

Zion Lutheran Church

February 2, 2025

Annual Congregational Meeting
Today, February 2nd,
following the 10:00 a.m.
Combined Worship Service.

Sunday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m.



Youth of all ages will gather together after the Prayer of the Day for a lesson and activity. We will return to worship in time for communion.

Zion's Weekly Schedule

Saturday - 2/1

8:00 a.m. Girl Scouts Blast (Babysitting)
 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 - 2/2 Footprints Sunday

10:00 a.m. Combined Worship
 11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

Monday - 2/3

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 2/4

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
 6:30 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters
 7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

Wednesday—2/5

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters

Thursday - 2/6

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Table Talk

Friday—2/7

4:00 p.m. Valley Urbanites
 6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday - 2/8

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 - 2/9 Footprints Sunday

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Grief Awareness Adult Class
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 3:30 p.m. 4H Business Meeting & Activity
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

Sunday School Education Sundays at 10 a.m.

**ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL,
AND ADULT CLASSES**

Unless otherwise noted, **Sunday Morning Christian Education** is always available!
Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and join in the conversation no matter your age!

Children's Choir

Let's sing together!

On the second Sundays of the month instead of Kids'

Sunday School, we will have Children's Choir practice. Kids will sing and dance and have fun as they learn about their faith through song.



Apple Butter
\$6 for a pint

GriefShare



The Spring cycle of GriefShare will be scheduled for Tuesdays, February 25 through May 20. **Meetings are held in the Living Library from 6 - 8 p.m.**

Altar Flowers Chart

The Flower Chart for 2025 has been posted outside the Living Library. **There are plenty of Sundays available to sign up for!** The flowers are always appreciated and enjoyed by the Congregation and the homebound and nursing home members who receive them after the services.

Spring Beacon

To include an announcement in the next the newsletter, the deadline is February 7.

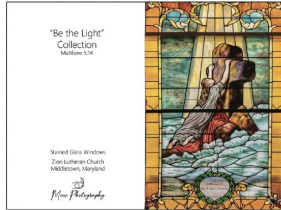
Our **Backpack Ministry** will be meeting the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school.

Critical need for February is Granola Bars and Pretzels.

Monetary donations to the Backpack Ministry are always welcome.



Take Zion's treasured windows home with you! Boxes are still



available!

Photographed by a local artist, Reanna Muse, a keepsake box includes 12 blank note cards (2 of each

window). **\$25.00 per box.** All proceeds go to "With Open Arms" Mar-Lu-Ridge Renovation Project and Zion's Tanzania Support Project. **You can purchase the cards in the Church Office.**

Golf Tournament—May 5, 2025

To benefit Zion Lutheran Church Steeple



How about forming a foursome and playing in the tournament? Or donating a Silent Auction item?

We are looking for sponsors to help us raise needed funds to repair our steeple.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000.

For information please see a committee member or call the church office, 301-371-6500. Registration forms will be handed out on Sunday, February 2, after worship. Forms are also on the bookcase outside of the church office.

Golf Committee: Vince & Jackie Bello, Jen Caulk, Doug Davis, Darin Gordon, David Gordon, Meghan Gunsallus, Terry Poffinberger, Deb Reichelt, Eric Reichelt and Bruce Taylor.

JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Lunch

Join us for our next **JOY Luncheon on January 19**, at 12 noon. Everyone in the Middletown Valley is welcome!

The cost is \$10 per person.

Call Alexa for reservations at 301-514-4479 by **Monday, February 17.**



We would like to remember our members, that are homebound or in care facilities, on their birthdays.

Mrs. Regina Ahalt
3004 Old National Pike
Middletown, MD 21769

February 3rd



Middletown Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 8,

7:30—10:30 a.m. at

Zion Lutheran Church Social Room

\$13.00 Adults

\$12.00 Seniors

\$9.00 Child (5-9 yrs old)

5 yrs old and under free



Pancakes and more!!

Proceeds benefit the Middletown community. For more information see the Lion's Club Facebook page.

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 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.

Middletown Clothes Closet

The Middletown Clothes Closet accepts donations of **gently used clothing—including winter coats, shoes and boots**; and jewelry. Also accepted are small household items and bedding (sheets, blankets, etc.) A volunteer is staffed on **Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** to accept donations, and for families to “shop”. All clothing is free. Any questions, or to volunteer, please reach out to rstaples17@comcast.net or call 301-606-0041.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS
can be dropped off in the cart
located at the ramp, or taken
directly to the Food Bank on Wednes-
days from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp is waiting for you!

The **2025 schedule** is ready. Our programming includes Day Camp for ages 6-10, overnight camps for ages 6-17, and Family Camp. **Scholarships are available to anyone in need**, so please don't hesitate to ask.

CAMP DAY, March 23 - a free event for anyone interested in seeing our space and meeting some of our amazing staff. All are welcome, 1-4 p.m.
mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org or 800-238-9974.

Lee Ropp is Crushing Cans for Our Youth!

Lee Ropp has collected 287.61 lbs (\$138.05) of aluminum cans for the month of December.

Budget/Income Information-YTD as of December 31, 2024

YTD Proposed Budget income \$599,799.

vs YTD Actual Income \$543,037.

YTD Proposed Budget Expense \$599,799. vs

YTD Actual Expenses \$546,839.

Actual YTD Income is less expenses in December 2024 by \$3,802.

December Noisy Offering to Religious Coalition— \$241.35

