

Lutheran Church

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MARCH 2026



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

7:00 p.m. Special Music/Choir Practice

Thursdays:

10:00 a.m. ThuMBS

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

3/1 & 15: Big NOIZ

3/3, 10, 17, & 24: Taize Tuesday Program

3/4 & 18: FaithFormers

3/5: Finance Board Meeting

3/7: Ignite the Y

3/8: VBS Volunteer Meeting

3/8: CFY Board Meeting

3/8 & 22: Girl's Bible Study

3/9 & 12: Serving Squad

3/10: Property Board Meeting

3/11 & 25: Wreath of Christ Wednesday

3/11 & 25: Cr@zy & Cr@zy Lite

3/13: Bowling & Skating (Morrison's Cove)

3/15 & 22: First Communion Training

3/17: Ruth Circle

3/19: CPC Meeting

3/20: Salvation Army Dinner

3/26: Mission Trip Meeting

3/28: Easter Egg Hunt (ALSM)

3/28: Winter Jam Rain Date (State College)

3/29-4/5: Holy Week

In my 17th summer, I was on vacation in New York with my family. We were in Lake Placid, touring the Olympic sites of old. At one point we made it to the ski jumping hill, and I found myself sitting on the takeoff bench, looking down the track in sheer terror trying to imagine how athletes competed in this event without dying. Even as an adventurous 17-year-old I could not help but think that ski jumpers are certifiably nuts. That's a steep hill, with a long way down to land safely. Mere mortals would die.

I had that same thought watching most of the Olympics this year. Mere mortals would die skiing down those mountains, or jumping and spinning and flipping a gazillion times through the air, or sliding down a terrifying ice chute at outlandish speeds. I cannot imagine the mount of trust these Olympic athletes place in their abilities and in their equipment...and when either of these go awry the consequences are catastrophic.

This winter, I've learned a new Taizé chant that we will use during our Tuesday program. It goes like this:

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

This chant fleshes out the actions of trust in God. Being truly grounded in God, and in our identity as ones made in God's image, we are called to place ourselves in God's care.

I realize that "trusting in God" seems a little ambiguous, perhaps even trite, so let's dig deeper. In times of uncertainty, can we look to God's character to see us through the doubt in our lives? Can we fully depend on God for guidance and security rather than our own abilities? Can we place our confidence in the knowledge that God will remain faithful to the promises of faith that we've received?

The Olympic athlete is a truly inspiring figure (even if crazy). May we trust in God in the same way the skier trusts their bindings to hold them through twists, turns, and jumps. May we trust God in the same way the bobsledder trusts in the fundamentals of their training to get them safely down the ice chute. May we pour ourselves into our faith in the same way these athletes pour their abilities and time into a single discipline, for God alone fills us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends of Zion Lutheran,

Each week I look forward to watching the televised church service from Zion. My family are still part of Zion and so we share the service in that way.

The beautiful stained glass windows are still telling the story of Jesus and our organ plays His praises. I look for some faces I knew when I was still there.

Thank you Pastor Dave and the musicians and all who contribute.

Gratefully,
Flossie Wissinger

Wreath of Christ Wednesday

March 11 & 25
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.

Salvation Army ARC Dinner



Friday, March 20th
(4:30pm - 7:00pm)
***Donations Needed!**

Zion will be hosting the men from the Altoona Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center for a dinner and night of encouragement on **Friday, March 20th**. Outreach and Children, Family, and Youth Board are partnering in this effort. **Zion families are invited to help with the evening and welcome the men.** Helpers should meet at the church at 4:30pm. We will finish by 7:00pm.

To attend the dinner with the men of the ARC: Contact Ryan Custead at ryncust@gmail.com or at (814) 695-0091 with your name and number of people looking to attend.

***To support the men of the ARC with a donation:** We are looking for monetary donations to assist with purchasing items for care bags for the men! These gifts can be made with your



BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Fellowship Hall on

**May 1, 2026
11:30 to 5:00**



Please watch your bulletin for information regarding sign-up for an appointment to give blood or to donate your time or food items for the event.

**“The need is constant.
The gratification is instant. Give blood.”**

Taizé

TAIZÉ TUESDAY PROGRAM

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

February 24 & March 3, 10, 17, & 24

The Lenten Tuesday Program will begin with light discussion, followed by a Taizé style of Evening Prayer utilizing simple chants, silence, and candles.



Holy Week at Zion

March 29th through April 5th

Palm Sunday services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday Lenten Lunch & Service at 12:00 PM

Good Friday service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday at 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday services at 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Easter Breakfast at 9:30 AM



First Communion 2026

Zion recommends that children should be receiving communion by age 8.

Sign up by Sunday, March 8th!

Trainings are Sundays
March 15th and 22nd at Noon

First Communion is received on
Palm Sunday or Easter

Scan the QR Code (with your
phone camera) to find more information
and how to sign up!



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Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by
Zion & ALSM

Saturday, March 28
at 11:00 am

At the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg

All children (ages 12 and under) are invited for a special Easter egg Hunt at the Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg (916 Hickory St.). We will also sing some songs and get a sneak peak at Zion Vacation Bible School 2026.

Bring a basket or bag!

Good Friday Lenten Lunch & Cross Walk

Friday, April 3rd at Noon @ Zion
Sponsored by the Hollidaysburg Ministerium

Join with members and leaders from local congregations for a *meatless* lunch here at Zion on Good Friday followed by a worship service in Zion's sanctuary.

