

# Lutheran Church

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## 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. NOIZ Rehearsal

### Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

### Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

### APRIL EVENTS

4/1: Easter Monday~Office Closed

4/1 & 14: Serving Squad

4/3 & 17: FaithFormers

4/5-6: 7-12th Grade Lock-in

4/7: Stephen Ministry Commissioning

4/9: Property Board Meeting

4/9: National Youth Gathering Meeting

4/10 & 24: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

4/13: Men's Breakfast

4/14: Youth Worship (Journey Church)

4/16: Ruth Circle

4/18: CPC Meeting

4/21: Zion Skating & Bowling

4/23: Outreach Board Meeting

4/27: Faith Riders Ice Cream Social

### MAY HIGHLIGHTS

5/1 & 15: FaithFormers

5/3: Blood Drive

5/8 & 22: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

5/9: Communication Board Meeting

5/13: Property Board Meeting

5/16: CPC Meeting

5/17: Arts in Recovery

5/19: Annual Congregational Meeting

5/19: Baccalureate

5/20: Pentecost Geranium Planting

5/21: Ruth Circle

5/23: Flower Planting

5/25: Property Work Day

5/25: Faith Riders

5/27: Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

For Christians, Easter is what it's all about. It's the pinnacle of our faith. Consider what St. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians: "But if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain (1 Cor. 15:14)." The fact of the matter is that death has always been, and will always be, a force that brings about seismic shifts in our lives. If that's the case for us mere mortals, imagine what it means for God to die on the cross. The crucifixion brought about a seismic shift for the entire cosmos and the resurrection brought about an entire new creation as God troubleshooted the problem of death.

900 years ago, an anonymous German succinctly captured the importance of the Easter mystery in a hymn we now call "Christ is Arisen." This hymn is a powerful little chant with the enormous ability to be a persistent earworm. Although it is short, the lyrics richly convey the importance of our celebration. Somehow, I've failed to ever incorporate this song during my ordained ministry, but that changes this Easter season. Expect to learn a new hymn this year!

*Christ is arisen  
from the grave's dark prison.  
So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be,  
Alleluia!*

*Were Christ not arisen,  
then death were still our prison.  
Now, with him to life restored,  
we praise the Father of our Lord.  
Alleluia*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be.  
Alleluia!*

This Easter season may your joy rise full and free. May you find comfort is the resurrection promise of Christ. May all that brings about death and loss in your life find comfort in God's restoring promise.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave



## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran,

Thank you for another wonderful set of gifts for our community's seniors!

While those gifts are intended as a treat, they also help provide some very necessary items those folks would not be able to get otherwise.

Your thoughtfulness is not only greatly appreciated by those receiving the gifts, but by those of us who work with them.

Thanks you so much!! ☺

Lisa (Blair Senior Services)

Thank you for the gifts. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated!

Thank you,

Nancy Stratton

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

Many thank yous for the items sent to me around Valentines Day. You have no idea how much they were needed & appreciated. The shoes were a perfect fit & the socks so warm. I can't begin to thank you enough for the beautiful things & your caring and kindness.

With Love,

Nancy Merklin

Dear Friends,

There were many happy seniors this past Valentine's Day, thanks to your amazing response to our Caring Tree. Many of them expressed their excitement to their Blair Senior Service caregivers. The gifts they requested were so carefully chosen and purchased by you and festively bagged or wrapped.

Thank you so much to all of you who took a request and followed through. A special thank you to Margie McMasters, Bill Hite's sister, and Bill for their special contribution. Thanks, too, to Joni Hammaker, Rick Fairhead, and Jim Renney for their help.

Your Adult Board

Dear People of Zion,

Your continued generosity and love for our neighbors around the world is changing lives. We are so grateful for you!

In Christ,

Emma Wagner (Lutheran World Relief)



## BLOOD DRIVE

### We Need Your Blood!!



The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on

**May 3, 2024**

**11:30 a.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.

**“The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant. Give blood.”**

## Outreach Board News

To date, 2505 meals and 1708 desserts have been prepared and donated within the community. We are over halfway to reaching our goal of 4000 meals in the first year of our mission.



