

# 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

### MARCH EVENTS

**3/1-3:** Zion Winter Retreat

**3/4:** Serving Squad

**3/5,12,19:** Taize Tuesday

**3/6 & 20:** FaithFormers

**3/9:** Men's Breakfast

**3/9:** Winter Jam

**3/10 & 17:** First Communion Training

**3/12:** Property Board Meeting

**3/13:** Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

**3/14:** Communication Board Meeting

**3/15:** Salvation Army Dinner

**3/17:** Serving Squad

**3/19:** Ruth Circle

**3/21:** CPC Meeting

**3/23:** Easter Egg Hunt (Lutheran Home)

**3/24:** Palm Sunday/First Communion

**3/28:** Maundy Thursday

**3/29:** Lenten Lunch & Service (Zion)

**3/29:** Good Friday

**3/30:** Faith Riders

**3/31:** Easter Sunday

**3/31:** Easter Breakfast

### APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

**4/1:** Easter Monday~Office Closed

**4/3 & 17:** FaithFormers

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

**4/7:** Wacky Bowling

**4/9:** Property Board Meeting

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

**4/14:** Youth Worship (Journey Church)

**4/16:** Ruth Circle

**4/18:** CPC Meeting

**4/21:** Zion Skating & Bowling

**4/27:** Faith Riders

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8: 34

Months ago I programmed my phone to have a bedtime. Each night, at 10:45, the screen only displays images in black and white. It's a handy feature designed to help limit your screen time, especially before you go to sleep.

The problem is that this bedtime feature has a work around. There's a snooze button. It's way too simple to be able to pause the bedtime mode for 30 minutes to enjoy yet another article or round of a game or to scroll through social media. On most nights I hit that button once or twice.

I sit here and I ponder: If I cannot exercise discipline to not put my phone away at a decent hour, how on earth can I deny myself, take up my cross, and follow Christ as a disciple? The two points might seem far apart, but denying and following something other than our learned impulses is extremely difficult.

Thank God for the season of Lent, when we are invited to go beyond a simple New Year's Resolution redo and are encouraged to fast from something we may rely on a little too readily. We are not trying to be ascetic desert monks, giving up everything and living in a barren wasteland, but perhaps we can be a little less indulgent and a little more disciplined in how we follow Christ. I love having this yearly prompt, because, let's be honest, it's incredibly easy to hit the snooze button on faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

PS: An extremely heartfelt thank you for the many and various ways you all have supported our family in the past months. We are humbled. We are grateful. We are blessed to have the support of our Zion family. You've made a tremendous difference. A thousand thank yous!



## NOTES OF THANKS

### Notes from the staff at UPMC-WBHA (the organization we work with for the Christmas Giving Tree)

We here at UPMC-WBHA appreciate you all! Thank you so much for your donations. You can't begin to imagine how much of a positive impact you made. Together, we helped 115 children this holiday season. ~ Jessi

Thank you so much for your generosity in support of the UPMC-WBHA Giving Tree ~ Marlene

Thank you for helping the families in our community ~ Alyssa

Thank you so much for your sincere generosity and the roll you played in creating Christmas magic for those in need ~ Leslie

Thank you! We appreciate your support ~ Kelsey

Thank you for supporting our families this holiday season! We appreciate our generosity. ~ Katie

Thanks for your generosity & support of this wonderful program ~ Chris

### Notes from some of the families that we helped as a result of Zion's Christmas Giving Tree (in cooperation with UPMC-WBHA who provides us with the families in need)

The gifts really helped me come through for my child this year in a way I never could have without them!

He just loved them all, everything was perfect, and you would have thought he got everything on his list! He was so happy.

It was a runway in the living room, both kids just showing off their gifts like they were treasures from Heaven, could not have brought this joy without the giving tree.

The boys were speechless, they kept looking at me like "how did this happen", I explained the giving tree and both agree that when they are too old for Christmas, we should adopt a child to do this for!

I explained the giving tree to my daughter, didn't want her to think I had done this, she asked how anyone could care that much about her without even knowing her!

The Outreach Board would like to extend a sincere thank you to Wally & Deb Williams of Diamond Supply Company. Your help obtaining a new freezer for our outreach efforts will go a long way in helping us feed our community. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual Soup & Chili Cook-off. The soups, chilis, corn bread, & desserts were all wonderful. Thank you also to everyone who attended. Looking forward to the competition next year! ~ Adult Board

## 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, 2301 meals and 1656 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.



Many thanks to the congregation for your ongoing support!! You have donated food items, cooked meals/desserts, helped procure (and move) a freezer, a refrigerator, and shelving.

