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AUGUST 2023



Worship

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages

(Off for the Summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/3)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. KOK Chimers (NOIZ) Rehearsal (Off for the summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/3)

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Off for the Summer, will resume on 9/7)

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

8/5: Recovery Walk

8/8: Property Board Meeting

8/11: Theme Night (Theme: Summer Camping)

8/17: CPC Meeting

8/18-20: Adult Retreat

8/25: Afterburner

LOOKING AHEAD ~ SEPTEMBER

9/3: Rally Day

9/4: Labor Day ~ Office Closed

9/6 & 20: FaithFormers

9/8, 22, & 29: Afterburners

9/10: Youth Sunday

9/10: God's Work, Our Hands

9/12: Property Board Meeting

9/13 & 27: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

9/15: New Members Dinner

9/16: Men's Breakfast

9/17: Church Picnic

9/19: Ruth Circle

9/21: CPC Meeting

Luke 6: 17-19

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Tangible-adjective-capable of being perceived especially by sense of touch: palpable.

Every once in a while, you say so many words out loud that you accidentally mumble something profound (or at least halfway decent). It was at the first meeting of our new Outreach Board when I mentioned that my goal for the group was to "make God's grace tangible." For whatever reason, that phrase has been bouncing around in my brain like a pinball for the last several weeks. As time march forward the words still resonate. Making God's grace tangible isn't simply what I envision for the Outreach Board, it is what I want for the whole of our ministry at Zion.

Grace is an ambiguous word. It is Biblish enough that we have a vague understanding of how it is God's love freely given, but defining grace in concrete terms is an extremely difficult. The best way that we can truly understand grace is to see it in action, to be a recipient or to live it or to touch it.

God made grace tangible when God took on flesh and was born in Jesus Christ. In Christ humanity could better understand God and see God's work in action through Jesus' living and ministry. By being born God certainly became touchable, no longer an abstract idea but a living, breathing being who we could interact with.

In Luke 6, we see just how powerful the draw of Jesus was. People came from all over the area just to be near Jesus, to hear his words, and to touch him. In their faith they were cured and healed as power came out of him. I look at that reading and wonder, "Is this not what we can do with our ministry?" No, I do not expect godly power to emanate from us in the same mystical way it did from Christ's body, but can't our ministry be the face and hands and feet of God for people who need a godly thing to hold onto?

Making God's grace tangible. It was what Jesus was doing in his earthly ministry, and it is what we will do as well. I'm honored that this is the work that we get to do together, and I am grateful that we get to do it as church with all of our many talents and gifts. Let's help make God's grace known. Let's give people something godly to grip.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

A Message from the Zion Bridge of Hope Team (by Tom Goetz)....

Peace be with you.

The Zion Bridge team would like to take a moment to tell you about the gifts that you have provided our applicant in the past few weeks.

The family moved into an apartment two weeks ago, their first home in a while. They didn't have anything to be moved per se, so we drove them to/from the realtor's office to sign papers & we filled the refrigerator with food. They were so hungry that they started eating right away, which surprised me at the time. Looking back I realize it was their first meal of the day for them.

A few weeks ago I wrote a bulletin insert to reach out to the congregation with a list of items the family needed & you replied. Each family member now has a bed to sleep in, a dresser for clothing, a soft chair to sit in & the house is beginning to look & feel like a home.

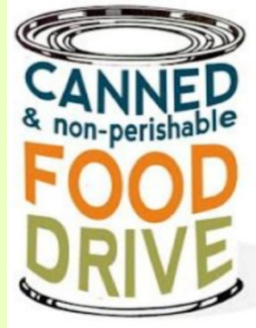
I personally want to thank you for your support of this program. A special thank you goes to John & Michele Lloyd for connecting us with Linda, who is an angel. The family we're working with hasn't had these necessities in a long time, so thank you everyone. God bless you.

Please feel free to talk to Katie McCabe, Cathy Pool, Rachel Wagner, Lee Augustine, Bill & Reneta Deremer, Kevin & Wendi Naugle, & Tom & Kathy Goetz.



FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable items to help feed those in need in our community. Donated items will be used on Zion's pantry shelves and any remaining items will be donated to American Rescue Workers. If you make a donation, please place the items in the wooden box in the Union Street entrance stairwell.



Thank you in advance for your care and compassion.

2023 Recovery Walk

Saturday, August 5th (morning & lunch)

Join Zion, local organizations, and community leaders for the 2023 Central PA Recovery Walk & Rally. Support those in recovery from addictions, their family members, treatment professionals, and more! Beginning at Legion Park, finishing at the Courthouse, and ending with a lunch in Zion's fellowship hall. **Registration begins at 9:30am at Legion Park on 8/5.** All ages are welcome, no sign-up or prior registration needed!

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Zion Theme Nights: Camping!

**Friday, August 11th @ 6:00pm
(Note location change)**

Zion's next Theme Night is "Camping!" Join us for an evening of light activities, fellowship, and food at the **Greg & Sue Swope residence, 2349 Scotch Valley Rd. (Please bring lawn chairs)** All ages and family shapes are welcome. The evening will start with



dinner. The main dish will be provided, but we ask everyone to consider bringing a snack or treat to share ("camping-themed" snacks or food are encouraged!). Zion Theme Nights are a great opportunity to get to know your Zion family!

Zion Adult Retreat Camp Sequanota August 18-20



Enjoy a time of relaxation and study at Camp Sequanota for our Adult Retreat 2023. The retreat will run from 5 PM on Friday, August 18 until Noon on Sunday, August 20th. We will stay at the Bowersox Center, a hotel-like lodge at Camp Sequanota. For our study we will utilize a new resource from the Allegheny Synod called *The Book*. Come and enjoy the amazing setting, conversation, and *excellent food that you won't have to cook*.

Pricing per person for the Adult Retreat

	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Tier 1	\$110	\$80
Tier 2	\$160	\$120

Tier 1 is a partially subsidized fee that utilizes our church budget.

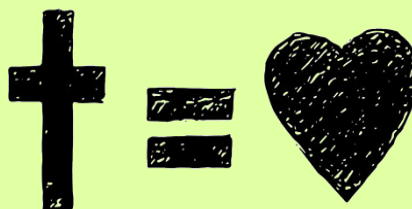
Tier 2 represents the true cost of the retreat.

If cost is a concern, please contact Pastor Dave. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the enrichment camp has to offer. Please make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church" in advance of the event.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office or complete the sign-up in the bulletin.

Youth & Children Sunday!

Sunday, September 10th



**Worship led by
our youth &
more!**

Both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services on Sunday, September 10th and the 6:00 pm service on Saturday, September 9th will have youth and children 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! **Please contact Ryan/the church office if your child(ren) would like to serve in some way!**

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, September 17 at 12:15 p.m.

Legion Park ~ Pavilion #2

The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and rolls and place settings. **Please bring your own drinks, and a side dish or two to share.**

Spend the afternoon with your Zion friends and family with activities and games for all ages. Our time will also include a camp style worship. Please register no later than September 10th by completing the form that will be available in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office at 695-0091.



September 3, 2023

Sunday School for All Ages

**All kids thru 12th grade will start in
the Fellowship Hall**



Fall start ups! Zion Youth and Children



Cr@zy
(7th-12th Graders):
Wednesday, 9/13
from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Cr@zy is Zion's regularly meeting 7th-12th Grade group. We do a variety of activities, bible studies, games, and service work throughout the year. **Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, September-May.**



Cr@zy "lite"
(4th-6th Graders):
Wednesday, 9/13
from 7:00-8:30 pm.

New this year! Zion's 4th-6th Graders now meet for their own separate group at the same time as Cr@zy. We do a variety of activities, bible studies, games, and service work throughout the year. **Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, September-May.**



FaithFormers
(preschool-3rd Grade):
Wednesday, 9/6
from 4:30-5:30 pm.

FaithFormers is Zion's regularly meeting children's group. Fun games, crafts, songtime, bible studies, and more! **Meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, September-May.**



NOIZ
(Age 4-6th Grade):
Sunday, 9/3
from 9:00-9:30 am.

