

# Zion Lutheran Church

## March 23, 2025

### Sunday Morning Adult Class Offerings

March 23: *Widows Among Us: Stories and Insights*. By Karen Justice/Karen Smith-Racicot/Rebecca LaChance.

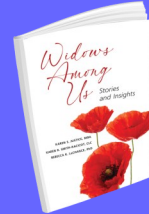
Mysteries of Worship Rituals Series, by Pastor Matt and Altar Guild:

March 30: *Why Pastors Rinse the Wine Chalice*.

April 6: *Parament Colors Explained*

April 13: *Where the Unused Wine, Wafers, Baptism Water goes after the Service*.

April 20: Easter Breakfast (no Adult Sunday School)



## Zion's Weekly Schedule

### Saturday - 3/22

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice  
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting  
 9:30 a.m. AA Group  
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship  
 6:30 p.m. AA Group

### Sunday - 3/23

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Widows Among Us: Stories and Insights Adult Class  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

### Monday - 3/24

3:30 p.m. Village at Foxfield HOA  
 6:30 p.m. Safety and Security Zoom Mtg  
 7:00 p.m. Golf Meeting

### Tuesday - 3/25

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 10:00 a.m. Frederick Conference  
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare  
 7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters  
 7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday - 3/26

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Children's Program  
 7:00 p.m. Midweek Worship

### Thursday - 3/27

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Friday - 3/28

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday - 3/29

7:00 a.m. Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast  
 8:30 a.m. One God One Voice  
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting  
 9:30 a.m. AA Group  
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship  
 6:30 p.m. AA Group

### Sunday - 3/30

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Mysteries of Worship Rituals Adult Class  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 1:30 p.m. Girl Scout Recruitment  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

**Thank you to all Thrivent clients with membership who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion.**

The funds we receive from Thrivent Choice Dollars help us to make a difference and continue with our many ministries. Don't forget 2024 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31. If any help is needed on how to direct your funds, contact Pastor Matt at [pastormatt@zionmiddletown.org](mailto:pastormatt@zionmiddletown.org) or your local Thrivent Representative.

Also, all members of Thrivent have access to two Thrivent action team grants per year. Let us know if you are a Thrivent member and we can pair you up with a project around church.

### **Rolled Bandages**

We are participating in a **Global Health Ministry Service Project** making rolled bandages to send to hospitals in under-developed areas in the world.



**We need WHITE sheets donated for this project.** The collection bin is by the Welcome Center. *Thank-you!* Contact **Lois Ahalt, 301-514-5735**, if you have any questions.

*Correction to Altar Flowers on March 16:*  
The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marc Antonio Ruger Long Crow (Gunsallus) on his second birthday by Mommy and Daddy

## **Ladies Spring Fling Dinner May 7**



You are cordially invited to join Zion's annual Ladies Spring Fling Dinner.

**Tickets will go on sale starting April 6.**

The cost is \$12 per person, kids ages 6 to 16 are \$6 and 5 and under are free. The menu will be fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, mac n cheese, green beans, fruit cup, dinner rolls and drinks! Dessert will be cake and ice cream.

**Paint Night to follow.** Paint inspiration rocks for yourself and for the community. Zions youth to distribute rocks throughout neighborhoods.

**Dinner is at 6:00 pm with  
Paint Night at 7:00 pm.**

Please RSVP to Church Office by May 2 to purchase your tickets! Questions? Contact the Church Office – 301-371-6500.

### **CareNet**

**Please help collect! Zion is helping CareNet Pregnancy Center again this year by taking an empty baby bottle and filling it with loose change, or a check made payable to THEM. Please return the bottles to the PURPLE box in the church office by Easter. Many thanks! -Donna Jean**

## Middletown Valley Community Day of Service, April 26, 2025

### Are you in need of physical assistance with home projects (due to low income or health issues)?

The projects can be any minimal home repair or maintenance that can be completed in a half day and located in the Middletown Valley and surrounding towns.

**Examples:** painting projects, yard work cleanup, small home repair projects, etc... Please contact Deb at Zion Lutheran Church 301-371-6500, ext. 203 to register your project.



Middletown's Day of Service will not be successful without volunteers! Please consider giving some of your time to help! Many volunteer opportunities available and all ages are welcome for this day that is so fulfilling for all who participate. **Please mark your calendar to spend part of the day with us! Call Deb to sign up to volunteer: 301-371-6500, ext. 203**

Easter Flower Orders  
and Lutheran World  
Relief (LWR) Gifts  
must be in by  
March 23.



### Middletown Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

All You Can Eat!

Saturday, April 12, 7:30—10:30 a.m.

Location: Zion  
Lutheran Church

Adults—\$13

Seniors—\$12

Children (5-10)-\$9 un-  
der 5 years old-Free

*Proceeds benefit the  
Middletown Community*

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over and join us!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19  
10 AM - NOON**

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
107 WEST MAIN STREET  
MIDDLETOWN, MD**

Join us for a very special Easter celebration! There will be crafts, activities, a service project and an egg hunt! And don't forget to bring your baskets!



### Worship Services

**Saturday: 5 p.m. Informal Worship**

**Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship & 11 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
**Christian Education: Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

### 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](http://www.zionmiddletown.org) and it will take you directly to the video. The link for the livestream of one service each week is on the website; click the link and it will take you directly to the video.



**SAVE A LIFE**

BLEEDING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH

**FREE TRAINING BY BRUNSWICK  
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE & RESCUE**

Thursday, April 10th, 6 p.m. in the Social Room.

This event is being sponsored by the Safety and Security Ministry Team and is open to everyone in our congregation especially to our ushers, greeters, and worship leaders.



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OR THE CHURCH OFFICE  
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KNOW YOU ARE COMING SO WE CAN  
HAVE ENOUGH EQUIPMENT AND  
INSTRUCTORS



### **Golf Tournament-May 5!**

*To benefit Zion Lutheran Church Steeple*

**You can help make this tournament a success by becoming a sponsor today!** Your sponsorship goes towards the goal of raising \$10,000 towards the restoration and repair of the "Beacon in the Valley" steeple. **Do you play golf? Talk to your friends and form a foursome to play in the tournament.**

For information please see a committee member or call the church office, 301-371-6500. Registration forms are outside of the church office.

*Committee members: Vince Bello, Jackie Bello, Jenn Caulk, Doug Davis, Darin Gordon, David Gordon, Megan Gunsallus, Terry Poffinberger, Deb Reichelt, Eric Reichelt, Bruce Taylor*

### **Budget/Income Information-YTD as of February 28, 2025**

YTD Proposed Budget income \$88,486.

vs YTD Actual Income \$74,924.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$111,927. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$108,243.

**Actual YTD Income is less expenses in February 2025 by \$33,319.**

**February Noisy Offering to Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter — \$478.58**

