

# Lutheran Church

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## FEBRUARY 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

### FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**2/1 & 15:** FaithFormers

**2/5:** Confirmation Course

**2/7:** Communication Board Meeting

**2/8 & 22:** Cr@zy

**2/11:** Men's Breakfast

**2/14:** Property Board Meeting

**2/16:** CPC Meeting

**2/19:** VBS Meeting

**2/21:** Ruth Circle

**2/21:** Mutual Ministry Meeting

**2/21:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**2/22:** Ash Wednesday Services

**2/24:** Winter Jam

**2/28:** Taize Tuesday

**2/28:** Youth Board Meeting

### LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

**3/3-5:** Family Winter Retreat

**3/7,14,21,28:** Taize Tuesday

**3/14:** Property Board Meeting

**3/16:** CPC Meeting

**3/17-18:** Confirmation Overnight

**3/21:** Ruth Circle



### Zion's Sanctuary Renovation– Did you know?

Just like you I have followed the capital campaign as we planned, paused for Covid (almost 3 years), raised funds (more than enough) and then started stripping the church in preparation for the painters in the sanctuary. A call for help went out and, did you know, several angels appeared!

Shawn Restly and Mike Jones as project managers appeared at Zion every morning at 6 am until the job was done. They never rested until only walls and stained glass remained.

Did you know, Todd Hammaker and Shawn Restly took vacation days to work like brute animals?

Did you know that Mike Jones drove 3 hours east (and back) to borrow his father's trailer for the communion rail travel to New Holland?

Did you know that Shawn used his gas and his truck to take pieces of the pews to Saxton so they could then receive storage until all the pews and pieces could make it to Kentucky?

Did you know that the Saxton Church and Pastor Rusty Chamberlain have a sister church in Kentucky that got flooded? The Saxton Church, at their cost, will take the pews to Kentucky. Talk about joyous generosity!

But the angels do not end there.

Did you know that the pews weighed a great deal and had length that required maneuvering around corners and down the steps to get out the door?

Did you know that the average age of folks doing this heavy lifting and step climbing happens to be 60?

Did you know that Mike Jones drove to New Holland and back in a day to deliver the communion rail for renovation and Blake Wagner rode along to keep Mike company??

Did you know that Zion filled a dumpster with all the demolition debris and a clean out of the nursery accompanied this project as well?

Did you know that Laura Jones, Susan Restly and Jolene Kopriva represented the women on the crew...we got to use drills to unscrew the book racks off the pews so they would stack better on the open trailer and carry the smaller pew pieces to Shawn's truck?

We must capture this history for Zion. The savings in cost to have volunteer labor has to exceed \$50,000. Although I could only give 2 hours to the project, I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the committed and dedicated Zion folks who took this project as a ministry and mission. God bless you all who participated in this amazing effort!

Can you believe this incredible gift of joyous generosity to Zion? With God, all things are possible! *Matthew 19:26* Keep looking for the angels and thank them when you get the chance.

My heart burst with gratitude that we have members this committed and dedicated... just think what we can do when we put our mind to ministry and love!

Gratefully,  
Jolene Kopriva

## **Notes of Thanks!**

To Ruth Circle and to the boys and girls in the Sunday School. Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and the bag of goodies. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. May God Bless all of you and have a Blessed Christmas.

Jan Rawlins

Pastor Dave & Member of Zion Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank everyone for prayers and coming around on holidays. Thanks for the flowers for Christmas. The children coming on Easter was really nice, I enjoyed the basket.

Thanks to all the groups who sent me cards and prayers. I miss church and seeing the members on Saturday night.

Love,

Sondra Hazenstab

Pastor Dave and All,

Thank you for all the prayers this past year, we truly felt all your love! Keep up all the good you do for Holidaysburg and beyond.

Love,

John & Mary Ann Bennis

Dear Congregation,

You all continue to amaze me with your thoughtfulness and giving. With you help we were able to provide a very nice Christmas morning to 45 deserving youth in Blair County. We truly appreciate your partnership with this endeavor and always making it a success. The families are very appreciative. May you all have a happy and healthy 2023.

Thank you so much!

UPMC-WBHA

Stephanie Gallagher



### **VBS Volunteers Meeting** **Sunday, 2/19 after** **10:45am worship**

We are starting to get ready for "Hero Hotline": Vacation Bible School 2023 on June 4th-8th, 5:15-8:15pm each evening here at Zion.

