

Lutheran Church

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SEPTEMBER
2023

Worship

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

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

Sunday School

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages
(Rally Day, 9/3)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. NOIZ (KOK Chimers) Rehearsal (Will resume on 9/3)

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Will resume on 9/7)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 9/3: Rally Day
- 9/4: Labor Day ~ Office Closed
- 9/6: Youth Board Meeting
- 9/6,13,20,27: Stephen Ministry Training
- 9/6 & 20: FaithFormers
- 9/7: ThuMBS begins
- 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
- 9/14: Communication Board Meeting
- 9/15: New Members Dinner
- 9/16: Men's Breakfast
- 9/17: Church Picnic
- 9/19: Ruth Circle
- 9/20: HSS Team Meeting
- 9/21: CPC Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD ~ OCTOBER

- 10/1: Blanket Sunday
- 10/4 & 18: FaithFormers
- 10/4,11,18,25: Stephen Ministry Training
- 10/10: Property Board Meeting
- 10/11 & 25: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite
- 10/15: Oktoberfest
- 10/17: Ruth Circle
- 10/19: CPC Meeting
- 10/20 & 27: Afterburners
- 10/21: Property Work Day
- 10/29: Confirmation

The Life of Zion

Choir practice was on Wednesdays. Swim meets were on Wednesdays. There were many a Wednesday in High School when I would stroll into choir practice at church with my hair still wet from the pool, and that garnered interest and conversation from the choir. Those conversations fostered relationships and connection with those men and women and they deepened my love for the church. I had stakeholders in that group who helped secure me as a deeper person of faith.

Our calendars are often busy, no matter if we are children or adults. We sometimes lament about how secular activities have crept into time slots once reserved for the church. I don't believe that trend is going to change anytime soon. So...what happens if we take the church to auditoriums and soccer games and dance recitals? Can we engage in the lives of our children and youth and support them in their games and concerts and races?

This fall we are creating a community calendar called "The Life of Zion." We encourage parents to share their special events calendars with us so members of our church have the opportunity to show up at events and cheer your kids on. We want to create as many stakeholders as possible in our kids' faith lives. This is relational ministry to strengthen the bonds of our congregation.

Parents, bring us your schedules. We will coordinate events and post them outside the office on a master calendar. Members of the congregation, if you have a spare evening, go and be a stakeholder of faith for some of our youth...and then connect with them at church. Together we will grow younger and stronger in our faith and strengthen our community bonds.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



REJOICE
in the Lord

Psalm 97:12

NOTES OF THANKS

Lisa and I wanted to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Pastor Dave, Ryan and the members of Zion. While our time at the church was relatively short, we will never forget these past four wonderful years. We always felt welcome and appreciated.

The ongoing capital campaign speaks volumes about the dedication, enthusiasm and participation of the membership. I am in awe of what we were able to accomplish together!

We hope the people of Zion never take their worship community for granted. Pastor Dave and Ryan, working in cooperation with the CPC, run the church in a professional, highly-organized fashion with great vision and attention to detail. Church business is conducted in a proactive way which leads to much success. Not all churches operate the same way.

Zion's future is bright indeed and we will enjoy following your achievements from our new home in Emmaus.

Tom Bradley

PERSONAL CARE KITS (Lutheran World Relief - Kits of Care)

Ruth Circle is sponsoring the collection of Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. As in past years, we are inviting the congregation to participate in contributing completed kits.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH KIT:

1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark color preferred)
2. Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
3. One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)
4. One toothbrush (in original package)(or if multi pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal)(no plastic bags or wrap)
5. One sturdy comb (not in package)

DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR LEAVE OUT ANY ITEMS LISTED.

Wrap items in the towel and tie securely with yarn. Do not enclose items in plastic bags. **Bring completed kits to the church library by Sunday, October 29th.**



STITCH & SEW

Stitch & Sew is a group that comes together to make lap robes for local nursing home residents and quilts that are sent to Lutheran World Relief for use around the world.

Donations help keep this ministry active.

Money given helps to purchase fabric for the backing and the batting needed for the middle. Fabric donations are also welcomed. Only cotton based woven fabric can be used.

You are always welcome to join them on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the fellowship hall. All that is needed is a willing heart, and a desire to fellowship, and a bag lunch. Their day usually ends around 2:00. If you can only be there for part of the time—just come as you can.

BLANKET SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 1ST

PROPERTY GARDENING WORKDAY

**Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

NEED MANY HANDS

- Remove old shrubs
- Remove old Ivy
- Lay ornamental stone

**Preparing for next
Spring Garden Rejuvenation**

**Sign up on the Bulletin Board
outside the Library**

CHURCH PICNIC

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

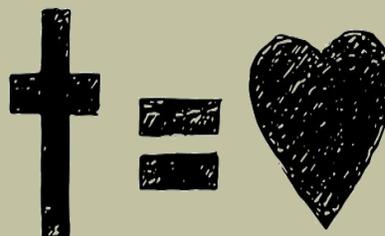
Legion Park ~ Pavilion #2

The church will provide pulled pork 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.