NEW FOR 2026! There will be a community "Cross Walk" happening directly after the Good Friday service. We will carry a cross and walk from Zion to Hollidaysburg First United Methodist (801 Allegheny Street) for First's Good Friday cantata. This is an optional way to extend your Good Friday observation with a devotional walk, music, and time with members of Hollidaysburg's churches. The cantata will finish at First around 2:00pm.



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 poty 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):
March 4 & 18**

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:
3/11 & 3/25**

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.



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7TH-12TH GRADE LOCK IN

Friday, April 10th 7:00pm-
Saturday, April 11th 10:00am



At the church. Games, movies, snacks, "night games", and more!

FRIENDS ARE
WELCOME!



A parent/gaurdian will need to sign a release when dropping youth off.



Sequanota Summer 2026

Fun and faith at summer camp!

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 (Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach) or Pastor Dave if you have specific questions about which program may best for you and/or your child. (**Many Zion kids and Ryan attend Week 8*)

Zion is covering half the "Tier II" fee for Sequanota-led camp programs for our children, youth, and friends. You will need to indicate that your church should be invoiced for the camp fee during registration at the Tier II level. You will then make your family payment directly to Zion. We ask that family payments be made to the church office **by June 1st**.

Family Payment: **\$325** (Made to the Zion office before June 1st)

**Subsidized Family Assist Payment: \$175 (Made to the Zion office before June 1st)*

**We are offering this price point confidentially to assist families who would be blessed by the extra help. Please contact us if you are in need of further confidential financial assistance as you plan for camp, family vacations, and other summer programs for your children. The congregation wants our kids at camp!*

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 15th until the week of August 2nd.** Camps include: Day camp, sampler camp, cabin camping, theme week, and more!

***Ryan Custead will be at Theme Week this summer with many of Zion's campers (Week 8: August 2-7).** LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR CAMP (email Ryan at ryncust@gmail.com or call (814) 695-0091

Also at camp...

The "Tend" Festival Weekend, June 25-28. All ages with music, activities, speakers, forums, educational opportunities, and more! Go to www.sequanota.com and watch for more information!

Zion Family Camp: July 10-14. (Watch for more info on this Zion summer program.)

Zion Adult Retreat: September 10-13 (watch for more info and an opportunity to sign up.)

Girls' Bible Study

For youth, 4th-12th Grade and an optional accompanying grown up

**Sunday evenings (bimonthly)*,
6:30-8:00pm**

@ The Donlan home (to start!)

***Upcoming Dates: Sundays 3/8, 3/22, 4/5 (NO GBS!),
4/19, 5/3, 5/17**

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!)



Zion Bowling and Skating

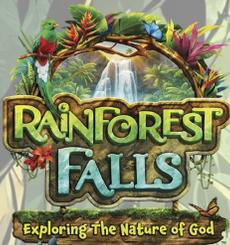
All ages!

Friday, March 13th
@ Morrison's Cove
Memorial Park

Join us for some Zion roller skating (rental skates provided) and bowling at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg on Friday, 3/13 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. We will have a pizza dinner together at 7:00 p.m.



201 S Walnut St, Martinsburg, PA



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 31st - June 4th

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, at
zionhollidaysburg.org or
scan the QR Code



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Educational Showing

“Mental Health & Addiction:
Breaking the Stigma”

Keynote presentation from
Dr. Nicole Labor (DO, FASAM)
Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00pm

Join us in Zion’s Theater Room on Tuesday, April 7th at 7:00pm for an educational showing. We will be watching Dr. Nicole Labor’s keynote presentation from Walsh University’s 2018 symposium, “Mental Health & Addiction: Breaking the Stigma”. As Zion continues to participate in ministry and programs that work with the addiction recovery community and individuals with substance abuse disorders, this is an opportunity for education. Dr. Labor’s presentation explains the science behind addiction and what can be done to help those who suffer. The presentation is 54 minutes long and will be followed by discussion led by our Dir. of Faith Formation & Outreach, Ryan Custead. We encourage everyone to attend!



Rise for Recovery
BLAIR COUNTY
presents
Arts in Recovery
2026
An evening that celebrates and expresses the gift of recovery through music, art, poetry, and more.
Friday May 15th
7:00pm
At Zion Lutheran Church
500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA
(Across the street from the Blair County Courthouse)
All Are Welcome

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Annual Congregational Meeting

May 17, 2026 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The Worship Board would like to remind the congregation of the sponsorship program for the flowers that are placed on the altar each week. The altar flower arrangement consists of an arrangement in a rectangular container approximately 9" x 4" and will sit between the candelabras. As always, you are welcome to sponsor the flowers in memory of loved ones, in honor of a special event, or in thanks for God's many blessings.

If you are interested in signing up, **the sign-up sheet for the new year will be on the bulletin board outside the office door.** Also, when you sign up, be sure to mark the column stating if you want to take the flowers after services.

The cost for **altar flowers for 2026 will remain \$65.00 for one center arrangement.** Checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church or you can include payment in your offering envelope by marking it "Altar Flowers". **Thank you** in advance for participating in this ministry.

FINANCIAL REPORT General Fund

July 1, 2025 thru January 31, 2026

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| Income (Giving) | \$276,830.75 |
| Expenses | \$241,865.02 |
| Income vs. Expenses (Giving Only) | \$34,965.73 |

(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.)

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!



Inclement Weather Reminder

Our 10:45 service can be streamed each week from Zion's YouTube channel if you are unable to attend in person.



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