

**Zion Lutheran Church
September 19, 2021**

**Bible
PResentAtion**



Bible Presentation - Today!

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.

Saturday - 09/18

8-11:30 a.m. One God One Voice
9 -10:30 a.m. AA Meeting-Garden's Edge
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday -09/19

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Faith Connection Time
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 p.m. COVID-19 Memorial Service

Monday - 09/20

Tuesday - 09/21

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters
5:30 p.m. COVID-19 Taskforce
6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study-
Stewardship
7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters-
Garden's Edge

Wednesday - 09/22

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

Thursday - 09/23

8:30 a.m. Zion's Quilters

Friday - 09/24

Saturday - 09/25-Heritage Day!!

9 - 11:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Open
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday - 09/26

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
5:00 p.m. Parent-Student Confirmation
Organization & Planning
Meeting



COVID-19 Task Force News

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—Today 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, today 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—Starts Today!!

Beginning today, 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.

GriefShare Class Began on September 13th —It's not too late to join!

Zion Lutheran Church will be offering GriefShare ministry beginning on Monday, September 13. The class will run until December 6th. There is still time to join! The meeting time is Mondays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the church. If you wish to sign up, please call Zion at 301 371-6500. You will be referred to one of the GriefShare leaders who will return your call.

Noisy Offering Sunday—Today!

On the 3rd Sunday of each month we will be collecting loose change (or paper money) to benefit a different organization. Today's Noisy Offering will benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief for the Haiti earthquake.



VANCO

Our Church's New Mobile Giving App Is Here! Zion is pleased to announce we have an upgraded mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile.

This new mobile app will be replacing GivePlus Mobile. In order to download Vanco Mobile, go to the App Store or Google play to download for free. Be sure to download this app soon, **as GivePlus will be retired as of September 30, 2021.**

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these five easy steps:

- Search for Zion Lutheran Church, Middletown
- Select your gift amount, fund and frequency.
- Enter your payment method. (You can save this information for future use)
- Choose whether you want to cover processing fees.
- Click submit to complete your donation.

You can also check out the Vanco Mobile How to Guide for step-by-step instructions. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Deb Reichelt at treasurer@zionmiddletown.org or call 301-371-6500.



Confirmation
 Parent and Student
 Planning Meeting
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 5PM
 DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED--AVAILABLE BOTH IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM
 Please have your school schedules and personal
 schedules as we will plan the dates for the coming year.

Worship Services

Saturday:

5 p.m. Informal Worship

Sunday Services:

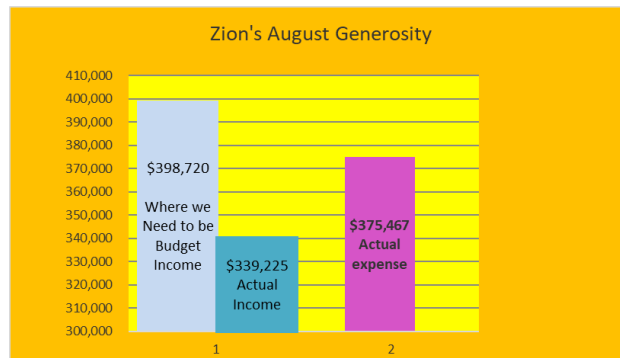
9 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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 ~ August 31, 2021**



Budget/Income Information

YTD proposed budget income \$398,720.40 vs. YTD actual income \$339,295.49
 YTD proposed budget expenses \$399,552.16 vs. YTD actual expenses \$375,467.58
****Actual income is less expenses by \$36,172.09****



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