Zion Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026



Noisy Offering - Our offering will go to support to ELCA World Hunger

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday – 11/14 Noisy Offering

8:30 a.m.	One God, One Voice
9:00 a.m.	Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m.	AA Group
5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship with Baptisms

Sunday – 11/15 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School- An Unlikely Advent
10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Middle/Confirmation/High School Class
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
2:00 p.m.	Historical Society Presentation
3:30 p.m.	4-H Business Mtg. & Activity
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m.	AA Group

Monday – 11/16

10:00 a.m.	Office Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Foxfield HOA Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Monthly Bible Study

Tuesday—11/17

8:00 a.m.	Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
6:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m.	CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—11/18

8:00 a.m.	Zion Quilters
12:00 p.m.	JOY Luncheon

Thursday—11/19

8:00 a.m.	Zion Quilters
10:00 a.m.	Pastor Matt Deans' Zoom Mtg.
11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Middletown Hist. Soc. Mtg.

Friday – 11/20

6:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday – 11/21

8:30 a.m.	One God, One Voice
9:00 a.m.	Clothes Closet Sorting
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
9:30 a.m.	AA Group
5:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Casual Worship

Sunday – 11/22

9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School- An Unlikely Advent
10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Middle/Confirmation/High School Class
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m.	Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m.	AA Group

JOY Luncheon Thanksgiving/Christmas Lunch & Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

The Quilters are cooking up their famous Thanksgiving/Christmas lunch on **Wed, Nov 18 in the Social Room, at 12PM**. Turkey and all the fixings and don't forget the pumpkin pie. Come hungry. Bring your friends and neighbors**.** Cost: $10 per person. Entertainment features a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long with Jim Dent. Advance reservation is a must for planning purposes, please call the Zion's Office at 301-371-6500 or Alexa 301-514-4479 or email Alexa at alexamasser@gmail.com

Pledge Campaign

We begin our pledge card campaign this month. At this moment, we are focusing on our financial giving. We will revisit our time and talents in the new year. Cards can be returned any time to the box when you enter the Chapel or Sanctuary. **We will bless all of them together on December 6 during our Combined Worship Service.** Thank you for all the ways you make ministry in this community possible!

Poinsettia Orders and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Monetary Gifts

The Altar Guild will be accepting poinsettia orders and LWR monetary gifts through November 29, 2026. All poinsettia orders and LWR gifts must be in by November 29.

You may pick up order forms for poinsettias and LWR gifts outside the church office. Please complete the appropriate form and mail it with your check to the church or drop it off at the church office after the Saturday evening or Sunday morning services.

Letter-Writing Sunday- TODAY!

During Synod Assembly, the Synod resolved that congregations could have letter-writing Sundays to petition our representatives to fully fund SNAP, WIC, USAID Programs, plus the continuation of the Farm Bill. There is no obligation, just the invitation to ask for this support for those who need it. **Letters and envelopes are in the Chapel!**



Decorating Zion for Christmas! Altar Guild members will be decorating the church for Christmas **on Tuesday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m.** We could use a little help! We always have fun decorating so we hope you can join us!

Birthdays – We would like to remember our members that are homebound and in nursing facilities on their birthdays:



Gwen Bowlus – December 9

5793 Western View Place, Mt. Airy, MD 21771



Christmas in the Valley–Saturday, December 5th

We need 15 volunteers to assist with doors, greeters, seating and serving punch and cookies afterward.

Volunteers are needed from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the church office at 301-371-6500, if you would like to volunteer!

Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 6
at 10 a.m.

Christmas Light Show

Amid all the busyness, decorations, and excitement of Christmas, we are reminded that Jesus is the greatest gift of all—the true light who came into the world. We are then called to carry that light into the world around us..

Pageant rehearsals will be held during the Sunday School hour. If your child cannot make the rehearsals, don't worry. We will find a place for them!



Wednesdays in Advent

Because of Bethlehem

Love is Born, Hope is Here

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Children's Activities begin at 6:30 p.m.

After dinner, youth of all ages will convene together in the Garden's Edge for games, crafts and tons of holiday fun!

Worship begins at 7 p.m.

Combined Worship December 5 and 6

Saturday Worship at 5 p.m.
Sunday Moring Worship 10 a.m.
Join us on Sunday morning, 10 a.m. for the **Christmas Pageant!**

LUMOS EXPERIENCES PRESENTS:

A Festive Holiday Candlelight Experience- Friday, December 11

For tickets and more details please visit: www.lumos-experiences.com or email customerservice@lumos-experiences.com

Concerts at 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown

LUMOS

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.

Middletown Valley People Helping People 2026 Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, November 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at the Middletown Vol. Fire Dept. Activities Building
Local Artisans, Amazing Raffle Baskets, Homemade Baked Goods,
Money Wreath Raffle, Breakfast and Lunch Available for Purchase
For additional information please contact Lorrie White,
lorriebw@yahoo.com *Proceeds support MVPHP* www.mvphpmd.org





Our **2026 Holiday Assistance Program** is now open for registrants and will close on Friday, November 20th. Each year we serve about 100 families and 200 children, all make possible by our generous community. Please see Zion's Beacon for details on ways to support MVPHP Holiday Program or contact us at mvphpmd@gmail.com or call 301-371-3119.

Curious about our faith community? We'd love to connect with you! Scan the QR code to share your contact information, and we'll keep you updated on our events and activities. Join us in exploring a journey of faith, fellowship, and friendship. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms!

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of October 31, 2026
YTD Actual Income $423,246.
YTD Actual Expenses $515,662.
YTD Actual Income is less expenses in October 2026 by -$92,416.

September Noisy Offering to Lutheran Disaster Response—$414.11