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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

(Off for the Summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/1)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal (Off for the summer, will resume on Rally Day, 9/1)

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Off for the summer, will resume on 9/5)

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

8/5 & 19: Serving Squad

8/8: Communication Board Meeting

8/10: Recovery Walk

8/13: Property Board Meeting

8/14 & 15: Summer Book Study

8/15: CPC Meeting

8/18: "Summer's End" Theme Night-Canoe Creek (Rain Date 8/25)

8/22-25: Adult Retreat (Sequanota)

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

9/1: Rally Day

9/2: Labor Day ~ Office Closed

9/4 & 18: FaithFormers

9/6: Afterburner

9/8: Church Picnic (Legion Park)

9/10: Property Board Meeting

9-11 & 25: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

9/12: Communication Board Meeting

9/13: Afterburner

9/15: Youth Sunday

9/17: Ruth Circle

9/19: CPC Meeting



As I accompanied our five Zion youth in New Orleans last week for the ELCA Youth Gathering, I considered the last five years of these young lives. Five years is a big and formative portion of a 10th Grader's life. The Covid 19 pandemic was a challenge for us all, and young people missed opportunities. A generation experienced the illness and isolation during the important years of adolescence and childhood.

The Youth Gathering was an affirmation and celebration of the restoring work God is doing in the Church, particularly in this young generation. Watching these five joyful boys burst into a dance room of hundreds of laughing kids will be a special memory. Watching these five boys care for God's creation in the Louisiana heat and encourage their siblings from across the country will be a special memory. Seeing them experience the history of a place while meeting locals will be a special memory. Seeing them lift their hands in praise and pray over the lives of new friends will be a special memory.

With my other three Zion adults, our group traveled to New Orleans in mid July with five youth for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's National Youth Gathering. 16,000 young people and leaders from across the ELCA gathered each night for Mass Gathering, connected to new friends and support in the Interactive Learning Center, served the local community, and much more. I want to thank all of you at Zion for investing in and supporting the ministry of the Youth Gathering. We were richly blessed and our youth were captivated and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! (Watch for Youth Gathering pictures, videos, and stories in the coming months.)

God's peace,
Ryan Custead
Dir. of Faith Formation
& Outreach



NOTES OF THANKS

Zion Youth,

Thanks so much for the delicious blueberry muffins and great art work. You make me so proud of you and your leaders. It's such a joy to be a member of Zion Lutheran for 72 years.

Blessings,
Ginny Erb

What a wonderful surprise to have a knock on my door at Hillcrest by our Zion youth. I enjoyed the muffins very much but not as much as the kindness and outreach to us older folks. Thank you, Kevin Naugle, for leading this wonderful ministry. God bless you all!

Ruth Grubb

Members of Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for hosting our Synod Assembly worship and social statement hearing. We greatly appreciated your help and support for set-up and hospitality. Thank you for your partnership.

The staff of the Office of the Bishop, Allegheny Synod

Dear Zion Folks,

A huge thank you to EVERYONE who made Vacation Bible School such a success. It takes many hands to make this event happen and work! After a long gap from children to grandchildren, I enjoyed immersing myself in the festivities and wonders of new bible learners this year. From member donations to cooks in the kitchen to artists who make the amazing snacks, to the worship band, the puppet crew (Pastor Dave) to the teachers and helpers and the hand on it all with patience and grace, Ryan. Thanks to all the parents who trust their children to Zion during that week. Such a privilege to witness the love that grows out of the noise and craziness. Alleluia!

Jolene Kopriva

Dear Friends from Zion,

Just a note to tell you how much I appreciated the cards, calls and visits during my recovery from surgery. Thank you also to Kevin Naugle & his Sunday School Class for the delicious muffins & the cards. Thanks to all for your support during this time.

Amaryllis Caldwell



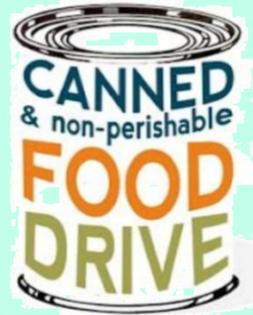
Outreach Board News

4000+ meals and a lot of desserts have been provided to the community in our first year of service! We would not have been able to obtain this remarkable amount without the help of the congregation. Our board's efforts rely heavily on consistent, reliable volunteers and donations.

