



THE ZION NEWS



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

162nd ANNIVERSARY

Vacation Bible School
June 18, 2018 to June 22, 2018
6:00-8:00 pm

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TURBOTVILLE, PA
MAY 2018



Dear Zion Members,
Thank you for the cookies and other snacks that you sent me.
Thank you for remembering me as I finish my first year of school.
It was a great year and I am excited to continue my college career.
I look forward to seeing you soon.

Christopher Dyer

To Our Zion Church Family,
Our family would like to thank you for your kind words of comfort and prayers during the loss of our son, Rob's wife Cindy. A special thank you to Pastor Roux for taking the time to come to our home and having special prayers.
God Bless you all.

Robert "Rob" Ray and Mary Mertz and Family

I want to thank everyone who was involved in preparing and serving the luncheon for David Neufer. It was greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to Pastor Roux for a wonderful service and for the times he visited David.

Miriam Neufer and Family

A **"BIG THANK YOU"** to everyone that volunteered in the Great PA Cleanup event.
The statistics from our event (as per the volunteer chart) are:

Miles of roads—16 1/2 miles

Hours of participation—50 1/2 hrs.

Number of bags collected—45 bags

Pounds of garbage taken to the landfill—300 lbs.

The roads covered were Gearhart Road, Comley Road, Rovendale Drive, Foster Road, Rovenolt Drive, Vincent Avenue, WR Boulevard, Paradise Street, Schuyler Road, Beaver Run Road, Washington Blvd., Susquehanna Trail from WR Blvd. to the curve South

We appreciate all the effort put into the never ending task.

The Stewardship Committee

Dear friends in Christ,

Five youth and two adults from Zion will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, June 27-July 1, 2018. Youth include Kailey Betz, Jacob Craig, Maris Kilgus, Grace Roux, and Cadee Wood. Two adults will accompany the youth on this journey: Karrie Ravert and Pastor Roux.



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering is "This Changes Everything." Our primary scripture will be Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Grace is a foundational and distinctive piece of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize they are enough because of what Christ has done and are called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

Developers of the theme for the Gathering were inspired by author Morgan Schmidt. In her book "Woo: Awakening Teenagers' Desire to Follow in the Way of Jesus," she identifies the three central desires of teens. All youth desire:

Someone to become

Somewhere to belong

Something to do that changes the world

As young people desire and struggle to find someone to become, somewhere to belong and something to do, the Gathering seeks to be a ministry that helps open up pathways of discovery. We want youth to understand the great love that God has for them, just as they are, and that by grace, through faith, they have been saved. When young people truly claim this reality, it indeed changes everything.

Join us in worship on Sunday, June 24 as the youth present a message about their hopes and dreams for the gathering. The congregation will then have the opportunity to send the youth with these words:

We send these young people and adults forth on their journey to the Bayou City to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example Jesus, and with new skills to be able to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Will you accept the gift of their witness with love and gratitude? We will.



To Be a Pilgrim is the title of a book recently published by Pastor Elkin which explores the idea of pilgrimage in the 21st century. It is based upon his years of experience in walking the Camino Santiago in Spain and Portugal, as well as work in Israel. Its 60 pages of text and photography is a delightful and informative read. To order a copy at its \$7 production cost, send an email to kennethelkin@gmail.com.

The adventures continue!

This year Pastor Elkin's adventure was to walk the Camino Portuguese from Porto, Portugal to Santiago, Spain on 11 rainy days in April. Between the services on Sunday, June 10, Pr. Elkin will be sharing photos and lively stories of the people he met and the things that happened along the way. Come and enjoy!

A BIG thank you to all who participated in mulching on May 5th.



Dear Turbotville Zion Lutheran Church,
We would like to thank you, again, for your willingness to allow the WR National Honor Society to use your church fellowship hall and kitchen to raise money for the 5th Annual Warrior Run High School National Honor Society Special Education Field Day that was held on May 4th. Over 280 special needs students from eighteen school districts/organizations participated in field events with the help of over 125 Warrior Run Students. Your donation provided us with the means to provide t-shirts and medals for all of the students. Numerous teachers and students said that the field day was a great success. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of our local community. We have received very positive feedback from the student participants, teachers, and administrators.

