

Lutheran Church

Phone: 814-695-0091
Office email:
Website:

Office Hours: 8:30AM-3:30PM Tuesday-Friday
office@zionholidaysburg.org
www.zionholidaysburg.org

MAY 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

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

5/9: Property Board Meeting

5/10: Cr@zy

5/11: Communication Board Meeting

5/13: Zion Spring Clean Up Day

5/13: Men's Breakfast (Last until Fall)

5/16: Ruth Circle

5/17: FaithFormers (Last until Fall)

5/18: CPC Meeting

5/19: Arts in Recovery

5/21: Annual Congregational Meeting

(10:45 with one service at 9:30)

5/21: Baccalaureate

5/24: Cr@zy (Last until Fall)

5/28: Last Day of Sunday School until Fall

5/28: Pentecost

5/29: Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

5/30: Youth Board Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE & JULY

6/4-8: Vacation Bible School

6/9: Theme Night (Theme: VBS-Pool Party)

6/16: Blood Drive

7/7-11: Family Camp

The sun beats hard on the church during the summer months. The double wooden doors on Allegheny Street were taking a beating after years of weathering. The finish was cracking, blistering, and peeling. It was discolored. It would flake off under the slightest pressure. The doors looked bad—real bad—and many of you took notice.

Our contractor took the doors away. For weeks plywood covered the entrance and made some of the public wonder if our church had closed. However, when the doors returned and were reinstalled, they looked brand new. It was a complete transformation. The doors were now ready for a few more decades of welcoming people into the church. All it took was some sanding and stain and care for the doors to be renewed.

In this season of Easter I often ponder this theme of renewed and new life. It's everywhere in our selected scriptures for Sundays. We are well aware of the resurrected life Jesus receives on Easter Day. We are steeped in the baptismal promises that we will be raised to new life on the other side of the grave. How often do we explore the new life God gives to us now so that we may continue to live life and to live it abundantly?

The church doors took their abuse from sun, wind, and moisture. We take ours in disappointments and loss and unplanned trips to the emergency room. Doors are renewed with the right tools and a little elbow grease. How are we renewed by God?

Grace is God's duct tape. It is by God's grace that we are forgiven. It is by God's grace that we are healed. Through God's grace we receive love, acceptance, and second, third, fourth, and sixty-fifth chances. The grace of God, this gift that is freely given, is how we experience our renewed and resurrected lives both in this life and the next. Grace filled the empty tomb and it is the foundation of our Easter proclamation and promise.

This Easter Season, may your life be renewed where you need it most.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



"FOR EVERYTHING
THERE IS A SEASON,
AND A TIME TO EVERY
PURPOSE UNDER THE
HEAVEN"

ECCLSIASTES 3:1

Notes of Thanks!

Dear Friends of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your kindness, it was very much appreciated. Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement and your donation to Second Harvest Food Bank in memory of my Dad. Your love and support meant a lot to me, Perry, and our family.

I hope to plant the bulbs again so we can continue to enjoy the flowers.

Love,
April & Perry Tarantine, Carol Antell, and Daniel & Holly Antell



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.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Zion will be recognizing our High School and college graduates for 2023 on **Sunday, June 4th**. There will be a special coffee hour for graduates following the 10:45 service. We will have gifts at the coffee hour for all of our High School graduates. Congrats to the class of 2023!

2023

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.



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

1510 N Montgomery St,
Hollidaysburg

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.



Sponsored by The Hollidaysburg Ministerium &
The Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium



**CALLING
ALL 2023
GRADUATES**

Be part of our
Zion Graduates
Bulletin Board

We want to highlight your achievement!

Complete this form with your photo and submit to the church office, or email everything to: news@zionhollidaysburg.org

Name _____

Graduating from _____

What's Next? _____

Don't forget to include a photo!

Deadline for submissions: May 15th

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:
5/10 & 5/24 (Last of the season)
Will resume on 9/13

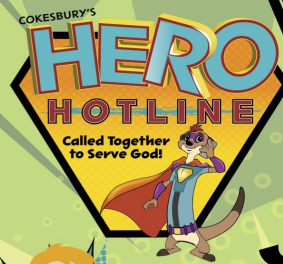
2024 ELCA Youth Gathering



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!"

ans 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!"



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

zion Lutheran Church
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):
May 3 & 17 (Last of the season)
Will resume on 9/6**

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.



**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 Theme Nights: VBS! Friday, June 9th @ 7:00 pm

Zion's next Theme Night is a Vacation Bible School celebration on the Friday after VBS 2023 ends. You do not need to have been involved with VBS to attend.

All ages and family shapes are welcome. Our VBS Theme Night will NOT be at Zion, but at the Naugle Home (611 Cedarcrest Dr. in Duncansville). There is a **pool for those who wish to swim!** The evening will not include dinner, but we ask everyone to consider bringing a snack or treat to share. Please note that we will not have any lifeguards on duty and that a parent/guardian must attend with kids.



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 March 31, 2023

Income (Giving) \$250,228.27

Expenses \$253,321.57

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)
(\$3,093.30)

(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 3/31/23 \$581,398.06

Less Principal(initial investment) \$336,214.17

Value over principal as of 3/31/23 \$245,183.89

Zion Family Camp

(At Camp Sequanota's Bowersox Center)

Friday, July 7th-Tuesday, July 11th

Zion Family Camp is back for the summer of 2023! All are invited to take some time to be together in the beauty of Camp Sequanota and grow in faith. Attendees will stay in the comfortable Bowersox Center



("hotel style" private rooms and bathrooms) as we play games, worship around a campfire, enjoy the outdoors, and much more. Each day will include bible studies and morning activities for children/youth and adults, free time for hiking or swimming or relaxing alone, campfire worship, and fun group games in the evenings. We will also have the opportunity to go canoeing and use the camp's climbing tower and zipline. Families (or individuals), sign up today. Space is limited! Arrival and "move in" time at Sequanota is **Friday evening from 7:00-8:00pm, and we finish together in the late morning on Tuesday.**

A schedule, packing list, and more information will be sent out to those who register. Let us know if you have any questions! Here is a sample schedule of what a day at Zion Family Camp might look like:

8:15am Breakfast

9:15am-Noon Bible Study & Morning Activities

12:30pm Lunch

1:00-5:30pm Free Time (Hiking, relaxing, swimming, climbing tower, etc.)

5:30pm Supper

6:45pm Skit Night

8:00pm Singing & Worship at Council Fire

9:30pm Snacks & Fellowship

Price is \$150 for adults, \$90 for youth (12-18), \$70 for children (5-11), and kids under 4 are free. (Price includes room and all meals) Watch for registration in the weekly bulletin or online registration in your email. Call the church office at (814) 695-0091 with any questions! **Payment should be made to the church office prior to attending Family Camp. Make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church".**



Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Return Service Requested

NON PROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
Altoona, PA
Permit No. 50



*The flowers appear on the earth; the
time of the singing of birds is come...*

Song of Solomon 2:12 KJV



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

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

Communications Board Director
Christina Pavlock 208-569-7177
Property Board Director
Shawn Restly 814-312-6211
Activities Board Director

Continuing Church Improvement
Katie McCabe 814-650-5550
CPC Members-at-Large
Bev Green 814-931-3107
Sam McClure 814-695-6904
Pastor
Rev. David Bowman 814-330-8025
Director of Faith Formation & Outreach
Ryan Custead 814-695-0091
Church Office
Phone 814-695-0091
Email: office@zionhollidaysburg.org