The Hope Drop-in Center is also collecting used bibles. There is a collection box in the Pastor's Study/Outreach Room.

**The upcoming Serving Squad dates are April 1, April 14, and May 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Please continue to check the bulletin board outside of the library for ways to help us make a difference. We appreciate any contribution of food or time.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

**May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**There will be one worship service on 5/19 at 9:30 a.m. followed immediately by the annual meeting. Saturday evening worship will be at 6:00 p.m.**



# Arts in Recovery 2024

An evening that celebrates and expresses the gift of recovery through music, art, poetry, and more.

**Friday May 17th  
7:00pm**

**At Zion Lutheran Church  
500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA**  
(Across the street from the Blair County Courthouse)

**All Are Welcome**



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## 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 with any questions.

**Arts in Recovery is Friday, May 17th at 7:00pm in Zion's fellowship hall.**

Zion "Theme Night":

## Zion Skating & Bowling

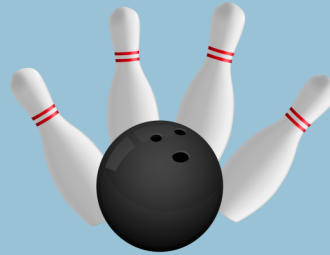
Sunday, April 21st

4:30-6:30pm

**@ Morrison's Cove  
Memorial Park\***



Join your Zion friends and family for an evening of roller skating and/or bowling and pizza! (Rental skates provided) We will gather at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park skating rink and bowling alley at 4:30pm and finish at 6:30pm. All ages are welcome.



**\*201 S Walnut St,  
Martinsburg, PA**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 2nd-6th**

**5:15-8:15pm**

**@ Zion Lutheran Church  
500 Allegheny Street  
Hollidaysburg**



**Begins with dinner!**



**Games, lessons, crafts, songs, FREE!**



Whenever I'm afraid,  
I put my trust in YOU.  
Psalm 56:3

Preschool-6th Grade  
Register at 695-0091  
or online at  
[zionhollidaysburg.org](http://zionhollidaysburg.org)

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# 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):**  
April 3 & 17  
May 1 & 15

## Youth Worship Night



**Sunday, April 14th**  
**6:30-8:30pm**  
@ Journey Church  
(meet at Zion)  
4th-12th Graders

On Sunday, 4/14 youth groups from Zion, Journey Church, The Well, Hicks Church, Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren, and more will meet for a combined night of games and special worship time. **All 4th-12th Graders are welcome.** We will meet at Zion at 6:30pm and walk together to Journey Church. Pick up will be at Journey (511 Union St.)

# 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.

**Upcoming Dates:**  
April 10 & 24  
May 8 & 22

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# 7TH-12TH GRADE LOCK IN

Friday, April 5th 7:00pm-  
Saturday, April 6th 10:00am



At the church. Games, movies, snacks, "night games", and more!

**FRIENDS ARE  
WELCOME!**



A parent/guardian will need to sign a release when dropping youth off.



## Faith Riders

### Ice Cream Social

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024,  
Zion Church Social Hall  
@ 2:00 p.m.

Ice Cream & Games

Please contact Sam McClure,

@ 814-695-6904 or @ [mcclures283@gmail.com](mailto:mcclures283@gmail.com)

if you plan to attend

## Graduate Recognition Sunday

Zion will be recognizing our High School and college graduates for 2024 on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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 2024!

# 2024

## Zion's Spring Clean-up Week

Monday, May 20 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Plant Pentecost Geraniums

Thursday, May 23 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Plant Flowers

Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m.  
Outside Work Day



**We can really use your help!!**



## BACCALAUREATE 2024



Sunday, May 19th at 7:00pm

In the HAHS Auditorium

1510 N Montgomery St,  
Hollidaysburg

Join with members of the Class of 2024 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.



