

Lutheran Church

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www.zionholidaysburg.org

APRIL 2023

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

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

4/1: Easter Egg Hunt at the Lutheran Home

4/2: Palm Sunday

4/6: Maundy Thursday

4/7: Good Friday

4/7: Lenten Lunch (First Presbyterian)

4/8: Holy Saturday

4/9: Easter Day

4/9: Easter Breakfast

4/10: Easter Monday ~ Office Closed

4/11: Property Board Meeting

4/12 & 26: Cr@zy

4/13: Communication Board Meeting

4/18: Ruth Circle

4/18: Mutual Ministry Meeting

4/19: Stewardship Board Meeting

4/19: FaithFormers

4/20: CPC Meeting

4/21: Theme Night (Spring Fling)

4/22: Men's Breakfast

4/29: Faith Riders Ice Cream Social

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

5/3 & 17: FaithFormers

5/9: Property Board Meeting

5/10 & 24: Cr@zy

5/13: Spring Clean Up Day

5/16: Ruth Circle

5/18: CPC Meeting

5/19: Arts In Recovery

5/21: Annual Meeting

5/28: Pentecost

5/28: Last Day of Sunday School

5/29: Memorial Day ~ Office Closed



In the month of April, we will be back worshipping in our sanctuary. The first phase of our Renew, Restore, Rejuvenate Capital Campaign renovation is complete. The elevator is elevating. The nave received its facelift. Although we are not done with the total scope of our projects, I certainly breathed a sigh of relief that this first phase is finished.

When I returned from Europe I wasn't sure what I would be returning to at Zion. I knew the Fellowship Hall had been staged according to a diagram I drew, I can vaguely remember worshipping downstairs during the New Century Renovation twenty-some years ago, but what would it feel like now? Would worship in folding chairs and under fluorescent lights impact our sacrifice of praise? Would the setting influence our people's desire to come on the weekend and participate?

Looking back at the past three months, I believe this time of displacement has been a blessing for us in the Epiphany and Lenten seasons. The most obvious blessing to my eyes has been the amount of social interaction that I see between folks before and after the services. I know these conversations also occur when we're in the sanctuary, and frankly I have no data points to measure this observation, but it feels like there is more sharing happening as we function in the Fellowship Hall. It warms my soul. It's a mark of a healthy community. As we transition back upstairs, please don't allow the pews to get in the way of spending time and conversation with those around you.

The most obvious blessing that I heard has been in our singing. Again, I had no idea what to expect because of the changes. There's the lack of organ to support us and the acoustics in the Fellowship Hall are different. But, as it turns out, the low ceiling in that space makes us sound pretty strong. I pray that we will continue to find our voices as we move back upstairs.

In all these changes I thank you for your spirit and your patience. I know worship felt different, but the people of Zion have handled the disruption well. Now that our winter has ended we may blossom into something new in our refreshed space. May we also build off the blessings encountered during our time worshipping God in our Fellowship Hall. Sing! Visit! Continue to support one another as the holy people of God. Continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Notes of Thanks!

Dear Linda and our other Zion Lutheran friends,

Thank you all for the joy you have brought to so many of our areas older adults, not only this year, but for many years! Your generosity is very much appreciated. I am always so impressed not only by the generosity of the gifts, but the time and care put into wrapping them beautifully. Thank you!

Lisa Moyer

Blair Senior Services, Inc.

Thanks for all the cards and prayers from my Zion family during my recent stay in the hospital. Special thanks to Sam McClure, Donna & Gary Launtz, and Shawn & Susan Restly. All your help was greatly appreciated.

Bill Hite



Blood Drive

**We Need Your
Blood!!**



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

**June 16, 2023
11:30 p.m. to 5:00 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.



Annual Congregational Meeting

**May 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

There will be one worship service on 5/21 at 9:30 a.m. followed immediately by the annual meeting. Saturday evening worship will be at 6:00 p.m.



