

February 17, 2021

Hello Friends of Zion,

There is good news on the front lines of COVID-19. The incidence of infection has greatly dropped and we know that many members are receiving their immunizations. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that COVID-19 will disappear; life will be different in many ways. However, we fervently look forward to the time when the body of Christ can meet again. The COVID-19 task force has been meeting regularly to discuss our next course of action. Stay tuned for possible new opportunities for worship.

Come and See...so they went and saw

Zion is looking forward to a new season ...two new pastors, Lent and your own personal journey. How are YOU preparing for this season! You are being invited to “COME and SEE” through discussion and discovery on how we can prepare as a congregation and as individuals using scripture as our guide. Come join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. on a Zoom bible study led by MaryAnn Marcantonio.

Know what it is like to have “gone and saw.”

Bible Study Meeting Details:

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89920546552?pwd=QzRULzY0RFhmdzV2OGpva2JUUVVMZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 2054 6552

Passcode: 780882

To dial in via telephone:

301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 899 2054 6552

Passcode: 780882

Thursdays at 10 a.m.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326850290?pwd=TWJ5UzVmTzFuc0VsMGhKcStlb3pxZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 2685 0290

Passcode: 188002

To dial in via telephone:

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New Pastors to begin March 14, 2021
The Rev. Diane Day and The Rev. Matthew Day

The 2021 Daily Texts Have Arrived!

The 2021 Daily Texts have finally arrived! They are available to pick up in the Church Office during office hours: Suggested contribution amount: \$10

Worship opportunities at Zion

A weekly worship service will be recorded each week and posted on the website prior to Sunday Morning. A link to the service will be on the frontpage of our website and on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Guest Pastors/Speakers for Worship Services:

Ash Wednesday, February 17th - Amy Mambu, Seminarian, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Sunday, February 21st – Pastor Heidi Binstock, WestSide Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD

Sunday, February 28th – Pastor Laura Sinche, Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sunday, March 7th – Pastor Laura Sinche, Baltimore Lutheran Campus Ministry

Mid-Week Lent Series Using Evening Prayer

We are very happy to announce that we will offer a Mid-Week Lenten Series. The services will be recorded and available on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. with the following schedule:

February 24th – Deliverance from the Lion's Den

March 3rd – Deliverance at Jericho

March 10th – Deliverance from Circumstance

March 17th – Deliverance at the Red Sea

March 24th – Deliverance from Pharaoh

Pastor Diane Day and Pastor Matt Day will be offering this series. Look for full details in the weekly newsletter for each week's focus.

CareNet Pregnancy Center - Baby Bottle Campaign

Hi all. It is hard to believe, but Lent/Easter is just around the corner. Here at Zion, we support the Frederick Carenet Pregnancy program by filling baby bottles with loose change during Lent. Hopefully, you will continue to support this worthy cause this year. I will have the baby bottles in the ramp entrance at church after 2-10-2021. Please take one with you and fill it as you are able. Please return by Easter Sunday, April 4th. Many thanks for your previous support and thanking you in advance for your continued donations. If any questions, feel free to call me. I take calls til 9PM at 301-371-5139. My email address is djb6025139@gmail.com. May God continue to bless you. Stay safe. Thanks again Donna Jean Brandenburg.

Easter Flower Orders and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Monetary Gifts

The Altar Guild will be selling lilies and tulips and collecting for LWR Monetary Gifts through **March 7, 2021**. All Easter flower orders and LWR gifts must be in by that date. Order forms for Easter Flowers and LWR gifts are attached. Please complete the appropriate form and mail it with your check to the church or drop it off at the Church office during office hours.

If you order Easter flowers, we strongly encourage you to pick them up. Information regarding a time to pick up your Easter flowers will be included in a future newsletter.

Girl Scout Collection Drive
“Give a little – Help a bunch”
From 2/17 - 3/17/21

Service Unit 37-3 is sponsoring a *Spring Health/Hygiene Collection Drive.*

*During the Pandemic, families are struggling. Together Girl Scouts and the Middletown Food Bank are collecting items to make health kits for families. Items needed are **hand sanitizer, liquid & Bar soap, toothpaste/brush, shampoos & antibacterial wipes.** Please consider helping with this effort by donating whatever you can. Collection drop off points are as follows:*

Zion Lutheran Church – 107 W. Main St. Middletown (Parking lot off Green St)

