

September 10, 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

Our latest outdoor worship service was very successful with ever increasing attendance. Including staff and ushers, there were 39 members and visitors in attendance and everyone abided by the rules and were very pleased with the service. We had some new folks attending, including the couple who joined in off the street for only a portion of the service. It was heartwarming that we had multiple families join us for the first time, some only because they were just walking by and heard us! So great! Thanks to everyone who helped set up and tear down. We will continue to offer virtual worship opportunities and will resume outdoor worship for the months of September and October every other week. (weather permitting) We will continue our Saturday indoor worship each week as well.

The upcoming worship Service with Communion this Saturday September 12 at 5p.m. will be held in the sanctuary! We will also be streaming this service at beginning at 4:50p.m. To view the Worship Service just go to: <https://vimeo.com/zionlutheranchurch>

The schedule for September -October

We will offer an indoor Service at 5p.m. every Saturday Evening and an Outdoor Service at 10a.m. every other Sunday Morning at 10a.m.!

The Tentative Schedule is as follows:

Sunday September 6th 10a.m – Saturday September 12th at 5p.m. – Saturday September 19th at 5p.m. - Sunday September 20th at 10a.m. – Saturday September 26th at 5p.m. – Saturday September 3rd at 5p.m. - Sunday October 4th at 10a.m. – Saturday October 10th at 5p.m. – Saturday October 17th at 5p.m - Sunday October 18th at 10a.m. – Saturday 24th at 5p.m. – Saturday October 31st at 5 p.m. - Sunday November 1st at 10a.m.

“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. This is a unique approach. Most studies examine one book of the Bible at a time. In this series we will have opportunity to “get to know” these bold women & men who knew Jesus the Christ in a comprehensive way.

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).

- October 4 **Matthew** “Sacrificial living”
- October 11 **Barnabas** “More Blessed to Give”
- 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”

GriefShare Support Group

Zion will be offering a GriefShare Support Group beginning Monday, September 14, 2020. The 13-week session will conclude on Monday, December 7, 2020. Meetings will be held each Monday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and will meet in the church chapel at Zion Church. As we come together for this cycle of GriefShare, we will be abiding by the COVID-19 safety guidelines. In addition to the practice of social distancing, each participant and the leaders will be required to wear a face mask. Please direct any questions about GriefShare to our church office and a GriefShare leader will make contact with you.

Aluminum Cans for Youth and Family!

Lee Ropp has now crushed and recycled 152,318 Aluminum cans and recycled them to support the Youth and Family ministries of Zion! Lee says Thank You to Dempsey’s Restaurant and all who donated cans - “KEEP EM’ COMING”

Still Time to Sign up for this weekend!



Middletown Valley Ministerium Community Day of Service – September 12, 2020

Due to the Covid-19 virus, Middletown's Community Day of Service team has made a change for our September Day of Service. Instead of assisting our neighbors on personal home projects, we are planning a town clean-up project. Each individual or family that would like to be involved in Community service and would like to participate for an hour or two in helping clean up our town can sign up at the sign-up link listed below. Please Join volunteer's and friends from Middletown churches as we come together to ensure our town's beauty while keeping to all safety regulations. To volunteer please sign up with our Sign-up genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4EAAA2EAAF49-clean>
For help with Sign-up genius, contact Renee Huffer at aquatictraining@aol.com

Sunday School/Faith Formation Task Force

Zion's Congregation Council met to discuss the need to focus on the restart of our Sunday School/Faith Formation program. They discussed the need to form a task force to develop the structure as well as consideration of new starting times for the earlier service to provide more time for the Sunday School and between services. The recent Outreach Survey identified that 88% of the respondents identified this topic as important or very important. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this team please contact the Zion office. **The second meeting is scheduled for This Sunday September 13th at 10a.m.** Note: All meetings will use Zoom Meeting Software so there would be no risk of Covid-19 exposure, nor a need to leave your home to participate. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Join the Zoom Meeting here:

Watch: <https://zoom.us/j/628483092>

Call in: Call: 301 715 8592 and use meeting ID: 628 483 092

Zion's Church Office hours - 9a.m.-4p.m. Mon. – Thur. & 9a.m. - noon on Friday.

To Reach the Pastors for Pastoral Care

These are challenging times. Would you like to have a visit with either Pastors Bob or Karl? All details are kept confidential. **Just call Pastor Bob at 301-357-4569 to set up a meeting.**

The roofing work has begun on the 1928 addition to the Church and to the overhang on the handicap ramp doors from the parking lot. Please use the Jefferson Street ramp doors to enter the church for the next few days!

Zion Worship Service Viewing:

To view our weekly recorded Worship Service, 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.

Online Giving Information - Online giving is much easier and cost effective. Sign up online or contact our financial secretary, 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!

Zion Prayer List 09-09-2020

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

Caroline Kishimoto, Charles Pearl, Walter Gordon, Trish Tollefson, Jackie Bello, Bill Williams, Paula Pearson, Ruth Davis, Ruby Pyles, Cindy Keller, Francis Moats, Randy Andersson, Jessica Catechis, Heidi Witmer, Diane Summers, Nancy Stroup, 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

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