

Zion Lutheran Church

September 27, 2026

First Communion Gatherings—Sunday, October 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 October 1st if you will be joining us.**

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 9/26 Heritage Day, No Saturday Evening Worship

7:00 a.m. Heritage Day Lunch & Celebrations
9:30 a.m. AA Group
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 9/27

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Zion Value Statement Gathering
10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not God Enough
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Middle/Confirmation/High School Class
10:45 a.m. Children's Choir
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 9/28

9:00 a.m. Day Off Program
3:00 p.m. Hope to Faith
3:30 p.m. Foxfield HOA Meeting

Tuesday—9/29

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
6:30 p.m. Halloween Parade Zoom Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—9/30

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:30 p.m. Joint Finance/Stewardship Mtg.

Thursday—10/1

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Table Talk

Friday - 10/2

4:00 p.m. Valley Urbanites
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 10/3

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
6:00 p.m. Zion Value Statement Gathering
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Sunday - 10/4

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Zion Value Statement Gathering
10:00 a.m. Adult Class—Not God Enough
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Middle/Confirmation/High School Class
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m. First Communion Class
4:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

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.

**Sunday School Education
Sundays at 10 a.m.**

**Cradle Roll- Marc's Room
(Nursery)**

**PreK to 2nd grade- Downstairs
Education Hall- Room 114**

**3rd to 5th grade- Downstairs
Education Hall- Room 115**

**Middle/Confirmation/High School-
Downstairs Education Hall- Room
119**

**Adult Sunday School-
Conference Room**

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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!



Christ in Our Home The
Augsburg Press quarterly
devotional has a new
edition available. Pick up
your copy in the sanctuary
window sill or from the
stand in the ramp.

Operation Christmas Child - October 18-November 15

Our goal is 200 boxes. \$10 per shoebox donation is requested. Brochures detailing packing information will be available, as well as empty shoeboxes for you to take home; fill and return. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Donation boxes will be available at the Welcome Center.



There is the option to shop at the Shoebox Supply House in Shippensburg, PA, where for \$17.50 you can fill a box which includes the \$10 shipping fee. Linda Sanders and Linda Huckleberry will be going there the last part of October if you'd like them to shop for you. Any questions please contact, Linda Huckleberry at 301-371-6677 or email huckhuff@gmail.com. Or Linda Sanders at 301-676-3272 or email lfnelson76@gmail.com



**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!

Thank You!

Many thanks to all the Heritage Day volunteers and planners who helped make the day a big success!

Your help is appreciated!!



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

WED., OCT. 21 AT 5 P.M.

Zion Church in Baltimore holds a Sour Beef Dinner This dinner has been a long tradition in Baltimore and it is delicious! **Tickets are around \$25** and well worth the money which also includes some entertainment.

Plus, it is going to support a sister congregation! If you are interested in going, sign up in the Church Office know so that we can begin to organize the trip. Pastor Matt will handle the driving. **You can find the sign up sheet in the Church Office or speak to Pastor Matt.**



**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.



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:

Wooly 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.



Zion Church Directory

Directories are still available! Pick up a copy in the church office, the cost is

**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