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MAY
2025

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

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

5/14: Wreath of Christ Wednesday

5/14 & 28: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

5/16: Arts in Recovery

5/18: Annual Meeting

5/18: Baccalaureate

5/20: Ruth Circle

5/21: FaithFormers

5/24: Outdoor Property Work Day

5/26: Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

5/31: Property Work Day Rain Date

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

6/1: Grad Recognition

6/1-5: Vacation Bible School

6/10: Property Board Meeting

6/12: Communication Board Meeting

6/13-17: Zion's Family Camp

6/19: CPC Meeting

Even in the sterile times of the 21st century, we are aware that death has a sour smell to it. If you've ever made the discovery of a dead mouse in your dwelling, there's a fair chance that your nostrils led the way to the corpse. The sour smell of death is a distinct odor associated with the decomposition of organic matter. The rotten dankness makes the air feel heavy.

On the first day of the week, at dawn, the women took spices to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. They intended to complete their burial ritual and to combat the stench of death with their fragrant mixture. In the surprise of the resurrection, the women never had the opportunity to finish their task. They are asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" At the discovery of Jesus' resurrection their mourning was transformed into wonder and amazement. Grief became joy. The spices of death became the fragrance of the resurrection. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With these Easter themes in mind, I present to you a recipe that transforms sour into sweet: Sour Cream Pound Cake. This recipe produces a sensational morsel with the help of tangy sour cream. It's a cake fit for celebration and is perfect for the berry season that looms on the horizon. It's super easy to whip together, so give it a try!

Sour Cream Pound Cake

Ingredients

1 cup butter, softened

3 cups sugar

6 large eggs, room temp.

3 cups all-purpose flour

¼ teaspoon baking soda

¼ teaspoon salt

1 cup sour cream

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Steps

- 1) In a bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5-7 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine, flour, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture. Add sour cream and vanilla. Beat on low until blended. Spoon into a greased and floured 10-inch bundt cake or tube pan.
- 2) Bake at 325* for 75 to 90 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely. If desired, garnish with confectioners' sugar and fresh fruit.



NOTES OF THANKS

To Ruth Circle,

The residents of Hill Crest Apartments wish to thank Ruth Circle, their spouses, and the darling little girls who served us our supper.

I wish to thank Ruth Circle for my lovely surprise 95th birthday party. The good will and the delicious cake and ice cream was so appreciated.

A special thanks to Renetta and Bill Deremer for the beautiful altar flowers, the surprise party, and all the help they gave me for the transition from my apartment to Garvey Manor. All is well. God is good.

Love & Blessings,
Phyllis Hultman

To my Zion family,

Thank you for the care packages you sent to me this year for finals. My roommate and I enjoyed all the snacks.

Adam J. Frederick

Thank you ! Thank You! Thank you! Our mother, Ruth Grubb, received over 135 cards to celebrate her 100th birthday! After she attended Palm Sunday service to watch Tommy and Stella (her great grandchildren) take their first communion, she received 24 cards in one day! The majority of her cards were her Zion family. Such a blessing in her life. As she said, "I felt special and loved every day I went to the mailbox!" Thanks for sharing your love and kind spirit!

Church Family,

The flower at Easter was very much appreciated and I thank you.

Blessings,
Joanne Thomson

Outdoor Property Work Day & Geranium Planting

**Saturday, May 24
@ 9:00 a.m.**

Removing shrubs on Union
Street in brick planter

What to bring: Work Gloves, Shovels, Pick-up
Trucks & chains for pulling

**Monday, June 9
@ 1:00 p.m.**

Help Plant Pentecost Geraniums

What to bring: Gloves & Trowels

Questions: Contact Chuck Kormanski
814-880-6411

We can really use your help!!



Wreath of Christ Wednesday

**Wednesday, May 14th
at 6:30 pm**

Need to take a breath in the midst of a busy week? Enjoy a short, contemplative prayer service complete with prayer beads, chimes, and breathing exercises. Bring your own Wreath of Christ or borrow a set of ours for use during the service.

ZION'S FOOD PANTRY (The Pantry is running low)

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!

Outreach Board News

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 with upcoming Serving Squad events. We appreciate any contribution of food or time.

Thank you again for helping make God's grace tangible to those in need.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 1st-5th

5:15-8:15pm

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



Begins with dinner!