Sincerely,

The 2018 Field Day Steering Committee

Bryce Woland, Gina Beyer, Latricia Yocom, Owen McManus, Grace Roux, Jamie McCormack, Ethan Whitmoyer, Sal Pantano

Mr. Shaffer & Ms. Liberatore, NHS Advisors

Zion Congregation,
Thank you for the cookies and treats to help get me through finals week. I appreciate you all taking the time to bake them and send them off to me. I will enjoy them!
Thank you,
Blyss

Thanks so much for the delicious cookies.
I appreciate your thoughtfulness during my final exams.
God Bless
Hunter Raup

Dear Zion,
Thanks very much for the cookies during finals. They were a great encouragement.
Noah Roux

Dear Zion Members,
Thank you for the finals week cookies and treats! They are a nice taste of home during a busy and stressful week.
See you soon,

Catherine Dyer

PRESCHOOL



**Alice Schrack
Aubriana Snyder
Chase Kerstetter
Daniel Zettelmoyer
Iris Betz
Jane Wertz
Lucas Heebner
Sophie Kerstetter
Trenton Miller
Violet Allison
Zachary Roslevich**

May 17, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace to you in this season of Pentecost!

Every Lord's Day we gather to worship as the body of Christ. The hearing of the Word of God and the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion create faith and strengthen us for the work of God's Kingdom. Our congregation at Zion enjoys a beautiful worship space in which to share Word and Sacrament. Renovated in 1968, our nave is both well-loved and well worn. Over three years ago, our Church Council appointed a Nave Renewal Committee to guide the congregation in the restoration of our worship space. Several goals were identified which included: repair and repainting of interior walls, replacement of floor covering, improvement of lighting, improvement of heating system, new digital organ, facilities for adult baptism, improved accessibility for senior adults and handicapped to the floor level and the altar. We shared those goals with the congregation at a Day of Visioning in September 2015. In the meantime, members of Zion have given faithfully to the Organ Fund and Nave Improvement Fund, allowing us to undertake the hoped for renewal in the near future. The Nave Renewal Committee chose a liturgical design company to lead us in our project, and the congregation approved entering into contract with Rohn and Associates Design at a congregational meeting on March 5, 2017. This process has borne fruit and we now have a nave renewal design to share with the entire congregation.

The Church Council invites you to attend a series of three meetings to present the design of our nave renewal, review our financial capability to pay for the project, and have a vote by the congregation to approve the design and funding.

Our first Day of Visioning will be held Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 9:15 am in the nave. We will have a presentation on how our faith and practice of worship shape our worship space, and we will review the goals identified by the Church Council and Nave Renewal Committee. We will then share the nave renewal design developed by Rohn and Associates Design. This will include architectural schematic designs and artistic views of our proposal. There will be abundant opportunity for questions and discussion.

Our second day of visioning will be held Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 9:15 am in the nave. We will present a thorough review of our financial capability of paying for our project through existing funds and a loan. Mr. Gerry Lauro, a representative of the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, will present an opportunity to receive a loan through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Mr. Lauro has been helpful to the Nave Renewal Committee and the Church Council in helping us to create a project that is within our financial means.

The Church Council has also called for a special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 9:15 am. The one agenda item will be the approval of the proposed nave renewal design and funding of the project through existing funds and a loan from the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Again, there will be abundant opportunity for questions and discussion. The congregation, meeting in assembly, will make all final decisions as we move through the renewal process.

The Nave Renewal Committee and Church Council encourage your attendance at all three meetings, and we hope that we can move forward on a renewal project that will serve our congregational worship for many years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Roux



**Thursday, May 24 2018
7:00 pm**

Mark your calendar

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE**

Office coverage is needed to cover Cathy's vacation 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.



