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Dear Friends in Christ,

This past year, I read an intriguing book entitled “All In,” written by Pastor Mark Batterson. The author had me from the first page as he told the story of missionaries from a century ago that left for their mission fields with all their worldly possessions packed into a coffin. The catch was that it was their own coffins they were bringing with them! These missionaries were so committed to the task that was before them, they completely said goodbye to their former lives, including all the people they loved. They had no expectations of ever returning home.

One missionary in particular, left for territory in the South Pacific occupied by headhunters who had martyred every missionary sent to them. Believing he had already died to himself, this particular missionary did not fear. After thirty-five years of living and loving among the tribe he served, he died and they inscribed on his tombstone:

“When he came their was no light. When he left their was no darkness.”

Mark Batterson uses this story to introduce readers to the idea of going “all in” for God. Batterson writes “When did we start believing that God wants to send us to safe places to do easy things? Jesus didn’t die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous. The will of God is not an insurance plan; it’s a daring plan. It’s time to quit living as if the purpose of your life is to arrive safely at death.”

I found this book to be quite inspiring and I was pleased to find out that a video Bible study was created based on the book. In the four-session video study Mark Batterson, challenges participants to resolutely follow God wherever he leads by pointing out that if Jesus is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all. He makes the point that most people think they are following Jesus. They may think they are following Jesus, but the reality is, they’ve invited Jesus to follow them. They call him Savior, but they’ve never surrendered to him as Lord.

Batterson’s teaching in the video sessions is filled with vivid, contemporary stories as well as biblical characters like Shamgar, Elisha, Jonathan, and Judas. I will be offering this four-session video course as an adult Sunday School class beginning June 11 at 9:15 am. Sessions include:

Now or Never: Pack Your Coffin

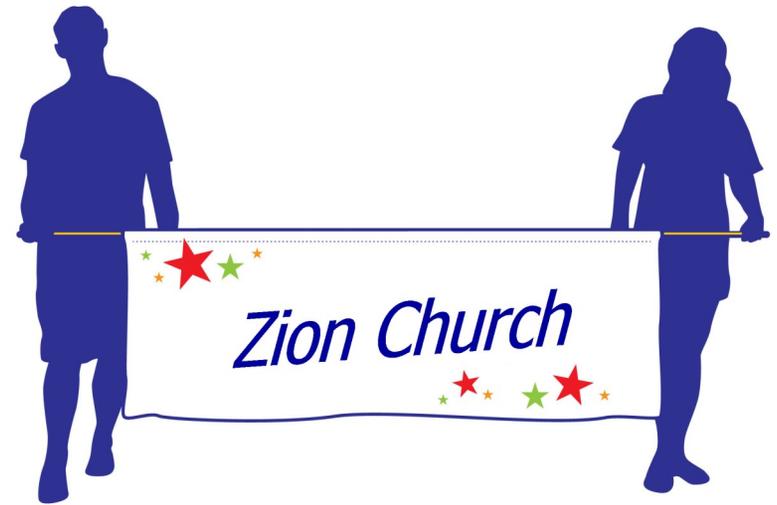
All In: Charge!

All Out: Rim Huggers

All in All: Burn the Ships

The segments run about 20 minutes giving us plenty of time to discuss what we are learning. I hope you will be “All In” and join us for a great class.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux



TURBOTVILLE PARADE

TURBOTVILLE PARADE Friday, June 9th – We need children to ride in our float and adults to walk with us to pass out Day Camp flyers. We meet starting at 6:00 p.m. at the former Dollar Barn for the 7:00 p.m. parade. This is a rain or shine event.



Community Carnival: June 5th – 10th. Our church will be serving food under the Pavilion the first week in June and we will need a community of helpers. We will need food servers, food preparers, pie bakers, and a clean-up crew. **Signup sheets are posted in the narthex for both volunteers and donations.** If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please designate the donation to the Zion Carnival committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Hartline 570-716-3850.

Reminder – all helpers must wear a hat or hair net.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER DAY CAMP

“The Water of Life”

Plans are beginning for our Camp Mt. Luther Day Camp at Zion. Camp comes the week of July 24-28, Monday Through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's theme is “The Water of Life,” exploring how water the source of Christian spiritual life. The camp is for youth who have completed Kindergarten through eighth grade. Youth will be divided into groups by grade levels Kindergarten through third, fourth through sixth, and seventh through eighth. Camp Mt. Luther will be sending four trained staff members to lead youth in games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, and worship. Lunch is included with the camp and the registration fee is only \$20. There are many ways that you can help this year.



You can send us campers. Please invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to come to camp. Registration forms will soon be available at the church, and you can also have folks call the church office so we can send them a form. Who do you know that could benefit from a week of camp?

Please check out our donation trees appearing in the church narthex in the coming months. Cut-outs hanging from the tree can be chosen to guide you in making donations of craft items, snacks, and funds.

Consider being a host family to one or more of our counselors. They are wonderful young men and women and you will be glad you offered them hospitality. We have four counselors to house this year.

