Zion Lutheran Church

November 22, 2026

Combined Worship - December 6, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Worship at 5 p.m., Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Join us on Sunday morning, 10 a.m. for the Christmas Pageant!



Zion's Weekly Schedule

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
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 – 11/23
10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday—11/24- Pastors @ Conf. Mtg.
8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—11/25
8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Finance Zoom Meeting

Thursday—11/26
Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday – 11/27
Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday – 11/28
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 Baptism

Sunday – 11/29
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School- An Unlikely Advent
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Practice
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

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.

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!***

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!

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.



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!

Flower Chart and Coffee Hour Chart 2027

The 2027 flower chart will be posted outside the Living Library after Thanksgiving. The cost of the altar flowers are $72.00 which includes two arrangements and delivery. We appreciate everyone who placed flowers on the altar for the glory of God.

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Advent

CRAFT & GAMES NIGHT



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Join us for fun and games at Zion! Feel free to bring your own games; crafts will be provided to celebrate Advent! Dinner will be made available as well!

Middletown Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 12th, 2026
7:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Santa Visit



$14 Adult
$13 Senior
$9 Child (5-10)
Free < 5 yrs.

ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Proceeds benefit the Middletown Community Handicap Access Lower Back Parking Lot off Green Street

Event Location
Zion Lutheran Church
107 E Main Street
Middletown, MD

Featuring Chocolate Chip Pancakes
french toast, eggs, sausage, tater tots, biscuits, sausage & chipped beef gravy, fruit, juice & coffee





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

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.

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!

LUMOS EXPERIENCES PRESENTS:

A Festive Holiday Candlelight Experience- Friday, December 11

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE, 301-371-6500, OR EMAIL OFFICE@ZIONMIDDLETOWN.ORG IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Concerts at 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown. For tickets and concert details please visit: **www.lumos-experiences.com**
or email customerservice@lumos-experiences.com

End of Year Offerings

Any contributions that you want to apply to your 2026 Offerings to Zion must be dated no later than December 31, 2026. It must also be in the church office no later than January 4, 2027, to be included in your giving for 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Deb at treasurer@zionmiddletown.org or call the church office at 301-371-6500, ext. 204. We appreciate all of your support in 2026!

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