



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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160th ANNIVERSARY

THE ZION NEWS

**Saturday Evening Worship
Begins September 10th—6:00 pm**



**Loyalty Sunday
September 11th
Worship at 8:00 and 11:00 am
Sunday School for All Ages—9:15 am**

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TURBOTVILLE, PA
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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in the midst of a Summer promotion of our ministry at Zion. The promotion effort includes mailings, signs and flyers, bookmarks, face-book, and a new website. While we are highlighting our new Saturday evening worship service, all of our worship services and many ministries are included.

The next part of our efforts is to pray for the people of our community that we hope to reach. We developed a good prospect list of approximately 275 households. The list is posted on a bulletin board in the church narthex. The list is the actual sticker label set that we put on envelopes. Take a look at the list and try to find some people you may know, then peel off the labels and put them on one of the prayer cards with the display. Pray for those folks until September 11th, Loyalty Sunday at Zion.

- Pray for each family member by name.
- Pray for their hurts, be specific if you know them.
- Pray for their hopes and dreams.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to call them to join us for worship or a church activity.
- Pray that God would grant them life and salvation through Jesus Christ.

If everyone could take a few families we could be praying for the whole prospect list.

Another important part of our efforts will be to extend a joyful invitation to each household on our prospect list. Would you be willing to serve as one of our phone callers? It really is as simple as greeting them warmly and saying that we wish to invite them to worship with us. If they already have a church home, we will encourage them to be faithful to their community. Let us know if you can make some calls.

Finally, I am willing to make contact with people whom you think would be especially open to an invitation. Perhaps they are hurting and a visit would be helpful. Perhaps they are looking for community and simply need a face to face invitation. Let me know and I will visit them. Please pray for me when I go to see them.

We have a caring and compassionate community at Zion. The Lord has blessed us richly. May we be people who work to share that blessing.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Boy Scout Troop 622 finds Success and Service at Summer Camp

Zion's Boy Scout Troop had 35 boys and 10 leaders complete a week at Camp Karoondinha. The boys combined to earn 92 merit badges. At the week's end, the troop was recognized as an Honor Unit and three boys won individual awards including the chess champion, the top scout in STEM program, and top scout in Arts/ Crafts program. The leaders had a busy week conducting service for the camp including rebuilding a latrine, constructing small dams to reduce infiltration of sediment into the camp lake, and instruction at camp programs. In total, the boys and leaders contributed over 150 service hours to the camp. Congratulations to the troop for a great week and thank you to Zion members for your continued support.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
6:30PM

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM
“ God Bless America”

ALL AGES
COME AND JOIN US~

Presented by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and Kingdom Kidz Inc.

SONGS, SKITS, AND PUPPETS~

**Love offering to be taken to sponsor Kingdom Kidz at
Altoona Veterans Hospital**



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Central PA Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Small Business of the Year

ADOPT A PLOT TO WEED

Jesus once said “let the weeds grow with the wheat,” but he didn’t mean that our landscaping should be left overgrown. We have beautiful landscaping around our building at Zion, but sometimes it seems the weeds are winning. One recent suggestion was that we ask if folks would be willing to take a section of landscaping and keep it weed free. “Adopt a Plot” so to speak. Let us know if there is a section you are willing to tend.



PHONE CALLERS NEEDED

As part of our promotion of Zion this Summer, we will be calling every household on our prospect list the week before Loyalty Sunday. Callers will simply give a cheerful greeting and make a joyful invitation to our worship services that coming weekend. If an answering machine picks up, a message is left. Would you be willing to make some calls for us? Please call the church office or speak to Pastor Roux if you would like to help.

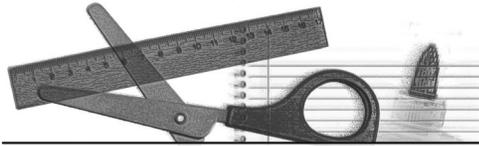


Electronic Giving Option The Simply Giving Program Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union

Zion is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.



Preschool Wishlist



Wet Wipes—Hypoallergenic & Alcohol Free
Paper Plates—dessert size 7 inch

Cups 6 or 7 oz.