We need adults who are willing to help with the craft table, registering and dismissing campers each day, and preparing lunches and snacks. We need teens who have completed at least 10th grade to assist our counselors throughout the day in guiding our campers.

We pray that God will raise up youth to attend, strengthen the staff and helper, and that everyone will be encouraged to learn and live out the theme of our camp, meeting Jesus on “The Water of Life.”

Turbotville Community Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 25 – Thursday, June 29, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Join Holy Spirit, Zion, Follmer, and St. John Lutheran Churches as we come together for VBS this year. VBS is for children preschool through 6th grade. Our theme this year is in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran reformation and is entitled “A Mighty Fortress.”

At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

Registration is available online through a link on our website, or you may pick up a registration form at the church. We hope you join us!



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

June Newsletter
June deadline is
June 7, 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

Website: zionturbotville.com

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

Check out the pictures on Facebook

Summer Music Schedule sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Any questions talk with Pastor Middernacht.



PRESCHOOL



Zion Preschool
Graduation
May 25, 2017

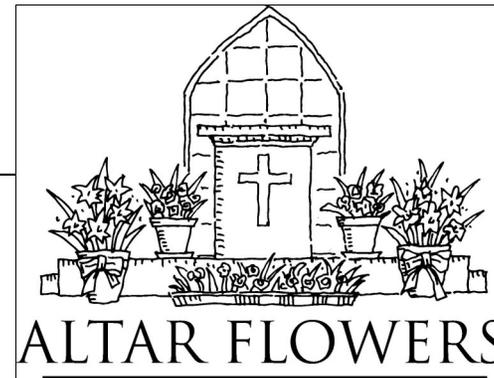
Allison Doebler
Amelia Doebler
Braxton Applegate
Dirks Bricker
Harrison Marr
Julie Trego
Kennedy Long

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.zionturbotville.com (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 May 28; July 30: . The price per set (a set is 2 altar vases) is \$30.00. We ask there be no more than one set per Sunday. 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.



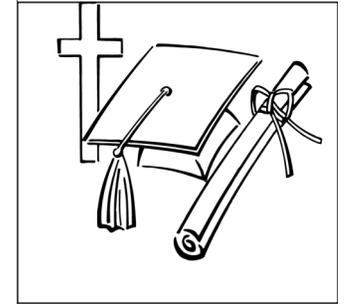
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's personal time between the hours of 9:00 am—12:00 noon. 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 - June 2, 23
Monday - July 3,
Fridays - 7, 14, 28
Fridays - August 4, 11, 25



**Warrior Run High
School
Baccalaureate will be
held at Zion
Sunday, May 28, 2017
7:30 pm**



The Scholarship Fund Committee proudly announces that monies will be available for scholarship applicants for the fall semester 2016. The scholarship is a one-time gift per applicant to be awarded after the student completes the second semester of an approved college degree program. **Student must provide:**

- A fully completed and signed application form to the church office by **June 1, 2017**
- Copy of first semester transcripts.
- Recent snapshot/school picture.

Payment will go directly to the college address provided on the application.
Application forms are to be available through the church office.

College or High School Students

Zion members graduating from college or high school are asked to let us know at the church office about their graduation. Please provide us with address changes so we can keep up communication, and let us know what your future plans are.

Luther the Reformer: the Story of the Man and His Career – James M. Kittelson

This biography has become a standard resource for those who wish to delve into the depths of the reformer without being overwhelmed by scholarly concerns.

The Lutheran Difference: an Explanation & Comparison of Christian Beliefs – edited by Edward Engelbrecht

Because of insecurities, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. This text identifies how Lutherans differ from other Christians and shows from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

The Lutheran Handbook – edited by Kristofer Skrade

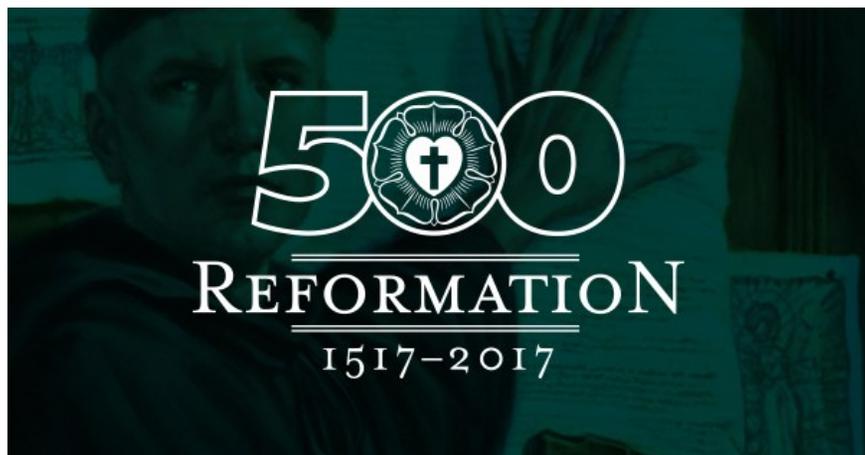
This enjoyable, easy-to-read, reliable, all-in-one collection helps you understand the essential information about our theology, culture, and Lutheran way of life.

