

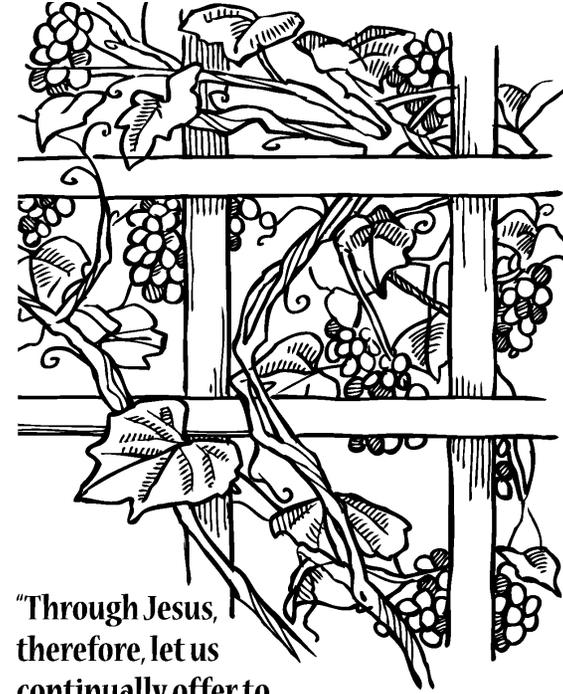
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162nd ANNIVERSARY



THE ZION NEWS



"Through Jesus,
therefore, let us
continually offer to
God a sacrifice of praise —
the fruit of lips that confess his name."

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

**Loyalty Sunday Weekend
Worship With Us**

Saturday, September 8th - 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 9th - 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School for All Ages - 9:15 am

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TURBOTVILLE, PA**

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All students' Grade School through College
In order to maintain our church records, we need information. Please fill out the form below with the information requested or you can email the office at zionlc39@windstream.net. This information is important to us so that we may contact you with upcoming events.

Student (s) name _____

Students Grade in school (2018/2019) _____

Student (s) Birth date _____

Email _____

Parents/Students cell phone _____

Or the best way we can contact you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the beautiful things about the church is that we are all very different and unique people. We are all filled by the Holy Spirit with gifts that contribute to the ministry that we share. As St. Paul writes in Romans 12:4-6a:

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...”

It is important for us to recognize these God-given spiritual gifts in one another, and encourage each other to use them to the glory of God.

As different as we all are, one thing that we share in common is time. Every one of us has the same amount of time – 24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week. The Bible calls upon us to use our time well. Again, St. Paul speaks to us in Ephesians 5:15-16a:

“Be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil.”

In other words, to live in this sinful world is a challenge, and we are at our best when we use our time wisely. There are two basic possibilities of what you can do with your time: you can waste it, or invest it. God encourages us to use our time by investing it in his kingdom, the only work that will last forever.

The two big time wasters for many people are regret and worry. A lot of folks are good at doing regret, looking back and fretting over things that are done and gone. We can't change them, all we can do is carry the learning from our failures into the choices we make today. As a matter of fact, true wisdom is often grown within us by learning from the pain and suffering of the past. Rejoice that God loves and forgives you, and ask how you may learn from the living you've already done. Worry is when we get our imaginations going, contemplating an endless stream of possibilities, many of which frighten us. This fretting about what is to come takes away the energy for productive work we can do today. It is okay to plan for the future, but the future is not ultimately in our control, it is in the hands of God. Trust that God means you well, and attend to today's concerns.

The faithful way to live is to invest our time in what matters. Certainly that includes loving and caring for our families, as well as earning a living. It also includes the faith practices of worship, prayer, study, giving, encouraging, serving, and inviting. The problem for most of us is that we feel we don't have the time to practice our faith as we feel called to do. Here is some good news: God understands your schedule. As a matter of fact, God understands your schedule and the details of your life better than you do. Not only is God calling you to practice your faith and serve his kingdom, he wants you to consult him on how to best invest your time. Talk to God about it. Ask him to show you what you need to cut out, and what you need to add. God can help you make those choices. God will speak to your heart, God will counsel you through other Christians. So make the most of your time. It is part of being faithful.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Introduction to Confirmation

Confirmation ministry in the Lutheran Church teaches the foundations of the Lutheran faith. Students explore God's Word and learn what it means to serve Christ in the world.

