

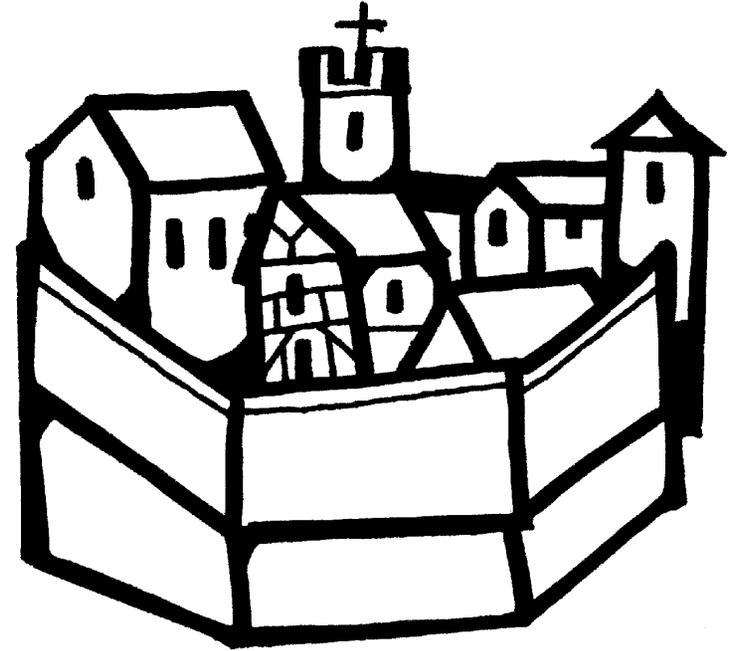


ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THE ZION NEWS



REFORMATION SUNDAY
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**“Trunk or Treat” at the Zion parking lot.
Monday, October 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**

Church members are invited to bring their Halloween treats to the church and hand them out to the children. Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality. Feel free to dress in costume and decorate the trunk of your vehicle. Zion was a popular spot for visitors on Halloween last year. Let's see if we can grow this fun community activity.



Comfort Ye My People

On August 20 Turbotville held its Community August Fest. At that time, we at Zion decided to open our facility to provide a comfort station— use of rest rooms and bottles of ice water. Between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm more that 100 people availed themselves of our facilities. Many who came in were families with children. Our youngest customer was an adorable little boy who was just 2 weeks old. The diaper changer was a busy place and several babies needed to be fed and had a safe comfortable place to do so. One women said she was so grateful to be able to come here because last year they tried to find a gas station to use the rest room. By the end of the day many strangers had become friends. Almost everyone offered us a donation, but were told that we did not ask for or accept donations, but were merely providing a service. This expression was used quite often. We were merely providing a service for those in need. After all is that not what we are called to do as servants of The Servant.

Joyce Osman

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to everyone who worked on our Zion Church promotional project this summer. For twelve weeks we implemented a plan that included creating a prospect list, distributing fliers and bookmarks, specific mailings to prospects and every door direct mailings to the community, phone calls and personal invitations. A new website was also developed. We let our community know that Zion is an active, joyful, and caring congregation.

Our Saturday evening 6:00 pm worship just began on September 10th with 38 persons attending. Some who attended were new faces, some were Zion members for whom the new time will allow them to attend, and some were members who came to be supportive of our outreach effort. We have yet to see how many people will return to become regular attenders. I would consider it a success to a establish a small, strong, and faithful worship group of twenty-five to thirty persons. We will continue to keep in contact with those on our prospect list whom we think we may yet have an opportunity to reach with the gospel and love of Jesus Christ.

Please keep inviting the people in your life to attend worship or an event at Zion. Also, feel free to attend the new Saturday worship opportunity when you find it more convenient.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Jesus: The New Way

A compelling journey into the life, words, and world of Jesus and what they mean for our world today.

We will be offering another video based course beginning the first week of October. Three different class times will be available. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 am starting October 4th, Saturdays at 7:15 pm starting October 8th, or Sundays at 9:15 am starting October 9th.

Jesus The New Way consists of 6 half-hour programs, written and presented by the New Testament scholar N. T. Wright. It was originally produced in 1998. Wright frequently appears onscreen speaking directly to the camera; otherwise he narrates over selected scenes from films about Jesus. Particular use is made of the excellent film simply called "Jesus," starring Brian Deacon (1979). The six presentations are:

Program 1. Getting the Kingdom Started: Into what kind of world was Jesus born? What do we learn from the Dead Sea Scrolls, John the Baptist, and the kingdom announcement of Jesus?

Program 2. Startling Surprises: How did the kingdom announced by Jesus parallel the expectations of the Jewish people that they derived from their study of Scripture? Why was Jesus' news shocking and offensive? What was he really saying?

