



THE ZION NEWS



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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

160th ANNIVERSARY

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

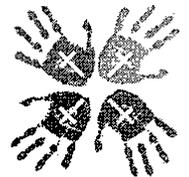
Fundraiser to Benefit the
Reinsburrow and Wagner Families

Saturday, February 18

5:00-7:00 P.M.



Served Family Style



\$9.00 adults, \$4.00 children under the age of 12

All are welcome ~ take-outs available!

Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling the number below.

(Advance ticket purchases are encouraged.)

Messiah Lutheran Church

324 South Howard Street, South Williamsport
(Corner Howard Street/West Southern Avenue)

570-326-9171



**Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
February 12, 2017**

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Covered Dish Meal
12:30 pm Meeting

Call to Order – Rick Rovenolt

Verify Quorum – Deb Webb and Leslie Hartline

Devotions – Lisa Hartman

Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2016

Old Business:

Nave Improvement

Saturday Evening Worship Update

New Business:

Synod Delegates (2) – June 16-17, 2017

Review of Pastors Annual Report and Committee Reports

Set date for Congregational Meeting – November 12, 2017

Adjourn

Benediction



February 12, 2017

All voting members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting and bring a covered dish to share.

The Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church, Chapter 8 states Membership *C8.02.c. *“Voting members are confirmed members.*

Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last April we were visited by Pastor James Moss, a church consultant, who introduced us to the concept of “People Spots.” People spots are found within small groups and they include a physical space, a relational space, and the meeting of felt needs. When people are actively part of a small group within a congregation, they have a place to be and a purpose. It is time to move ahead with the development of some new small groups at Zion.

I invite you to attend a meeting on Thursday, February 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm to plan for small groups. We will review the “People Spots” concept and Pastor Moss' instructions for how to create and recruit for a new small group. We sent out a survey form last year to ask for ideas that folks would like to develop into a small group. Here are three ideas that we may pursue:

- Family and Fun – The idea behind this group would be to provide care and activities for children while their parents have an opportunity to meet together for their own fellowship. This would also offer a chance to bring all ages together for inter-generational activities.
- Gathering for Games – One of our members, who has a pool table, suggested a group to gather for billiards. Perhaps this could be expanded to include other games, too.
- Holy and Healthy – This group would meet to promote a healthy lifestyle. Participants could gather to share a healthy covered dish meal, explore topics of health through books, video, or guests speakers, and even exercise together. Devotions and anointing with oil and prayer could also be included as folks share their health concerns.

What are your ideas for creating new small groups? Come share them as we meet on February 23 and let's make a concrete plan to get some going.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

LIBRARY NOTES

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

A Hammer and a Piece of Paper: Linking Our Future to Our Past

January... hopes and promises of the new year. The calendar page turns, and we look forward to the future. Our past, however, holds insights that still matter to the way we live our lives today. This year we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of Reformation. One stroke of a hammer changed the lives of millions of people.

Born in 1483, Martin Luther began his religious career as a Catholic monk. In 1512 he also became a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg, a position he held for the remainder of his life. On October 31, 1517, Luther changed the history of the Church and the world forever when he posted his "95 Theses" on the door of Wittenberg's Castle Church. With these Theses, he addressed and hoped to reform the practices of the Church which he felt were inconsistent with scripture. His refusal to renounce his beliefs resulted in Luther's excommunication from the Catholic Church. Luther taught that God's Word was more important than Church traditions.

Luther did not just talk the talk; he walked the walk. How did he help to bring about the Reformation?

- Luther's works – commentaries, sermons, Small and Large Catechisms, hymns – spread throughout Europe largely due to the invention of the printing press. He loved God and wanted people to believe in Christ and grow in their faith.
- He translated the New Testament from Greek to German, the language of the people. Now everyone, not just clergy, could read God's Word. Later, along with another scholar, he finished translating the entire Bible.
- To help organize worship, Luther made changes to the Catholic Mass. He encouraged the use of German rather than Latin. The revised liturgies emphasized the Gospel to help worshipers focus on Jesus. Singing more hymns was encouraged as a way of teaching and learning. The sermon became a major part of the service. The bread *and* wine were given to service participants. From studying the scriptures, Luther knew the gifts of the body and blood of Christ were for *all* believers. The importance of Holy Communion continues to set the Lutheran Church apart from others today.
- Luther lifted the ban on marriage for the clergy and, by example, radically transformed the "priesthood" itself.

