

October 13, 2020

Good Day Friends of Zion,

We have re-opened the church for Worship Services and Church meetings and we want to remind everyone to still be careful, take precautions, and be safe!

Worship opportunities at Zion thru November 1, 2020

We had 42 worshipers at our indoor Saturday afternoon/evening service and 6 members viewed our Live Stream of the service at 5p.m on October 10th.

The upcoming worship Service with Communion this Saturday October 17th at 5p.m. will be held in the sanctuary, and the next Sunday Outdoor Service with Communion will be held on Sunday October 18th at 10a.m. on the east lawn. We will be streaming the Saturday evening Service beginning at 4:45p.m. To view the Worship Service which will be available only live at that time just go to the link on the center of the home page of our website or to:

<https://vimeo.com/zionlutheranchurch>

“The Stories”

Join us this fall as we will share a worship and learning sequel series to “The Story”. Each week we will celebrate the life and ministry of a key person of faith in the Bible. There will be (online) Bible studies each week as we share helpful insights into these founders of the faith. A recorded session of the weekly study will also be made available via our website (available at any time).

Join “The Stories” Bible Study Zoom Meeting live (Sundays at 11am, Tuesday at 7pm, Thursday at 10am). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87021213846> or dial **301 715 8592**

and use meeting ID: **870 2121 3846**

October 18 Luke “Receiving through Giving”

October 25 (Reformation) What Luther learned from **Paul** - November 1 **Martha** “A time to speak; a time to listen” - November 8 **Woman at Well** “Ask and you shall receive” - November 15 **Mark** “Let the children come” - November 22 **Peter** “God’s not done with me yet”

There will be a live Zoom presentation each Sunday at 11am. The same study will also be available on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm & Thursdays at 10am. Each week we share helpful insights into these founders of the faith. A recorded session of the weekly study and print summary will also be made available via our website (*available at any time*).

Faith Formation Classes for Youth

We are excited to announce that next Sunday October 18th we will have Faith Formation for children of all ages! Immediately following our 10 a.m. outdoor worship service, Jamie Derr and Alyssa Minchoff will lead a fun faith-based activity at the Green Street lawn. The activity will be approximately 20-30 minutes, parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

Clothes Closet and worship and Music Ministry Leadership Needed!

Zion is in need of two individuals willing to lead two of our important Ministries. Dorothy Moler has stepped down as Director of the Clothes Closet as of 12-31-2020, and Worship and Music Chair Anna Beth Fowler is in the process of re-locating to Colorado. It is imperative that we find someone to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. Contact the church office or the Pastors if you can assist with this need. 301-371-6500

Pie Sale

Once again, the quilters are selling fresh baked pies from the Pie Shoppe in Laughlinton, PA on Nov 21, 2020(the Saturday before Thanksgiving). Unlike most pies you find around town, these pies are wonderful. Why? Because they are as good as pies Grandma made. In fact, if she were still here, she would probably buy them herself (yes, they're that good). We will be selling the following varieties: chocolate meringue, coconut meringue, lemon meringue (meringue & pumpkin pies are not to be frozen), apple, dutch apple (has crumb topping), blackberry, wild blueberry, razzleberry (blend of blackberries, red raspberries and blueberries), cherry, peach, raisin (fruit pies freeze nicely), pumpkin, & pumpkin rolls. All pies are 9 inches and will serve 6 to 8. Cost is \$9.50 each. Proceeds will go to the Zion Building Fund. All pies & pumpkin rolls MUST be preordered by 11/10/2020. Call 301-514-4479 or email: amasser202@comcast.net.

The quilters thank the church community for their support.

Online Giving Information - Online giving is much easier and cost effective. Sign up online or contact our Treasurer, Deb Reichelt, who can easily help set it up if desired.

Reach her at treasurer@zionmiddletown.org or leave a message at 301-371-6500.