Games, lessons, crafts, songs, FREE!



Preschool-6th Grade
Register at 695-0091
or online at
zionhollidaysburg.org



Lutheran Church
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

Zion Music Groups NOIZ & "BIG" NOIZ



Did you know that Zion has regularly meeting music groups for all ages? **NOIZ**, age 4 through 6th Grade, and **"Big" NOIZ**, 7th Grade and up, provide

opportunity for singing, hand bells, music theory, and even songwriting. Participants are not required to sing and no musical experience is necessary. Sessions are led by our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead and explore how we use music in our life of faith. NOIZ and "BIG" NOIZ also offer music in worship throughout the year. All ages are welcome to start attending any time! The schedule is below:

NOIZ (age 4 through 6th Grade): **Every Sunday**, September-May from **9:00am-9:30am** in the upstairs music room.

"BIG" NOIZ (7th Grade and up, includes adults): Every **first and third Sunday**, September-May from **10:00am-10:30am** in the upstairs music room.



NOIZ starts in the Fall on
Sunday, September 7th at 9:00am
"BIG" NOIZ starts in the Fall on
Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am

Zion Swim Party!

Friday, June 6th @ 6:00pm

All ages are invited for a Zion Summer Swim Party at the Naugle home on **Friday, June 6th at 6:00pm**. Come and join us for a fun evening together as church family with dinner, swimming, and fellowship. The party is to celebrate the start of summer AND the completion of our 2025 Vacation Bible School (ends June 5th). Hot dogs will be provided, but attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. And thank you to the Naugle's for hosting!

The Naugle pool is at
611 Cedarcrest Drive in Duncansville
(Penn Farms area).



THURSDAY SPOT

HELP NEEDED! Volunteer as a chaperone for this new “after school” program sponsored by the Holidaysburg Youth Ministerium and the Blair Regional YMCA!

Our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead and other local church leaders are looking for volunteers to assist in chaperoning a new after school program *at the Y*. **“Thursday Spot” is every Thursday, 3:00-5:00pm.** As leaders get this new effort off the ground, we are looking for adults who feel led to serve local youth. The Spot includes snacks, games, optional light devotions, open gym, and space for youth to hang out. The Y experiences a large number of students who gather in the after school hours. This program will be an asset in forming positive relationships with youth in our community, promoting events and ministry, and more! “Thursday Spot” is open to all 7th Graders and Y members through 12th Grade. Chaperones are most importantly a set of eyes and ears, but there will also be opportunity to lead activities.

If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Ryan at (814) 695-0091 or at ryncust@gmail.com. All will need to have a Child Abuse Clearance and State Police Background Check on file with the church office. Chaperones will have an opportunity to sign up for as little or as many Thursdays as they wish.



Zion Family Camp 2025

(At Camp Sequanota's Bowersox Center)
Friday, June 13th-Tuesday, June 17th

Zion Family Camp is back for the summer of 2025! 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

Mark your calendars and watch for registration in the weekly bulletin soon! Call the church office at (814) 695-0091 with any questions!



2025

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Zion will be recognizing our High School and college graduates for 2025 on **Sunday, June 1st**. 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 2025!

BACCALAUREATE 2025



Sunday, May 18th at 7:00pm

In the HAHS Auditorium

1510 N Montgomery St,
Hollidaysburg

Join with members of the Class of 2025 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.



Sponsored by The Hollidaysburg Ministerium &
The Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium

Class of 2025

CALLING ALL 2025 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

Name _____

Graduating from _____

What's Next? _____

Don't forget to include a photo!

Deadline for submissions: May 15th

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):
May 7 & 21 (Over for the Summer)
9/3 (Fall Start-up)

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:
5/14 & 5/28 (Over for the Summer)
9/10 (Fall Start-up)



Memorial Camper Fund

Leave no camper behind!

Established in honor of Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and those who have led young people in faith.

Faith Riders is establishing a special fund to support Zion's continued youth camping and retreat ministries. Camping programs at Sequanota and other Christian camps have had an indelible impact on young people's lives for generations. Zion is a strong supporter and partner of church camping. Historically, Zion has sent large numbers of kids to camp each year, and it is a blessing to continue in this effort. In a rapidly changing world, church camping remains a viable and proven effort of ministry. Young people find faith, self confidence, teamwork, positive relationships and much more at camp. The "Memorial Camp Fund" will ensure that youth continue to have access to these tools and gifts. The fund will also help Zion continue to increase the number of campers we send to camp amidst rising costs.

