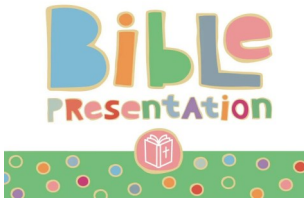


Zion Lutheran Church

September 7, 2025



September 6 & 7

We will be handing out new Bibles to all Kindergarteners (and 1st and 2nd graders who have not received one yet), 3rd graders and new Confirmation students. We will also have Bibles for adults too!

Sunday, September 7:

Children's Sunday School Classes begin at 10 a.m., Confirmation Class at 4 p.m., and Youth Group at 6 p.m.

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 9/6

9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
6:30 p.m. AA Group

Sunday - 9/7

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Season of Grandparenting—Adult Class
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 9/8

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Lection Divinia Fb Live
2:00 p.m. Organ Tuning
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday - 9/9

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
9:00 a.m. Property Meeting
10:00 a.m. Nomination Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Grief Share
6:30 p.m. Design Team Meeting

7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 9/10

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Finance Hybrid Mtg

Thursday - 9/11- Pastors at Synod Event

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - 9/12

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 9/13

9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
6:30 p.m. AA Group

Sunday - 9/14 Footprints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Season of Grandparenting—Adult Class
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

The Season of Grandparenting

Beginning Sept 7, 2025 (Grandparents Day!)

...We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... Ps 78:4

As members of the older generation, we have a great potential to impact another's faith journey. What legacy do you want to leave? This Sunday School session taught by Lois Ahalt will be a deep dive into the elements of effective grandparenting. PLEASE note that anyone who wants to improve intergenerational relationships can benefit from this session – you do not have to have grandchildren to attend!

We will meet behind the chapel for three Sundays—September 7, 14, and 21, at 10:00 a.m.

WE GOT A DAY OFF! The Next Date...

Thursday, October 2
From 9–3 p.m.
with a trip to
Jumbo's Pumpkin
Patch

This DayOff program is free thanks to generous donations!

Lunch is included. Jumbos will make sure everyone comes home with a soccer ball size pumpkin. Jumbo's has a wonderful playground and corn maze. This year, they have added a new BIG slide.

This is open to Elementary, Middle and High School Kids.

Extra chaperones are always needed and appreciated!!!!



**SEMINARY
RIDGE
MUSEUM
& EDUCATION
CENTER**
GETTYSBURG

A Trip to Visit the
Gettysburg
Wednesday, October 8
Leaving Zion at 12 p.m.

The cost for the trip is \$30 dollars plus dinner. This will cover admission to the Seminary Ridge Museum and a special tour of the famous Copula. After touring the Museum, we will do a quick tour of the Seminary Campus at Gettysburg, an auto tour of the battlefield, (time permitting) a stop at the Gettysburg Visitor Center and then dinner at the Famous Dobbin House. The Seminary Ridge Museum offers a unique experience of teaching about the battle through the lens of faith. And not only that, you get to stand in the place where history was made.

Space is limited to 14 people so sign up today at the office

**SCAN
ME!!**



**DAYOFF PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

GriefShare is held in the
Living Library from 6 - 8 p.m.,
beginning September 9.



Sponsor a New Chapel Chair

Be a part of Zion's transformation. The chapel is just the beginning. Your sponsorship will help us as we update our facility and become a more welcoming space for guests, members, and neighbors. **Would you or your family be willing to sponsor a chair for \$100? Maybe consider your donation in honor of or in memory a loved one.** Your sponsorship would make a major difference in making this idea become reality.



To Our Family and Friends at Zion Lutheran Church

Thank you for the love and support you have shown our family as we mourn the loss of our brother and uncle, Bim Ahalt. Your prayers, kind words, and thoughtful gestures including a meaningful celebratory service and wonderful meal are a testament to God's love. We are truly blessed by this faith community.

With Love and Thanks, The family
of William Brent "Bim" Ahalt



**ONE DAY ONLY
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22,
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- 25% OFF Lowest price
- DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS
- REGISTER TO WIN A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD

**One Winner at every Boscov's store
100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO
Zion Lutheran Church**

For Shopping Passes or information, contact Deb Reichelt or the church office at 301-371-6500 or office@zionmiddletown.org.

Seeking Volunteers for Zion's Heritage Day Booth!

Zion will have a booth in front of the church for Heritage Day. **We need volunteers to fill time slots between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

This is a great time to share and showcase all the ways that God is living and breathing in our congregation and town. Please consider spending part of your day representing Zion!

See the Welcome and Engagement sign-up sheet to sign up for a time spot or contact the Church Office.

The Council Nominating Committee will begin making contact with congregational members mid-September, inviting you to join the Congregational Council for 2026. Please begin making your prayerful consideration to say yes if a member of the Nominating Committee invites you to join the council.

Zion Heritage Day Luncheon Sept. 27. Desserts, Desserts and/or You are needed!

Your Help would be greatly appreciated to assist with Zion's Heritage luncheon or booth.

esserts needed for Heritage Day Luncheon:

Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Brownies (see sign up by office). **Please call Deb**

Reichelt at the church at 301-371-6500.



Worship Services

Saturday: 5 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Christian Education: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Zion Worship Service Viewing Options:

To view our weekly recorded worship service any time during the week, you can just click on the webpage link at www.zionmiddletown.org and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of one service each week is on the website; click the link and it will take you directly to the video.



Zion Membership Directory—All pictures need to be submitted by October 31, 2025. If you would like to have your family or individual pictures included in the directory, please send a copy of the picture(s) to Mr. Bruce McIntosh at macbru@comcast.net. If you don't have a picture or are not able to send an electronic copy, we will be offering a time later this year when you can come to the church to have your picture(s) taken.

Weekend Food Program meets the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school. Donations include: **macaroni and cheese, juice boxes, individual fruit or pudding cups, crackers in sleeves, individual cereal including oatmeal, raisins, tuna or chicken in a can, chicken noodle or tomato soup.**

Jefferson UCC Motor Coach Trip to see "Noah" at Sight & Sound, Nov. 8, 2025. Departing from the Jefferson Ruritan Parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$156.50 per person—includes transportation, lunch and ticket for the show. Please contact Nancy Keller-Bonde at 301-639-6028 to reserve your seat.

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of July 31, 2025

YTD Proposed Budget income \$352,123.

vs YTD Actual Income \$291,977.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$378,031. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$340,652.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in July 2025 by \$48,675.

July Noisy Offering to Middletown Volunteer Fire Dept.—\$286.71

Tanzania School Bus Collection—\$1,781.38

CareNet—\$1,069.65