Napkins

Paper Towels

Walmart Gift Cards

AC Moore Gift Cards

Target Gift Cards

12-Water Color Sets

Dry Erase Markets

Crayola Crayons

Crayola Washable Markets

Disinfectant Wipes



Preschool Applications are being accepted for 2016/2017 school year. If you know of children who wish to apply or have questions contact the church office.



Join Us for LOYALTY SUNDAY September 11th

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September, 11th. It is always a great day of celebration, a time to renew our fellowship. We also begin our Sunday School and bless our Sunday School teachers. Bring your whole family and invite friends to join you. Let us celebrate our God, who is loyal to us with great love.

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PASTOR ROUX'S VACATION DAYS

Pastor Roux's will be on vacation Saturday, September 3 – 4, 2016. Supply Ministers: September 4—Mindy Bartholomew. Please contact Pastor Middernacht with pastoral emergencies at 570-523-7859.

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PASTORS ON RETREAT

Pastor Roux and Pastor Middernacht will be attending a retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity the week of September 22—26.

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Introduction to Confirmation

Confirmation ministry in the Lutheran Church teaches the foundations of the Lutheran faith. Students explore God's Word and learn what it means to serve Christ in the world. After two years of instruction, students participate in a rite in which they publicly declare their promise to be faithful to Christ, a rite known as Affirmation of Baptism.

Confirmation class is open to all youth who are beginning seventh grade and to others who have not yet received Instruction.

An Introduction to Confirmation for both youth and their parents will be held on September 11th at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.



From *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë:

"Listen to your conscience and do the right thing, no matter the cost. You can't put a price on self-respect. Follow your heart. Things may not always work out the way you'd like, but if you live according to your principles, they will work out."

From the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling:

"With love, friendship, and family (whether they're still with us, or not), we can get through anything."

From *Tuesdays With Morrie* by Mitch Albom:

"It's important to learn as much as you can from those you respect most. It's those people who will help shape you into the person you want to be."

Excerpted from "41 Invaluable Lessons Books Taught Us About Life" by Jarry Lee, BuzzFeed Books, March 25, 2015.

ATTENTION THRIVENT PRODUCT HOLDERS

Thrivent members are eligible to direct funds to Action Team fundraisers, service activities, or educational events within our congregation. This means that a member could receive \$250 towards a project simply by applying online. A Benefit member could do this twice a year and an Associate member once a year. If you have questions about how you can direct Action Team dollars this year, please talk to Jeanette Calhoun or Pastor Roux. If you need help applying online, please arrange for a time with Pastor Roux to help you.

LIBRARY NOTES

“There have never been, nor are there now, too many good books.”
~~ Martin Luther

INVALUABLE LESSONS BOOKS TEACH US ABOUT LIFE

From *The Giver* by Lois Lowry:

“Even though change and strife can be terrifying, the beauty of choice and love always outweighs the pain.”

From *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas:

“It’s never too late to turn your life in a completely new direction, and there is huge importance in just one day.”

From *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien:

“Never deny yourself an experience just because it’s unknown or uncomfortable — it may just be a defining and wonderful part of your life.”

From *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald:

“Changing yourself into someone that is completely different from who you are doesn’t lead to anything good. If someone loves you then they should love everything about you, including flaws. Love is about so much more than the superficial things. Be and love yourself.”

From *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry:

“Good people can make a difference and help to alleviate profound suffering just with simple acts of compassion.”

From the *Divergent* trilogy by Veronica Roth and the *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins:

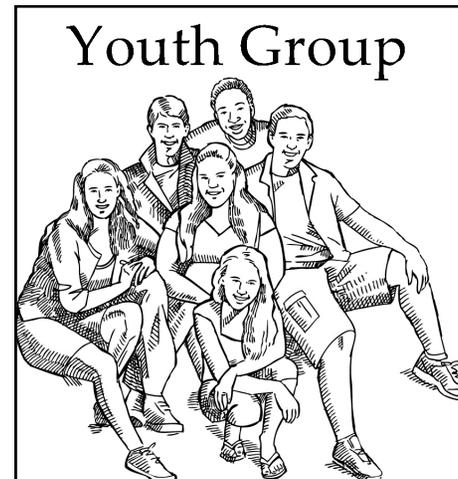
“You have to fight for what you believe in. Even if you’re the underdog, keep fighting and you can conquer.”

