

Zion Lutheran Church July 25, 2021



After a very difficult year with the deaths of dear friends and loved ones and many other losses of our lives, it is important to take some time to remember and reflect as we were not able to do so during pandemic. In the near future, Zion will be hosting a service, on **Sunday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.**, to give thanks for the lives of those who died during the pandemic, as well as to acknowledge those losses we have experienced. This service is open to the community and offers time for prayer, remembrance, and reflection. Please join us on September 19th for this time to honor those we love and support one another in these days ahead.

Saturday - 07/24-Noisy Offering

9 -10:30 a.m. AA Meeting-Garden's Edge
9 - 11:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Open
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday -07/25-Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday - 07/26

9-11 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday - 07/27

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters
1:30 p.m. Pastors at Frederick
Conference Meeting
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters-
Garden's Edge

Wednesday - 07/28

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Fall Sunday School Planning

Thursday - 07/29

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters

Friday - 07/30

Saturday - 07/31

9 -10:30 a.m. AA Meeting-Garden's Edge
9 - 11:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Open
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday - 08/02

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Homemade APPLE BUTTER



Did You Miss Apple Butter and Heritage Days As Much As We Did?

Fall of 2021 is looking to be an exciting time to restart and regroup with Apple Butter and Heritage Days. To continue with Zion's traditions, we need **YOU!** A planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Social Room to plan for all things apple butter and Heritage Days! Please let the office know if you are able to attend and can help make Heritage Days and apple butter happen this year! The money raised from this event will benefit the building fund.

A few items we will cover and that we need help with: washing jars on Tuesday, September 14th, prepping for apple butter on Friday, September 17th and the main event: Saturday, September 18th.

Blessing of the Bags, Backpacks, Briefcases, Devices and Masks **August 14th & 15th**



Join us the weekend of August 14th and 15th for the Blessing of the Backpacks! We will invite all students, teachers and workers to bring their backpacks and work bags to the "Blessing of the Backpacks" ceremony, held at all services. Students and workers, young and old, will be acknowledged and given blessings on the work and education they were about to enter into as the new school year was about to start and new projects arise.



Middletown Valley People Helping People is holding a School Supply Drive the month of July. I have a donation box in the main hallway as you enter church for any donations. Also, I have a container on the secretary's desk in case you would rather give a monetary donation. If you are in need of supplies, please call MVPHP at 301-371-3119, and leave a clear message with your name and phone # by August 1st. Any questions, email me at djb6025139@gmail.com. Thanking you in advance for your continued support. Donna Jean Brandenburg.

We May Be a Week Late—But Let's Not Be a Dollar Short!

Our Noisy Offering for July was supposed to be last weekend but it will be this weekend! July 24th & 25th. The offering will benefit the Middletown Valley People Helping People School Supply Drive. Let's show our love and support for this wonderful program!



Community Day of Service – Sept 11, 2021

Are you in need of help with home projects?

Volunteers from Middletown's Ministerium are looking to help our neighbors in need of assistance on home projects. The projects can be any type of home repair or maintenance that can be completed in one day and located in the Middletown Valley and surrounding towns. Examples:

painting projects, yard work cleanup, small home repair projects, etc. Please contact Deb at Zion Lutheran Church by August 15th, 2021 at 301-371-6500, ext. 204 to register your project.

Thank You from the Family of Christine Miller

Thank you to our Church Family for all of the cards, love and support that was given to the family of Christine Miller. It is greatly appreciated and the kindness, love and support during this difficult time of grief. Love, Jeannie Mauro and her all of Christine's Family

Sanctuary A/C Update

At the July 4th congregational meeting it was approved by the majority to spend the money to replace the air conditioning unit that cools the Sanctuary. The contract with Warner Services has been signed and a deposit check given to them to start the building of our system. We will keep the congregation updated as the process of getting cooler temps continues!



GriefShare Class Begins Monday, September 13th

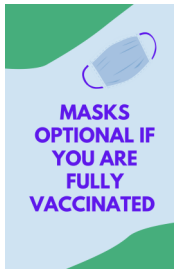
GriefShare is a ministry that offers support, help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

This program is non-denominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. GriefShare meets weekly for 13 weeks

and is led by experienced grief leaders. It is a caring environment and offers a place and an opportunity to come and walk with others in the long journey of grief and allow healing to take place. There are three key components to your GriefShare experience.

1. Video seminar: videos that feature leading grief recovery experts.
2. Support Group: Group discussion about the weekly video content.
3. Workbook: Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

Zion Lutheran Church will be offering GriefShare ministry beginning Monday, September 13, 2021 and ending Monday, December 6, 2021. The meeting time is 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the church. If you wish to sign up for the upcoming cycle, or have any questions, please call Zion at 301 371-6500. You will be referred to one of the GriefShare leaders who will return your call.



Worship Services

Saturday:

5 p.m. Casual Worship

Sunday Services:

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

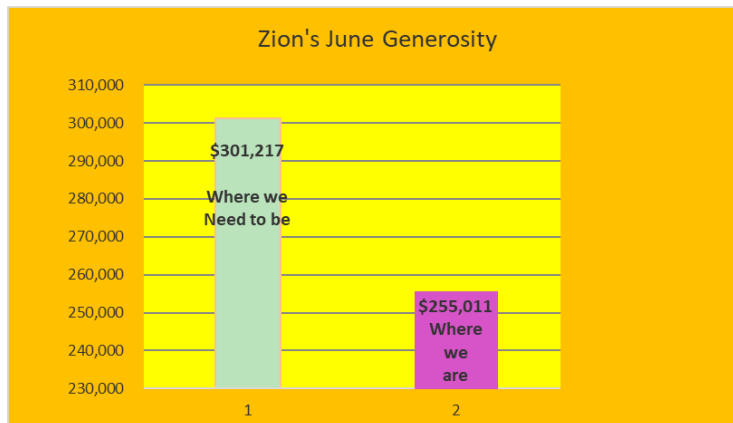
11 a.m. Traditional Worship

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 each service is on the website, click the link and it will take you directly to the video.

Zion Stewardship

Zion's Giving Update: Year to Date ~ June 30, 2021



Budget/Income Information

Year to Date as of June 30, 2021

YTD Proposed Budget Income \$301,216.51 vs YTD Actual Income \$255,011.48

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$290,912.24 vs YTD Actual Expenses \$273,740.91



Constant Contact

Have you signed up for Constant Contact?

Zion recently discontinued the weekly email letter that was emailed to all members on Wednesdays. We have a Constant Contact weekly email that comes out on Fridays. If you aren't getting it and want to sign up call or email the Church Office: 301-371-6500 or office@zionmiddletown.org