

Zion Lutheran Church
September 12, 2021



Join us today at the 9:00 a.m. service for the return of Footprints! The lesson will be based on Mark 8:27-38 and we will learn about taking up the cross and following Jesus. Youth of all ages will go to the Chapel, after the Prayer of the Day and return to worship in time for Communion. Questions? Contact Wendi: wendik@zionmiddletown.org

Saturday - 09/11-Community Day of Service

8:00 a.m. Community Gathers at Christ Reformed for Day of Service
9 -10:30 a.m. AA Meeting-Garden's Edge
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday -09/12-Syncing-In Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Faith Connection Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:00 p.m. Open Forum Luncheon

Monday - 09/13

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday - 09/14

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters-Garden's Edge

Wednesday - 09/15

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday - 09/16

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters

Friday - 09/17

Saturday - 09/18

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

Sunday - 09/19

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
4:00 p.m. COVID-19 Memorial Service



COVID-19 Task Force News

Since Frederick County is not under a mask mandate at this time and hospitalizations remain low, the committee has us remaining at Level 1 on our matrix. We would like to remind everyone to please stay safe and use the precautions with which you are most comfortable. While you are in the building, remember to practice social distancing. If you cannot stay 6 feet apart and will be in close contact for more than 15 minutes, please wear a

mask, regardless of vaccination status. **If you are not feeling well or have been exposed to someone that has COVID, please take care of yourself and stay home!!** The COVID-19 Taskforce will continue to monitor the situation. If you have any concerns please call Lois Ahalt, 301-514-5735

Heritage Day Luncheon

The Annual Heritage Day Luncheon at Zion will be held **Saturday, September, 25th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** Soup, sandwiches, desserts and drinks will be available. We will be selling specific desserts at the luncheon. We are limiting the dessert items at the luncheon because of the restrictions placed on us from the Health Department. Based on this, we are asking for help from you to make certain desserts for us to go along with our lunch. We really do need your help! **The desserts we are asking for are:** Pies: Apple, Peach, Blueberry, Cherry, Raspberry, Pumpkin, and Custard Cakes: White, Yellow, and Chocolate. Icings: Peanut Butter, Coconut, Chocolate, and Vanilla or White Frosting. We know there are nuts in the peanut butter icing, but have made arrangements for that provision. Cookies: Chocolate Chip ONLY Brownies: Plain Brownies, NO brownies with nuts or other ingredients.

Food donations may be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 25th, in the Social Room.



A Service of Remembrance, Reflection and Prayer Sunday, September 19th at 4:00 p.m.

After a very difficult year with the deaths of dear friends and loved ones and many other losses in our lives, it is important to take some time to remember and reflect as we were not able to do so during the 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. Masks will be required for this service.

Sunday School—Starting September 19th

Starting Sept. 19th and through the remainder of September and October, our younger ones will all be together learning about the spiritual discipline of stewardship and how it plays a role in living out following Jesus every day. Our middle school and high school youth will meet in the lower level study lounge. For our young-at-heart adults, we will have a discussion around the same biblical texts as our little ones are, helping us articulate what it means for us to be stewards every day.

Please join us at 10:00am on Sundays for this time to grow together in our faith.

Bible Presentation - September 19th

We will be handing out new Bibles on Sunday, September 19th to all Kindergarteners (and 1st and 2nd Graders who haven't received one yet), 3rd Graders and new Confirmation students.

GriefShare Class Begins Monday, September 13th

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.

Have You Noticed the Price of Apples?

Unfortunately there is an apple shortage which means we will not have the apples to make apple butter this year. This decision was a very difficult one to make but it was the only option. If you placed an order already, please consider keeping your order for 2022.



The graphic features a blue and green background with a glowing cross. The word "Confirmation" is written in a large, white, serif font with a blue outline. Below it, "Parent and Student Planning Meeting" is written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom, the date and time "SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 5PM" are listed, followed by the note "DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED--AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM". A final line of text reads: "Please have your school schedules and personal schedules as we will plan the dates for the coming year."

Decorate a Window in the Sanctuary

Individuals, families and/or groups within our church are invited to decorate windowsills in the Sanctuary! Decorations will be on display from September 19th through November 27th. The sills will be covered to protect the paint.

Contact Wendi: wendik@zionmiddletown.org or 301-371-6500, ext. 203 to reserve a window. Windows will be reserved on "first-come, first-served" basis.

Noisy Offering is BACK!!

On the 3rd Sunday of each month we will be collecting loose change (or paper money) to benefit a different organization. Our next Noisy Offering will be on September 18th/19th, to benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief for the Haiti earthquake.

Worship Services

Saturday: 5 p.m. Casual Worship

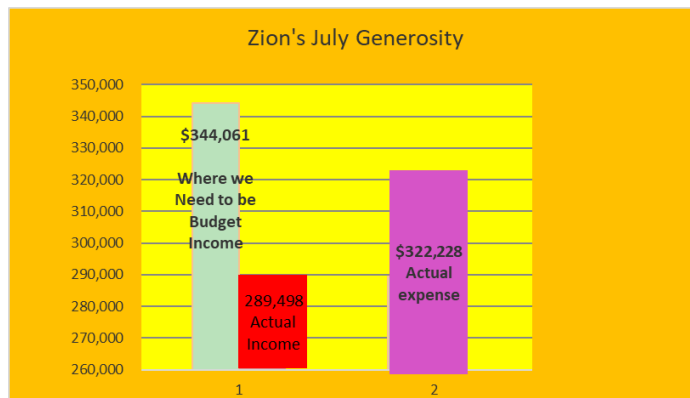
Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship

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 ~ July 31, 2021



Budget/Income Information

YTD Proposed Budget income \$344,061.32. vs YTD Actual Income \$289,498.02.
YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$349,282.20. vs YTD Actual Expenses \$322,288.11
****Actual Income is less expenses by \$32,790.09****



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