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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lutheran Reformation got underway 500 years ago when Martin Luther challenged the Roman Catholic Church on their practice of selling indulgences. Indulgences were certificates issued by the Pope guaranteeing the forgiveness of sins. For a price, these pieces of paper were purchased to help yourself or your dead relatives avoid a lengthy stay in Purgatory and get a good place in heaven. Purgatory was an invention of the Roman Church, a place where you would go to be punished for a time if you had not built up enough merit of good works to overcome your sins. Indulgences operated on the idea that Jesus and the Saints had done so many good works that there was a storehouse of merit in heaven. This merit could be distributed by the Pope to those who purchased the indulgences. A representative of the Pope, Johann Tetzel, had been selling these indulgence certificates in the German territories. Luther wrote the 95 these or statements of debate to ask the question “Where did this idea come from? It is nowhere in the Bible. The forgiveness of Jesus is offered freely and received by faith. This practice does not glorify God but seeks to manipulate God.”

In The writings of Martin Luther and other reformers of the era, there emerged five slogans that established the true faith of the church in contrast to the false teaching being offered. These truths have come to be known as “The Five Solas.” The Latin word “sola” means “alone” or “only.” The five “solas” that pointed to a true understanding of the Bible and the teachings of Jesus were:

- Sola Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The [Bible](#) alone is our highest authority.
- Sola Fide** (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.
- Sola Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.
- Solus Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Soli Deo Gloria** (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.

Lent is a good time to learn again the basics of our faith. I will be preaching a sermon series on “The Five Solas” during our mid-week Lenten services. Join us for Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm throughout Lent. May you come to appreciate the Good News of Jesus Christ more deeply through the teachings of the reformation.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

ELCA that incorporates ecological justice into the full life, identity, and mission of the ELCA. This group is in process of working with many Lutheran leaders and organizations to make plans to seize the 2017 anniversary observance and the events leading up to it as opportunities to make headway in this effort.

Facebook

ELCA Reformation 500

<https://www.facebook.com/elca500/>

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) observes the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation by lifting up events and resources shared among Lutherans. This page is a companion to the ELCA500 website (see above).

Road to the Reformation

<https://www.facebook.com/RoadtotheReformation/>

Follow along with Martin Luther's life and steps 500 years ago to the day as they lead up to one of the most pivotal events in history. Get little-known insights into Luther's everyday life and to track where Luther was day-by-day 500 years ago.

Reformation 500th Anniversary 1517-2017

<https://www.facebook.com/martinluther500th/>

Martin Luther can be described as the leader of the Protestant reformer, monk, teacher, family man, one of the most significant figures in history, and Germany's greatest theologian and Biblical scholar. Follow this page for items of interest about Luther and the Reformation.

Katie Luther Project

<https://www.facebook.com/KatieLutherProject/>

This page celebrates the life of Katharina von Bora Luther, the "Mother of the Reformation," through history, drama, music, and literature.



LIBRARY NOTES

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

Online Resources Celebrating Reformation 500

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. These resources will keep you up to date on all things Reformation... from the history of the movement itself to current events which will be happening to celebrate this anniversary. Add the websites to your ‘favorites’ and ‘follow’ the Facebook pages for all the latest information.

Websites

Freed & Renewed in Christ: 500 Years of God’s Grace in Action

<http://www.elca500.org/>

“Freed and Renewed in Christ” is the theme used by the ELCA’s churchwide organization in its observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation that began with the 95 theses that Martin Luther first made public on Oct. 31, 1517. In “The Freedom of a Christian” (1520) Martin Luther famously wrote “A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything; a Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all.” The ELCA’s theme expresses this message of the Christian faith’s freedom and a renewed life of service to others in Jesus Christ.

Reformation 2017 (The Lutheran World Federation)

<https://2017.lutheranworld.org/>

“Liberated by God’s Grace” is the main theme of the LWF celebrations surrounding the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. All celebrations, worship, study, and engagement will focus on how the gracious love of God, through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, opens up opportunities for us as faithful Christians to reach out as healers and reconcilers to a world torn apart by strife and inequality.

Reformation 500 Anniversary: News, Resources, History

<http://lutheranreformation.org/>

Sponsored by several Lutheran organizations, this site offers Reformation history and resources as well as a blog of interesting Reformation-related articles. You can even sign up to receive up-to-date information on news, events, and resources delivered right to your email ‘in’ box.

Lutherans Restoring Creation: a Resource for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: Caring for God’s Good Creation

<http://www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org/500th-anniversary-of-the-reformation>

Many Lutherans are committed to fostering an ongoing reformation of the

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will mark our foreheads with a crossshaped smudge on Ash Wednesday. They remind us that we are part of Jesus’ story, his death on the cross and his resurrection. We are first marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads at the time of our baptism, telling us that every day is to be crossshaped, dying to old sinful ways and rising to live a new life with God. The disciplines of such a life are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. Lent developed as the time for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil to make these disciplines a part of their lives. All the baptized are encouraged to keep these disciplines during Lent. We begin Lent with the liturgy on March 1st at 7:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our evenings begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall.

