

Zion Lutheran Church

April 28, 2024



The **National Day of Prayer** is taking place on **Thursday, May 2** this year.

Please join Americans across the country in praying for our nation and leaders.

More information can be found at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about>

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 4/27

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

Sunday - 4/28

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
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 4/29

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Hope to Faith

Tuesday - 4/30

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

Wednesday - 5/1

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters

Thursday - 5/2

8:00 a.m. Zion Quilters
6:00 p.m. Table Talk at Verona's
6:00 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday - 5/3

Saturday - 5/4

9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
9:30 a.m. AA Group
2:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. AA Group

Sunday - 5/5

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
2:30 p.m. Wedding
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. AA Group

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!



In May we will meet at Verona's starting at 6:00 p.m.

We are in need of servers to help prepare food in the kitchen on May 8th for the Ladies' Spring Fling Dinner. We also need helpers to serve food to the ladies in the Social Room.



Anyone available to help with either, please let me know by Shirley Ferguson or Deb Reichelt know. Please consider helping with this wonderful event!



Restarting on Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. and every Sunday for 6+ weeks

Topic:
Common Ground: Learn to live at peace with others even when you disagree by studying biblical stories of rivalries.

Location:
The Derr Farm Pavilion
At 7800 Picnic Woods Rd.

Contact Jamie Derr at fmrgrl17@aol.com





Pentecost

with the Rite of Confirmation
*Combined Sunday Morning Worship
on May 19, at 10 a.m*

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks to God for working in the lives of our confirmands.

Confirmation

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
FROM 4-6PM
AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM

The last Confirmation Class for the School year is May 5th. Youth Group will continue through the summer on the First Sunday of the Month.

WE GOT A



RSVP by
May 1st

DAY OFF!

The Spring DayOff Program is on
Tuesday, May 14
at 9 a.m.

We are going to take a trip to Baltimore to tour Christ Lutheran Church and learn more about their many ministries including their Women's Shelter, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), and Lutheran World Relief. After lunch we are going to the Maryland Zoo.

SPACE IS LIMITED! Please RSVP by MAY 1st to secure your spot.

The cost is FREE thanks to generous donations. This is open to Elementary, Middle and High School Kids. Extra chaperones are always needed and appreciated!!



Carnations for Mother's Day

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MOTHERS AND ALL WOMEN WHO PROVIDE MOTHERLY LOVE AND CARE ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND. WE WILL BE GIVING CARNATIONS OUT TO ALL WOMEN THIS WEEKEND AT WORSHIP.

Our Beacon has been printed, published to our website, and is now available to check out online. You can pick up a copy in a pew this weekend in the chapel, welcome center, ramp and your pew. It has all the information about our upcoming Summer events, articles, and a recap of the past couple of months. Click the link below to read it now!



VBS

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

at Zion Lutheran Church

JULY 7-11 AGES 2-11

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Dinner Included



God's New Creation

Registration for VBS will go live June 1 Be sure to check out our Youth and Family page on Zion's website.

Help Needed! Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we need you to help make it a success! This is also a great way for youth to get service learning hours. Let the office know if you are interested!

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.

Summer Camp Registration is now open!

We have a number of kids from Zion attending Mar Lu Ridge this Summer. Don't be left out! If you are not sure if you're ready for overnight camp then you should definitely check out DAY CAMP.

Register today at
www.mar-lu-ridge.org

Scholarships from Zion are available!



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



The critical need food item for April is pudding cups. For May is canned pasta.



Food donations are needed!!

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.

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of March 31, 2024

YTD Proposed Budget income \$142,304.
vs YTD Actual Income \$131,041.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$150,223 vs
YTD Actual Expenses \$139,045.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in March 2024 by \$8,004.

March Noisy Offering collection for Lantern Hill - \$450.28
CareNet Baby Bottle Campaign collection—\$441.60 plus
over \$300 in check donations directly to CareNet.
March LWR Easter offering—\$792.00