*Specifically, the fund will allow Zion to send kids to camp who may not have the resources to contribute financially. It will also allow our families to contribute and pay for camp as they are able. **Faith Riders, Zion members, and anyone is invited to support our camping and retreat ministries by making contributions to this fund.*** The "Memorial Camper Fund" is established in honor of the faithfulness with which Jim Rhodes, Walt Wohler, and other saints before us have invested in our youth. Give to the fund in your offering or in the church office by marking your contribution as "Memorial Camper Fund".

**Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.
Psalm 127:3**



Sequanota Summer 2025!



Learn more about Camp Sequanota's opportunities this summer for children, youth, and adults and register for a camp experience this summer at www.sequanota.com

Please talk to Ryan Custead or Pastor Dave if you have specific questions about which program may work best for you/or your child. (**Many Zion kids and Ryan attend Week 8*)

Zion is covering the "Tier II" fee for Sequanota-led camp programs for our children, youth, and friends. You will be able to indicate this during registration. (The actual cost for a regular camp week is \$650. If you would like to contribute, contributions can be made to the church office. We also welcome any Zion member who may feel led to make contributions for our campers.) Talk to Ryan or Pr. Dave if you have any financial questions or concerns.

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 9th until the week of July 27th.** 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 27-August 1)***

Also at camp...

The "Tend" Festival Weekend, June 19-22. 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 continue this new program at camp. Go to www.sequanota.com and watch for more information!

Zion Family Camp: June 13-17. (**Note that Family Camp is earlier this year!** Watch for more info on this Zion summer program)

Zion Adult Retreat: September 4-7. (Watch for more information and an opportunity to sign up)

Zion Mission Trip Ocean City, Maryland

Environmental service work, feeding ministries, outreach, and more!

Monday, July 14th - Sunday, July 20th

Who? All ages and family shapes are welcome! Youth, entering 7th Grade and older, are welcome on their own. Children, preschool-6th Grade are welcome with family or a grown up partner.

What? We will spend our days doing a variety of **service work projects** with local organizations and ministries. Projects will range from environmental work with the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, homeless outreach with Diakonia (local organization), work with our host congregation, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and more. We will finish our work days with **recreation time** together on the beach! Evenings will be spent in **fellowship** along with **prayer and devotion**. Meals will be provided and served in the Retreat Center.

Where? Participants will have the option of staying with the group in the **Son and Sand Retreat Center** (St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD) or **making their own arrangements** for staying in Ocean City, joining the group for projects, meals, and fellowship. The retreat center has a full kitchen, community area, multiple rooms with bunk beds, and shower facilities. Those staying in the retreat center will share rooms as needed. *Youth (7th Grade and up) who are attending without a grown up must stay in the retreat center.

When? Our group will leave together the morning of **Monday, July 14th** and return late on **Sunday, July 20th**. We will travel in the church van along with other vehicles as needed. Participants are welcome to attend for a portion of the trip as their schedule allows.

How? Sign up for the Zion Mission Trip **online** today! The sign up link will be *available in informational emails* from Zion in the coming weeks. A paper copy is also available in the Zion office. You may also **contact the church office** at (814) 695-0091 or at office@zionholidaysburg.org to sign up and receive the link.

Participants or anyone may make a donation of their choosing toward the Zion Mission Trip (not required!) Donations can be placed in offering or given to the church office.

A packing list, more details, and exact meet times will be sent to those who sign up as the trip approaches.



Rise - FOR - Recovery
BLAIR COUNTY

presents
Arts in Recovery 2025

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

Friday, May 16th 7:00pm

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

All Are Welcome

Go to zionholidaysburg.org to sign up to share music, poetry, visual art and more.
(SUBMISSION NOT REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE)

zion Lutheran Church
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

There will be one worship service on 5/18 at 9:30 a.m. followed immediately by the annual meeting. Saturday evening worship will be at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

Current FY thru 3/31/25

Income (Current Exp/Loose)	\$310,495.93
Expenses (Budget)	\$292,073.13

Income vs. Expenses (Budget)	\$18,422.80
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(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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