Mountain Postal – Middletown

The Jefferson Market, Jefferson

H.C. Summers, Jefferson

JB’s Seaford, Myersville

Any questions, you can contact Deb Reichelt at dareichert4@comcast.net

Pie Sale

You remember those days... Easter or some gathering at Grandma’s house for a great home-made dinner. Then, she brought out those wonderful smelling, great tasting pies that only she could make. Mmmm.. if only we could smell and taste those pies again! Well, now you can. The quilters are selling fresh baked pies from the Pie Shoppe, Laughlinton, PA on **Apr 3, 2021**, the Saturday before Easter. Unlike most pies you find around town, these pies are a topic of conversation in the kitchens and homes around America. 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 pies cannot be frozen), apple, Dutch apple, blackberry, wild blueberry, razzle berry (blend of blackberries, red raspberries and blueberries), cherry, peach, raisin (fruit pies can be frozen for up to 2 months). All pies are 9 inches and will serve 6 to 8. Cost is \$9.50 each. **Also available this year is nut log and pecan pie.** Cost is \$12.00 each. Proceeds will go to the Zion Building Fund. All orders **MUST** be in by **3/23/2021**. 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

Building Fund

We have upcoming expenses due to the upgrades to the heating systems in the church. Any donations to the building fund would be greatly appreciated!

Middletown Clothes Closet Update and New Email Address!

Beginning February 6th, 2021- the Clothes Closet will be open for families to "shop" on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

While we will no longer be open by appointment only, the volunteers will ensure there are not too many "shoppers" at one time. If needed, you will be asked to remain in your vehicle until space allows for you to gain entry.

Effective immediately, we have been blessed with an abundance of donations. If you have been donating, thank you. If you still have donations, please hold them if you are able or take them to another location that could use them. If you need help figuring this out, message me.

Thank you to the Middletown community for the support our Clothes Closet has received and continues to receive. Especially the support both with people and finances provided by Zion Lutheran Church.

ANY questions - call/text me at 301-606-0041 or email pstaples9395@gmail.com

Zion 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 video.

Zion Prayer List 02-17-2021

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

Lorene Huffer, Mike Fath, Marianna Bere, Skippy Zimmerman, Barbara Ramsey, Catherine Stockman, Bill Traube, John Graybill, Nancy Bybel, Haley Bergman, Marty Appleby, Ronnie Butler, Glenn Stroupe, Dennis Kim, Jim and Paula Pearson, Christa Grunwald, Cathy Smith, Cathy Kehoe, Ruby Pyles, Carolyn Albright, Jackie Bello, Ruth Davis, Randy Andersson, Jessica Catechis, Heidi Witmer, Sherri Myers, Fletcher Robinson, Glen Burris, Matthew Schaffert, Mike Lawrence, Naomi Hayes, Ray Murphy, Janice Wisner, Ricky Routzahn, Priscilla Hughes, Gene Appleby, Addison Hopson, Tristan Vail, Kevin Kinna, Mitchell Bidle, David Shupe, Deb Kahihikolo

Deaths: Betty Harne

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.

Have a Blessed Week,

The Staff of Zion Lutheran Church



Time to Order Easter Flowers

Easter Flower orders will be accepted through March 7, 2021. The cost for lilies and tulips is \$10 each. It is important that you pick up flowers that you order, as the Altar Guild probably will not be able to deliver any flowers to nursing homes or homebound members. Information regarding a time to pick up your Easter flowers will be included in a future newsletter.

All orders must be received by Sunday, March 7. No orders after that date, please! Our supplier needs to know our total number early in order to meet our request.

Orders will be accepted by completing the form below and mailing it with a check to Zion Lutheran Church, 107 West Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769. You may also drop the form and check off at the Church Office during office hours. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers".

2021 Order Form for Easter Flowers

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

____ Lily (\$10.00)

____ Tulips (\$10.00)

In Memory of:

Given by:

In Honor Of:

Given by:

____ I will pick up ____ tulip ____ lily (Put in number you are picking up)

**Monetary Gift in Memory or Honor of
Loved One
(Alternative to Lily or Tulip)**



Zion is providing an opportunity to remember or honor a loved one with a monetary gift to Lutheran World Relief (LWR)—an alternative to purchasing a lily or tulip. All gifts will be combined to make a purchase from the LWR gift catalog to help a family and/or a community in need.

Monetary gifts will be accepted through March 7, 2021, by mailing the completed form below with a check to Zion Lutheran Church, 107 West Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769. You may also drop off the form and check at the Church office during office hours. Please mark your envelope “LWR”.

2021 Monetary Gift for LWR

Each gift is \$10.00

Total Amount enclosed \$_____

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