After two years of instruction, students participate in a rite in which they publicly declare their promise to be faithful to Christ, a rite known as Affirmation of Baptism.

Confirmation class is open to all youth who are beginning seventh grade and to others who have not yet received instruction.

An Introduction to Confirmation for both youth and their parents will be held on September 9th at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.

Confirmation Class



Preschool Wishlist

Antibacterial Wipes

Disinfectant (Cleaning) Wipes

Paper Plates—dessert size 6 inch

Cups 6 oz.

Napkins

Glue Dots

Walmart Gift Cards

AC Moore Gift Cards

Michael's Gift Card

Target Gift Cards

**Join Us for
LOYALTY SUNDAY
September 9th**

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September 9th. It is always a great day of celebration, a time to renew our fellowship. We also begin our Sunday School and bless our Sunday School teachers. Bring your whole family and invite friends to join you. Let us celebrate our God, who is loyal to us with great love.

Dear Friends in Christ,

THANKS FOR A GREAT DAY CAMP!

We give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our Camp Mount Luther Day Camp here at Zion a great success. Forty-two children and youth from our community participated. The theme for our week was “Awesome God, Awesome Love,” and participants learned this great good news through Bible study, crafts, games, music, and shared meals. These activities were led by talented counselors from Camp Mount Luther. The counselors included Kailey Betz, Anne Harshberger, Gordy Emick, and Lindsey Hartman.

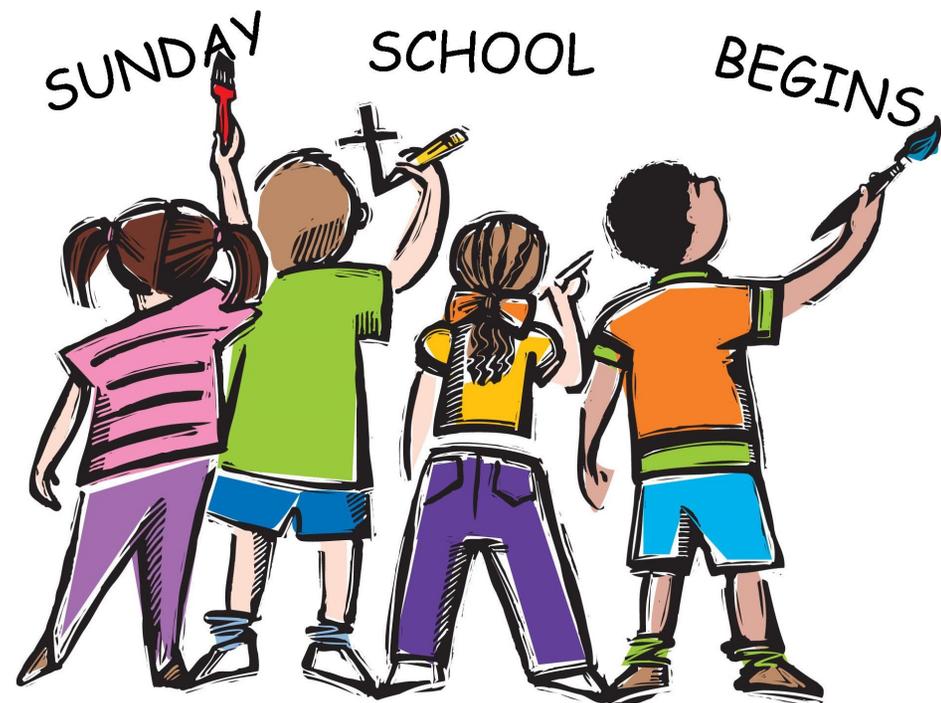
Many thanks are due for this marvelous week. Thanks to those who made donations of craft items, snacks, and funds. The All of our needs were met. Meals and snacks were lovingly prepared and served by Ann and Terry Gardner, Jim and Marie Gardner, Judy Bieber, Evelyn Benfer, Ross and Shirley McCollum. Support staff from Zion who helped with everything from registration to crafts and campfire were Marie Gardner, Mandy Stoudt, Lydia Nugent, and Beth Roux. Youth who helped included Grace Roux. May God bless all who helped and participated.

