

Lutheran Church

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NOVEMBER 2024

Worship

Saturday - 6:00 p.m. (Note time change for 10/26)

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

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

11/2: Apple Dumpling Baking
11/3: Gifting Hope Shopping
11/4 & 18: Serving Squad
11/6 & 20: FaithFormers
11/8: New Member Dinner
11/12: Property Board Meeting
11/12: Mutual Ministry Meeting
11/13: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite (Friendsgiving)
11/14: Communication Board Meeting
11/17: Zion Thanksgiving Dinner
11/19: Ruth Circle
11/21: CPC Meeting
11/28 & 29: Happy Thanksgiving~Office closed

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

12/3,10,17: Holden Evening Prayer
12/4 & 18: FaithFormers
12/10: Property Board Meeting
12/11: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite
12/12: Communication Board Meeting
12/14 & 21: Pageant Rehearsal
12/17: Ruth Circle
12/20: Blue Christmas Service
12/19: CPC Meeting
12/22: Pageant Performance
12/24: Christmas Eve Services (5:00, 7:30, & 10:00)
12/25: Merry Christmas ~ Office Closed
12/30: Theme Night-New Year's Eve Eve

I always longed to see the Aurora Borealis. The Northern Lights dancing across the night sky have always mystified me in entertainment mediums like film, photography, and video games, but they seemed more like fantasy than something I could experience in person. Years ago I was disheartened that my trip to Alaska was during the wrong time of year to view the Aurora; I would have to settle for 19 hours of sunlight instead. I've even spent time researching vacation spots in Scandinavian countries where you sleep out in the wilderness under posh geodesic domes to view the natural phenomenon. So, when the lights were almost guaranteed to be visible for us in October, Kelsey and I made the extra effort to head away from light pollution to get our best chance at viewing them. In the crisp night air of Bald Eagle State Park we "oohed" and "aahed" as if fireworks were exploding in the sky. At times we could see the vibrant reds and greens so clearly, even without the aid of our cameras.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame you ministers.

Psalms 104: 1-4

These verses are the beginning of a grand hymn of praise to God for all the majesty of creation. Thirty-five total verses are dedicated to the manifold works of God, marveling in the splendor of God's activity.

As we head into this season of thanksgiving, what marvel of God stops you in your tracks and makes you sing praise? How are you awed by God's majesty and creativity? What inspiration do you find and how does it change you?

We are blessed to be surrounded by God's handwork. Remember to take the time to notice, dare to be impressed, and then consider that you too are a jewel of splendor created by God.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Members of the Zion Church,

Thank you So Very Much for the monetary gift to help restore my home. God is So Wonderful! I can feel Him helping us through these rough times. Thank you so very much and God bless!

Sincerely, Lisa & Jeff Stern (Fire Victims)

To Mike Jones and the Property Committee,

Thank you for fixing the sticky door by the organ leading into the sanctuary—it never closed the whole way and was quite noisy when partially operating. Spectacular job!

Doug Rhodes

Dear Pastor David Bowman,

We want to thank and the members of the Zion Lutheran Church for your thoughtfulness during our period of isolation at the Hillcrest Apartments while our elevator was being replaced.

It was so kind of the church to do this for us. It provided a sense of understanding and caring from your members. I'm not sure if you realize the impact this gift provided to us.

Every aspect of this celebration was provided by pleasant and outwardly caring people. This act of thoughtfulness made our day and the days after easier to deal with. The food was plentiful and delicious, something we don't always get.

We feel very blessed to have been cared for by your Zion Lutheran Church.

Thank you, Daniel & Maureen Hite

Dear Pastor Bowman,

Recently a group from your church provided a Pizza Party for we residents in the Hillcrest Apartments. If was a kind and thoughtful gesture that the residents enjoyed while they wait for the new elevator.

In gratitude, I am thanking Zion Lutheran Church and the group that so graciously spread love and happiness to us.

Thank you, Barbara Wilson



GIFTING HOPE SHOPPING (A Zion Outreach Ministry)

**Sunday, November 3
at 4:00 p.m.**



Children, Youth,, and All Ages welcome! Plan to gather at the church to go shopping for this event. When everyone is reunited, we will share a pizza supper.

Please keep in mind, even if you are unable to attend this event, financial contributions are also accepted (mark your giving envelope "Gifting Hope"). If you have any questions, contact Kevin & Wendi Naugle or the church office.