Holy Week at Zion

April 2nd through April 9th

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

Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday at 6:00 PM

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

Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM



LENTEN LUNCHES

Friday, April 7 at First Presbyterian Church

The Lenten Lunches are sponsored by the Holidaysburg Ministerium, and are open to the public. Each week local clergy will bring a short devotion message and a local congregation will prepare a light lunch. A free will offering is collected, and any money collected above expenses is donated to the American Rescue Workers. Hope to see you there!



Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, April 30

9:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Do you want to put your faith in action? Zion is looking to organize a Mission Trip in the summer of 2024. This is a service opportunity for all ages and abilities. If you would like to help build this Mission Trip from the ground up, please join us for the discussion.



zion 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) Zion Youth & friends, 7th-12th Grade are invited for youth group fun, Faith discussions, opportunities to serve, and more!

CR@ZY "Lite"

4th-6th Graders (Group name TBD)
Starting on Wednesday, April 26th, 4th-6th Graders will also begin meeting during the Cr@zy hour, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study, games, service work, prayer, and more! This group will meet during the Cr@zy schedule. Join us for the remainder of Spring '23 as we look to the Fall for this new group! (4/26 will be combined with the 7th-12th Graders as we go to First Methodist for a combined youth group)

Upcoming Dates:
4/12 & 4/26 and 5/10 & 5/24

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering

We are excited to announce the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering, Created To Be! Zion youth who are currently in 7th-11th Grade will be able to attend the Gathering in New Orleans along with other Zion youth and leaders next summer. We will join thousands of other youth and congregations from across the country as we worship, serve, explore, and have an amazing time. Our group will take some time to enjoy New Orleans and will be housed in one of the city's hotel. Zion youth have been forming faith at National Youth Gatherings for over 30 years, and we thank God for what the future will bring. Please begin to watch for more information about youth attending the Gathering, registration, and ways to support this ministry. Our group will be registering in early October of 2023, and families will have opportunities to learn more about the Gathering throughout the spring and summer. The Gathering dates are July 16-20, 2024. Youth and leaders should keep a few days open for our travel on either end of the Gathering. "Created to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive, disciples...Created to Be!"

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

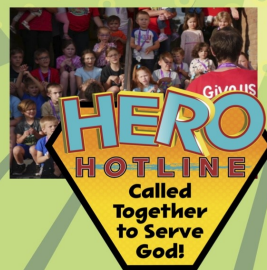
June 4th-8th

5:15-8:15pm

@ Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street
Hollidaysburg

Begins with dinner!

Games, lessons, crafts, songs, FREE!



Preschool-6th Grade
Register at 695-0091
or online at
zionhollidaysburg.org

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HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

zion FAITHFORMERS

Zion's Preschool-3rd Grade Group

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):
April 19 Only (4/5 No FF - Holy Week)
May 3 & 17
& every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
unless otherwise announced!

Capital Campaign Renovation Update

Renew
Restore
Rejuvenate

Phase One of our Capital Campaign renovations are nearly complete! We are on track to hold Easter services in the Sanctuary, and hopeful that it may be Palm Sunday. The elevator repairs are completed, it passed inspection, and is back in service! The chancel area carpet is down, and dorsal wall-paper up. Sanctuary renovations are down to touch-ups, cleaning, and re-setting. If you would like to help with the re-set, meet at the church on Sunday, March 26th, 1:00 PM.

Again, thanks to all who have contributed to this project.



zion Theme Nights 2022 - 2023



12/30 "NEW YEAR'S EVE EVE"



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

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HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

Rise for Recovery
BLAIR COUNTY

presents
Arts in Recovery
2023

An evening that celebrates and expresses the gift of recovery through music, art, poetry, and more.

Friday May 19th
7:00pm

At Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA
(Across the street from the Blair County Courthouse)

All Are Welcome



Zion Members at Arts in Recovery

Zion members are encouraged to attend this powerful community event held annually in our fellowship hall. Arts in Recovery is an evening of poetry, music, visual art, and more that all celebrates the gift of recovery and drug and alcohol prevention. Pieces are shared by community members, people in recovery, and treatment facilities. (You do not need to submit art to attend!) Attending Arts in Recovery is a great way to support and advocate for those building a new life. Contact Ryan Custead at the church office for more information.



