

Zion Lutheran Church

February 25, 2024

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

*In Love
and Awe*



Exploring Luther's Small Catechism

6 P.M. | Dinner
7 P.M. | Evening Prayer and
Children's Program

Wednesdays in Lent

"In Love and Awe: Luther's Small Catechism"

Dinner at 6 p.m., Children's Program at 6:30 p.m.,
Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in Lent
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Midweek Lenten Children's Program!

On Wednesdays in Lent, youth of all ages are invited
to come at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive lesson while
parents worship in the church.

Again, dinner is provided at 6 p.m.

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 2/24

8:00 a.m. Crafting Retreat
9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
6:30 p.m. AA Group

Sunday - 2/25

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—ZOOM
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 2/26

10:30 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Hope to Faith
3:30 p.m. The Villages of Foxfield HOA Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Welcome and Engagement
6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry

Tuesday - 2/27

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
9:30 a.m. Property Committee meeting
10:00 a.m. Pastors at Frederick Conference
Meeting
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 2/28

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent (Dinner at 6,
Children's program at 6:30,
worship at 7 p.m.)

Thursday - 2/29

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
9:30 a.m. Little Music Makers
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - 3/1

Saturday - 3/2

9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship
6:30 p.m. AA Group

Sunday - 3/3

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—ZOOM
7:00 p.m. AA Group

SUNDAY SCHOOL EDUCATION

SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, &
HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Unless otherwise noted, Sunday Morning Christian Education is always available! Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and join in the conversation no matter your age!



**Open to all Middle and High School
Students who have not completed the
program. Youth Group follows at 6:00 p.m.**

Children's Choir

Let's sing together!

On the second Sundays of the month instead of Kids' Sunday School, we will have Children's Choir practice. Kids will sing and dance and have fun as they learn about their faith through song.



**GriefShare
begins Tuesday,
February 27.**

Meetings will be held in the Living Library at Zion Lutheran Church and is offered from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

If you have questions about GriefShare and want to talk with one of the leaders, please call Zion Church at 301-371-6500.

**Hope to Faith meets the
last Monday of the month at
2:00 p.m.** If you have

experienced a loss recently or at any time in your life, please know that you are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and food!

**Contact Dixie Eichelberger at 301-667-7586
for more information.**

*Hope
To
Faith*

We would like to remember our members that are homebound and in nursing facilities on their birthdays!



February 26: Skippy Zimmerman
Sunrise Assisted Living
990 Waterford Dr.
Frederick, MD 21702

February 28: Margaret Guyton
100 Lombardy Dr.
Middletown, MD 21769

March 2: Ronald Trusty
Fahrney Keedy Village
8507 Maplewood Rd.
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Easter Flower Orders and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Gifts

The Altar Guild will be selling lilies and tulips and collecting for LWR Monetary Gifts through February 29, 2024. Easter Flowers and LWR gifts are \$12.00 each. **All Easter flower orders and LWR gifts must be in by February 29.**



Order forms for both are on the bookcase outside the church office. Please complete the appropriate form and mail it with your check to Zion Lutheran Church, 107 W. Main St., Middletown, MD 21769, or drop it off at the church office during office hours or after any service.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, there are still open dates on the Flower Chart: April 14, June 16, August 18, October 6, October 13, November 17, December 1 and 8.

Know someone who is interested in joining our ministry team? We are actively seeking a part-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry.



This role focuses on fostering faith formation, community building, and service initiatives. Grounded in relationship-building with God, one another, and the broader community, the position requires strong interpersonal skills, the ability to manage multiple tasks and projects, and maintain confidential information. Effective communication and collaborative relationships with staff, congregation members, Church council, and committee members are essential. For more details or a comprehensive job description, please contact Bruce McIntosh at macbru@comcast.net, part of the Personnel Committee.

Helping CareNet during Lent



Zion will be helping the Frederick CareNet Pregnancy Center again this year during Lent by **taking an empty baby bottle and filling it with loose change or a check** (made payable to CareNet.)

Please return the bottles to the PURPLE box at the church office by Easter. Many thanks for always being a great supporter!

If you have any questions please contact Donna Jean at djb6025139@gmail.com.

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.

The Middletown Clothes Closet

accepts donations of gently used clothing, shoes, and jewelry. Also accepted are small household items and bedding (sheets, blankets, etc.) A volunteer is staffed on **Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to accept donations**, and for families to "shop". All clothing is free.

Any questions or to volunteer, please reach out to rstaples17@comcast.net or call 301-606-0041.



Food donations are needed now more than ever!

Food items in demand include: Canned tomatoes diced or crushed, Rice-a-Roni, canned peas, canned fruit, sugar, tea bags, small cans of coffee, crackers, jam or jelly, Jell-O or pudding mix, salad dressing, & instant potatoes. Donations can be dropped off in the cart located at the ramp, or taken directly to the Food Bank on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.

Middletown Empty Bowls Banquet

Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00 p.m., MHS Cafeteria

Tickets include: Meal provided by Fratelli's and South Mountain Creamery; Entertainment; Ceramic bowls crafted by local students at MHS, MYES, MiMS, MPS and Silent Auction

Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$13 Student, \$8 Children (12 and under)

For tickets please contact Donna Jean Brandenburg, djb6025139@gmail.com or 301-371-5139 (until 7 p.m.)

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



The critical need item for February is juice boxes and crackers in sleeves; for March it is individual cereal boxes, including oatmeal.

Budget/Income Information— YTD as of January 31, 2024

YTD Proposed Budget income \$54,829.

vs YTD Actual Income \$33,806.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$56,323. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$55,001.

Actual Income is less than expenses in January 2024 by \$21,195.

The Noisy Offering to SHIP for the month of January—\$317.60