From *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson:

“Heroes come in all shapes and sizes, even those who don’t consider themselves heroes.”

From *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank:

“Having a strong imagination in your darkest hour can bring out hidden strengths you never thought you had.”



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS KICK OFF

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, September 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will share games, group builders, a devotion and food. Bring a friend and join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

We encourage everyone to attend Sunday School. When whole families attend together, everyone benefits. Children understand the importance of learning the Bible when they see their parents and other adults attend. Parents feel more comfortable discussing faith with their children. All members become more engaged in church activities, fostering the growth of the church body. God is calling you to study his Word. How will you respond to that call?

Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m. with an opening celebration in the Social Hall. We offer classes for all ages and most of the classes are shaped by an award winning curriculum entitled "Growing in Christ." The following classes are available:

Preschool—Kim Litchard and Jen Fritz

Kindergarten to Grade 2—Beth Roux and Wendy Wood

Grades 3—6—Amanda Stoudt and Shelley Craig

Grades 7 – 12—Craig Wood and Pastor Roux

Adult—Clissie Sheatler



take the time to check your address Thank you Cathy.

Thanks for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my operations. Thanks also to pastor Steve for his visits during my 2 stays in the hospital.

Leonard Tyson

To the Disaster Relief Team,

Thank you for the work that you did on our house. You did a great job! Thank you for the food that you brought to us. We got several good meals out of it.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

John Hemrick

Thank you to everyone who donated food, set up, and helped serve the funeral luncheon for Eleanor. It was a wonderful tribute to her memory and a reminder of all the hours she did the same service for other families.

Thank you for all the kind words, thoughts and prayers we have received from everyone at Zion.

John Hemrick and family

Dear Zion,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! With the price of college today, any amount of money is a huge help. It's great to be part of such a generous and caring congregation.

Thanks,

Connor Pelletier

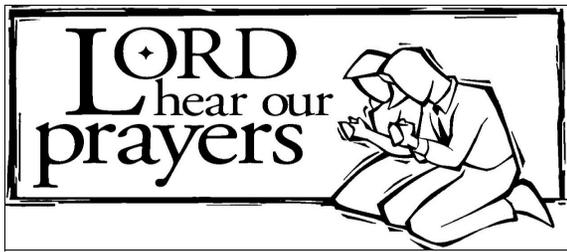
To Our Friends at Zion,

Many thanks for the prayers, cards and expression of sympathy upon the death of our loved one.

In Christian Love,

The Clair Stahl Family





Wednesday Prayer Service

Our Wednesday Prayer services continue at 9:00 am. For those looking for an additional opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Prayer Group celebrates the sacrament at its service on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Be with us for prayers and the Sacrament on Wednesdays.

Are you getting your mail from the church? If not, the church office may not have your new or a correct address. If your address has changed please notify the church office. Check the membership directory (three ring binder) located on the table in the narthex and let the office know of any changes. *We must pay for all mail returned, every time it is returned, because of an incorrect address Please*