We are looking for station leaders,

crew leaders, extra adult help, youth helpers, decorating team, etc. There are ways to help with VBS that mean attending the program and working with children, and there is plenty of behind the scenes help needed too. VBS at Zion is a wonderful opportunity for us to help kids grow in relationship with God, have fun, and learn great lessons!

All interested volunteers should plan to attend a VBS Volunteers meeting on **Sunday, 2/19 directly after the 10:45am worship service** (about 11:50am). This should be a 30-40 minute meeting.

Please contact the church office or Ryan Custead at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or helping but can not attend the meeting.

## **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 are **due by February 5** to be 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** **Postponed**

**We Need  
Your Blood,  
but not quite yet!!**



The Red Cross Blood Drive, originally scheduled for March 3, here at Zion, has been postponed due to building renovations and parking issues. We are planning to reschedule in early Summer, and will share the information as soon as it becomes available.

Until then, if you are able, please plan to donate blood at another location.

**"The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant. Give blood."**



## **ADULT CHOIR**

The next choir event will be on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have rehearsals for this on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-7:30 in the choir room. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, January 25, February 8, and 15 (weather permitting). Please come to at least one of these rehearsals and bring your singing voice! All ages and ability levels are encouraged to join - just a love for singing!

Please come and help us out!





# SHROVE TUESDAY

## PANCAKE SUPPER

Free will donation collected to support Zion's Youth Ministry

**FEBRUARY 21ST**

SERVED FROM  
**5:30-7:00PM**

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



Youth and adult helpers will meet at 4:30pm. We will also need volunteers to help reset for Ash Wednesday worship after. Thank you!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Holy Communion**  
**with Ashes**  
12:10 PM and 7:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary



## TAIZÉ TUESDAY PROGRAM

7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

February 28, & March 7, 14, 21, & 28

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin with 45 minutes of study followed by a brief service of Evening Prayer.

This year's discussion topic will be The Footsteps of Paul; based on themes from Pastor Dave's trip to Turkey & Greece. A Taize style of Evening Prayer will end the night utilizing simple chants, silence, and candles.



## First Communion Training

For children in 3rd Grade or Age 8 & Parents

**March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 4/2** PALM SUNDAY
- 4/6** MAUNDY THURSDAY
- 4/7** GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/8** HOLY SATURDAY
- 4/9** EASTER SUNDAY
- 4/21** THEME NIGHT (SPRING FLING)
- 5/19** ARTS & RECOVERY
- 5/21** ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
- 6/4-8** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (AT ZION)
- 6/9** THEME NIGHT (VBS)
- 7/7-11** FAMILY CAMP

## Zion Family Winter Retreat 2023

March 3rd-5th at Camp Sequanota



Take time to grow in faith with us at the 2023 Family Winter Retreat at Camp Sequanota! Attendees will stay in the comfortable Bowersox Center ("hotel style" private rooms and bathrooms) as we play games, worship around a fire, enjoy the outdoors, and more. Families (or individuals), sign up today. 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 a 10:30am brunch on Sunday**. You may remain at camp afterwards to enjoy the outdoors for a while afterward.

We will spend time together with group activities, bible study, and worship. There will also be lots of free time for exploring camp, relaxing inside, and playing games. **If there is snow, plan on some great sledding and winter fun!**

Price is \$50 for adults, \$15 for children and youth in rooms with parents, and kids 4 and under are free. (Price includes room and all meals) Watch your email for online registration, sign up in the bulletin, or call the church office at 695-0091. Contact us with any questions or if you have a Zion youth who would be interested in attending without family.



**Please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church". Payment must be received prior to attending the event.**



## Youth Ministry Meeting

**Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00pm**

Ryan Custead and members of Zion's Youth Board invite you to an open youth ministry meeting on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend to learn more about youth ministry at Zion, participate in some discussion, and find out how you may be able to join us as we help form the faith of the next generation! If you feel like you would like to serve, but don't know how to get involved, this meeting might be perfect for you! Any Zion member is welcome to attend this open meeting. Please let us know at (814) 695-0091 if you are interested in being involved, but can not attend the meeting.

(Youth Board, this meeting was previously scheduled for 7:00pm but has been moved to 6:00 pm to accommodate our Taize Tuesday program)



## 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](http://www.sequanota.com)

Please talk to Ryan Custead or Pastor Dave if you have specific questions about which program may be best, when Ryan or PD will be there, when other Zion members are registered, etc.

