Zion Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026



Noisy Offering
The next Noisy Offering will go to support to ELCA World Hunger

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday – 11/7
8:30 a.m. One God, One Voice
9:00 a.m. Knitters Retreat
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

Sunday – 11/8 Footprints
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School-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
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday – 11/9
10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday—11/10
8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—11/11
8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters

Thursday—11/12
8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday – 11/13
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

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

Sunday – 11/15 Noisy Offering
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School- Advent Study
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 Meeting
3:30 p.m. 4-H Business Mtg. & Activity
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Operation Christmas Child Deadline - November 15

Brochures and empty shoeboxes to fill and return are available at the Welcome Center. $10 per shoebox donation is requested for shipping and processing costs. Our goal is 200 boxes. Monetary gifts are also welcome. Questions--please contact, Linda Huckleberry at 301-371-6677, huckhuff@gmail.com. Or Linda Sanders at 301-676-3272, lfnelson76@gmail.com

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JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Lunch - November 18:

Thanksgiving/Christmas Lunch; Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long 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

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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. **Please pick up your pledge card on the way out of worship this weekend.** 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

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. Next week, we will have prepared letters and envelopes for you to share your witness of these importance needs. There is no obligation, just the invitation to ask for this support for those who need it.





Christmas in the Valley– 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!





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, 1:00 p.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 Backpack Ministry will be meeting the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school. **November: Canned tuna and chicken.** 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 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

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