Lutheran Spirituality: Life as God's Child – edited by Robert C. Baker

Discover how eight Biblical practices and concepts can support your life... the Word, prayer, confession, the cross, witness, vocation, community, and promise.

Lutheranism 101 – edited by Scot A. Kinnaman

Explore the basics of Lutheran theology by digging into the history of Lutheranism and making connections between what Lutherans believe and what Lutherans do.



**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

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.



WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

APRIL – This month, we brought corn, beautiful, golden corn. A preview, perhaps, of the bountiful crop God will provide later in the summer. On behalf of our grateful neighbors, a big “Thank you” to all who shopped for corn this month.

MAY- This month, we will continue to search our grocer’s shelves for pineapple, luscious, juicy pineapple. What a tasty addition to any meal. We have been richly blessed by the Lord, let us share that blessing with those less fortunate and bring cans and cans of pineapple this month for our friends.

JUNE

We are back to vegetables this month and will be bringing snap beans this month. Look for cans of snap beans at your grocers and as you choose some for your dinner table, pick up some for your neighbors. These may be yellow wax beans, green beans, cut or whole, or perhaps even French style. Large and small cans are needed and all brands are acceptable. All are appreciated. For an added extra, try bringing one can of some other vegetable, your choice, just for variety. How welcome these will all be. Thank you so much.

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)

Rick Rovenolt, Council President (570-649-6385)

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, 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



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Amount received: \$2,655.00 (Upper Susquehanna Synod Check #19985)
Gift purpose: Gettysburg Seminary Fund
Leadership Giving Circle - Silver

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus..."
~ 1 Corinthians 1:4

Dear Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Every day, those of us who serve here have the opportunity to interact with students.

They help us remember the hope of our baptism, and the grace of God at work.

You also, with your generosity, help us remember what God's grace is doing in the world. We are surrounded by grace, and **we are grateful.**

Your gift is an integral part of an effort by the leadership of Gettysburg and Philadelphia Seminaries to provide full tuition to every student. All too often, we hear stories of recent graduates saddled with tens of thousands of dollars in student loan debt. Their capacity for ministry is diminished by this burden.

Every gift for our mission helps to set our current students free from this debt—free to become the leaders that God needs to proclaim grace to the world. All gifts to the Seminary support our students in tangible ways, for we are united in a common mission—to "equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12).

Today, **we give thanks to God for you**, because God's grace has been shown through you. Thank you for your gift. Thank you for providing for future church leaders. **Thank you for your stewardship in choosing the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.**

God's peace be with you,

Angela Zimmann
Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann
Vice President of Advancement

*Thankful hearts
we raise for your
support and prayers!
-Martin Otto Zimmann*

*Thank you for this
generous gift! What a
pleasure!*

*I add my thanks for
your wonderful generosity!
Michael Cooperwhite, District*

*Thank for your faithful
our mission.
Adam E. Fisher*

Gettysburg Seminary has not provided any goods or services for your contributions unless otherwise stated above.
Please retain this receipt for your records.

Thank you for the wonderful selection of cookies that Zion sent to Wilkes to help me prepare for my final exams. They were great, and certainly helped to give me the energy to keep studying! I am very thankful!

Wes Bowers



Zion Congregation,
Thank you all so much for the delicious cookies you sent to me during finals week. All of the cards and care packages that I received over the past four years were very appreciated. I look forward to starting this new chapter of my life as a Registered Nurse at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA.

Mariah Kilgus

Dear friends and church family members,
Thank you for the many cards, prayers, calls and other wishes of well-being during my recent illness. A special thank you to Pastor Roux for bringing me the Eucharist meal when I was unable to attend church. We have a wonderful church family and I am so fortunate to be a part of this caring congregation.

Terry L. Gardner

Members of Zion,

Thank you for a lovely box of cookies to get me through finals. It's always nice to get a morale boost from you. Thanks again!

Blyss Bieber

I want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers for the recent loss of my brother, Scott Menges. It was very sudden and a shock to the whole family.

Sandy and Jerry Smith

The property committee would like to thank the Boy Scouts and their parents and members of the congregation in helping with our spring clean-up. Your time and abilities were greatly appreciated.

Lynn Watson, Co-chairman

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 7:00 pm (note time change)*

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*



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (3/31/17)	19,234.32	22,318.07
	April	YTD
Monthly Contributions	20,674.88	82,775.50
Monthly Disbursements	21,242.69	85,554.06
Balance (4/30/17)	18,375.51	18,375.51

Building Fund—\$15,176.73
Nave Improvement—\$21,865.03
Organ Fund—\$34,889.00

April Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 301
10:30 am - 311
Saturday Evening - 70
Wednesday Prayer - 36
Maundy Thursday - 69
Good Friday - 68
Easter Vigil Saturday - 103
Easter Sunday 6:30 am - 125

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 meets for rehearsal at 5:30 pm before worship. Please come if you would like to sing. If you can play an instrument and would like to join in our praise group, please contact Pastor Roux.

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.

