

Zion Lutheran Church

March 8, 2026

WEDNESDAYS
IN LENT



COLLECTING WITH
MATTHEW

6 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Children's Program
7 P.M. Evening Prayer

Noisy Offering:
March 14/15
Supporting
Lantern Hill



Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 3/7

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice
9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:00 a.m. Operation Christmas Child Mtg
9:30 a.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 3/8 Footprints

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Unafraid
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
2:00 p.m. Middletown Valley Hist. Society
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 3/9

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

Tuesday - 3/10

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 3/11

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Meal
6:30 p.m. Lenten Children's Activity
7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship

Thursday - 3/12

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - 3/13

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 3/14 Noisy Offering

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice
9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
11:00 a.m. Private Baby Shower
5:00 p.m. AA Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 3/15 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School—Lent in Plain Sight
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. 4-H Business Meeting & Activity
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Adult Class

We meet in the back of the Chapel,
Sundays at 10 a.m.

Unafraid — March 8

Lent in Plain Sight — March 15 to April 19

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth)

Luncheon Join us for our next JOY Luncheon on the third Wednesday of the month, at 12 noon. Everyone in the Middletown Valley is welcome! The cost is \$10 per person. Call Alexa for reservations at 301-514-4479 by the Monday before the luncheon.

Midweek Lenten Children's Program!

On Wednesdays in Lent, kids are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. for an interactive lesson using Zootopia while parents worship in the church! And dinner is provided at 6!

Maundy Thursday

One way we can teach the faith is through acting it out. Maundy Thursday worship is a perfect way to teach kids about Jesus' final hours before his death. Worship this night will be interactive for everyone,

especially kids!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and worship is at 7:00 p.m.



Community
Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over and join us!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
10 AM - NOON
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
107 WEST MAIN STREET
MIDDLETOWN, MD

Join us for a very special Easter celebration! There will be crafts, activities, a service project and an egg hunt! And don't forget to bring your baskets!

The poster features colorful illustrations of Easter eggs, a bunny, and an egg hunt sign.

Children's Choir

Let's sing together! **On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month** at the end of 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.



Tuesdays, through
May 19, held in the
Living Library from
6 - 8 p.m.

Middletown Valley Historical Society Presents

New Life for Old Bibles and Books

Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m.

Zion's Social Room

Tawn O'Connor, owner of Heritage Book and Bible will describe the process of book repair and tell stories about some of the books she's worked on over the years. Come and see how old books and bibles can be given new life.

Free light refreshments.

Zion Golf Tournament

June 1, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

Richland Golf Club, Middletown

Payment due with registration

before May 15.



Includes green fees, cart and catered Awards Banquet. Breakfast items provided by Zion Quilters. Lunch Banquet is provided at 2 p.m. For more information and fees please contact Deb Reichelt at office@zionmiddletown.org or call 240-490-1961.

Wheelchairs and Walkers

Zion has four wheelchairs and four walkers that can be signed out for short term use. They can be found in the Acolyte Room, Anteroom beside the Welcome Center and the Ramp. **A sign-out sheet is in the Church office.**

Servants of Christ Project for March



Please join us on **Sunday, March 22** to help tie fleece blankets for CoIP (Children of Incarcerated Parents.) Join us after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. Thank you for your help! If you have any questions please contact Sandy Bell at 301-371-4619.

Zion will be helping the Frederick Care Net

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 Care

Net Pregnancy Center). **Please return your filled baby bottle to the PURPLE BOX in the Church Office on or before Easter Sunday, April**

5. Many thanks for always being a great supporter of Care Net. May God continue to bless you and your families! Any questions, please contact Donna Jean at djb6025139@gmail.com.

CARE NET
Pregnancy Center of Frederick

Please help collect



Hope to Faith

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! **Hope to Faith meets the last Monday of the month. Contact Dixie Eichelberger at 301-667-7586 for more information.**

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 GREEN EXPO 2026

at the New Middletown Library
31 E. Green St., Middletown

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026, 2pm

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

FOOD TRUCKS

“GREEN” EXHIBITS

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES



32nd Annual Empty Bowls Banquet
March 26, 2026

at Middletown High School Cafeteria
5:00 p.m. Doors & Silent Auction Open;
6:00 p.m. Dinner

The Empty Bowls Banquet is catered by Fratelli's Restaurant. **Tickets: \$15 adults, \$13 students and \$8 age 12 & under.** Tickets can be obtained from Donna Jean Brandenburg. Please call before 7 pm at 301-371-5139.

Raising money to fight hunger in our community.



Mar-Lu-Ridge
Camp & Retreat Center
Get ready for Summer 2026!

www.mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp Registration is open.
Early bird discount ends February 16. **CAMP DAY—March 22.**

★ **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 January 31, 2026

YTD Actual Income \$44,677.

YTD Actual Expenses \$59,721.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in January 2026 by (-\$15,044).

February Noisy Offering to Fresh Step Laundry—\$459.53