



# 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**  
(Will resume in the Fall-9/7 Rally Day)

## Sundays:

9:00 a.m. NOIZ Rehearsal (Will resume in the Fall-9/7 Rally Day)

## Wednesdays:

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew

## Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS (Will resume in the fall)

## JUNE & JULY HIGHLIGHTS

**6/9:** Geranium Planting  
**6/10:** Property Board Meeting  
**6/10:** Communication Board Meeting  
**6/11 & 25:** Wreath of Christ Wednesday  
**6/13-17:** Zion's Family Camp  
**6/19:** CPC Meeting  
**6/19-22:** TEND Festival (Sequanota)  
**7/1:** Outreach Board Meeting  
**7/4:** Independence Day ~ Office Closed  
**7/8:** Property Board Meeting  
**7/9 & 23:** Wreath of Christ Wednesday  
**7/14-20:** Zion Mission Trip  
**7/17:** CPC Meeting

## LOOKING AHEAD

**8/2:** Recovery Walk  
**8/13 & 27:** Wreath of Christ Wednesday  
**8/21:** CPC Meeting  
**9/4-7:** Adult Retreat  
**9/7:** Rally Day

In the small hallway next to our Sacristy there is a bronze tablet placed in memory of the Reverend Erias Unangst, a Lutheran missionary to India between the years 1857 and 1895. I suspect this plaque originally hung in the sanctuary and was moved to this out-of-the-way place when the Education Wing was added in the 1970s, but it reminds us of a remarkable man who spent a brief period of his life with us at Zion.

Rev. Unangst and his wife Phoebe were some of the earliest Lutheran missionaries to India. During his 38 years abroad, he translated parts of the Bible and many hymns and devotionals into Telegu. This ancient subcontinent language is largely considered one of the most difficult languages to learn, and yet he took the effort to learn and utilize it for ministry. Rev. Unangst gave a lifetime of service to the people of India. Tragically, Phoebe gave her life in this service too, dying in a cholera outbreak in 1888.

Rev. Unangst came to Hollidaysburg after his time in ministry, spending his waning years with his daughter, Mrs. W. I. Woodcock (unfortunately the 1953 history of Zion often identifies women through their husbands, so I do not have a first name for her!). On Dec 27, 1901 he became a member of the church and participated faithfully until his death.

Shortly after his death, The Unangst Missionary Society began at Zion. This was a young women's ministry of the church with the aim to study conditions and needs of the Lutheran mission field and to support that work through prayer and gifts. This organization was still functioning at Zion into the 1950s.

Given that Rev. Unangst liked to travel as a missionary, coupled with the fact that we are entering into the traveling season of summer, I thought you could take Rev. Unangst with you around the world. You've probably heard of Flat Stanley...I now present flat Rev. Unangst. A cardstock version of him is available in the office. Snap a picture with him as you travel and email your photo to [news@zionholidaysburg.org](mailto:news@zionholidaysburg.org). We'll post the pictures on our bulletin board this summer to see the new places where Rev. Unangst traveled to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

## NOTES OF THANKS

For the Church Family,

Thank you very much for the lovely Easter flowers and the package of homemade Easter cookies. They were very delicious.

Thanks again,  
Vivian Dugan

To the Congregation and Work Crew from Zion Lutheran Church,

We cannot begin to express our gratitude for your continued support of Sequanota! We are amazed by and thankful to the hard working crew who joined us for work weekend! You are a Blessing to us.

Peace,  
Sequanota Staff

Dear Zion,

I received a gift for my birthday—\$1 dollar for every year I have lived. I have decided I want to donate to Zion—for the youth. They have knocked on my door many times to visit or give a treat and they have helped with root beer float parties and other events. The youth give us “old” people such joy and hope. May God bless you all.

God's love,  
Ruth Grubb (as dictated)

A bunch of thanks and sunshine too...from grateful me to wonderful you! The pretty yellow flower was appreciated. Many thanks.

Sincerely,  
Barb Baird

### Geranium Planting & Parsonage Garden Enlargement Work Days

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

Help Plant Pentecost Geraniums

**What to bring:** Gloves & Trowels



**Thursday, June 26 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Remove Sod (Parsonage)

**Friday, June 27 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Remove Sod (Parsonage)

**Saturday, June 28 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Remove Shrubs, Plant Perennials, & Mulch Garden  
(Parsonage)



## Wreath of Christ Wednesday

**June 11 & 25  
July 9 & 23  
August 13 & 27  
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!



## Zion & Central PA Food Bank Partnership



We are excited to share that Zion is officially a partner of the Central PA Food Bank. Thank you to the Food Bank staff and Outreach Board as we look to expand our ministry to those in need. We look forward to new opportunities.

