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OCTOBER
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

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

10/1 & 15: FaithFormers

10/5: Blanket Sunday

10/5 & 19: Big NOIZ

10/5: National Youth Gathering Comm. Mtg.

10/6 & 20: Serving Squad

10/8: Stewardship Board Meeting

10/8 & 22: Wreath of Christ Wednesday

10/8 & 22: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

10/9: Finance Board Meeting

10/11: Men's Breakfast

10/11: Blessing of the Animals

10/11: Pumpkin Palooza

10/12: Oktoberfest

10/12 & 26: Girl's Bible Study

10/14: Property Board Meeting

10/14: Outreach Board Meeting

10/16: CPC Meeting

10/18: Fall Theme Night

10/19: CFY Meeting

10/21: Ruth Circle

10/24: Afterburner

10/26: Confirmation

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

11/2: Gifting Hope Shopping

11/8: Apple Dumpling Baking

11/14: CFY Serving Squad

11/23: Zion's Thanksgiving Dinner

11/30: Advent Begins

As a church we focus much of our attention on the ministry we do as a local congregation (understandably so). But we at Zion are also part of two larger expressions of the church. We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, our denominational body that spans all of the United States and Puerto Rico. More locally we part of the Allegheny Synod, which is a cluster of 100 congregations in the seven western-central counties of Pennsylvania. No matter how you slice it, we are church together.

The churches of the Allegheny Synod hold many things in common. Our cultures, though varied from town to town and congregation to congregation, are widely the same. Often times we share similar demographics, anxieties, struggles, and preferences. You would also easily worship at any of the churches in the Allegheny Synod as we share in common liturgies. With our bishop we also share leadership as regional church body.

This October, over All Hallow's Eve and All Saints Day, the Allegheny Synod will come together to elect a new bishop. The role is not an easy or enviable position to fill, and yet it is of great importance. The bishop is the tone setter, the shepherd of many flocks, and our authoritative voice of wisdom, vision, and discernment as God's people. Jesus Christ himself would have difficulty living up to the office's expectations, yet we expect some mere mortal to fill role and to do it perfectly.

In this month of the election I invite you to pray for all the delegates heading to Synod Assembly to make this Spirit led decision. Pray for clarity and discernment, both among God's people, but also among the pastors of the synod who will be nominated for the position. Pray that the person elected as bishop will have the necessary gifts to lead and strengthen our witness as Lutherans in these Allegheny hills and valleys. And pray for the ministry we share with our fellow Lutheran churches. For we are not in this ministry alone, and we are stronger together than we are apart.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

NOTES OF THANKS

Zion Lutheran Church,

Thank you for thinking of Gratitude and Traditions Halfway House and donating a delicious meal! Your generosity was greatly appreciated!

Thank you so much!

Mallory (Clinical Supervisor)

Goodbye Zion

Back in '87 we were living in an apartment in Greenwood with one child, we had just moved back to PA from TX. One afternoon there was a knock at the door & there stood a young Scott Custead who invited us to join Zion church in Hollidaysburg. Back then Scott & Carol were new pastors with one child, the church was recuperating & the CPC had all new members. Tom & Anita Hammaker were running the church with the help of the new pastors & Louis Fox was the choir director. She asked me to join the choir & I sang along side Harold & Grant, I learned from the best.

The church was supporting youth programs such as Brownies, Girl scouts, Cub & Boy scouts. I remember helping Mike set up the race track in the fellowship hall for the annual Cub scout car derby. In later years, I served as assistant SM under Sam.

I don't know what the youth program was like prior to our arrival but I had loads of fun working with Carol, Capture the flag, Fox & Goose, Train wreck, Fruit basket...Good memories & all the children grew up to be productive members in society. Many nights camping with teens, staying up until 2am & we ate a lot of burnt hotdogs.

Kathy taught the young adult bible study every Sunday in the library for many years & the room was always full of young couples. Kathy was good at putting together a lesson & she had a lot of practice. She's a Teacher. You bet!

We've met many friends through the church & we've enjoyed our time together. Memories from Camp Sneaker-odor, SM, choir, bible study to current church programs. Do you remember our Coneheads & the Adam's family skits we did at family camp? Probably not, you're too young.

I personally want to thank Scott & Carol for steering both of us to programs where our talents could be fruitful. You promoted our integration into the Zion family we served for 40 years. Now It's time for a new chapter in our lives & we're moving in October to a retirement community that is closer to Kathy's family, near Butler PA. Family is everything & that's why this goodbye is so difficult for us. You took us in, shared our joys & turmoil's. We will miss you Zion.

Kathy & Tom Goetz

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 5TH

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.