Giving Tree Project



Once again the Adult Board will be sponsoring the Giving Tree Project. This project is done in cooperation with the Home Nursing Agency. The tree is scheduled to go up in mid-November. When you take a tag from the tree, be sure to sign the notebook and return your gift to the church by the date specified. When you return your gift, place it in the box in the hall that matches the circled number on the front of the tag. If you have any questions please contact Linda Renney or anyone from the Adult Board. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Outreach Board News

Thank you to all who contributed to the clothing drive last month. For the month of November we will be participating in a community Blanket Drive and Thanksgiving food Drive. Please drop off any new or gently used blankets and Thanksgiving food items to the Outreach Room.

The upcoming regular Serving Squad date is November 4 at 12:00 p.m. and there will be a special Children, Family, & Youth Serving Squad on Friday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m.



Please continue to check the bulletin board outside of the library, in your weekly bulletin, and via our weekly email blast 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.

Zion Youth Ministry Fundraiser They're back!!



**Order forms are available in
the bulletin and in the office!**

**Pick up is on 11/2 from 6:00-7:00pm and
on the morning of 11/3**

Want to help us bake?

**We could use lots of help baking up these
yummy treats on Saturday, November 2nd
at 9:30am. Youth of any age AND anyone
who is interested in helping to support our
youth's faith formation is welcome to help!**

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 always need refilling.

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!

ZION THANKSGIVING DINNER AND PROGRAM

***Sunday, November 17
at 5:30 p.m.***

Starting at 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to gather in the fellowship hall for a home style turkey dinner & Thanksgiving program. Just bring a side dish or two to share.

Dinners will also be delivered to our shut-in members who request delivery so please call the office if you are interested ☺. (695-0091)

Our Activities Board will be looking for volunteers to help cook turkeys, help with kitchen tasks, & assist with delivering meals. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Michele Lloyd or the church office.

Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 27

The Community Thanksgiving Eve Service is sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Ministerium. It will begin at **7:00 PM** and will be held at **St. John's Reformed Church, 904 Maple Avenue, Hollidaysburg**. A pie and cider social will follow the service. All are encouraged to attend this time of expressing thanks for God's blessings.

A Helping Hand

We are collecting gift cards to have on hand for families going through a rough time. They may be going through a medical situation that requires a lot of travel or just may be having some financial struggles. These families could use a helping hand with things like food and fuel to help ease the burden and give them one less thing to worry about. **If you would like to make a donation, what seems to work the best are Martins, Hometown Market, and Sheetz cards in \$10 to \$25 increments.** Please bring the cards to the church office and we can get them to the families.



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):
November 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"

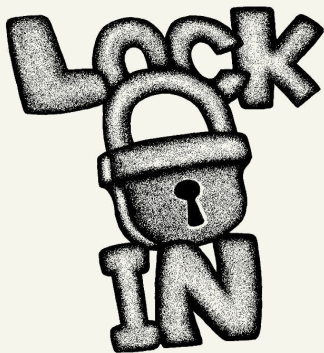
4th-6th Graders will also be meeting during the Cr@zy hour, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Bible study, games, service work, prayer, and more! This group will follow the Cr@zy schedule.

Upcoming Dates:

11/13 (Friendsgiving) & 12/11

11/27 & 12/25

(No Cr@zy due to the holidays)



YOUTH LOCK-IN DATES

**4th—6th Grade Lock-in
January 12-13, 2024**

**7th—12th Grade Lock-in
April 5-6, 2024**

CONFIRMATION COURSES



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!

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

Sundays

12/1 & 12/15, 9:30 to 10:30 am

1/5 & 1/12, 9:30 to 10:30 am

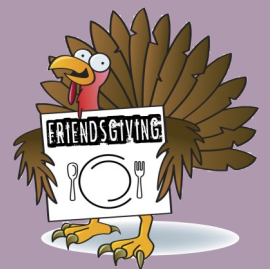
2/2 & 2/9, 9:30 to 10:30 am

Cr@zy and Cr@zy "lite" at **FRIENDSGIVING 2024** (& Food Drive)

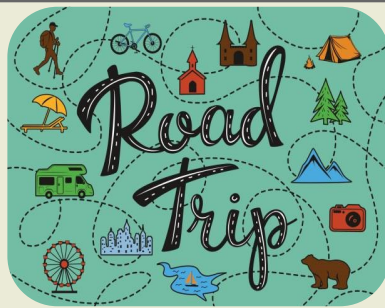
Wednesday, November 13th from 6:00-8:00pm
at Spring of Hope Community Church/The Well

**Meet at Zion at 5:45pm,
pick up at Zion at 8:15pm
4th-12th Grade,**

FRIENDS WELCOME!
Sponsored by the
Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium



Christmas Pageant 2024



“Road Trip”

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Zion’s Christmas Pageant for 2024! **We need children, youth, and a few parent/adult volunteers** to make this pageant a success. Participating is a great way to help your child focus on faith in the Advent season. *Please let Ryan Custead know at ryncust@gmail.com or at (814) 695-0091 if your children will participate.* Zion’s pageants are always unique and fun, so watch for more information.