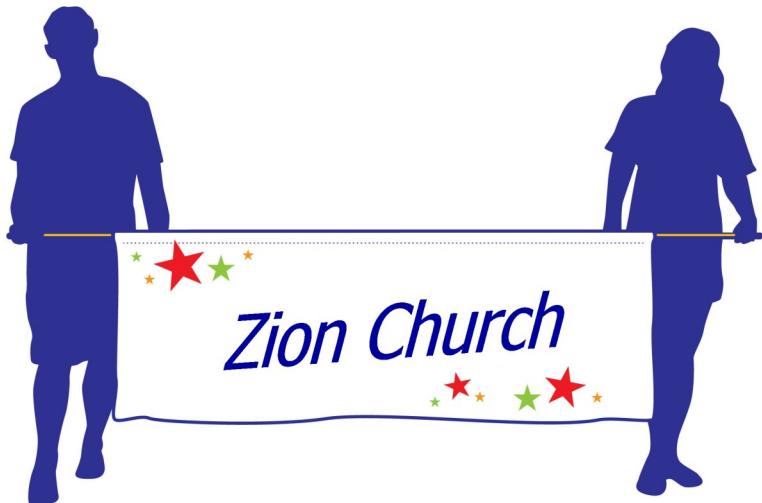
**Office
Help**

Coverage is needed in the church office for the following days:

Fridays—June 1, 8, 15

Fridays—July 6, 13, 27

Fridays - August 3, 10, 24, 31



TURBOTVILLE PARADE

TURBOTVILLE PARADE Friday, June 8th – We need children to ride in our float and adults to walk with us to pass out Day Camp flyers. The parade will begin forming at 6:00 pm, this year we will be lined up going down King Street . The parade will move promptly at 7:00 p.m. This is a rain or shine event.

For those of you who want to try something new, set a goal to do something different or out of ordinary....or just for fun; this is for you.

Zion's Outreach committee is developing a new short term Dandelion fitness group for you and/or any friend.



The challenge is to get a group of 15 people (more are always welcome) to participate in Camp Mount Luther's Dandelion 5 K Race to be held Saturday September 1, 9am. The Camp Mount Luther Dandelion 5 K Race is a fun way to see much of the camp's facilities and grounds, get fit, and enjoy the morning with others at Camp Mount Luther.

The money raised in this race benefits the camp's scholarship program: that's the real outreach.

The value to any participant is to improve your fitness, and do it by joining in with others.

You don't have to run. Just quickly walk the race. My husband Steve is joining, and he's sure not a runner.

We also had a Zion camp counselor participate last year. Thanks Noah.

Ideas welcome. We could meet weekly this summer to do a little fitness training.

I have a program of "training" for those serious about setting the bar higher. Contact me and I'll share it with you.

This "all-inclusive group" will also take donations for the camp if you are unable to physically join us. We would also welcome a cheering squad.

More details monthly, or by contacting Kate Fisher 538-9528.

Join us any way you can,
The Outreach committee, Brenda, Tessa, Pastor, Kate.



In addition to offerings of the local public libraries, you can find interesting, fun titles for you and your kids on the bookshelves in the narthex and in the library on the second floor. From parable stories to Christian fiction, from action Bible stories to materials on parenting, the Scriptures, and Christian values. There is something for everyone... try something new, read "outside the box", expand your horizons this summer.

Excerpted and adapted from "Heroes ~ real, unsung and super" by M.J. Green, *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*, 6/7/2015, E-1



Zion Invites Children to Shipwrecked VBS: Rescued by Jesus.

A summer kids' event called Shipwrecked VBS will be hosted at Zion Lutheran Church from Monday, June 18 to Friday, June 22, 6:00-8:00 pm. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Register online at vbspro.events/p/turbotvillevbs or pick up a registration form at the Church office.

Please speak with Pastor Roux if you can help. We need adults and teens to help with VBS this year. .

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Avoiding the "Summer Slide"

In a few short weeks school will be out for the summer for area students. It's time to get out those shorts and swim suits, picnic tables and patio furniture... and yes, books. Just because the school year will be over, it does not mean that education needs to end, too. In fact, it means the opposite.