The upcoming Serving Squad dates are August 5 & 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (September dates to be determined)

Please continue to check the bulletin board outside of the library and your weekly bulletin for ways to help us reach out. We appreciate any contribution of food or time. Thank you again for helping make God's grace tangible to those in need.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR ZION'S FOOD PANTRY



We are in need of donations to replenish Zion's food pantry! Your past generosity has enabled us to give assistance to quite a few members of our community, but the need is always there and our pantry shelves have been depleted.

We are asking for donations of boxed, pre-packaged, & canned items. Ex. Soup, cereal, oatmeal/cream of wheat, canned vegetables, canned/cups fruit, canned chicken or tuna, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, flavored rice or noodle packets, pasta, sauce, crackers, granola or cereal bars, applesauce, etc. Sometimes there is limited ability/supplies to prepare food so simple one-pot/no-pot items can be helpful.

Other items that can be helpful are can openers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, shaving cream, & feminine products.

Any items in excess of what we can use will be donated to the American Rescue Workers. Please do not donate expired food. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

2024 Recovery Walk

Saturday, August 10th (morning & lunch)

***Zion volunteers needed**

Join Zion, local organizations, and community leaders for the 2024 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 8/10.** All ages are welcome, no sign-up or prior registration needed!

**We are in need of volunteers to help with various tasks (kitchen/lunch serving, registration help, directing traffic in the building, etc.). Please contact Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com or at the church office (814) 695-0091 or Lee Augustine from the Outreach Board if you are able and willing to help on the morning of the walk. Thank you!*

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ZION ADULT RETREAT CAMP SEQUANOTA

AUGUST 22-25



Enjoy a time of relaxation and study at Camp Sequanota for our Adult Retreat 2024. The retreat will run from 5 PM on Thursday, August 22nd until Noon on Sunday, August 25th. We will stay at the Bowersox Center, a hotel-like lodge at Camp Sequanota. Our study theme is to be determined. 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	\$160	\$125
Tier 2	\$225	\$175

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.

"Zion Theme Night"

Summer's End!

Sunday, August 18th* 3:00-7:00pm

(*Rain date: Sunday, August 25th)

@ Canoe Creek State Park



Join us at Canoe Creek State Park on **Sunday, 8/18*** from **3:00-7:00pm** for a time of outdoor fun, fellowship, and food. All ages are invited. Dinner will be included. Attendees will hike, play games, and canoe (or paddleboat) on the lake. (We will be using the rental canoes, kayaks, and paddleboat offered at the park). *Our main dish will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.*We are using Sunday, 8/25 at the same time as a rain date in case of bad weather! If we postpone, you will be notified by announcement, email, and/or Facebook.*

Mark your calendars and watch for more details/meeting location!

CHURCH PICNIC

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

Legion Park ~ Pavilion #1

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

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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 1st by completing the form that will be available in your Sunday bulletin or by calling the church office at 695-0091.





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, 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 in 2024.

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 120 youth attended each Afterburners in 2023.

**2024 Afterburner schedule:
9/6, 9/13, 10/4, 10/11, & 10/18**

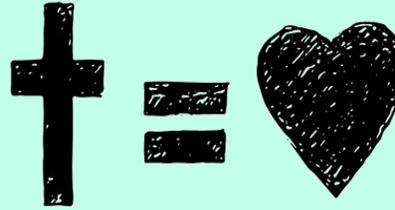


**Fellowship Hall
October 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
following the 10:45 service**

Please contact the church office no later than 10/13 to let us know that you plan to attend.

Our menu for this event will be:
Pork Tenderloin, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, & Apple Desserts

Youth & Children Sunday!



Sunday,
September
15th

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

Both the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services on Sunday, September 15th and the 6:00 pm service on Saturday, September 14th 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!**

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parlor Class (across from the office)

Men's Class (Library, next to office)

Nursery Class (Nursery, upstairs in the Educational Wing)

All classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30
Stop by the kitchen to grab a cup of coffee!

