

Lutheran Church

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MID-JUNE & JULY 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 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)

MID-JUNE & JULY HIGHLIGHTS

6/22: Sequanota Festival

7/4: Independence Day~Office Closed

7/7-11: Family Camp

7/20: CPC Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

8/5: Recovery Walk

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

8/18-20: Adult Retreat

9/3: Rally Day

9/6: FaithFormers Begins

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

9/16: Men's Breakfast

Somehow we were left out of the loop. St Mary's, with whom we share half our the cemetery, terminated their contract with the company we both utilized to maintain the grass. The landscaping company then decided that only half of the cemetery was not a profitable venture and did not resume their cutting this spring. No one informed Zion of any of these decisions.

No one informed us...until an angry borough employee called the church office to let us know of the situation. Waist high grass, which had not been cut at all this year, grew around the headstones and rustled in the breeze. It looked terrible, especially when juxtaposed against the well-manicured lawn of St. Mary's Cemetery. It was certainly over the six inch grass restriction set by the borough.

With Memorial Day fast approaching and no time to hire a new company, a few members of Zion went to work. Shawn and Susan Restly, Gary Launtz, Mike Jones, Rick Fairhead, and I took on the task of taming the grass. As we worked, I was constantly amazed at the vigorous growth of the grass and other vegetation. Left to its own devices, with a little rain and a lot sun, nature took off.

In the church we are entering into the Season after Pentecost, which is also known as Ordinary Time. Sometimes this season tends to languish, because it is long, lasting almost half the year, and there are hardly any special celebrations in the church calendar. And yet, despite its commonplace nature, this time sports the color of green because it represents life, vitality, and growth.

Grass needs water and light to grow. What do we need to grow in our lives of faith?

Even though the Season after Pentecost is devoid of huge church holidays, it still maintains all the components we need to grow as people of God. In fact, each Sunday we will hear of a different gospel lesson that prompts the question, "What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ?" These are stories of Jesus ministry that are designed to help us experience a more robust faith. On top of the readings, we also have ample time as the church to continue in our spirituality, community, care, and service with one another. Through practice and worship we grow together.

Of course, we don't grow wild. That's the beauty and wisdom of existing together as church. We support, guide, and often check each other as the Body of Christ to ensure that our growth is in a positive direction, and not following some passing fad or dangerous trend that feels good at the time. Our growth comes with purpose, for we have been planted and cultivated by God.

Happy growing!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Notes of Thanks!

Thank You to the 8 women in the **Stitch and Sew group** for your diligence in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The total for 2022 was **150!!** Thank You, also, to the congregation for supporting this ministry either by monetary or material donations! Thank you to Dan Summers for taking the quilts and personal care kits to the collection site in East Freedom. The quilts and kits were then taken by a trucking firm to the New Windsor, MD warehouse for distribution to those in need throughout the world. The Stitch and Sew group is always in need of more people to help assemble quilts. We meet each Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. We finish off the day with lunch. You may come for the whole morning or as you are available.

Thank you to **Ruth Circle** for sponsoring the LWR Personal Care Kit project. Thank you to all those at Zion who donated Kits. The total for 2022 was **84!!** Ruth Circle is a congregational unit of the Women of the ELCA. All women of Zion are welcome to join us every third Tuesday at 9:00 am except June though August.

Thank You For The Finals Gift Box!
Josh Holsopple

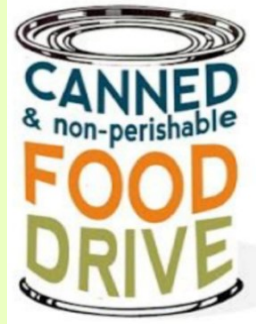
Brothers and Sisters of the Zion Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the care packages and gifts you sent. My wooden box is beautiful and I will varnish it when I get a chance.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Yours in Christ,
People of Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (Signed by all)

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 8/6.** All ages are welcome, no sign-up or prior registration needed!

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Zion Theme Nights: Camping!

Friday, August 11th @ 6:00pm

Zion's next Theme Night is "Camping!" Join us for an evening of light activities, fellowship, and food here at the church. **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 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".**

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)

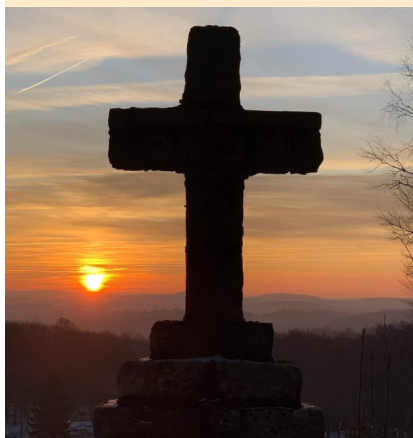
Please talk to Ryan or Pastor Dave if you have any questions, contact the church office, or visit Sequanota's website and social media pages to see what camp is like!

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)



SAVE THE DATE

**ZION ADULT
RETREAT**

**AT CAMP
SEQUANOTA**

**AUGUST 18-20,
2023**



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.**



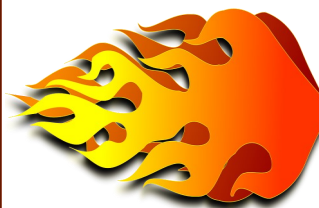
NOIZ
(Age 4-6th Grade):
Sunday, 9/3
from 9:00-9:30 am.

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.**



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



Renew Restore Rejuvenate

Capital Campaign Renovation Update

To date, campaign contributions have reached \$306,500. With Phase One expenses at just under \$275,000, we have roughly \$31,500 in the bank, allocated so far for Phase Two. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, as planning is underway for the kitchen remodel, but renovations will not begin until we are in a financially sound position to do so. Desired appliances for the kitchen upgrade have been specified, and final kitchen design is underway so the Property Board should have a proposed budget soon.

Preservation and improvement of our beautiful, historic church ensures a place to gather, worship, and grow for current and future generations. You can follow progress on the Capital Campaign bulletin board, now located to the right of the church office.

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 May 31, 2023

Income (Giving)	\$319,102.78
Expenses	\$323,760.00
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$4,657.22)

(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 5/26/23	\$581,424.35
Less Principal(initial investment)	<u>\$336,214.17</u>
Value over principal as of 5/26/23	\$245,210.18



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Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains *sing together*
for joy before the LORD.
PSALM 98:8-9



I lift up my eyes to the
Mountains
where does my help come from?

My help comes from
The Lord

The Maker of Heaven
and Earth

Psalm 121:1-2



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