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!**



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, and Root Beer & other beverages

Blessing
- of the -
ANIMALS



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The

church commemorates his feast day in October every year. In the spirit of St. Francis, we will minister to the animals of our congregation with a Blessing of the Animals Service on **Sunday, October 8th at 1:00 p.m.** The service is short and will be held on the parsonage front lawn. We will move inside to the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

Pastor Dave will bless any animal that walks, crawls, slithers, or flies. Please make sure that your pet is controlled on a leash or secure in a pet taxi or terrarium. Yes, this service will have many distractions and that's part of its charm. If your pet likes to make noise and move around, that's perfectly acceptable. Please do not let your anxiety deter you from attending the service!



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 3rd, 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: The 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.

Cr@zy and Cr@zy "lite" at **FRIENDSGIVING 2023** (& Food Drive)

Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-8:00pm
at Spring of Hope Community Church/The Well

Meet at Zion at 5:45pm, pick up at Zion at 8:15pm

4th-12th Grade,
FRIENDS WELCOME!

Sponsored by the
Holidaysburg Youth
Ministerium

Watch for more info!



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):
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: All courses, except for 9/17, will be 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

SODA, COOKIES, & SNACKS FOR AFTERBURNERS



Afterburners are just around the corner, and we are in need of soda, cookies, & snack donations. In an attempt to make things a little safer, we would like to provide individualized snacks & drinks. If you would like to make a donation; cans or small bottles of soda, small bags of snacks, and individual packs of cookies. Home-made cookies are still welcome and can be put in smaller bags or our volunteers can package them for distribution.

The dates of the Afterburners are as follows:

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



If you have any questions, please call the church office. Thank you, in advance, for your donations!



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

2023
AFTERBURNERS
Free dances & more
for 7th-12th Graders
every "Football Friday" this Fall

After home HAHS varsity games until **11:00PM**

@ ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fridays 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20 & 10/27
*regular season only, doors open at 8:30pm.
500 Allegheny St.
Hollidaysburg

Student ID required for entry (after they have been given to students for the 2023-24 year)
Everything is FREE!

MUSIC/DJ FOOD
MOVIES LIGHTS
SPACE TO HANG OUT

ZION Lutheran Church HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA & The Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium

Sign-ups for the Advent Devotional are coming soon. Keep an eye out for more information in the weekly bulletins.



A light will enter the darkness

Contact Information

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Pastor

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Director of Faith Formation & Outreach

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FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

July 1, 2023 thru July 31, 2023

Income (Giving)	\$21,631.00
Expenses	\$29,833.64
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$8,202.64)

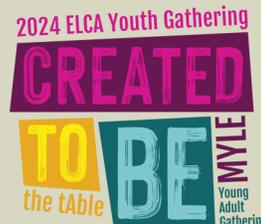
(REMINDER: The above income figure reflects money given in the "Current Expenses" portion of your giving envelopes and undesignated loose offering only. Benevolence and money given to designated funds is not included.)

Edward Jones Investments

E J Account Value as of 7/28/23	\$614,291.16
Less Principal(initial investment)	\$336,214.17
Value over principal as of 7/28/23	\$278,076.99

2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering

July 16-20, 2024 in
New Orleans



**Pre-register with Zion today!
8th-12th Graders**

The time for Zion to register with the ELCA for the 2024 National Youth Gathering is fast approaching! We are looking forward to another amazing experience together. **Sign youth up by pre-registering with us at Zion today.** (Pre-registered youth and families will receive registration packets at a later date).

Zion youth attending the Gathering will:

Gathering and worship with thousands of Christian youth and leaders. Meet young people from all over the country! Be challenged to see things differently. Have a great time touring New Orleans. Serve the local community. Travel by plane and be housed in one of the city's hotels. Eat lots of great food!

Families will make three payments for the National Youth Gathering. The cost for every youth who attends is split between fundraising, the congregation, and families. While we can't give an exact cost to families at this time, we can say that families will not pay more than a total of \$600 per youth. This \$600 will be split into a \$100 deposit at registration and two even payments made between now and the Gathering. Families will be made aware of payment due dates at least one month in advance. (Families paid a total of \$550 per youth in 2018). The cost includes all travel expenses, Gathering fees, group T shirts, housing, and meals. *Please contact us if financial assistance can help your youth get to the Gathering!* Youth and families are expected to participate in fundraising as needed and attend any pre-Gathering events (dates will be given at least a month in advance). *Youth should keep their calendar open for a few days prior to and after the Gathering for possible travel scheduling.* Zion adults (including Ryan and Pastor Dave) will attend the 2024 Gathering with the Zion group. Friends are welcome with the understanding they will participate in fundraising and pre-Gathering events.

Pre-register youth today by making a \$100.00 deposit to Zion and giving your youth's name to Ryan Custead, ryncust@gmail.com or the church office (814) 695-0091. Youth must pre-register with Zion by November 1st.

New for 2024! The ELCA Young Adult Gathering (age 18-35) during the Youth Gathering. Contact us or visit www.elca.org for more info.

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A calm and undisturbed
mind and heart
are the life and health
of the body

Proverbs 14:30