NOIZ is Zion's new children's bell choir, music group, and more. Children prepare music to offer during worship, learn basic music theory, explore how we worship and praise God with music, and do fun ear training activities. We also have lots of fun every week! NOIZ meets in the 2nd floor kids' music room. NOIZ meets right before Sunday School and is a great addition to our children's Sunday mornings. **Meets every Sunday, unless otherwise announced, September-May.**



Sunday School
(all ages):
Sunday, 9/3
from 9:30-10:30 am.

Join us for Rally Day (Sunday School kick-off) on September 4th, and then every Sunday after that. We have classes for children, Jr/Sr High Youth, and adults. **Meets every Sunday, unless other-wise announced, September-May.**



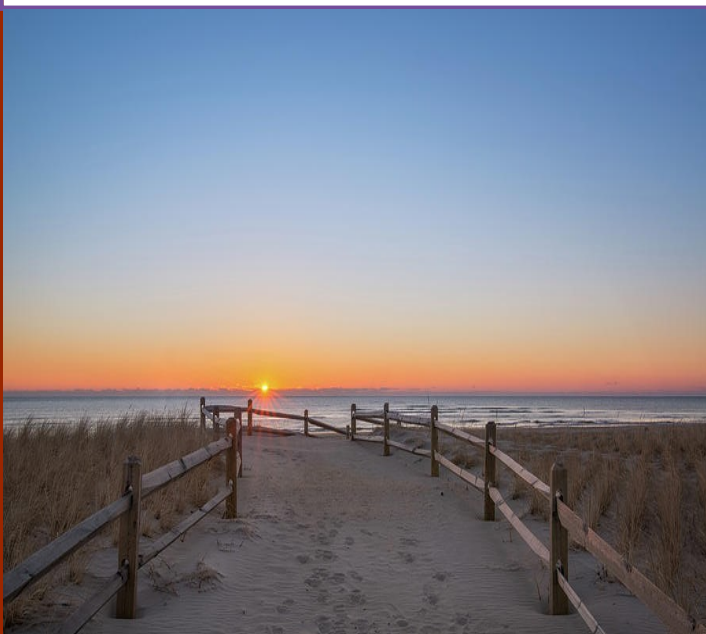
ADULT FALL START- UPS

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 9/19.** 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 9/7.** Any questions, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

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 9/16 at 8:00 a.m.** Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.



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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):
September 6 & 20**

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 will also be meeting during the Cr@zy hour, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study, games, service work, prayer, and more! This group will follow the Cr@zy schedule. Join us for this new group!

**Upcoming Dates:
9/13 & 9/27**

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). Return forms to take part this year will be due on Sunday, September 17th. The first Confirmation Course (for Year 1 and 2 youth) is **Sunday, 9/17 at the Zion Church Picnic at Legion Park**. The church picnic starts at about 12:30pm and Confirmation youth can plan to be finished by 3:00pm. Parents and siblings are welcome! *The Rite of Confirmation (for Year 3 youth) will be during 10:45am worship on Sunday, October 29th.*



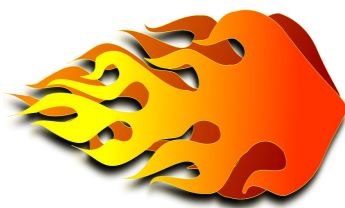
CONFIRMATION COURSES



A Confirmation Course is scheduled for **Sunday, September 17th** during and following the Zion Church Picnic at Legion Park. The picnic starts at about 12:15pm, and Confirmation youth can plan to be finished by 3:00pm. Families and siblings are welcome! Courses are 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!

CHANGE FOR 2023-24: The second through fifth topics for the year are now taught during the Sunday School hour throughout the year. The schedule for 23-24 is as follows:

Sundays
 9/17 during the Church Picnic, 12:15 to 3:00 pm
 10/22 & 10/29, 9:30 to 10:30 am
 12/3 & 12/10, 9:30 to 10:30 am
 1/7 & 1/14, 9:30 to 10:30 am
 2/4 & 2/11, 9:30 to 10:30 am



AFTERBURNER VOLUNTEERS!