Sincerely Yours, Pastor Roux

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 9th at 9:15 a.m. with an opening celebration in the Social Hall. We offer classes for all ages and most of the classes are shaped by an award winning curriculum entitled “Growing in Christ.” The following classes are available:

Preschool—Kim Litchard and Jen Fritz
Kindergarten to Grade 2—Wendy Wood
Grades 3—6—Amanda Stoudt and Shelley Craig
Grades 7 – 12—Craig Wood and Pastor Roux
Adult Sunshine Class—Clissie Sheatler
Adult Conversation Class—Beth Roux





Harvest Home



Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Everyone is invited to bring commercially canned fruits or vegetables that will be distributed locally along with our Harvest Home monetary offerings. These items can be brought to the services on that weekend. Designations of food and monetary donations will be announced.

*Dear Friends,
I wish to thank you for recognizing my 30th Anniversary of Ordination. The cupcakes and fellowship, and the restaurant gift card were very much appreciated. I am pleased that we are coming up on 13 years of serving the Lord together at Zion. May God bless us with many more years together.
Peace,*

Pastor Roux

Thank You

*Dear Zion,
Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of Zion's Scholarship. I appreciate you taking the time to review my application. This scholarship will assist me as I begin my second year of schooling and work toward completing my educational degree requirements. I am grateful to my church family for supporting students like myself through this scholarship. The money will help me pay this semester's tuition. Thank you for your support.*

Christopher Dyer

**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.



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

Fridays - September 7, 14, 28

Fridays - October 5, 12, 26



**MS HS
YOUTH GROUP**
★ *Kickoff* ★

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUPS KICK OFF**

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, September 9th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will share games, group builders, a devotion and food. Bring a friend and join us!



Choir Rehearsals to Begin

The vacations are over, the month is September, schools are open, and it's time to start our choir rehearsals. Again the question is asked: do you have an hour during the week when you could offer you services to our music program?

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings: 7:00 - 8:15 pm and sings regularly at the services on the first and third Sunday's at 8:00 and festivals.

The Handbell Choir also rehearses on Wednesday's from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. They usually play on the first and third Sunday at the 10:30 service.

The Chorus does not have a weekly rehearsal. Members of the congregation receive copies their music when the enter church and come forward to sing before the First Lesson.

None of our music is difficult, but it is a way of giving thanks to God for all the blessings we continually receive. Zion Church is unique among the churches in our synod; it is sad that many of them have no choral or handbell choirs any more. Please give some thought to joining one of our choirs. You will find it a blessing.

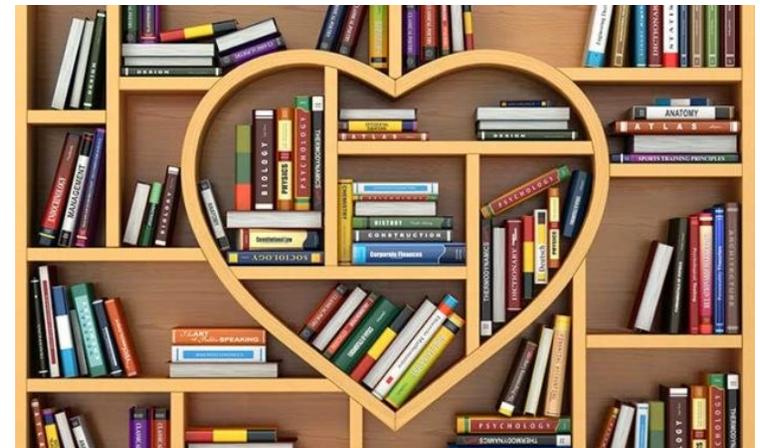
Pastor Steve
Minister of Music

able to get from the library, or is this particular copy important? It's really easy to end up keeping a book "just in case" you want to read it again. But here's a reminder: you can get so, so many books for free from the library. If at some indeterminate point in the future you decide you *do* want to reread a book, you can check it out with your library card. There are definitely some books that are important to keep your own copy of—signed copies, books you read over and over again, meaningful gifts, rare finds. But if you're keeping a book just for the off-chance that you'll pick it up one day, remember that you can usually find another copy pretty easily if you want to, and the content will be exactly the same.

Here's the important final step: repeat this entire process. Move the books you've already decided to give away out of sight, and run through the whole thing again with the books that have remained in your "keep" pile. You may often decide to nix more books the second and even third time around. You will probably feel less choosy after the first round of sorting, and can think more clearly about whether it's worth the trouble to keep every book. It slowly becomes easier and easier, and now you have room for more new books.