Program 3. Longing for a King: In a Jewish world wired for the welcome and recognition of a Messiah, how did Jesus redefine what that should mean? What were the implications for the main symbols of Israel's life such as the Holy Temple?

Program 4. Why did Jesus die? What were the charges? What was the real and great battle being fought? How was history racing toward its climatic moment, and how did Jesus understand and undertake his role therein?

Program 5. Who was Jesus? How do we begin to understand the meaning of Jesus by reexamining what we really mean by God? How did Jesus understand himself? How did the early church view Jesus? Was Jesus divine?

Program 6. The New Claim: Was Jesus really raised from the dead? What about all the skeptics' explanations as to why that is impossible? What did resurrection mean to first-century Jews? How does the resurrection of Jesus address our individual lives?

Time for discussion and further learning will follow the video presentations. Pastor Roux will be leading the Tuesday and Saturday class times, and Marie Gardner will be leading the Sunday School class time. Come join us to learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

Thank you for the wonderful response to our wish list needs. Please know how much we appreciate your prayers, support and donations. The year is off to a good start and we are looking forward to another great year!!
Jen and Wendy



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.

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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. Please contact Pastor Tom Glasoe with pastoral emergencies at 570-238-2116.

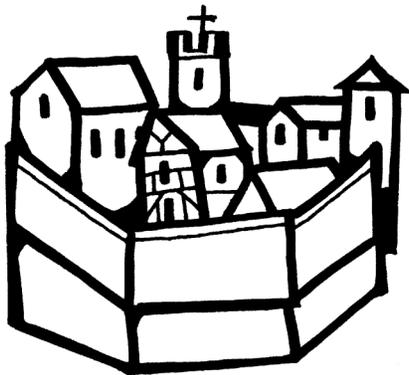
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Affirmation of Baptism

Our celebration of Reformation Sunday on October 30th will be an especially joyous occasion this year. Five of our youth will participate in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism on that day. They are Pete Reasner, Alexis Wildt, Sarah Wildt, Cadee Wood, Mercedes Zettlemoyer of instruction and are ready to make public profession of their faith and assume a greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

They will promise:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear His word and share His supper
- to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed.
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.



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A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the large Funeral Luncheon following the service for Michael McCollum on Saturday, August 13th. Food was donated by the generous and good cooks of Zion as well as friends and relatives of the McCollum, Pflieger and Moser families. It was a very warm day and so special thanks to our servers: Rick & Valli Rovenolt, Paul & Ruth Auten, Phil & Linda Hopewell, Bruce Zettlemoyer, Clissie Sheatler, Linda Shupp, Martha Weidner and Faith Heiss. Also thanks to Barb Hartline for making the many calls for food donations and to Dennis Sheatler for taking care of the tables & chairs. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated!

Barb Zettlemoyer

Pastor Roux and Zion Lutheran Church,

May the kindness return to you in the same beautiful way it was given. Micheal and I shared many life changing and simply moments together at Zion worshipping and receiving Holy Communion together. Pastor Roux thank you for the beautiful homily and words of God that gave comfort to everyone and reminding them of God's promise. Mikey is the love of my life and I am forever thankful to everyone that prepared the church and the delicious food for fellowship. I am thankful for the love, hugs, smiles and prayers as I grieve the loss of Micheal.

God Bless

Sarah Moser

A special thank you to our mother, Lois Sommers, for providing the beautiful alter flowers and baskets given to the Gory of our Lord and in honor of our 50th Anniversary.

Much Love,

Jim and Marie

Thank you members of Zion for the lovely planter that will grow and continue to remind us of life in Christ shared at Zion.

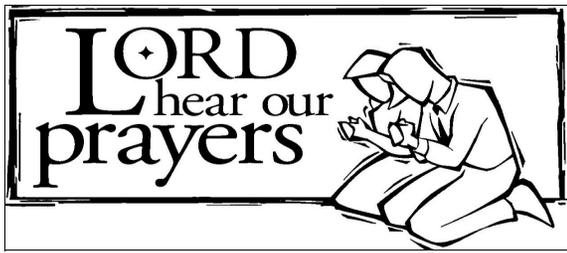
Jim and Marie

Thank you to all our Zion church family. This is the only place we wanted to share our celebration. The cards, well wishes, laughter, joy and the smiles and hugs made our day special and will be a memory to cherish. We have been so blessed in our lives and especially so in seeing visions of Christ in our members here at Zion.