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The Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium

# CLASS OF 2024

## CALLING ALL 2024 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](mailto:news@zionhollidaysburg.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating from \_\_\_\_\_

What's Next? \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget to include a photo!

Deadline for submissions: May 15th

# Zion Family Camp 2024

(At Camp Sequanota's Bowersox Center)

Friday, July 5th-Tuesday, July 9th

Zion Family Camp is back for the summer of 2024! 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), join us! 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) **Mark your calendars and watch for registration in the weekly bulletin soon!** Call the church office at (814) 695-0091 with any questions! Payment should be made to the church office prior to Family Camp. Make checks payable to "Zion Lutheran Church".

Zion Adult  
Retreat  
@ Sequanota

August 22nd to 25th



Mark your calendars!



## Sequanota Summer 2024!

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 is covering the "Tier 11" fee for Sequanota-led camp programs for our children, youth, and friends. You will be able to indicate this during registration.*

Camping programs are available for **K-12** and **adults**. There are day programs, over-night, half week, and full week options. **Programs run from the week of June 10th until the week of July 28th.** Camps include: Day camp, sampler camp, cabin camping, theme weeks, Sequanota family camp, and more!

***\*Ryan Custead will be at Theme Week this summer with many of Zion's campers (Week 8: July 28-August 2)***

**The "Tend" Festival Weekend (formerly WELL), June 20-23.** All ages with music, activities, speakers, forums, educational opportunities, 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 5-9. (Watch for more info on this Zion summer program)

**Zion Adult Retreat:** August 22-25. Mark your calendars (Watch for more information)

## Invitation to Zion members

Our mother, Ruth Grubb, will turn 99 on April 17, 2024. To celebrate we will have a short open house at Hillcrest on Saturday April 13 from 1-3 pm. Feel free to stop by. For those unable to make it, she would enjoy a card as well. She loves to receive mail. Her address: Ruth Grubb 1010 Spruce Street apartment 308 Hollidaysburg Pa 16648. Thanks for helping us celebrate this faithful longstanding woman of Zion. Thank you!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Worship Board would like to remind the congregation of the sponsorship program for the flowers that are placed on the altar each week. You are welcome to sponsor the flowers in memory of loved ones, in honor of a special event, or in thanks for God's many blessings.

If you are interested in participating, the sign-up sheet for 2024 is located

on the small bulletin board near the kitchen. Also, when you sign up, be sure to mark the column stating if you want to take the flowers after services.

There has been a price increase for 2024 with the new price being \$70. Our last price increase was in 2020. Checks can be made payable to Zion or you can include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers". **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.



## Renew Restore Rejuvenate

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign donation total has reached \$405,000. With Phase I expenditures of approximately \$276,000 deducted, there is now about \$129,000 available for Phase II. Thank you for your continued support. Your donations are vital to accomplishing planned improvements. Thanks also to all the volunteers working toward making it all happen!

As mentioned in the previous update, the new kitchen will take on more of a commercial format, with stainless steel surfaces, a commercial dishwasher, commercial range, and more efficient restaurant-type storage and use options. The new specifications have been discussed with the Designer, and updated renderings are expected soon. Property Board also met with the Department of Agriculture to make sure plans meet the necessary requirements for a more commercial food prep space.

The kitchen is just part of Phase II. It also includes repairs and updates to the Men's and Woman's restrooms on the first floor. Phase III entails renovations to restrooms in the basement and on the 2nd floor. It's a lot, so the Property Board is working every angle to make sure every dollar is well allocated.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund

#### July 1, 2023 thru February 29, 2024

Income (Giving)	\$251,231.55
Expenses	\$223,289.39
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	\$27,942.16

**(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 2/23/24	\$655,941.83
Less Principal (initial investment)	<u>\$336,214.17</u>
Value over principal as of 2/23/24	\$319,727.66

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He said to me  
**My Grace**  
is  
**Sufficient for you,**  
for my power  
is made perfect  
in weakness  
2 Corinthians 12:9

## **Contact Information**

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