BOOKISH NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR 2017

In 2016 we all made resolutions that pretty much went out the window by Valentine's Day. Some that might be easier to keep involve reading. Here are some favorites:

~ **Set a new reading goal** – The infamous TBR (to be read) pile is ever-growing... it's understandable. Read what you want and when you want to. How many books are on your reading goal?

~ **Try a book club** – You can check with your local library or bookstore. If you want to be more in control of what you read, start your own club and invite close friends. Another option is an online book club.

~ **Find a literary walking tour** – When you're traveling / vacationing, check out what literary points of interest may be available. London (Harry Potter), New York (Alexander Hamilton), Key West (Ernest Hemingway), Salem (Nathaniel Hawthorne)... so many locations, so little time!

~ **Brush up on the classics** – It's been a long time since paper-writing days. Try to reread a couple of the books that you didn't pay enough attention to in school.

~ **At least one memoir or biography** - Non-fiction can be just as scintillating and plot-twisty as fiction. Try a book on Martin Luther as part of the Reformation 500 celebration this year.

~ **Throw a book-themed party** – A Gatsby bash. A Harry Potter common room party. An Austen tea party. Best literary villains/heroes. The possibilities are endless!

~ **Organize that home library** – Those books won't stack themselves.

~ **Finish this sentence: "I've never read..."** – "the book version of a TV show or movie," "adult mysteries," "YA novels." Whatever you finish that sentence with is what you should read next.

Excerpted from "11 Bookish New Year's Resolutions to Make Happen in 2017" by Zoraida Cordova, Bustle, December 2016

Great reads are available from the bookshelves in the narthex or from the library on the second floor. Except for Christian fiction, all books must be checked out using the sign-out cards. Check-out period is two weeks.

Buffalo Valley Lay School of Theology January 29 @ 3:00 pm

The Buffalo Valley Conference's lay School of Theology will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Christ's United Lutheran Church, Millmont, beginning with registration at 3:00 pm. Topics for workshops will include: Introduction to the Apocryphal (Deuterocanonical) Books; Devotional Writing: Writing for Oneself: God and Baseball: Unlocking the Mysteries of I & II Corinthians, and more. The event will include the Holden Village Evening Prayer service and a light supper. Deadline for registration is Friday, January 20, 2017. Contact Pastor Greg Kramer at Faith Lutheran, Lewisburg to register (2349 Old Turnpike Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837 / 570-523-3192 church office).

83rd Annual Men's Oyster Supper Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Volunteers to help, cook or serve will be needed.
Please notify Larry Kocher if you will be able to help.
Donations of pies are needed and would be greatly appreciated

- During this time period, churches were ornately decorated. In contrast Luther's church design was simplistic. Ornamentation focused on the pulpit and the altar – the spaces from which we learn of Christ in scripture and in the sacrament of Holy Communion. This became the standard of Lutheran devotion and art.
- Most importantly, Luther continually preached and defended his primary message – we are saved by grace through faith alone. He taught that a saved sinner cannot earn forgiveness through works. But a saved Christian, free from worrying about salvation and eager to glorify God, will perform good works for others.

Why is this 'ancient history' important to us today? These tenets are at the very heart of what we believe. We are Lutherans...not because we are disciples of Martin Luther, but because we agree with his teachings. Luther emphasized that scripture is the final word... not human traditions or churchly authority. We uphold his teachings that scripture is the primary authority for faith and life, justification by the grace of God alone, and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Despite the fact that salvation is not dependent on good works, Lutherans have not shied away from involvement in the world. We, as Lutherans, strive to be Christ-like... to love God, to spread His message, and to love and help others.

As we move forward through this year, recognizing its importance with special events and activities, let us also be mindful of our historic roots. Being a Lutheran means believing the truths of God's Word as they are correctly explained and taught through our faith's doctrines. As expressed by Luther himself: "We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith, and in his neighbor through love."

(We thank Ann Gardner for writing this informative article for us!)