This partnership will help us in providing meals for the Hope Drop In Center in Altoona, bolstering our response to walk ins, and extending further support to local organizations caring for those in need. Thanks be to God!

## 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.



## Summer Book Study

This summer we will read and discuss "The Anatomy of Peace: Resolving the Heart of Conflict" by The Arbinger Institute.



What if, in our conflicts with others, there is something we want more than solutions? What if, individually and collectively, we misunderstand the causes of our conflicts? And what if, therefore, we unwittingly perpetuate the very problems we think we are trying to solve? In *The Anatomy of Peace*, we learn from once-bitter enemies the way to transform personal, professional, and even global conflicts.

We will meet at the Zion for our discussions. Two meeting options are available, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Thursdays at 10 AM. The dates are:

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM	Thursdays, 10 AM
June 18	June 19
July 2	July 3
July 30	July 31
August 20	August 21

Please contact Pastor Dave if you would like a copy of the book.

## 2025 Recovery Walk Saturday, August 2nd (morning & lunch) \*Zion volunteers needed

Join Zion, local organizations, and community leaders for the 2025 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 8/2.** 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](mailto: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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## Memorial Camper Fund

*Leave no camper behind!*

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

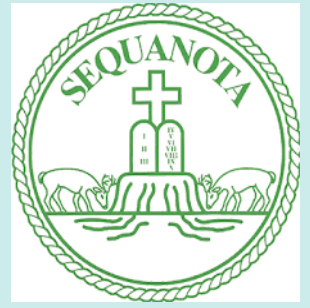
Faith Riders is establishing a special fund to support Zion's continued youth camping and retreat ministries. Camping programs at Sequanota and other Christian camps have had an indelible impact on young people's lives for generations. Zion is a strong supporter and partner of church camping. Historically, 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](http://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](http://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 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!

## 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](mailto: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.



## ZION ADULT RETREAT CAMP SEQUANOTA

SEPTEMBER 4-7



Enjoy a time of relaxation and study at Camp Sequanota for our Adult Retreat 2025. The retreat will run from 5 PM on Thursday, September 4 until Noon on Sunday, September 7. 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.

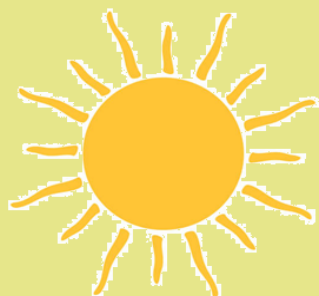
### Pricing per person for the Adult Retreat

	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.



## Summer Day Trip Sunday, August 17th

Mark your calendars for an outdoor **Summer Day Trip** on **Sunday, August 17th**. Location

and details to be announced! Join with friends and family of **all ages** for a day of fun and fellowship. We will be leaving together after 10:45am worship on 8/17 and finishing in the evening. Transportation will be available if needed. Watch for more info!

## 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:

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**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 21st at 10:00am*

## FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

### Current FY thru 4/30/25

Income (Current Exp/Loose)	\$343,174.43
Expenses (Budget)	\$327,080.17

Income vs. Expenses (Budget)	\$16,094.26
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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.)**

## Fall start ups! Zion Youth and Children

### <sup>zion</sup> **Cr@zy** **Cr@zy** (7th-12th Graders): **Wednesday, 9/10** 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.**

### <sup>zion</sup> "lite" **Cr@zy** **Cr@zy "lite"** (4th-6th Graders): **Wednesday, 9/10** 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.**

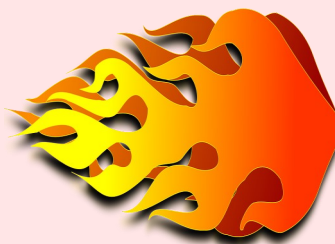
### <sup>zion</sup> **FAITHFORMERS** **FaithFormers** (preschool-3rd Grade): **Wednesday, 9/3** from 4:30-5:30 pm.

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



### **Sunday School** (all ages): **Sunday, 9/7 (Rally Day)** 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.**



## **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](mailto:ryncust@gmail.com) or call the church office at (814) 695-0091 to add your name as a potential Afterburner volunteer in 2025.**

\*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 170 youth attended each Afterburners in 2024.

**2025 Afterburner schedule:  
8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 9/26, & 10/24**





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*“Then Jesus said,  
“Let’s go off  
by ourselves  
to a quiet place  
and rest awhile.”*

**Mark 6:31 NLT**

## **Contact Information**

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