Blessing
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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 **Saturday, October 11th at 10:00 a.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!



SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

TO CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION

**Reformation Sunday
October 26th after
the 10:45 service**



Fellowship Hall

**October 12 at 12:00 p.m.
following the 10:45 service**

Everyone is welcome! Please plan to attend.

Our menu for this event will be:

Pork Tenderloin, Hot Dogs, Mashed Potatoes,
Sauerkraut, & Apple Desserts

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

**October 8 & 22
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.



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MINISTRY®

Christ Caring for People
Through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Ministers role is to bring God's love into the lives of people going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you now is facing a crisis-large or small-and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to our Stephen Leaders: Karen Wagner and Connie Counsman, or contact Pastor Dave. Stephen Ministry is ready to care for you!

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!)



Sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Youth Ministerium



PumpkinPalooza

Saturday, October 11th
7:00-9:30 pm



**7th-12th Graders
welcome!**

@ Hicks Memorial Methodist Church
1211 3rd Ave, Duncansville

Pumpkin carving, music, snacks,
campfire, and more!

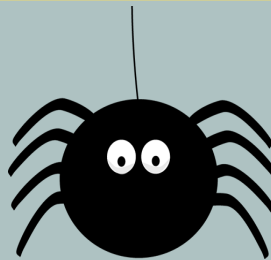


From the team that plans the Hollidaysburg Afterburners!

AFTERBURNERS

Fall Zion Theme Night

Saturday, October 18th
at 5:00pm



Join your Zion family and friends for a night of fellowship and Fall fun! We will gather at the Swope residence (2349 Scotch Valley Rd.) on Saturday, 10/18 at 5:00pm. The evening will include a hay ride, pumpkin painting, games, and dinner. **All ages are welcome! All are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share and a lawn chair. RAIN OR SHINE!**

Please text an RSVP to Justine Clark at (814)207-4931 if you are planning to join us. RSVP NOT required, just helpful :)



Halloween Parade 2025

Join us outside of the church!
Saturday, October 25th

All ages are encouraged to meet with us outside of the church (Allegheny Street entrance) for the 2025 Halloween Parade in Hollidaysburg. We will have decorations out with goodies and Zion info to hand out to the crowd. Costumes are encouraged and welcomed! We will **meet outside the church at 5:15pm** on Saturday, October 25th.



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):
October 1 & 15
November 5 & 19



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 Love & Marriage, to Drugs, Alcohol, & Faith, and more!

Confirmation Courses are now taught during the Sunday School hour throughout the year. The schedule for 25-26 is as follows:

Sundays

10/12 & 10/26, 9:30 to 10:30 am

11/30 & 12/14, 9:30 to 10:30 am

1/11 & 1/25, 9:30 to 10:30 am

2/8 & 2/22, 9:30 to 10:30 am

(Schedule may adjust as programs and retreats are scheduled for 25-26. You will be notified in advance.)

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:

10/8 & 10/22

11/12 @ 5:45 p.m. (No Crazy on 11/26)

Cr@zy and Cr@zy "lite" at **FRIENDSGIVING 2025** (& Food Drive)

Wednesday, November 12th from 6:00-8:00pm
at Spring of Hope Community Church/The Well

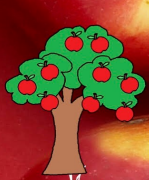
**Meet at Zion at 5:45pm,
pick up at Zion at 8:15pm
4th-12th Grade,**

FRIENDS WELCOME!
**Sponsored by the
Holidaysburg Youth Ministerium**



ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser

ELCA Youth Gathering
MINNEAPOLIS, MN • JUNE 28-JULY 2, 2027



APPLE DUMPLINGS

\$7.00

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

Pick up is on 11/8 from 6:00-7:00pm and on the morning of 11/9

Want to help us bake?

We could use lots of help baking up these yummy treats on Saturday, November 8th 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 THANKSGIVING DINNER AND PROGRAM

**Sunday, November 23
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 ☺. (814-695-0091)

Our cooking crew 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.

Christmas Pageant 2025

Christmas in the Rain Forest



Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Zion's Christmas Pageant for 2025! **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 info.*

Pageant Schedule:

**Saturday, December 13
from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice

**Saturday, December 20
from 10:00am-Noon** Pageant practice

**Sunday, December 21
@ 10:45am** Pageant performance



GIFTING HOPE SHOPPING (A Zion Outreach Ministry)

**Sunday, November 2
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.

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 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:

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 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.



FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2025 thru August 31, 2025

Income (Giving) \$57,686.00

Expenses \$84,959.34

Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only)
(\$27,273.34)

(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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