**The Serving Squad will be making Sausage & Pasta on Monday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. Future kitchen dates are March 17 and April 1.**

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

Please contact Lee Augustine for more information.



## TAIZÉ TUESDAY PROGRAM

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.  
February 20 & 27, &  
March 5, 12, & 19

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin with light discussion, followed by a Taizé style of Evening Prayer utilizing simple chants, silence, and candles.



## Holy Week at Zion

March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>

**Palm Sunday** services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Maundy Thursday** service at 7:00 PM

**Good Friday** Lenten Lunch & Service at 12:00 PM

**Good Friday** service at 7:00 PM

**Holy Saturday** at 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday** services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM

## First Communion Training

For children in 3rd Grade or Age 8 & Parents



**March 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:00 to 2:00**

Lunch will be provided

If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Pastor Dave or Ryan.

## Easter Morning Breakfast

Once again we will be having an Easter Breakfast here at Zion. Breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour between services. Watch for a sign-up in your bulletins. Please plan to attend and enjoy fellowship on Easter Morning.

## GOOD FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCH

**Friday, March 29 at Noon  
Here at Zion**

**Sponsored by the  
Hollidaysburg Ministerium**



Join with members and leaders from local congregations for a lunch in Zion's Fellowship Hall on Good Friday followed by a worship service in our sanctuary. Father Alan Thomas (St. Michael's & St. Mary's) will be preaching.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by  
Zion & ALSM  
**Saturday, March 23rd at  
11:00am**

At the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg

All children are invited for a special Easter egg Hunt at the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg (916 Hickory St.). We will also sing some songs and get a sneak peak at Zion Vacation Bible School 2024. *Bring a basket or bag!*

# 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):**  
**March 6 & 20**  
**April 3 & 17**

## 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:

**3/13 (3/27 No Cr@zy - Holy Week)**  
**April 10 & 24**

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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.





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# Arts in Recovery

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

## 2024

### Friday May 17th 7:00pm

## At Zion Lutheran Church

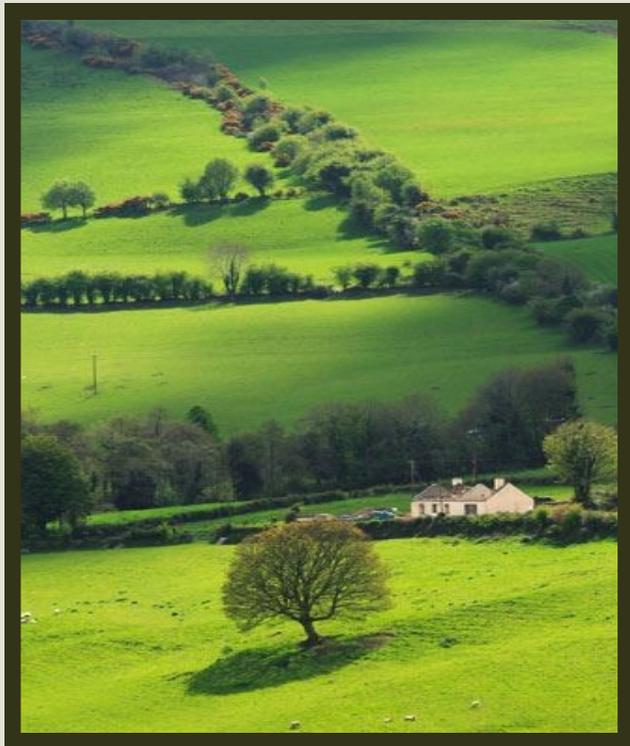
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(Across the street from the Blair County Courthouse)

# All Are Welcome



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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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## Winter Jam 2024 Saturday, March 9th

Bryce Jordan Center, State College

Everyone is invited to join Zion as we head to Winter Jam at the Bryce Jordan Center on **Saturday, March 9th**. The concert doors open at 6:00pm, so **we will be meeting at the church at 3:30pm**. We will return to the church somewhere around midnight. We will travel in the church van and a few additional vehicles, so transportation can be provided.

We will have sandwich dinners packed for everyone on the ride there. The cost of admission is covered, but you may want some money for a snack stop on the way home or any band merch.

Winter Jam is an annual winter tour featuring a variety of contemporary Christian bands and artists. This is always a great event, and you won't want to miss it! Bands and artists this year include: Crowder, Lecrae, and more!

**TO SIGN UP BY FRIDAY MARCH 1ST**, Please send an email to Ryan Custead at [ryncust@gmail.com](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) with the subject "Winter Jam" and the number of people you have coming or contact the church office with the same information at (814) 695-0091.