Pageant Schedule:
Saturday, December 14
from 10:00am-Noon Pageant practice
Saturday, December 21
from 10:00am-Noon Pageant practice
Sunday, December 22
@ 10:45am Pageant performance

Holden Evening Prayer

Celebrate and anticipate the Light of the World with Holden Evening Prayer this December. This Vespers service will begin at **6:30 PM in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays, December 3, 10, and 17.** Holden Evening Prayer is musically rich and easy to sing. Complement your Advent preparations with this worship opportunity

Christmas Eve Worship Times

5:00, 7:30,
& 10:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas

*A service of comfort and hope
for those who are hurting
this Christmas.*

Friday, December 20
at 6:30 p.m.



Ignite

(Snow Camp)
1st-12th Graders!
January 25-26th



Join Ryan and friends from Zion as we gather at Camp Sequanota with youth and leaders from across the Allegheny Synod for a weekend of Snow Camp this January. Watch for more info!



Family Winter Retreat

Dates TBD

Join us for Zion's 2024 Family Winter Retreat at Camp Sequanota. Plan to set aside a weekend to grow together in faith. Watch for more info!

Summer Family Camp

June 13-17, 2025
Be sure to mark your calendars!

New Year's Eve Eve

Zion Theme Night



Monday, December 30th @ 6:00 pm

Join us for another great "New Year's Eve Eve" party at Zion! All ages are welcome. The evening will include fellowship, a "ball drop" countdown (at 7:30 pm), dinner, games, and more. Please consider bringing a dish or two to share.

This is The Weekend.

Allegheny Synod Youth Event
in Huntingdon, PA

December

6-8, 2024

6th-12th Graders

Registration open! Contact Ryan at (814) 695-0091
or at ryncust@gmail.com to sign up.
Registration Deadline 11/10!



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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!

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Also consider ThuMBS

(Thursday Morning Bible Study)

An informed look at the Bible Lessons for the upcoming Sunday. This group meets in the Fellowship Hall weekly on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Any questions, please contact Pastor Dave or the church office.

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.

Charter Renewals: A great time to get involved

To ensure purposeful goal-driven leadership from our boards, Zion's Constitution specifies that each board will review and renew its charter on even-numbered years. If you are interested in any of our ministries or the way we are organized, now would be a great time to get involved. Board chairs are considering future goals and objectives which they will discuss with their committees.

For more information, talk to Lee Augustine about Outreach, Deb Burnell about Worship, Christina Pavlock about Communication, John Mancinelli about Continuous Church Improvement, Ken Streilein about Stewardship, Lizzy Sagaities about Children Families and Youth, Jim Conway about Finance and Personnel, or Mike Jones about Property.

Not sure who those people are or where you fit in? Talk with Pastor David, or the other members of the CPC: Bev Green, Sue Swope, and Aaron Wagner.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

Current FY thru 9/30/24

Income (Giving)	\$73,621.50
Expenses	\$102,387.60
Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)	(\$29,066.10)

(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.)



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.

Renew
Restore
Rejuvenate

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign total has surpassed \$450,000! People with pledges, and those without continue to contribute. God is good and God is generous! The Zion Family is truly an amazing group of generous givers. The Property Board continues to make steady progress with planning and procurement.

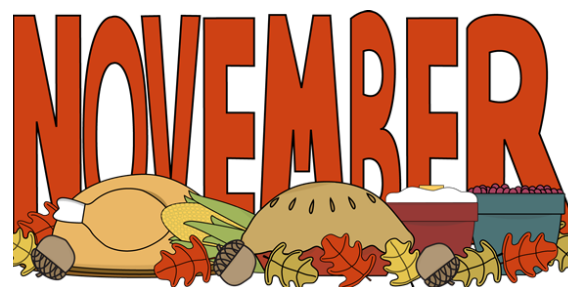
Own a piece of the kitchen!

The property board and other church volunteers plan to prepare the kitchen for renovations on December 14th. A first step will be removing 2 dishwashers, the 10-burner natural gas range, the sinks, countertops, and wood cabinets. Some of the cabinets will be repurposed for the new coffee bar, but all else will be available for upcycling. If you are interested in any of the aforementioned items, they will be available for the price of simply hauling them away by December 31st. Look for the list of items on the table outside the Fellowship Hall, beginning November 5th. Leave your name and phone number, and you will be contacted by a member of the Property board.

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*I am the true vine, and
my Father is
the vinegrower.
He removes every
branch in me that
bears no fruit.
Every branch that
bears fruit he prunes to
make it bear
more fruit.*

John 15:-2

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