

Zion Lutheran Church

March 1, 2026

WEDNESDAYS
IN LENT



COLLECTING WITH MATTHEW

February 25-March 25

6 P.M. Dinner

6:30 P.M. Children's Program

7 P.M. Evening Prayer

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 2/28

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 Group
5:00 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday - 3/1

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
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 3/2

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 3/3

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
9:00 a.m. Property Meeting
6:00 p.m. GriefShare
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 3/4

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
10:00 a.m. Blumenauer Viewing
11:00 a.m. Blumenauer Funeral
6:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Meal
6:30 p.m. Lenten Children's Activity
7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship

Thursday - 3/5

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Table Talk
7:30 p.m. Stewardship/Finance Mtg-Zoom

Friday - 3/6

4:00 p.m. Valley Urbanites
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 3/7

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 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

Sunday School Education Sundays at 10 a.m.

**ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL,
AND ADULT 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!

Adult Class

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

Unafraid — March 1 and 8

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.

Easter Flower Orders and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Gifts



All Easter flower orders and LWR gifts must be in by March 6.



The Altar Guild is selling lilies and tulips and collecting LWR Monetary Gifts—Easter flowers and LWR gifts are \$13.00 each. **Forms are in the window as you leave the Sanctuary.** Please complete the appropriate form and mail it with your check to Zion Lutheran Church, 107 W. Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769, or drop it off at the church office during office hours or after any service.

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



Winter Wooly Retreat

Our Winter Wooly Retreat will be held **March 7 at Mar-lu-Ridge Potomac Lodge.** We will be making crochet and knitted chemo hats, baby hats and hats for the homeless. All are welcome. For more information please contact Alexa Masser at 301-514-4479.



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!

Mailboxes Have Moved!!

Zion's mailboxes and shelves have moved from outside the church office to the hallway near the Choir Room.



Tuesdays, February 24 to May 19, held in the Living Library from 6 - 8 p.m.

Zion Golf Tournament

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

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

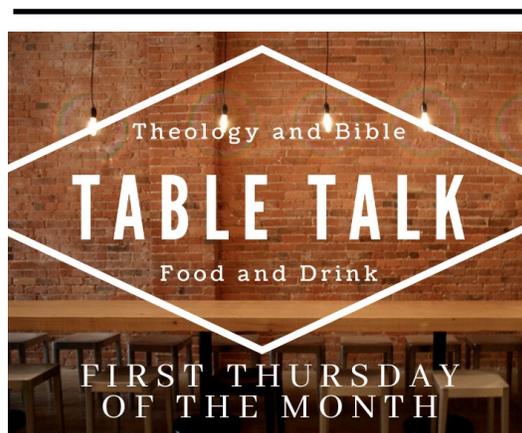
Shot Gun Start 9:30 a.m.

Richland Golf Club, Middletown

Entry fee: \$400 per foursome, \$100 per single. 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.

\$420 per foursome, \$105 per single after May 15, 2026. Any questions, please contact Deb Reichelt at office@zionmiddletown.org, 240-490-1961.



Wheelchairs and Walkers

Zion currently has four wheelchairs and four walkers (one is a rollator). These items can be signed out for short term use. However, please do not take the last one if three have been borrowed. Members use the wheelchairs on Sundays to navigate the Sanctuary. The wheelchairs and walkers can be found in the Acolyte Room, Anteroom beside the Welcome Center and the Ramp. **A sign-out sheet is in the Church office.**

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).

January Noisy Offering to SHIP—\$282.61