Love

Jim and Marie Gardner





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 take the time to check your address Thank you Cathy.



will held Wednesdays 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



Zion Coffee Break

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Coffee Break Hosts
after 8 am service for Sundays.
Sign up sheet in the narthex in the
kitchen area



ElderMusik Program To Begin

Do you have problems finishing sentences, remembering where you put your keys, names of people you have known, or a list of other things?

Recent studies conducted on senior-aged people have indicated that the human mind begins to discard information and some skills as it matures. Is there any way to delay this loss? Yes! A classic example was discovered among London, England's taxi drivers. Because of the city's narrow, curving, ancient streets, the drivers were forced to memorize the entire city's street locations so they could deliver their fares correctly. The brain powers of the drivers showed greater abilities because of these memory exercises. Another study in the USA credits the increase of brain retention powers because individuals have learned to play a musical instrument, a new challenge to strengthen their minds.

Questions? Does your house have a piano that only collects dust and the pictures of your grandchildren? Do you have a half hour a day to sit at that piano and play? Will your budget allow you to purchase some easy, adult study music? If you don't have a piano, would you come to church to use one? [We have four.]

Eldermusik is a new program we want to start this fall at church. There is no cost because the Minister of Music salary is already covered in our budget. Please give some thought to it...your mind needs the exercise!

Pr. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/16)	13,467.06	13,467.06
	August	YTD
Monthly Contributions	26,168.01	169,722.20
Monthly Disbursements	22,057.07	166,823.51
Balance (7/31/16)	17,287.00	17,287.00

Building Fund—\$13,771.53

Organ Fund—\$32,237.00

Nave Improvement—\$21,635.03

August Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 295

10:30 am - 203

Wednesday Prayer - 41

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



October Newsletter
October deadline is
October 12, 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.

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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Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville, PA)

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemyer 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

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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!



WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

August – Looking back, this month seemed like an endless string of hot and humid days interspersed by a shower, just enough to keep things alive and growing. But, these were absolutely perfect days and evenings for all those picnics we enjoyed. Thank you so much for all your donations of baked beans to add to our neighbors picnics.

September – Summer is beginning to seem like just a memory as our days get shorter - dark when we arise and dark when we come home from work. Gardens and fields are no longer lush and green and we see an occasional leaf drifting down, a harbinger of many more to come. It tells us that it is now apple picking time so this month we chose to bring applesauce for our neighbors. Please continue to check those grocery shelves for applesauce and bring many cans or jars for our neighbors.

OCTOBER

This is a beautiful month of the year, take time to enjoy all the foliage that God has painted for us and be so thankful for all His blessings. As you gaze out over the mountain sides enjoy all the colors, the reds, yellows and greens. This month, let us think “orange” and bring cans of sweet potatoes and yams for our friends. We will find them in small cans and large cans. Bring any size or any brand - all are welcome. These will be delivered by November in time for the planning of our friend’s Thanksgiving meals.



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.

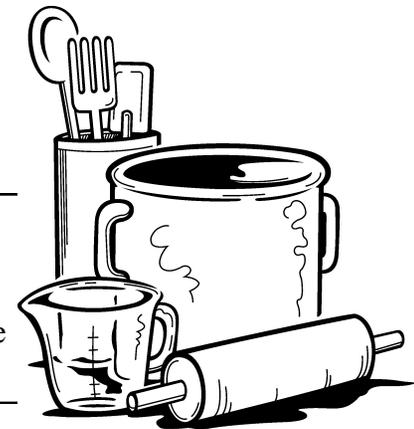
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

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 - September 23, 30; Fridays - October 7, 14; Fridays - November 25; Monday—December 5; Thursday—December 23.

KITCHEN ITEMS

Please when borrowing items from the kitchen when returning see that they are properly cleaned.



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 October 12, 2016. Joyce Osman will present “Women of the Bible”. We will go to Country Cupboard for lunch. Hope you can join us! 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 October

Leroy Cotner—4th

Martha Weidner—21st

Shut-in members with Birthdays in October

Emily Gottschall—10th

BLANKET SUNDAY

October 2, 2016

Do you know of anyone who does not own at least one blanket? We see them in use everywhere in our home – on our beds, of course, but also spread on the living room floor for TV watching, maybe on the sofa so the dog is comfortable, spread on a swing in the yard, or perhaps draped across chilled feet and legs on a fall evening while resting in your favorite chair. There are so many uses for blankets but there are many in this world that do not have even one. They have no blankets, none.

But good news, we can help! On Sunday, September 25th, you will receive an envelope for your offering towards the purchase of blankets for these people. Please bring your offering envelope on the following Sunday, October 2nd. You may pin your envelope to the blanket displayed in the narthex or drop it into the offering plate. Thank you for your response to this need.