Find the links to these options below:

GIVE+ mobile solution for smartphones and tablets

Go to the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search "[give plus church](#)"

Giving via our Website

<https://gp.vancopayments.com/gpo/#/donateNow/4157f915-5b29-4435-8f1f-fc1312f>

**We want to thank all those who have continued to contribute during this crisis.
Your offerings are a blessing in this time of need. THANK YOU!**

Ushers Needed Please click the link below to volunteer your much needed services as we move forward to opening the church for Services on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 p.m.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4faaa623aafcc61-worship>

GREAT NEWS - GREAT JOY
October 11 - November 8

Once again it is time to think about Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse shoebox ministry. Each shoebox is a Gospel opportunity to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to some of the most remote areas of the world. Not only do the children get school supplies, fun toys and hygiene items, but they receive a booklet in their own language entitled "The Greatest Gift" - the story about Jesus.

In this pandemic time we are encouraged to Trust and Adjust. Trust God that He will use that box in a mighty way to spread His Word and love to a needy boy or girl. We adjust how to pack a box if we are not comfortable in shopping and filling it. Build a shoebox on line at "pack a box for Operation Christmas Child". Monetary donations may be made to Zion with "OCC" indicated and volunteers will pack the boxes for you. Or you may pick up a box in the ramp entrance and pack as usual. Brochures detailing packing information will be available. A \$9 donation is requested for each box to cover shipping and other project costs. Then return the box by November 8.

A quality shoebox that is prayed over, personalized and filled to the brim is greatly appreciated. A short note, family photo and a WOW item (for instance soccer ball & pump or stuffed animal) are welcomed.

The Shoebox Supply House in Shippensburg, PA, provides the opportunity to pack a box for \$15.50 (includes contents and \$9 shipping). Linda Huckleberry and Linda Sanders will be going to this warehouse for those who wish to donate the \$15.50 per box. Questions -- call Linda H. at 301-371-6677, e-mail huckhuff@gmail.com; Linda S. at 301-676-3272, e-mail lfnelson76@gmail.com.

Items you can pack in your shoebox

toothbrush	calculator	balls	puzzles
soap	pens	Legos	matchbox cars
washcloth	hats/gloves	flashlight	harmonica
socks	t-shirts	chalk	school supplies
sunglasses	small toys	jump rope	safety pins
yo-yo	stickers	balloons	bandana
pencils	comb/brush	watch	cups/bowls
crayons	flip flops	coloring book	sewing kit
band aids	personal note	play tiara	stuffed animals

(Candy & toothpaste are no longer accepted due to customs regulations.)

A Big Thank you!

On Saturday Jonathan Minchoff, Chris Derr and crew removed the furnace and radiators from the Clothes Closet! With that accomplished the building is now ready to be reopened. Stay tuned for information on the re-opening!

Call Committee Update!

The Call Committee met last week to formalize our Congregational Profile and presented the profile to the Church Council for approval Monday October 12th for it to be presented to the synod!

Zion Recorded Worship Service Viewing:

To view our weekly recorded Worship Service anytime during the week after noon on Sunday, you can just click on the web page link at www.zionmiddletown.org and it will take you directly to the recording of the service.

Zion Prayer List 10-06-2020

Requests remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

Cathy Kehoe, Ruby Pyles, Karen Rushing, Carolyn Albright, Morissa Travers, Charles Pearl, Walter Gordon, Trish Tollefson, Jackie Bello, Paula Pearson, Ruth Davis, Cindy Keller, Francis Moats, Randy Andersson, Jessica Catechis, Heidi Witmer, Sherri Myers, Fletcher Robinson, Janet Young, Glen Burris, Matthew Schaffert, Mike Mauro, Mike Lawrence, Naomi Hayes, Ray Murphy, Janice Wisner, Ricky Routzahn, Priscilla Hughes, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Tristan Vail, Kira Wynne, Kevin Kinna, Marianna Bere, Amii Fritz, Mitchell Bidle, Doris Currier, David Shupe, Ashley Dixon, Deb Kahihikolo

Deaths: Ann Hasle, Diane Summers

Please be sure the church is notified if you are hospitalized and if you wish to be placed on the prayer list or would like visitation.

Be Safe and have a Blessed week,

The Pastors and Staff of Zion Lutheran Church