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Middle School and High School Youth Groups
Calendar 2016-2017

We invite all youth to join us for these upcoming events. Middle School Youth Group is for 5th through 8th grades, and High School is for 9th through 12th grades. Events are for both groups unless noted otherwise. Call Pastor Roux at home 570 437-9058 or church 570 649-5195 with any questions.

The following events have been planned. More planning and events to come!

YOUTH QUAKE

Seven youth and three adult leaders will be attending the Youth Quake in Pittsburgh on January 27-29. Youth attending are Kailey Betz, Maris Kilgus, Grace Roux, Sarah Schaech, and guests Cecelia Brown, Ashley Long, and Jamie McCormick. Adult leaders are Karrie Ravert, John Yagodzinski, and Pastor Roux.

The theme this year is "Found," and is based on Luke 15:6: "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." Participants will have the opportunity to:

- * Praise and worship God
- * Experience a caring community
- * Develop healthy relationships with other youth
- * Grow deeper faith through focused workshops
- * Discuss issues of interest
- * Package life-saving meals
- * Learn about global hunger

Please pray for our journey and the impact that the Holy Spirit will have upon us all.

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Snow Tubing at Ski Sawmill. We will gather at 12:00 noon and leave by 12:30 pm We'll be back in plenty of time for you to get home for the Superbowl. The cost is \$6.00 an hour and we generally tube for three hours. This has been a great event in the past so don't miss it!

Sunday, February 19, 2017

BouncePlex! Details to come.



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

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS,
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
SERVING IN THIS WAY.

Thank you to all the members of the Jolly Bunch. You have made my position easier and have certainly added love and joy to my life, and especially laughter. We should all be better for all the laughs we share.

We'll all miss our "snow birds" and anxiously await your return.

Thank you to all who have helped with devotions, ideas for programs, decorations, and so much more. A special thanks to each of you, you are always ready to help me whenever asked.

Let's start the New Year with fund and Bingo on February, 8, 2017.

Marie Gardner



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL RESPONSE!

This year the MISSION MALL did better than ever! Your generosity in giving to the many needs of our community and world totaled \$2507.

(That tops \$1949 in 2015)

Here are the organizations that benefited:

Zion Preschool-\$260

American Red Cross -\$98

Haven Ministry -\$293

Montgomery House Library -

\$139

Operation Delta Dog -\$222

Ronald McDonald House-\$285

American Cancer Society -\$270

ELCA World Hunger -\$625

Camp Mt. Luther -\$265

In addition, \$50 was donated to the Nave Improvement Fund.

THANK YOU to all of the Zion members who truly have shown their love and caring through their gift giving!

Mission Mall Committee

I would like to thank everyone for the many, many concerns, cards, phone calls, prayers, and visits during and after my hospital stay and at home.

Special thank you to Pastor Roux for his phone calls to the hospital and his visit after I returned home, It was appreciated very, very much.

Leroy Cotner

Thank you to everyone who participated in bowling on New Years Eve, \$115 was donated to the youth group out of proceeds from the bowling event.

Drew Potts

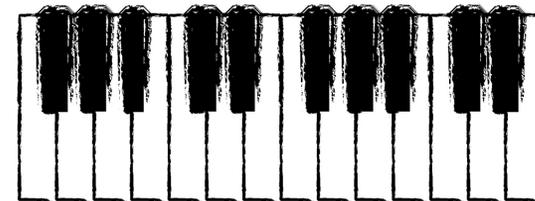
Holy Communion Assistants

We have been blessed to have many people serving at the altar in our worship. Assistants set the table and offer the wine by pouring chalice or common cup. We are in need of two more people to serve at the 8:00 a.m. liturgy and one more at the 10:30 am liturgy. We have four teams for each liturgy, so you would be scheduled to serve three months during the year. Please speak to Pastor Roux if you can serve in this ministry.