Zion Theme Nights: Spring Fling Friday, April 21st @ 6:00 pm

We've had a great time for Halloween and our 'New Year's Eve Eve' night, now it is time for Spring Fling! Join us for a light, fun evening of fellowship and Spring themed activities for children and adults. Zion theme nights include dinner, fellowship, fun games, faith, and more. All ages and family shapes are welcome. While the main dish is taken care of, we ask everyone to consider bringing a side dish, snack, or dessert to share.



Sequanota Summer 2023!

Learn more about Sequanota's opportunities this summer for children, youth, and adults and register for a camp experience this summer at www.sequanota.com

Pastor Dave will be on site at camp for all of Week 3, June 25-30 (Half week options for completed grades K-6, full week options for completed grades 2-12)

Ryan Custead will be on site at camp for all of Week 8, July 30-August 4 (Half week options for completed grades K-6, full week options for completed grades 2-12)

Please talk to Ryan or Pastor Dave if you have any questions, contact the church office, or visit Sequanota's website and social media pages to see what camp is like!

Zion covers 1/2 of the "Tier II" fee for Sequanota-led camp programs. You will be able to indicate this during registration. (Please let Ryan or Pastor Dave know if additional, confidential financial assistance will make attending camp more possible.)

Camping programs are available for **K-12** and **adults**. There are day programs, overnight, half week, and full week options. Programs run from the week of June 12th until the week of July 30th. Camps include:

Day camp, sampler camp, cabin camping, theme weeks, Sequanota family camp, and more!

***NEW THIS YEAR: "WELL" Festival Weekend, June 22-25.** All ages with music, activities, speakers, forums, educational opportunities, a nighttime "rave" in the woods (you read that correctly), and more! Ryan has been working this year with Pastor Nathan from Sequanota and other church leaders to start this new program at camp. Go to www.sequanota.com and watch for more information!

& **Zion Family Camp:** July 7-July 11. (Watch for more info on this Zion summer program)

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2023

Income (Giving) \$226,763.77

Expenses \$224,944.45

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)
\$1,819.32

(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 2/24/23 \$568,911.24

Less Principal(initial investment) \$336,214.17

Value over principal as of 2/24/23 \$232,697.07



Faith Riders Ice Cream Social

Saturday, April 29th, 2023
@ 2:00 p.m.

Zion Church Social Hall

Ice Cream, Movie, & Games

Please contact Sam McClure,
@ 814-695-6904 or @
mcclures283@gmail.com
if you plan to attend. All are welcome!



Zion's Spring Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 13
9:00 a.m. to Noon

We can really use your help!!
All are welcome.

BACCALAUREATE 2023



Sunday, May 21st at 7:00pm

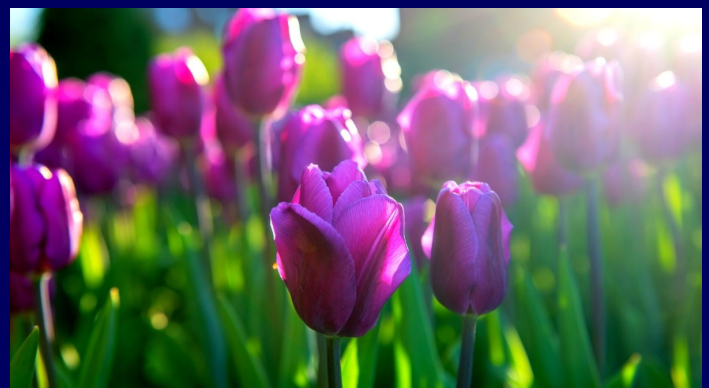
In the HAHS
Auditorium

Join with members of the Class of 2023
and local ministries for a service of
worship and prayer. All are welcome
and invited! Attending seniors should
report to the cafeteria at 6:45pm.

1510 N Montgomery St,
Hollidaysburg



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<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
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Continuing Church Improvement	
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