

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg, PA 814-695-0091 www.zionhollidaysburg.org

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents by Bill Hite.

New to Zion? Welcome!

Children's activity bags are at the back of the sanctuary.

Need space? The service can be heard in the Chapel on the first floor.

Communion: Please tell the pastor if you prefer a blessing instead of communion. Exit the pew on the outside aisle. Empty cups are for wine, and filled cups contain grape juice. The pastor gives out wafers (gluten free upon request), and the communion assistant pours wine or blesses grape juice. Return by the center aisle.

Restrooms are on the first floor, including a family/ADA restroom. Additional restrooms are found through the doors at the front of the sanctuary, where you can also access our **elevator**.

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

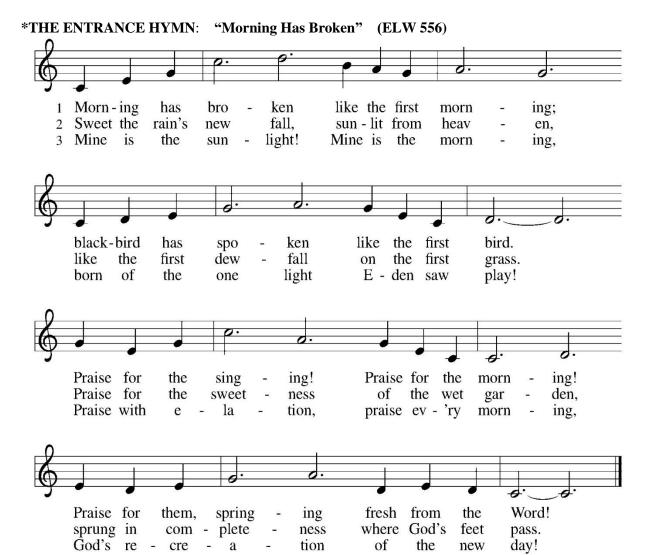
In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C And also with you.**



*HYMN OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. C: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched

places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. 13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

(Sat & 8:00) PSALMODY: Psalm 103:1-8

- ¹Bless the LORD, [|]O my soul,
 - and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- ² Bless the LORD, ¹O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶O LORD, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the chil- dren of Israel.
- ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

(10:45) **PSALMODY**: "10,000 Reasons" (Song of Zion)

And whatever lies before me Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul Let me be singing **Worship His Holy name** When the evening Sing like never before comes (Chorus) Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great And Your heart is kind For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

When my strength is failing The end draws near And my time has come Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending

For my heart to find (Chorus)

Ten thousand years

Ten thousand reasons

And on that day

And then forevermore (Chorus)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

It's time to sing Your song again

The sun comes up It's a new day dawning

Whatever may pass

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

A: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.



*GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



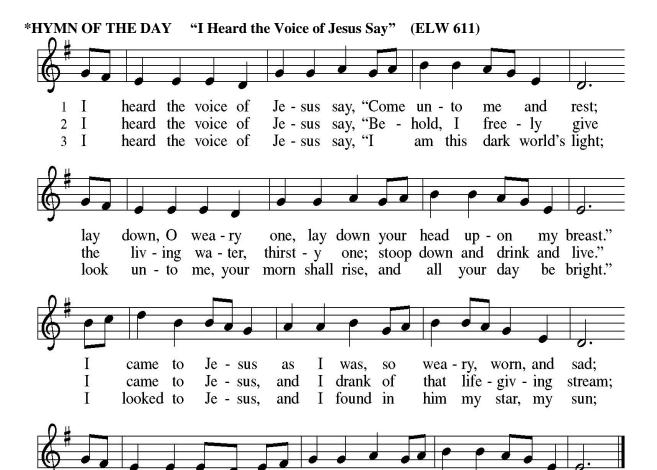
¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON



*APOSTLES' CREED

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and

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

rest-ing-place, and he

life I'll walk till

soul re-vived, and now I

has made me glad.