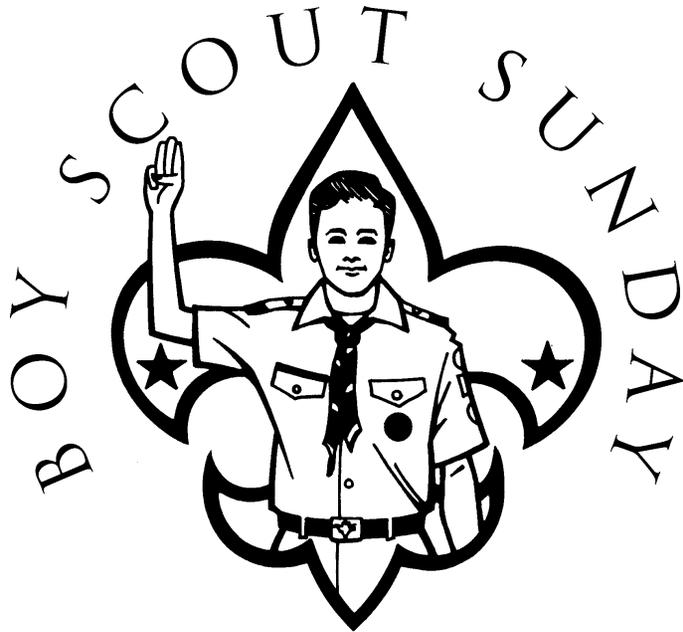
Guest Organist and Preachers

Pastor Kenneth Elkin will be serving as organist at the liturgies on January 28-29, and Mark Giesen, Authorized Lay Worship Leader, will preach and preside. Pastor Elkin will preach and preside at the February 4-5 liturgies. Please welcome them!



Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts of Troop 622 and Cub Scouts of Pack 3622 will join us for worship on February 12th at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. The scouts always share a song with us and their presence energizes our worship. We are proud to be the Charter organization of the largest Troop and pack in the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



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 (11/30/16)	13,213.86	16,920.10
	December	YTD
Monthly Contributions	27,038.81	261,567.81
Monthly Disbursements	20,205.60	256,169.84
Balance (12/31/16)	22,318.07	22,318.07

Building Fund—\$14,437.38

December Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 162

10:30 am - 168

Wednesday Prayer – 30

Saturday 6:00 pm—35

Christmas Eve—7:00 pm—177

Christmas Eve—11:00 pm—61

Christmas Day - 9:00 am—56

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

February Newsletter
February deadline is
February 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.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

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

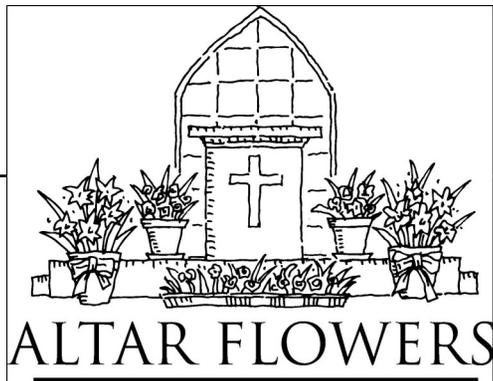
Check out the pictures on Facebook

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, 14, 28; June 25; July 2, 9 16, 23, 30; August 20; 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: zion 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

**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

Lena Sechler—5/13

Eleanor Trefsgger –9/21

Finley Stahl

Rockwell—Milton

Janice Metzger 4/15

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

JOLLY BUNCH

The Jolly Bunch will meet February 8, 2017 weather permitting. We will play bingo and members can bring items for the prizes. Lunch location to be determined. Everyone is welcomed to join our group for a time of Christian Fellowship.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in February

Leonard Tyson—11th
Gladys Durlin—26th
Joyce Osman—27th
Earle Jarrett—28th

B I N G O				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

JANUARY - Thank you – thank you – thank you! During this past year, you faithfully continued to give generously to our neighbors. Over 700 cans of food were delivered along with over 150 of all those colorful and much need hats, mittens and scarves for the children that once decorated our little tree. All was deeply appreciated.

During the month of January, we will continue to bring those cans of delicious soup. We have several weeks left in the month, so let's pick up a few more cans the next time we shop to help our neighbors fend off those nippy days.

FEBRUARY

Our item of choice this month is Peas – cans and cans of peas. At last count, as many as 150 families may at times, visit the distribution center. These families may comprise 2 to as many as 8 members. Do the math – how many cans of peas could be needed? So, let's bring as many cans as possible this month. Thank you.