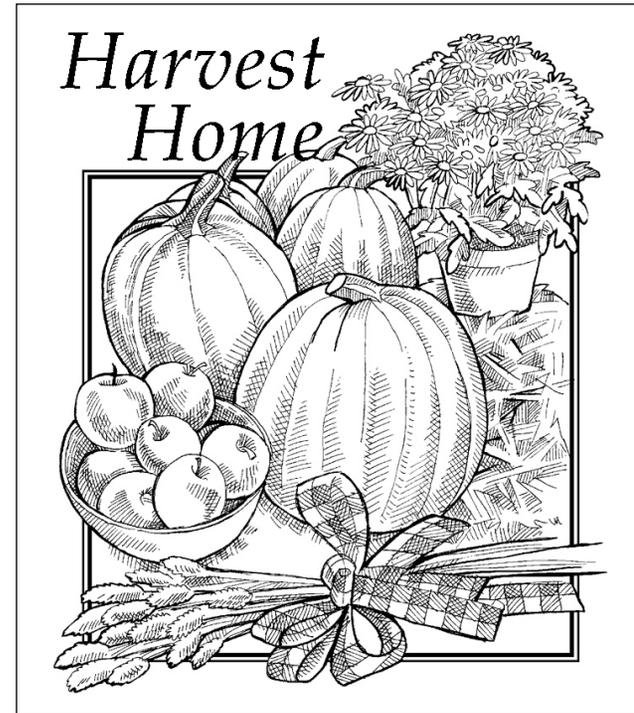
Dear Friends in Christ,

THANKS FOR A GREAT DAY CAMP!

We give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our Camp Mount Luther Day Camp here at Zion a great success. Thirty-five children and youth from our community participated. The theme for our week was “LaFrontera: Where Jesus Meets Us,” and participants learned this great good news through Bible study, crafts, games, music, and shared meals. These activities were led by talented counselors from Camp Mount Luther. The counselors included Annie Harshbarger, James Gates, Tara Barnard, and Noah Roux. We also spent a day at Montour Preserve and learned from the naturalist. “Kingdom Kidz,” a Christian puppet group, was our Tuesday entertainment.

Many thanks are due for this marvelous week. Thanks to those who made donations of craft items, snacks, and funds. All of our needs were met. The Roux's were privileged to host our counselors for the week. Meals and snacks were lovingly prepared and served by Shirley Edwards, Celeste Biggins, Judy Bieber, Evelyn Benfer, Terry and Ann Gardner, and Glenda Yost. Support staff from Zion who helped with everything from registration to crafts and campfire were Marie Gardner, Wendy Wood, and Beth Roux. Youth who helped included Macoy Auman, Kailey Betz, and Sarah Schaech. May God bless all who helped and participated.

Sincerely Yours, Pastor Roux



Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Everyone is invited to bring commercially canned fruits or vegetables that will be distributed locally along with our Harvest Home monetary offerings. These items can be brought to both services on that Sunday. Designations of food and monetary donations will be announced.

CHOIR REHEARSALS



will begin Wednesday, August 31 at
6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The handbells are ready to ring. All ages might ring—it is fun! Please give some thought to joining our handbell program. Wednesdays 6:00 pm

10:30 AM CHORUS

The 10:30 Chorus will continue to sing the second and fourth Sunday at the 10:30 service. Rehearsal is in the choir room at 10:15 am on Sundays when we sing. The music is hymns and choruses and easily learned in ten minutes. Please join us.

8:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR

The choir sings on the first and third Sundays at 8:00 only. The rehearsals are from 7:00—8:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Choir room. How about YOU?

Would you like to sing or ring?

Pastor Steve
Minister of Music



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/16)	17,359.22	16,920.10
	July	YTD
Monthly Contributions	15,523.21	143,554.19
Monthly Disbursements	19,124.37	144,766.44
Balance (7/31/16)	13,467.06	13,467.06

Building Fund—\$13,681.53

July Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 360

10:30 am - 246

Wednesday Prayer - 36

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team 1st Monday at 7:00 pm
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson
Carla Mahaffey—Council Rep.

TUESDAY

Outreach 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Pastor Roux-Chairperson
John Myers—Council Rep
Stewardship 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Barry Durlin-Chairperson
Bob DeHart—Council Rep
Property 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Lynn Watson and Lee Bieber—Co-Chairs
John Kauffman—Council Rep
Social Ministry 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Valli Rovenolt-Chairperson
Garry Ritter—Council Rep

THURSDAY

Executive Committee 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm
Church Council 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Worship and Music 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm
John Craven -Chairperson
Carolyn Bieber—Council Rep
Staff Support 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm
Melissa Kilgus -Chairperson
Deb Webb—Council Rep

SUNDAY

Christian Education meets quarterly at 6:30 pm



September Newsletter
September deadline is
September 14, 2016

Are you aware that we have ...

