 3rd-5th



Join us for Zion's 2023 Family Winter Retreat this March at Camp Sequanota. Set aside a weekend to grow together in faith. Watch for more info!

## ZION Theme Nights

2022 - 2023



**HALLOWEEN 10/28**

**12/30 "NEW YEAR'S EVE EVE"**

**Spring Fling 4/21**

**6/9 VBS THEME NIGHT**



**CAMPING 8/11**

6:00 PM, begins with dinner. Families of all shapes and sizes welcome!  
@ Zion (unless otherwise announced).

## DECEMBER UPDATE

- Zion's Capital Campaign was launched last May 15. As of mid-November, payments total \$240,517. This represents approximately 50 percent of the \$479,000 pledged.
- We also **SINCERELY THANK** everyone for maintaining their regular offerings to the General Fund while contributing to the Capital Campaign so Zion's ministries and activities can continue to move forward.
- We continue to appreciate those who are clearly writing CAPITAL CAMPAIGN on their offering envelopes so these gifts can be recorded accurately. Feel free to use the campaign remittance envelopes that have been provided.
- Zion's Property Board is finalizing arrangements with all contractors so work can begin on the elevator, in the sanctuary and in the narthex in early January. More specific information will be shared in the January newsletter and worship bulletins.
- Final worship services in the sanctuary will take place on the weekend of January 7-8. Weekly worship services will continue in the Fellowship Hall until all three projects are completed – hopefully in 6-8 weeks.
- Never hesitate to call or email the Zion office if you have any questions about the capital campaign.

Renew  
**Restore**  
 Rejuvenate



### 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.



### Offering Envelopes & Online Giving

2023 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.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

#### July 1, 2022 thru October 31, 2022

Income (Giving)	\$90,608.65
Expenses	\$118,197.88
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$27,589.23)

**(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 10/28/22	\$544,005.63
Less Principal (initial investment)	\$336,214.17
Value over principal as of 10/28/22	\$207,791.46

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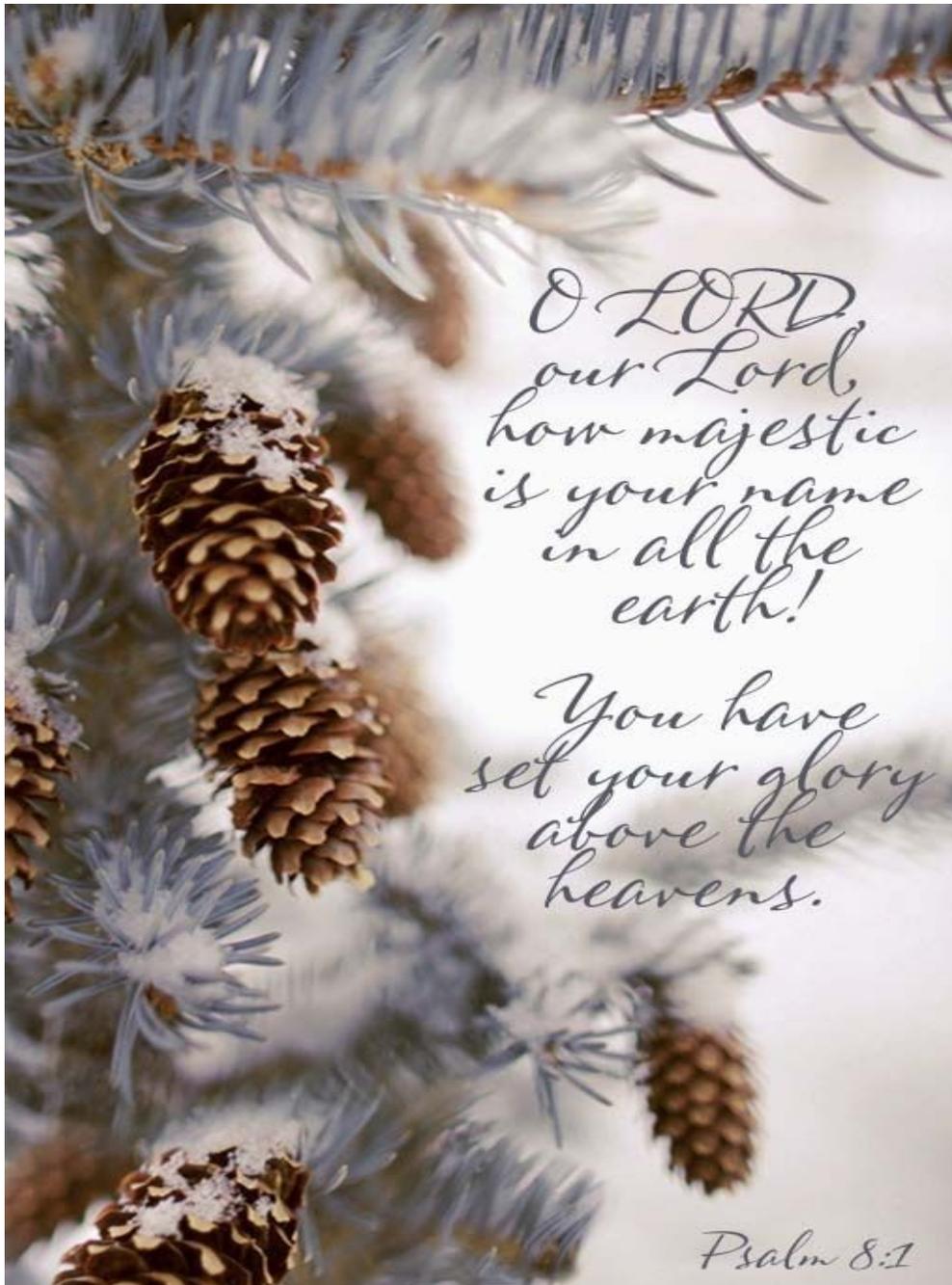
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O LORD,  
our Lord,  
how majestic  
is your name  
in all the  
earth!

You have  
set your glory  
above the  
heavens.

*Psalm 8:1*



### **Congregational Leaders**

Executive Director	
<i>Aaron Wagner</i>	814-404-6584
Treasurer	
<i>Jim Conway</i>	814-931-1360
Children & Family Board Director	
<i>Elizabeth Sagaities</i>	814-932-5998
Youth Board Director	
Adult Board Director	
<i>Sharon Collins</i>	814-696-3909
Worship Board Director	
<i>Gail Nedimyer</i>	814-943-6013
Finance Board Director	
<i>Jim Conway</i>	814-931-1360
Stewardship Board Director	
Communications Board Director	
<i>Christina Pavlock</i>	208-569-7177
Property Board Director	
<i>Shawn Restly</i>	814-312-6211
Activities Board Director	
Continuing Church Improvement	
<i>Katie McCabe</i>	814-650-5550
CPC Members-at-Large	
<i>Bev Green</i>	814-931-3107
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Pastor	
<i>Rev. David Bowman</i>	814-330-8025
Director of Faith Formation & Outreach	
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