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trav-'ling days are done.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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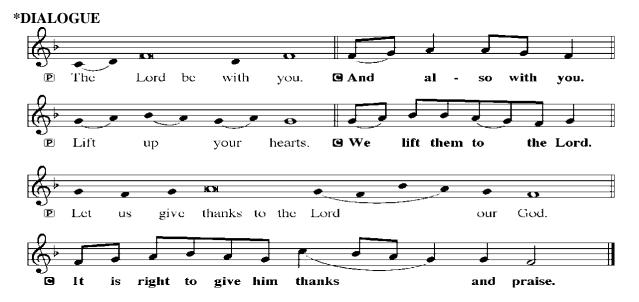
that light

P: Let us pray ... Lord, in your mercy. C: Hear our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, ... Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

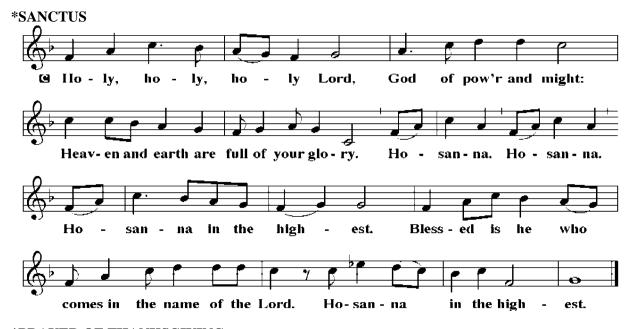
*PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

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*PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary.....and join their unending hymn.



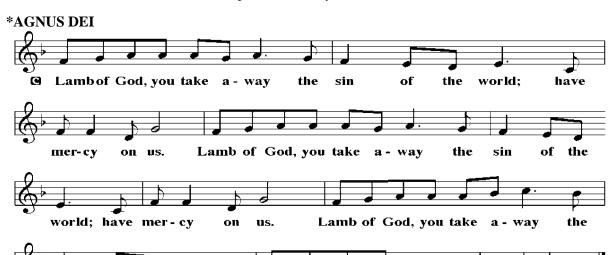
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*INVITATION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. C: Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION

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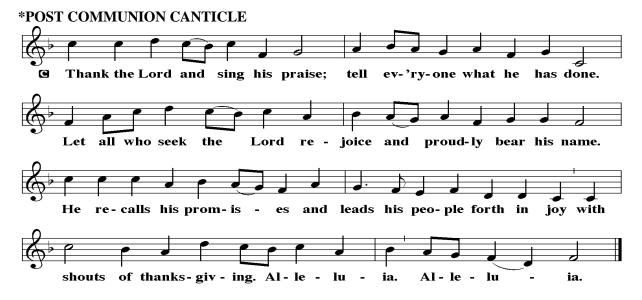
the world:

*P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

us

peace.

grant



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. C: Generous God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C: Amen





- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
 - The name of Je-sus charms our fearsand bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
 5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev er giv'n



the glo - ries of my to spread through all the sings mu sic in the His blood can make the saints bv be - low and

God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me. saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL: P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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The Ministers: The People of Zion Pastor: David Bowman Organists/Accompanists: Doug Rhodes

Gail Nedimyer

Choir Directors:

Noiz Ryan Custead

STAFF

Dir. of Faith Formation & OutreachRyan CusteadSexton/CustodianRick FairheadAdministrative AssistantJoni Hammaker

Daily Bible Reading August $25^{\text{TH}} \sim \text{August } 31^{\text{ST}}$

The following weekly Daily Bible Reading Guide is provided for your personal devotion.

25. 2 Samuel 23

26. 2 Samuel 24

27. 1 Kings 1 28. 1 Kings 2

29. 1 Kings 3

30.1 Kings

31 Pentecost 12

PROVERBS 25:6~7

SIRACH 10:12~18 {ALTERNATE}

PSALM 112 (4)

HEBREWS 13:1~8, 15~16

LUKE 14:1, 7~14

This Week at Zion - 8/24/25 - 8/31/25

Sunday 8/24

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service 12:30 p.m. Church Picnic

Monday 8/25

11:00 a.m. Serving Squad

Tuesday 8/26

Wednesday 8/27

9:00 a.m. Stitch & Sew 6:30 p.m. Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Thursday 8/28

Friday 8/29

8:30 p.m. Afterburner

Saturday 8/30

8:30 a.m. AA Meeting (Chapel) 10:45 a.m. Faith Riders 6:00 p.m. Eucharist Service

Sunday 8/31

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Service 10:45 a.m. Eucharist Service

A Note from the office...

Pastor Dave is available for Pastoral Care and Visitation Tuesday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Please call the church office (814-695-0091) or Pastor Dave at 814-330-8025 to schedule.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you going through a difficult time-emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer along. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for the encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is you are facing. To find out more, talk with Pastor Dave or Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman.

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

Wednesdays, August 13th & 27th 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.



SERVING SQUAD & OUTREACH

The next two Serving Squad dates will be 8/25 & 9/8. On 8/25 we will be preparing Rigatoni and Meatballs, and on 9/8 we will be preparing Chili and Cornbread. The group gets together at 11:00 a.m. in Zion's kitchen to prepare meals that are donated to the Hope Drop-In Center in Altoona.