As we look to the Fall and the return of our Afterburner youth ministry, our first job is to be sure we have enough adult volunteers to serve as chaperones. We need to have about 18 volunteer chaperones each time to safely hold Afterburners. **Please prayerfully consider if this is a commitment you can make. We anticipate increased attendance AND have SIX Afterburners this year, so it is "all hands on deck".** Chaperones are primarily a set of eyes and remain available to respond as needed in the building. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of caring for our community's youth.

Please contact Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com or call the church office at (814) 695-0091 to add your name as a potential Afterburner volunteer.

Responding that you are willing to volunteer as a chaperone does not indicate an absolute commitment at this point to chaperone every Afterburner. However, those who respond in the affirmative are stating that they would intend to chaperone a majority of Afterburners.

Zion Afterburners are events held after home HAHS Varsity Football games for all 7th-12th Graders in the community. This has been a service that Zion has provided for our community by creating a safe and fun environment for local youth to gather on Friday evenings in the Fall. Chaperones are posted at various places inside and outside the church for the safety of the youth. Chaperones generally serve from about 8:30pm-11:10pm. About 100 youth attended each Afterburners in 2022.

2023 Afterburner schedule:

8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, & 10/27



Fellowship Hall

October 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

following the 10:45 service

Please contact the church office no later than 10/8 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,



PROPERTY WORKDAY

Outside Gardening

Saturday, October 21

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

HELP NEEDED

- Cut back large shrubs
- Remove old Ivy
- Load vegetation debris for hauling
- Lay ornamental stone



Capital Campaign Celebratory Message

We have hit a milestone in the Capital campaign. It's been one year, and what a year it has been! Just getting the campaign started was a challenge, as was everything in the shadow of the Covid 19 pandemic. However, once the ball was rolling, the Zion community hit the ground running. Pledges surpassed the necessary \$350,000, with total pledges hitting almost \$480,000!

In January, renovations were underway. It was all hands on deck, as our temporary worship space was moved to the fellowship hall. Preparation was made for sanctuary updates. The tired pews were disassembled, removed and donated to a church in need. The worn carpet was pulled up and discarded. Before long, the painting started to transform the space. While the sanctuary was being painted, asbestos was removed and new flooring was installed in the Narthex. Simultaneously, contractors started work on the elevator. By Easter Sunday, phase one was completed, and we were able to worship in our newly remodeled space.

At this one year milestone, we certainly have lots to celebrate. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, phase one is done and paid for! As pledged dollars continue to come in, we are getting closer to phase two feasibility. Many are looking forward to having a safe and efficient kitchen to enhance fellowship and ministries. And updated restrooms are the other task at hand.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful, historic building for our worship and gatherings. Many thanks to all for taking part as we Renew, Restore, and Rejuvenate!

2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering: Created to Be!



"We have been created to be ourselves. Created by the Holy One. Since the last time the ELCA came together for an ELCA Youth Gathering, our young people have experienced several major life events. Still today, we are experiencing an ongoing public health crisis mixed with an economic and political crisis. However, we can rest assured that we are created to be in relationship with one another. **We are created to be brave**, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. **We are created to be authentic**, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. **We are created to be free**, to be transformed by the gospel. **We are created to be disruptive**, to work for justice for all our siblings. We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God."

Zion youth who are currently entering 8th-12th Grade can attend the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with Zion leaders next summer! We will join thousands of other youth and congregations from across the country as we worship, serve, explore, and have a great time. Watch for registration information this summer and Fall and ways to support this ministry. The Gathering dates are July 16-20, 2024. Youth should keep a few days open for our travel on either end.'

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023

Income (Giving)	\$344,246.28
Expenses	\$361,840.56
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$17,594.28)

(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 6/30/23	\$600,753.23
Less Principal(initial investment)	<u>\$336,214.17</u>
Value over principal as of 6/30/23	\$264,539.06



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