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, overnight, 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!

## Annual Congregational Meeting

May 19, 2024 ~ Fellowship Hall

Mark you calendar!

## 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 "bean counters" won't meet again until mid-March, but were able to provide a preliminary update. As of February 21st, the Capital Campaign donation total is a little over \$389,000. With Phase I expenditures of approximately \$276,000 deducted, there is now about \$113,000 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!

The property board's collaborations have provided enough information, and the board is confident with the existing funds, for them to take the next step with the kitchen remodel. Specifications will be discussed with the contracted designer. There have been a lot of changes since the initial design conception. With the Serving Squad's increased use, and future plans, it has been decided that a more commercial kitchen will serve Zion best. This includes stainless steel surfaces, a commercial dishwasher, commercial range, and more efficient restaurant-type storage and use options.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 January 31, 2024

Income (Giving)	\$221,575.50
Expenses	\$196,882.51
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	\$24,692.99

**(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 1/26/24	\$640,070.26
Less Principal(initial investment)	<u>\$336,214.17</u>
Value over principal as of 1/26/24	\$303,856.09

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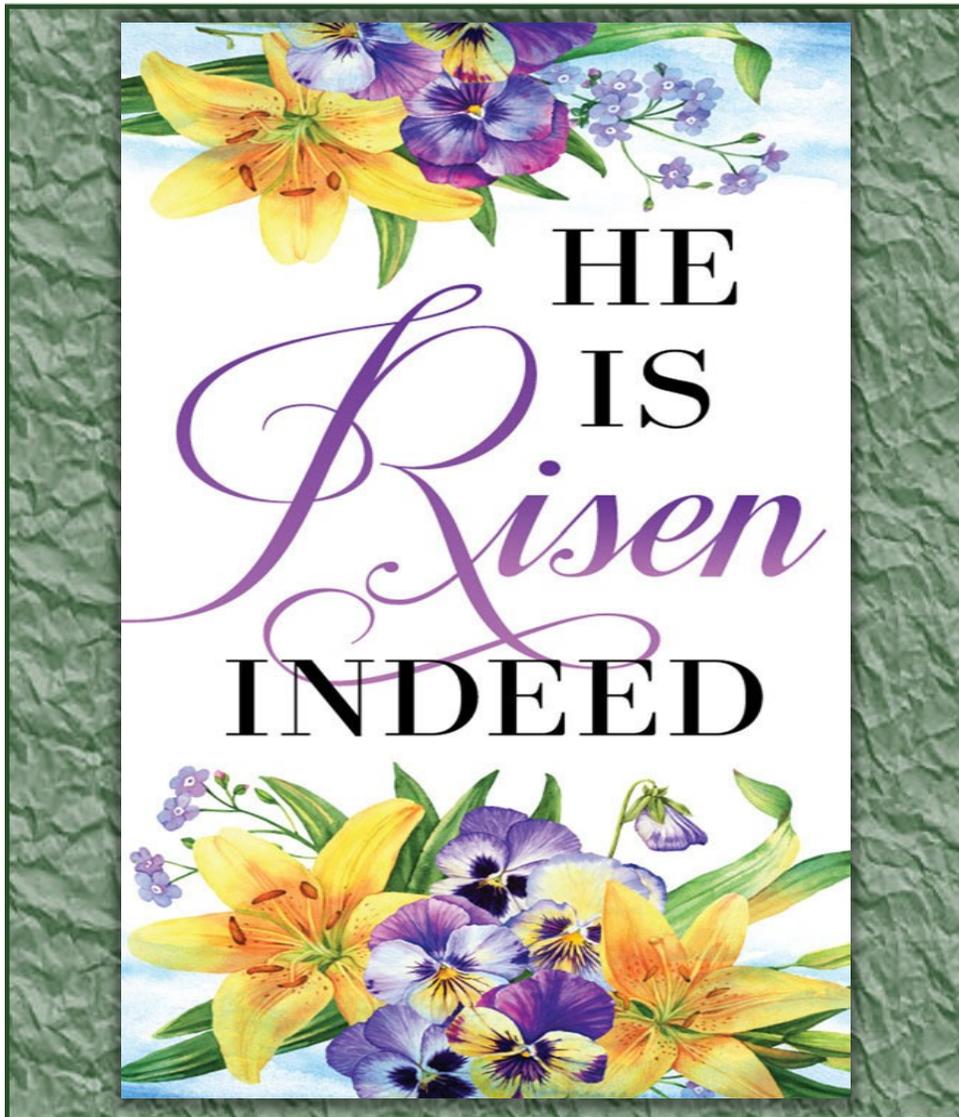
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