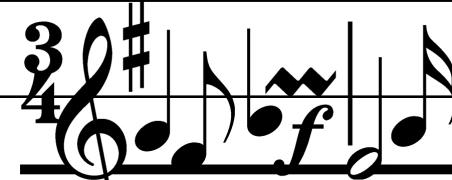
The summer months' gap of structured education has shown to have a significant effect on a student's mental growth and knowledge. This dilemma is called the "summer slide." Research has shown that noticeable loss in reading as well as mathematical skills occurs during summer vacation. Yet, how can this be avoided with the way our educational system is set up?

A key answer to this problem is simple ... books. Summer reading can massively affect the educational track of students and adults alike. Public libraries place special focus on summer reading by providing communities with free opportunities and programs for families to actively get involved in reading.

Here are some tips from local libraries to help children enjoy reading over the summer:

- Make time for reading.
- Get your child his or her own library card.
- Visit the library frequently and participate in summer reading activities.
- Keep different types of reading materials at home.
- Take reading materials on vacation.
- Encourage your child to learn new words.
- Allow your child to choose what he or she reads.
- Find magazines that interest your child.
- Talk about what your child is reading.
- Be a reading role model.
- Keep it fun!

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



SUMMER music

CAMP MT LUTHER



Awesome God,
Awesome Love.

Camp Mt Luther Day Camp
at Zion will be held July 23-27, 2018
9:00 am—3:00 pm.

Details coming soon! Mark your calendar!



**Lord hear our
prayers**

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.

IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?

We need your help to maintain our church records and keep in touch with you. If your address has changed (due to 911 implementation or going away to school or whatever reason) please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address zionlc39@windstream.net



FINANCES

Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (3/31/18)	11,162.30	18,595.63
	APRIL	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,456.01	85,139.92
Monthly Disbursements	23,574.98	91,834.75
Balance (4/30/18)	10,752.33	10,752.33
	Building Fund—\$12,998.43	
	Nave Improvement—\$48,719.78	
	Organ Fund—\$26,295.00	

April Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

- 8:00 am - 277
- 10:30 am - 310
- Saturday Evening - 69
- Wednesday Prayer - 45
- Easter Sunday 6:30 am - 132

**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
Registration**

Preschool registration are being accepted for 2018/2019 school year. If you know of children who wish to apply or have questions contact the church office.

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet June 13, 2018.

Randy Watts—trips down the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. We will go to lunch at Perkins.

Join us for a time of fellowship and socializing.



Shut-in members with Birthdays in June

Alice Durlin—9th

Joyce Snyder—17th

Dodie Day—23rd

**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER TO
FILL UNTIL DECEMBER 2019,**
**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
SERVING IN THIS WAY.**

COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Disaster Relief Team *1st Monday at 7:00 pm*
Barbara Kilgus—Chairperson

TUESDAY

Outreach *2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm*
Pastor Roux—Chairperson
Brenda Reasner—Council Rep
Stewardship *3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm*
Barry Durlin—Chairperson
Lisa Wehr—Council Rep
Property *4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm*
Lynn Watson and Lee Bieber—Co-Chairs
Dave Hartman—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*
Ann Gardner—Council Rep

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

Leslie Hartline, Council President (570-716-3850)

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

Telephone: 570-649-5195

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

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



June 13 Newsletter
*June deadline is
June 13, 2018*

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

Check out the pictures on Facebook

***Synod USS Ark Want to keep up with the Upper Susquehanna Synod news? Here is the link
<http://www.uss-elca.org/uss-ark/>***

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

*Janet Reasner—1/5
Earle Jarrett—2/28
Hannah Jarrett—4/15
Alice Durlin – 6/9
Emily Gottschall - 10/10
Freda Keefer - 10/13
Joyce McCollum—12/2
Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20
Elizabeth Sampsell*

Muncy Skilled Nursing

David Neufer

Wolf Run – Hughsville

Joyce Snyder – 6/17

Watsonstown Rehab—Watsonstown

*Eleanor Trefsger –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 -

<i>R. Scott Keister-3/12</i>	<i>John Rump-3/26</i>
<i>Christopher Keister-4/2</i>	<i>Keenan Young—6/27</i>
<i>Wayne Meckley-8/16</i>	<i>Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16</i>

**WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS
HELPING NEIGHBORS**

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.

