

# Zion Lutheran Church

## January 12, 2025

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd, following the 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service.



(Snow date: February 9)

There will be two Town Hall Meetings:  
**Saturday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m., and**  
**Sunday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m.**

### Zion's Weekly Schedule

#### Saturday - 1/11

8:30 a.m. One God One Voice  
 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet Sorting  
 9:30 a.m. AA Group  
 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Casual Worship  
 6:30 p.m. AA Group

#### Sunday - 1/12 FootPrints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class  
 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Practice  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Team—Zoom  
 7:00 p.m. AA Group

#### Monday - 1/13

10:00 a.m. Office Staff Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Council

#### Tuesday - 1/14

7:30 a.m. Elevator Inspection  
 8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 6:30 p.m. Safety and Security Zoom Mtg  
 7:00 p.m. Zion Knitters  
 7:00 p.m. CoDA Meeting

#### Wednesday—1/15

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 12:00 p.m. JOY Luncheon

#### Thursday - 1/16

8:30 a.m. Zion Quilters  
 10:00 a.m. Pastor Matt Dean's Zoom Mtg.  
 11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday—1/17

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

#### Saturday - 1/18 Noisy Offering

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 - 1/19 Noisy Offering

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Class  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 3:30 p.m. 4H Monthly Business Mtg  
 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!

## JOY +50 (Just Older Youth) Lunch

Join us for our next **JOY Luncheon on January 15**, 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, January 13.**



**Sundays  
Jan. 12 & Feb. 2,  
9 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.

## 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.



## Noisy Offering

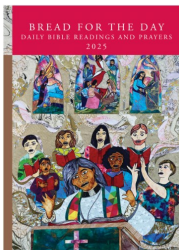
The next Noisy Offering will be collected on the weekend of January 18/19 going to SHIP.



## Spring Beacon

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

## 2025 Bread for the Day



devotionals are available in the Welcome Center for a donation of \$10. **Christ in Our Home** are also available there and on the ramp.

## Hope to Faith

**Hope to Faith meets the last Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.** (until March). If you have experienced a loss recently or at any time in your life, please know that you are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and food! **Contact Dixie Eichelberger at 301-667-7586 for more information.**

## 2025 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! We really need members to sign up for the following dates: Jan. 19 and 26; Feb. 16 and 23.**



The flowers are always appreciated and enjoyed by the Congregation and the homebound and nursing home members who receive them after the services.

## WE GOT A DAY OFF!

The Winter DayOff Program  
is on

Monday, January 20 at 9 a.m.

In the morning, we are going to hang out at church playing some games and then the kids are going to help make lunch. After lunch, we are going to Urban Air.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! RSVP by January 8** to secure your spot. **Cost is FREE** thanks to generous donations. This is open to Elementary, Middle and High School Kids. Extra chaperones are always needed and appreciated!!



DAYOFF  
PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION



## Zion's Smoke Alarms

Due to our Fire & Smoke alarm being replaced, volunteers are needed to monitor the building every hour while there are people in building (Day & Night). In order to assist, you will have to attend a short training involving where & how to monitor, log in information, where fire extinguishers are located and how to operate one.

**The training is set for January 21, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Social Room.** The smoke alarm replacement is scheduled to start January 27 and may go for about two weeks. There will be a sign-up sheet available at training.

Please consider helping and being a part of the continued improvements at Zion. If interested or have any questions, please call the office at 301-371-6500.

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

Invite a friend and make your plans for summer. The **2025 schedule** is ready - and there is something for everyone! Mar-Lu-Ridge is an American Camp Association accredited camp. Our staff are trained and certified in First Aid, CPR/AED, and many are lifeguards and high ropes facilitators as well

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.

**Mark your calendars for 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](mailto:mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org) 800-238-9974.

### 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.

### **Middletown Clothes Closet**

The Middletown Clothes Closet accepts donations of gently used clothing, shoes, 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](mailto:rstaples17@comcast.net) or call 301-606-0041.**

Our **Backpack Ministry** will be



meeting the needs of students on the weekends when they do not receive food at school.

***Critical need for January:  
Macaroni and Cheese***

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



The K of C Scrap Metal Drive for Charity drop-off location is changing. The new location is Zion's lower parking lot. Every Sunday, starting January 5, 2025, 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### 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**

