

Zion Lutheran Church

September 13, 2026

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! Please talk to Sandy Bell or Pat McIntosh for more information. You can sign up on the Heritage Day easel outside the Chapel.

There will be no Saturday, 5 p.m. Worship Service on Heritage Day, September 26.

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 9/12 KickOff Sunday, Bible Presentation, Blessing of Education Leaders

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. Casual Worship
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 9/13 KickOff Sunday, Bible Presentation, Blessing of Education Leaders, FootPrints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not Good Enough
 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

Monday - 9/14

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday—9/15

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

Wednesday—9/16

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

Thursday—9/17

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. Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

Friday - 9/18

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 9/19 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. Casual Worship
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 9/20 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not Good Enough
 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 3:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting and Activity
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Luncheon



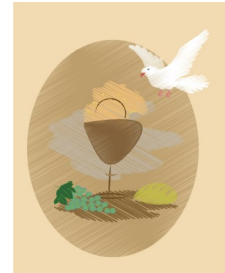
Join us for our next **JOY Luncheon** on the third Wednesday of the month, at 12 noon. Everyone in the Middletown Valley is welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. Call Alexa for reservations at 301-514-4479 by the Monday before the luncheon.

September 16-Miss Clela Ahalt's Beefaroni. Jim Dent Hymn Sing.

First Communion Gatherings

On Sunday, Oct. 4 and 11, we will be hosting classes around Holy Communion at 12:30 p.m.

This is for those who are ready to receive their First Communion, those who are exploring but not yet ready, and a refresher course for those who already receive. We will start with a pizza lunch at 12:00 p.m. and then talk and do an activity ending by 1:30 p.m. Those who will be receiving their



First Communion will be recognized on Oct. 25.

Please RSVP to the Church Office by Oct. 1st if you will be joining us.

WE GOT A

DAY OFF!

The Next Date...

Monday, September 21
From 9-3 p.m.
with a trip to
Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch

And save the date...

Tuesday, Nov 3
(More details to follow closer to the date)

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**DAYOFF PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

This Day Off is FREE thanks to generous donations! Open to Elementary, Middle and High School kids. Lunch is included. Extra Chaperones are always needed and appreciated!!!!

Did you know that the number one most needed item of the homeless is a clean pair of socks? People donating clothing rarely donate new socks. The homeless are susceptible to severe frost-bite which could lead to amputation.



Zion Quilters are sponsoring a Socktoberfest drive for the month of **October.** A box will be located near the Chapel at Zion for new clean packages of socks. All donations will be taken to the Religious Coalition for distribution to the needy.



Zion Heritage Day Luncheon - September 26, 2026

Desserts, Desserts and You or Just You are needed! **Your help would be greatly appreciated** to assist with Zion's Heritage luncheon or booth. Please consider helping at our Heritage Day activities. **Even just for one hour, would be greatly appreciated.** Desserts needed for Heritage Day Luncheon: Cakes, Pies, Cookies and Brownies (see sign up by Office) ***Any questions, please call Deb Reichelt at the church at 301-371-6500 or email office@zionmiddletown.org***



**A Trip to Visit
Baltimore
Wednesday, October 14
Leaving Zion at 12 p.m.**

The cost of the trip is free except the cost of dinner.

The main place we will be visiting is The Walters Art Museum, but Pastor Matt is working on one or two others places before we head to the museum. After we finish walking around the art museum, we will walk 5 minutes down the block to Helmand for dinner. The Helmand is an Afghan restaurant and has really great reviews and comes highly rated.

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



Decorate a Window in the Sanctuary

On display Sept. 20 to Nov. 22.

All are invited to join in decorating the windowsills in time for Heritage Day! Contact the Church Office to reserve your spot– there's one left!

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REFORMATION

POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 25**

WE HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY:
50-YEAR MEMBERS, FIRST COMMUNION
RECIPIENTS, AND GOD'S EVER ABIDING
WORD LIVING AMONG US!

Mark your calendars! **October 25, 2026** **10am** **Reformation** **Sunday**

We will celebrate God's Word living, moving and breathing in our community with special music, recognition of 50-year members, and celebrating those who will be taking Holy Communion for the first time.

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.

Save the date:



Woolly Retreat 2026

Are you a knitter, crocheter or even sewer? Consider joining the knitters to craft hats that will be donated to the local cancer and hospice patients or make preemie hats. **Bring your own needles and yarn on November 7, 2026 from 9 to 3 p.m. at Mar-Lu-Ridge Potomac Lodge.** You can stay all day or leave when you want. Enjoy great fellowship and know that you are giving those cancer patients warmth and comfort. Contact Alexa Masser 301-514-4479 or Shelly Gladhill 301-788-7585 with questions.

Altar Flowers

There is an open date on the Flower Chart for October 4.

**Lee Ropp
has recycled
284,487**



**aluminum cans. All proceeds go
toward Youth Activities. Lee says
“Keep The Cans Coming!”**

☀️ **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 August 31, 2026

YTD Actual Income \$331,378.

YTD Actual Expenses \$404,228.

YTD Actual Income is less expenses in August 2026 by -\$72,850.

August Noisy Offering to Global Refugee—\$302.12