Starting September 1

Join Us!



Also remember

ThuMBS

(Thursday Morning Bible Study)

Meets in the Fellowship Hall
every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

An informed look at the Bible lessons
for the upcoming Sunday.

Starting September 5

Fall start ups! Zion Youth and Children

 **Cr@zy**
(7th-12th Graders):
Wednesday, 9/11
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, 9/11
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, 9/4
from 4:30-5:30 pm.

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

 **NOIZ**
(Age 4-6th Grade):
Sunday, 9/1
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, 9/1
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 9/17.** 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 9/5.** 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 9/7 at 8:00 a.m.** Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.



September 1, 2024

**Sunday School
for All Ages**

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

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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 4 & 18**

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:
9/11 & 9/25**

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 and our bulletin boards for information on our Confirmation program this year. Return forms to take part this year will be due on Sunday, September 8th. The first Confirmation Course (for Year 1 and 2 youth) is **Sunday, 9/8 at the Zion Church Picnic at Legion Park**. The church picnic starts at 12:15pm and Confirmation youth can plan to be finished by 2:30pm. Parents and siblings are welcome! *The Rite of Confirmation (for Year 3 youth) will be during 10:45am worship on Sunday, October 27th.*



CONFIRMATION COURSES



A Confirmation Course orientation is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8th** 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 2:30pm. 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.

Confirmation Courses are now taught during the Sunday School hour throughout the year. The schedule for 24-25 is as follows:

Sundays
9/8 during the Church Picnic, 12:15 to 2:30 pm
10/20 & 10/27, 9:30 to 10:30 am
12/1 & 12/15, 9:30 to 10:30 am
1/5 & 1/12, 9:30 to 10:30 am
2/2 & 2/9, 9:30 to 10:30 am



Christmas is on its way—a lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas upon which the entire kid year revolves. During Advent, as Mary and Joseph get ready to travel to Bethlehem, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by singing Christmas carols loud for all to hear, refilling our eggnog, and watching our favorite Christmas movies. As we ponder Linus's profound words, which beautifully explain the true essence of Christmas to Charlie Brown, we can truly prepare for the coming of the Lord by watching movies and interpreting them in the light of our spiritual lives.

For this year's theme, your devotion is to be inspired by your favorite Christmas movie. In your submission, tell us about your favorite movie to watch as you prepare for Christmas and its connection to your faith.

Sign-ups coming soon!

CPC Updates

In an effort to keep the congregation apprised of what the CPC is up to, we will provide regular updates in the Newsletter about items that we think will interest you. Questions? Talk to any CPC member or Pastor David.

Health, Safety, and Security at Zion

For the past two years, the CPC has been reviewing whether we are doing everything we can to keep people healthy and safe when they are in our building. This process has led to several small changes and may eventually involve some larger changes as well.

In May, the CPC voted to approve the installation of five security cameras on the first floor and a monitor in the office. The system, which will be installed by our Sexton, Rick, will enhance the safety and awareness of the staff during the workweek and provide a visual record of events if problems occur in the building.

Review of the membership rolls

At the annual meeting, the congregation asked the CPC to conduct a review of our membership rolls, in accordance with our constitution. At the June CPC meeting, Sue Swope was appointed the head of the review committee, with Bill Hite, Sally Williams, and Pastor David also serving on the committee. Their review will be completed in the next few months.

Renew **Restore** Rejuvenate

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The total contributed to Zion's Capital Campaign through July 14, 2024 rose to \$441,406.53!

Congratulations to the Zion Family for their dedication and support! Deducting phase one expenses, there is now roughly \$165,000 available for the kitchen and bathroom remodels. (Some of this has already been spent on appliances and fixtures.)

Bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances have been ordered. Some fixtures have arrived. Property board has 5 contractors interested in the remodel projects. 4 proposals have been submitted for kitchen cabinets. The property board, with guidance from the interior designer, plans to follow up with contractors in September.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

Income (Giving)	\$359,256.54
Expenses	\$375,177.64
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$15,921.10)

(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.)



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