✦ SOUP AND SANDWICH

This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline.

3/8 – The Jolly Bunch

3/15 – Youth Group/Christian Ed

3/22 – Social Ministry

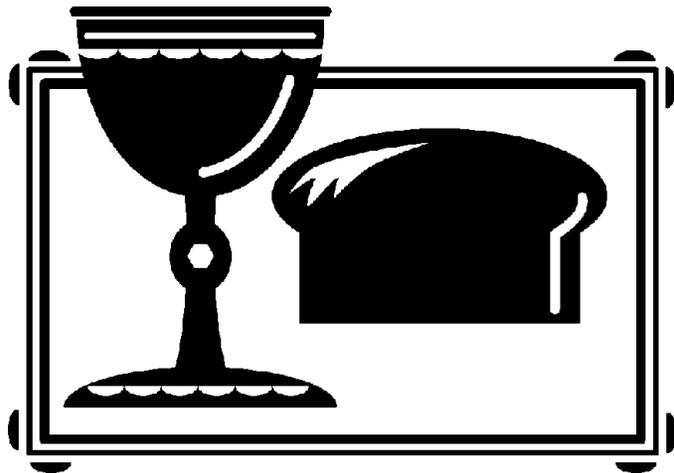
3/29 – Staff Support/Choir

4/5 – Disaster Relief Team – Ham and Bean Soup

✦ WORSHIP

We will gather in the nave at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - Children wishing to receive First Communion are invited to join Pastor Roux for a class entitled "Welcome to the Lord's Table." This class will prepare children to receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 13. Classes will be held at 11:00 am on Saturdays, March 11, 18 and 25 and April 1. Parents are asked to attend with their children and godparents are invited, too. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Roux.



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*

COFFEE HOUR -Coffee hour provides a time of fellowship and many more people linger and talk if there are "goodies". If your last name begins with the following letters, and if you like, you may bring a little something to share. A dozen cookies, or bars, a plate of cake, fruit, nuts, crackers, cheese, pretzels, etc. Anything you wish.

A-D 1st Sunday of month

E-K 2nd Sunday of month

L-R 3rd Sunday of month

S-Z 4th Sunday of month

*Months that have five Sundays, Pot luck! Anyone who
wants to bring a little something.*



Many thanks to all who participated in the Hoss's fundraiser for the Reinsburrow and Wagner families on January 9. Together with Messiah Lutheran Church and Zion's Scout troops, we raised over \$700. We appreciate your overwhelming support and continued prayers for these two families.

Ann Gardner



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the Funeral Luncheon following the service for Darlene Hockenberry on Saturday, January 28th. Food was donated by the generous and good cooks of Zion. The luncheon was served by assistants, Dennis & Deb Webb, Ross & Shirley McCollum, Rick & Valli Rovenolt and Paul & Ruth Auten. Also thanks to Phil Hopewell for operating the dishwasher, Barb Hartline for making all the calls for food donations and to Dennis Sheatler for taking care of the tables & chairs. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated!

Barb Zettlemoyer

We would like to thank everyone for the all the kindness and support that we received after the death of our mother, Darlene Hockenberry. Over the months since her July surgery, Darlene enjoyed all the visits and cards which encouraged her to keep pushing in physical therapy. Also a big thank you to Pastor Roux for keeping up with her every time she was moved! She looked forward to his visits to talk, listen to scripture readings and share communion. We want to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve the food for the funeral luncheon. It gives us all a special feeling to know how fortunate we are to have such caring people in our church and community. Zion was always a special place for John and Darlene.

Yours in Christ,

Brenda Baylor and family

Kent, Kevin, & Bobby Kilgus and families



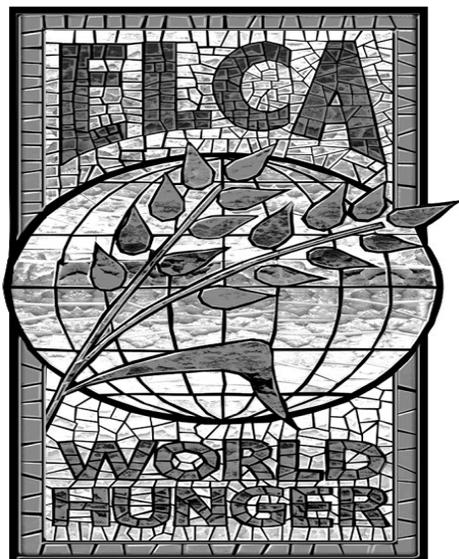
Camp applications are now available for anyone interested in attending Camp Mount Luther. For more information on the camp and the summer program, check out their website at: www.campmountluther.org. To qualify for early registration discount (\$25.00) camp fees are due before April 1. There is also a discount "Bring a Friend" or sibling who has never been to CML before and get \$25.00 off.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER AND DISASTER RELIEF RESPONSE

Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors—one in eight people in our world today—live in poverty. God calls us to see them—to respond. Working with our neighbors in 44 states in this country and throughout 57 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger begins by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas about how to break this cycle of hunger and poverty then providing various programs such as:

- Soup kitchens, food pantries, community gardens, agriculture programs
- Safe water for drinking, growing crops, sanitation and hygiene
- Income generating activities and microloans to help pay for essentials like food, medical costs
- Clinics and community health programs and medical assistance
- Removal of barriers so that children and adults are able to attend school
- Healing and renewal for those who have experienced disasters
- Support for the malaria campaign to overcome this preventable disease

Our gifts are needed to support all these programs. Let us take up the challenge to end hunger and poverty by our continuing support through ELCA World Hunger. Our campaign begins Sunday, March 5. As you entered for worship you will be given an envelope in which to place your offering. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Each Sunday during this Lenten season, your bulletin will contain a short story describing some of the above activities. Please read them prayerfully and then consider how you can help.



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.

Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship

This worship is meant to be helpful to those who find an evening worship time more convenient. It is a simple but inspiring service of Word and Holy Communion that includes organ music and traditional hymns. A choir offering contemporary Christian music anthems will be forming soon.

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.





Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/16)	22,318.07	22,318.07
	January	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,657.46	21,657.46
Monthly Disbursements	21,938.20	21,938.20
Balance (1/31/17)	21,746.33	21,746.33

Building Fund—\$14,464.08
Nave Improvement—\$26,735.03
Organ Fund—\$34,037.00

January Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 331

10:30 am - 221

Saturday Evening -70

Wednesday Prayer - 24

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

March Newsletter

March deadline is

March 8, 2017

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.

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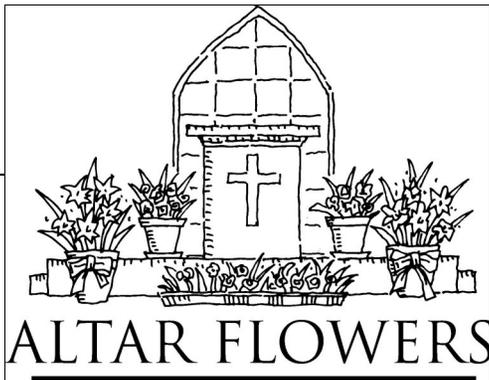
Facebook: [zion turbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

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.

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2017. The price per set (a set is 2 altar vases) is \$30.00. We ask there be no more than one set per Sunday. Dates available to sponsor: April 23, 30; May 7, 28; June 25; July 2, 9 16, 23, 30; October 29; November 12; 19; December 17, 31. The flower chart is located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the church office. Please return the flower containers to the church.



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
Brenda Reasner—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

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)
Rick Rovenolt, Council President (570-649-6385)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Wendy Wood, Preschool Helper

Dennis Sheatler, Custodian

Telephone: 570-649-5195

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Facebook: zionturbotville pa

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

**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 Fry

Watson town Rehab—Watson town

Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21

Finley Stahl

Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15

Dodie Day 6/23

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods—Lewisburg

Nancy DeHart—12/26

Gladys Durlin—2/26

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

Keenan Young

JOLLY BUNCH

The Jolly Bunch will meet March 8, 2017. Pastor Roux will have the program.

We will go for lunch to Good Will in Montandon.

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

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

Linda Hopewell—11th

Shirley Braim-Edwards—28th

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

In January, we began the new year by gathering soup for our friends and neighbors, all varieties, all kinds to add needed warmth on the cold days of winter. You were generous and many cans have been delivered. During this month of February, we will continue to shop for peas. Bring many cans, the need is great.

MARCH

PEACHES! Yummy, delicious, juicy canned peaches to help us think “Spring” and to give us a preview of warmer days, flowers, green grass and fresh fruit. Fresh peaches may not yet be available in our markets but we do have the availability of canned fruit. We can serve canned peaches in many ways, with cottage cheese perhaps or try them chopped in fruit salad. They even make a lovely fruit cobbler. So, this month let us look for peaches on our grocery shelves; bring them sliced or whole, in heavy or light syrup, in large or small cans and any brand. All are welcome. It may seem a long way to summertime fruit but we can still have this tasty fruit on our tables. Please bring peaches in March.