... large print Portals of Prayer?

...devotional booklets located on the table in the narthex and at the back of the church?

Large print bulletins are available for all worship services.

Children's bulletins are also available for worship services. Just ask an usher.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net
Website: zionturbotville.com
Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Check out the pictures on Facebook

Do You “Facebook”?

Dictionaries list it as a noun or a verb. A 2015 study of demographics of American social media users found that 72% of adult internet users (ages 18 – 65+) use it. It is, by far, the most used social media in the country. With it we can connect to our friends and family both near and far. What is ‘it’? Facebook, of course!

There is another family with whom you can keep in touch through Facebook – our Zion Church family. If you already have a Facebook account, you can simply key “zion turbotville pa” in the “Search Facebook” field in the upper left corner of the screen to find our page. Under the page’s banner picture, you can click “Like” to follow us. It’s easy to set up an account, if you don’t already have Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com, then click the “Sign Up” box. When you have set up your account, just follow the instructions above to find Zion’s page. Once you have “liked” us, any news, announcements, or pictures that are posted on the page will display in your personal page’s newsfeed, or you can just visit our page anytime. It’s that simple!

Don’t miss out on any news about our church and its activities and ministries. Start following us on Facebook today!



Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)
Clissie Sheatler, Council President (570-437-2215)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper

Dennis Sheatler, Custodian

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Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemoyer 649-5358

Team 2 Joe and Mary Lou Murray 437-2478

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Ashley and Janet Reasner 649-5658

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

JULY – This month, we looked for cans containing juicy red tomatoes or tomato products. You found them, brought them, and they have been delivered to our neighbors. Thank you so much.

AUGUST – While shopping did you find baked beans for those picnics our neighbors are planning? If not, you still have a few days in this month shop. It's still "picnic time" and those cans of baked beans are still needed.

SEPTEMBER



Hard to believe isn't it? We are fast approaching the fall season, crops are being gathered, gardens are reaching the end of their growing season and soon we will be gathering apples in our orchards. We all know the joys of consuming a fresh, crunchy apple or those delicious apple pies, strudels and dumplings. Don't forget the applesauce! Let's bring cans or jars of applesauce during the month of September. You will find them sweetened or unsweetened, with or without spices, in large or small cans, and there is even organic. Bring any and all kinds and sizes to share during the month of September. Thank you!



View the Zion News Online

Our monthly newsletter is available online as soon as it goes to press. If you aren't getting your copy through the mail in a timely manner, we encourage you to go to www.zion-ev-lutheran.org (news and events—view the current parish calendar) This can be especially helpful to check the calendar and worship assistant schedules.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's personal time between the hours of 9:00—12:00 Call Cathy in the office if you can help or have any questions. Duties include answering the telephone, taking messages, fold and stuff the bulletins for Sunday.

Coverage is needed in the church office for the following days: Fridays - July 29; Fridays - August 5, 12, 26; Fridays - September 2, 9, 23, 30; Fridays - October 7, 14; Fridays - November 25; Monday—December 5; Thursday—December 23.

College Students are returning to college soon, if not already. Please contact the church office with your new addresses.

Cathy



Please remember in your prayers our members who are homebound,
in nursing homes and the military:

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Alice Durlin – 6/9

Emily Gottschall - 10/10

Joyce McCollum—12/2

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Donald and Jean Fry

Finley Stahl

Nancy DeHart

Watson town Rehab—Watson town

Lena Sechler—5/13

Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21

Deborah Laidacker

Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

John Rump-3/26

Christopher Keister-4/2

Michael Frey-5/20

Wayne Meckley-8/16

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet September 14, 2016.

It's a *surprise* program and we will be going to Orlie's in Muncy for lunch.

Everyone is welcomed to join our group for a time of Christian fellowship.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars!

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in September

Irene Watson—27th

Shut-in members with Birthdays in September

Eleanor Trefsgger—21st

ALL COMMITTEES ARE REMINDED

2017 Proposed Budgets are due in
the church office August 31, 2016.
Watch your office mailboxes for
details