

Zion Lutheran Church

December 21, 2025



**Noisy Offering:
December 20/21
to benefit
Religious Coalition.**

Council Nominees 2026

Lois Ahalt

Sandy Bell

Sharon Boyer

Kaylyn Luther

1 Year: Bruce McIntosh

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 12/20 Noisy Offering

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 - 12/21 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Because of Bethlehem
10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
3:30 p.m. 4-H Monthly Business Mtg
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 12/22

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 12/23

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday - 12/24 Christmas Eve

Church Offices Closed
6:45 a.m. Zion Quilters
4:00 p.m. Family Worship
7:00 p.m. Worship with Candlelight and Handbells
10:30 p.m. Worship with Candlelight, Choir and Orchestra

Thursday - 12/25 Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed

Friday - 12/26

Church Offices Closed
6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 12/27

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 - 12/28

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Because of Bethlehem
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
7:00 p.m. AA Group

CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS
AT ZION THIS YEAR

JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL EVENING OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!



FAMILY WORSHIP
AT 4 P.M.

CANDLELIGHT WITH
HANDBELLS AT 7 P.M.

CANDLELIGHT WITH CHOIR
AND ORCHESTRA AT 10:30 P.M.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR

Generosity
HERE AT ZION

Do you have that special person in your life who doesn't need anything this Christmas? We have some ways that you can share your generosity that would make a major impact and difference here at Zion. Just like the ELCA Good Gifts, we will have a special card that you can take to let your loved one know you gave a gift that made a difference here at Zion.



**Sponsor a New Chapel
Chair—\$100 donation**

Day Off Program

Vacation Bible School

**Camp Scholarships to
Mar-Lu-Ridge**

A Radiator

As the church's heating system in the church is getting older we are looking at new options to heat the Sanctuary, but that will be a major expense. Your gift of \$100 helps us make sure our holy space is warm and comfortable this winter and for many winters to come.

Annual Reports

The Annual Report of the Congregation will be available in print by Sunday, January 18. In order to make this deadline, all reports need to be submitted electronically by **December 31**. If your committee or ministry does not require disclosure of financial statements, you can submit your report early in December. With limited staff in the Office, the earlier that the reports are received, the better. Please email reports to macbru@comcast.net.



Bring your **Stocking the Streets** bag on Christmas Eve and place it in the box in the Chapel. After Christmas they will go to the Frederick Rescue Mission.
Please see the Beacon for more information.

**The Church Offices will be closed
December 24 to January 2,
reopening on January 5.**

Poinsettias

If you ordered poinsettias you may **pick them up after the 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**. The Church will be closed from December 25 through January 2. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettias after the 10:30 p.m. service, Altar Guild members will be available Friday, December 26, between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. so you can pick up the poinsettias you ordered.



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.



Mar-Lu-Ridge

Camp & Retreat Center

Get ready for Summer 2026!

For program descriptions, pricing information,
FAQs and more please visit:

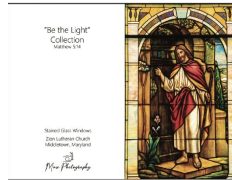
www.mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp

Registration opens January 1, 2026. Early bird
discount ends February 16, 2026.

We can't wait to see you this summer!

Weekend Food Program meets the needs of
students on the weekends when they do not re-
ceive food at school. **Critical Needs: December is
chicken noddle & tomato soup.**

**Take Zion's treasured windows
home with
you!**



**Perfect Christmas
gift for friends,
family or yourself.**

Keepsake box includes 12 blank note
cards (2 of each window).

Photographed by a local artist, Rean-
na Muse. \$25.00 per box.

You can purchase the Cards in the
Church office. **All proceeds go to
"With Open Arms" Mar-Lu-Ridge
Renovation Project and Zion's
Tanzania Support Project.**

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of November 30, 2025

YTD Proposed Budget income \$562,072.

vs YTD Actual Income \$468,291.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$587,731. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$534,505.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in November 2025 by \$66,214.

November Noisy Offering to World Hunger—\$230.14

