

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.

WED., OCT. 21 AT 5 P.M. Zion Church in Baltimore holds a **Sour Beef Dinner**. This dinner has been a 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 now 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.**

Our Backpack Ministry will be meeting the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school.

October: canned spaghetti and ravioli

Please consider donating a food item or writing a check to Zion to show your support. Make sure you write "Weekend Backpack" on the memo line to help children throughout the school year.



☀️ **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.

September Noisy Offering to Lutheran Disaster Response—\$414.11



Zion Lutheran Church

October 4, 2026

We are recognizing 50-year members with their pins on Oct. 25. Please check in with Pastor Diane to make sure we have you down if you believe you are one of these folks. Thank you!

Zion's Weekly Schedule

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
5:00 p.m. AA Meeting
6:00 p.m. Zion Value Statement Gathering

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

Monday - 10/5

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

Tuesday—10/6

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
9:00 a.m. Property Meeting
6:00 p.m. Grief Share
6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—10/7

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters

Thursday—10/8

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Safety & Security Mtg.- Zoom

Friday - 10/9

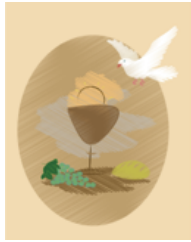
3:00 p.m. Lion's Club Breakfast Set Up
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 10/10

6:30 a.m. Lion's Club Breakfast
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

Sunday - 10/11 Footprints

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
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 Practice
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m. First Communion Class
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group



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 12:30 p.m. and talk and do an activity ending by 1:30 p.m. **Those who will be receiving their First Communion will be recognized on October 25.**

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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!



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!

October 17/18 Noisy Offering to support Frederick Rescue Mission

Beacon Deadline Oct. 23:
For the November through Feb. 10 newsletter

Lion's Club Breakfast

Saturday, October 10,

7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at

Zion's Social Room.

Adult Class
We meet in the back of the Conference Room, Sundays at 10 a.m. **through Nov. 8:** Not Good Enough: Why Your Small God Leads to Big Problems

Oct 25-Reformation Sunday,
No Sunday School

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.

Zion Quilters

Socktoberfest Drive is during October!! A box will be located near the Chapel at Zion Lutheran, Middletown MD for new clean packages of socks. **All donations will be taken to the Religious Coalition for distribution to the needy.**

Operation Christmas Child
October 18-November 15

Our goal is 200 boxes. \$10 per shoebox donation is requested to defray international shipping and other processing costs. Brochures detailing packing 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, for \$17.50 you can fill a box which includes the \$10.00 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. Questions--please contact, Linda Huckleberry at 301-371-6677, huckhuff@gmail.com. Or Linda Sanders at 301-676-3272, lfnelson76@gmail.com

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Lunch
October 21—Veggie soup, Sloppy Joes **Topic: History of South Mountain**
This group is not just for the Lutheran community. Everyone in the Middletown Valley community is welcome! Cost is \$10 per person. 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

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Take a Break. Grow in Faith.

THIRD MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

Take a break from the busyness of life and spend time in God's Word with us. Join us once a month for conversation, learning, and fellowship.