Donation Requests: Rigatoni (due 8/24) Italian Bread (due 8/24)

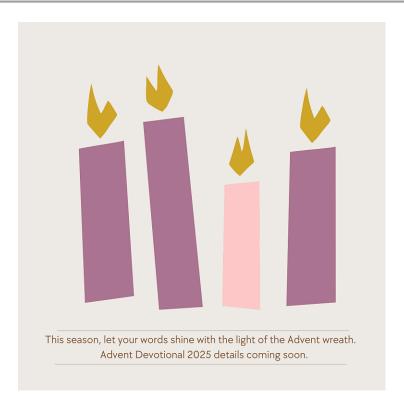
Diced Tomatoes (due 9/7) Cornbread (due 9/7)

Donations of Coffee, Fruit Cups, Applesauce, and Desserts (of your choice) are always appreciated. Please place your donations in the Outreach Room.



FAITH RIDERS

The Faith Riders will be going to lunch at Spruce Creek Tavern on Saturday, August 30. We will meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. Please call Carol Little at 814-695-0284 by August 25 if you plan to attend.



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	Double
	Occupancy	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.

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:

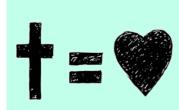
- 1. One light/medium weight bath size towel (dark color preferred)
- 2. Two bath size bars of soap (in original wrapping)
- 3. One metal nail clipper (remove packaging)
- 4. One toothbrush (in original package)(or if multi pack, put toothbrushes in a business size envelope and seal)(no plastic bags 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 26th.



Youth & Children Sunday 2025



Sunday, September 14th

Mark your calendars for **Youth & Children Sunday 2025!** Our

8:00 am and 10:45 am Sunday services (9/14) and our 6:00 p.m. Saturday service (9/13) will feature children and youth helping to lead us in worship.

There will speaking and nonspeaking roles. We will prepare during our Rally Day Sunday School hour (9/7, the week before) and at FaithFormers (9/3 and Cr@zy (9/10). Children and youth will also be able to participate if they are unable to attend small groups or Sunday School.

Mark you calendars and watch for info reminders!

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; small "mini" cans or small bot-

tles 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:

8/22, 8/29, 9/19, 9/26, & 10/24





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 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

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 op-

portunity 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 <u>9:00am-9:30am</u> 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



September 7, 2025

9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages

Rally Day Project
"New Beginnings" Backpacks*



Preschool-12th Grade

Special combined class and activity to kick off the Fall!

*Backpacks for released prisoners

Fall start ups! Zion Youth and Children



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.



Cr@zy "lite" (4th-6th Graders): Wednesday, 9/10 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

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):

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.



Sunday School (all ages):

Sunday, 9/7

from 9:30-10:30 am.

Join us for Rally Day (Sunday School kick-off) on September 7th, 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-Mav.



ADULT FALL START-UPS

STITCH & SEW: For anyone with the time to help make guilts 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 9/16. 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 9/11. 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 group meets at 8:00 a.m., one Saturday per month. Start date will be 9/13. Any questions, please contact Sam McClure.

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 7

Join Us!



Also remember

ThuMBS

(Thursday Morning Bible Study)
Meets in the Fellowship Hall

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 11

CHURCH KITCHEN MEETING:

Expectations and Opportunities!

Sunday, September 21st
after 10:45am worship (Noon)



All **Zion adults, families, and young people** that anticipate using our new church kitchen for ministry and programs should attend a brief kitchen meeting as they are able on **Sunday, 9/21** after 10:45am worship.

This will include instructions on how to operate appliances, clean surfaces, and some expectations for how we can best use this resource together in Jesus' name! The meeting will be led by Ryan Custead and members of the Outreach, Serving Squad, and CFY Boards. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Made Worthy

Girls' Bible Study

(new this Fall!)

For youth, 4th-12th Grade

and an optional accompanying grown up

Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm @ The Donlan home (to start!)

*Upcoming Dates:

Sundays 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, & Friday 11/21 (gathering with younger girls)

RSVP to Brigitte Donlan at educatorpsu@yahoo.com or 814 -207-0646 with any questions and for directions to the Donlan home

5\$ donation per participant (can be given at Bible Study or church office. RSVP will not be required to attend!)

PARSONAGE OUTSIDE WORK DAYS

September 24th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

September 25th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring Work Gloves!