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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

(Begins on Rally Day, 9/1)

Sundays:

9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal (Begins on Rally Day, 9/1)

Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Begins on 9/5)

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

9/1: Rally Day

9/2: Labor Day ~ Office Closed

9/4 & 18: FaithFormers

9/6 & 13: 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

9/15: Youth Sunday

9/17: Ruth Circle

9/17: Mutual Ministry

9/19: CPC Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER

10/2 & 16: FaithFormers

10/4, 11, & 18: Afterburners

10/8: Property Board Meeting

10/9 & 23: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

10/10: Communication Board Meeting

10/15: Ruth Circle

10/14: CPC Meeting

10/20: Oktoberfest

10/26: Halloween Parade (Saturday Service moved to 5:00 pm)

10/27: Reformation Sunday (Confirmation)

9/15: Youth Sunday

9/17: Ruth Circle

9/19: CPC Meeting

I'll be honest with you; God and I haven't been on the greatest of terms lately. Or perhaps it's more accurate to say that God has been perfectly fine in our relationship and I've been angry and disappointed. This confession shouldn't come as a shock given my family's medical experience and recovery this year. However, last month's introduction of Covid and pneumonia and the regression those illnesses brought was simply cruel.

I suspect my experience is one that most of you have had. We pray so hard and earnestly for situations that are dear to our hearts and it feels like our words are wasted breath falling on deaf ears. "God, where are you? I don't feel like I'm asking for too much here, can you give a little? Can you show your hand in action? How long, O Lord?" I'm beginning to intimately understand why the psalmists wrote phrases like "What profit is there in the death of your servant?" and "What praise can I give from the pit?"

This isn't a crisis of faith or a questioning of call. I still see God at work in this world, but just not in a few ways that would be impactful and meaningful for my family. It's tough to pray again and again for outcomes that never materialize. The lack of response starts to feel personal.

Through all of this, there is one way that I have repeatedly witnessed God at work. The work of care, concern, and compassion of our church has been a balm for my bruised and battered soul. We are the Body of Christ and often times this year I have clearly seen Christ in you. No, my prayers have not been answered in the ways I would like, but routinely the church has been an answer to those prayers.

Thank you for your witness. Thank you for the ways you bear Christ, not only to me, but to each other and all the world.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Outreach Board News 4000+ Meals~Year 1!

We are kicking off year two of Serving Squad with a bang! So far, 480 meals and 213 desserts have been provided to the community.

**The upcoming Serving Squad dates are
September 9 & 23 at 1:00 p.m.**

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.



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.

Financial donations are needed to 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 6TH

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:

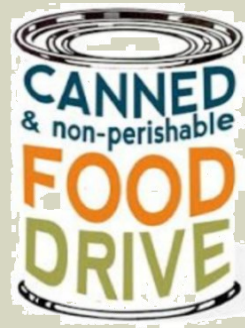
1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark color preferred)
2. Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
3. One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)
4. One toothbrush (in original package)(or if multi pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal) (no plastic bags or wrap)
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 27th.



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!

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 6th 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!

CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, September 8 at 12:15 p.m.

Legion Park ~ Pavilion #1

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



You Better Watch Out!

ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT

2024 Advent Devotional

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!

2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY



Hard to believe, but the Communications Board is already planning the next update of Zion's member directory. It won't publish until 2025, but we're starting to put together a plan. The board has decided to take the project in-house, instead of using an outside source as we did last time around. This will give us creative freedom, more flexibility, and there will be no portrait sales pitch. The plan is to hold walk-in photo sessions before and after worship services between Thanksgiving and Christmas of this year.

This is a big project to tackle, so we'll need all the help we can get! We will need photographer(s), photography assistants, proofreaders, and more. If you have talent, know-how, and/or just the willingness to give us a hand where needed, there is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, you may send an email to: news@zionholidaysburg.org, with the subject "CHURCH DIRECTORY".

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.**



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 (Rally Day)

Join Us!



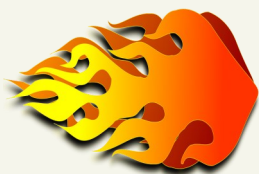
ADULT FALL START-UPS

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: An informed look at the Bible Lessons for the upcoming Sunday. 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.



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**



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. Homemade 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:

9/6, 9/13, 10/4, 10/11, & 10/18



Youth & Children Sunday! September 15th (& Sat. 9/14)

Worship led by our youth & more!



Both the 8:00am and 10:45am services on **Sunday, September 15th** and the 6:00pm 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 our group's experience at the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Mark your calendars and plan to have your children participate. Instructions will be given at Sunday school openings, FaithFormers/Cr@zy, and by email. **There will be reading/speaking and nonspeaking roles.*

Our **children** and FaithFormers children's group will be participating in the **10:45am service on 9/15**. *We will be going over our parts in Sunday school openings and at FaithFormers on 9/4.*

We will be looking for **youth** volunteers to read or participate at each of our three worship services. However, our youth group (Cr@zy) and Sunday school youth will be participating in the **10:45am service on 9/15**. *We will be going over our parts in Sunday school and at Cr@zy on 9/11.*

The **ELCA Youth Gathering group** should plan to participate in the **10:45am service on 9/15**. We will be preparing a special report on our experience. *Mark your calendars and watch your email for instructions in the coming weeks.*

Contact Ryan Custead (Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach) at ryncust@gmail.com or (814) 695-0091 if you have any questions!

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 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

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.

Care for people in our church & community

At the August meeting, the CPC began a conversation about caring for members of our church during times of need. This type of “inreach” is being done by a number of groups at Zion, but we want to make sure we have a coordinated effort so that people do not slip through the cracks. The discussion also ranged to people in retirement homes—whether or not they are members of Zion.

Are you interested in or called to this ministry? If so, please talk to Aaron Wagner or Pastor Dave.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2024 thru August 31, 2024

Income (Giving)	\$24,561.00
Expenses	\$35,187.63
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$10,626.63)

(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.)



**Fellowship Hall
October 20 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

Renew
Restore
Rejuvenate

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Zion's Capital Campaign contributions continue their steady gain, with the total through August 14, 2024 now at \$446,557.

Congratulations to the Zion Family for their dedication and support! Deducting phase one expenses, there is now roughly \$170,000 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.



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