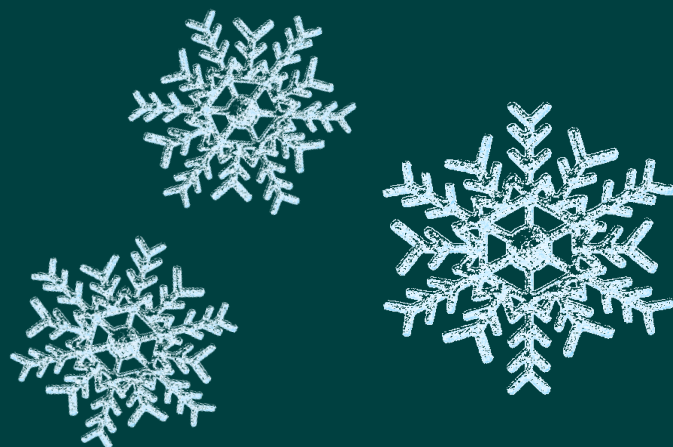
Zion covers 1/2 of the "Tier II" fee for Sequanota-led camp programs. You will be able to indicate this during registration. (Please let Ryan or Pastor Dave know if additional, confidential financial assistance will make attending camp more possible.)

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](http://www.sequanota.com) and watch for more information!

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





# 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!

## Upcoming Dates:

2/8 at Zion

2/22-No Cr@zy (Ash Wednesday)

3/8 & 3/22 at Zion



## Zion at Winter Jam 2023

Everyone is invited to join Zion as we head to Winter Jam at the Bryce Jordan Center in

State College on Friday, February 24th. The concert doors open at 6:00pm, so we will be meeting and leaving from the church at **3:30pm**. We will return to the church somewhere around midnight. We will travel in the church van and a few additional vehicles, so transportation can be provided!

We will have sandwich dinners packed for everyone on the ride there! The cost of admission is covered, but you may want some money for a snack stop on the way home or any band merch.

Winter Jam is an annual winter tour featuring a variety of contemporary Christian bands and artists. This is always a great event, and you won't want to miss it! Bands and artists this year include: Jeremy Camp, We the Kingdom, and more!

**Friday, February 24th**

**Meet at church at 3:30pm**

**Cost of admission and dinner is provided**

**Returning to church around midnight**

Please contact the church office at (814) 695-0091 or email Ryan at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) to sign up!

# 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](mailto: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):

**February 1 & 15 and March 1 & 15**

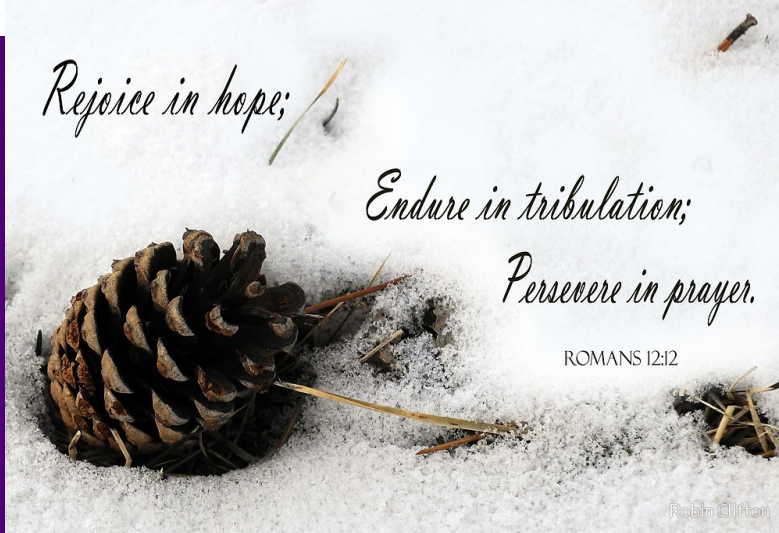
& every 1st and 3rd Wednesday  
unless otherwise announced!

*Rejoice in hope;*

*Endure in tribulation;*

*Persevere in prayer.*

ROMANS 12:12



## FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

**July 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022**

Income (Giving) \$163,765.77

Expenses \$167,061.77

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)  
(\$3,296.00)

**(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 12/31/22 \$557,186.93

Less Principal(initial investment) \$336,214.17

Value over principal as of 12/31/22 \$220,972.76



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