When you do downsize your personal collection, we have many wonderful titles available on the bookshelves in the narthex when you need some additional reading materials. There is something for everyone!

Excerpted and adapted from "Get Rid of Books You No Longer Need with This Easy 3 Step Process" by Melissa Ragsdale, *Bustle*, July 2018



LIBRARY NOTES

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

Discarding Books You No Longer Need

Moving, retirement, downsizing are all perfect times for paring down and clearing out. But cleaning out your bookshelf is easier said than done. Books have an importance that goes beyond the typical object and giving one away can sometimes feel like giving away a piece of yourself. Then of course, there's the age-old conundrum of the books you've bought but haven't read yet. Do you have books that have sat on the shelf for years, untouched?

Author and renowned organizing consultant Marie Kondo describes this feeling of attachment beautifully in *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*:

"The process of facing and selecting our possessions can be quite painful. It forces us to confront our imperfections and inadequacies and the foolish choices we made in the past... The things we own are real. They exist here and now as a result of choices made in the past by no one other than ourselves. It is dangerous to ignore them or to discard them indiscriminately as if denying the choices we made...It is only when we face the things we own one by one and experience the emotions they evoke that we can truly appreciate our relationship with them."

"Relationship" is right. Getting rid of a book can definitely feel like breaking up with someone. Or, rather, it can feel like breaking up with *yourself*. So, what's one to do? Here are a few tips:

First thing's first: take a look at each of your books, one by one, and evaluate your emotion. The "one by one" part is key— it's much easier to assess a book on its own than when you're looking at it as part of your shelf. Literally pick up each book and ask yourself: Is this a book that has had a profound impact on you? Are your feelings about this book important to you? If the answer is "no," maybe that book doesn't belong in your "keep" pile.

The next question to ask yourself is: Is this a book that I'll ever read again? Be honest. If you're not going to read it again, what's the point of keeping it from the rest of the world to read? Why shouldn't you donate it or sell it, and give it a chance to reach another reader? Books deserve to be read. Here's the hard part: Is this a book you will be

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for home or hospital visits, counseling, prayer, or conversation. You may reach him at the church office 649-5195 or home 437-9058. Please leave a message and he will return it as soon as possible.

SATURDAY 6:00 PM WORSHIP

Join us for Saturday Evening 6:00 pm Worship. Our Saturday 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. We are also recruiting to form a Praise Group that will lead worship from time to time. If you play an instrument or sing, please contact Pastor Roux at the church (570) 649-5195.

From the Outreach committee-----

Camp Mt Luther's Dandelion 5 K Race is Saturday September 1, 9am. The Camp Mt 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 Mt Luther.

The money raised in this race benefits the camp's scholarship program.

Please consider visiting Mt Luther Sept 1, improve your fitness, and do it by joining in with others.

We have about 5 people interested in the Mount Luther dandelion 5 k race---goal is 15 participants.

Additional Information on the dandelion 5 k run at camp Mount Luther September 1 is on the table under the bulletin board. There are some articles on how to train for a race. Feel free to call me with any questions. Kate Fisher 538-9528.

Remember this is meant for outreach and we'll make it fun too.

Thanks much
Outreach committee



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.

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





Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/18)	5,414.49	18,595.63
	July	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,081.11	143,838.46
Monthly Disbursements	19,706.60	153,910.62
Balance (7/31/18)	6,498.00	6,498.00
Building Fund—\$12,705.39		
Nave Improvement—\$54,700.07		
Organ Fund—\$27,295.00		

July Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:

8:00 am - 342

10:30 am - 218

Saturday Evening - 55

Wednesday Prayer - 30

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.

The church has access to the following:

Electric Hospital Bed and Mattress

Walker

Beside Commode

Wheelchair

Let the office know if you have a need for any of these items.

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet September 12, 2018. “To Be A Pilgrim” presentation by Pastor Elkin. We will go to Good Wills in Montandon for lunch.

*We meet the second Wednesday of the month.
Mark your calendars!*

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in September

Betty Derr—21st

Irene Watson—27th

Shut-in members with Birthdays in September

Eleanor Trefsgar—21st

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

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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



September Newsletter
deadline is
September 12, 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

Wolf Run – Hughesville

Joyce Snyder – 6/17

Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown

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 Keenan Young—6/27
Wayne Meckley-8/16 Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

AUGUST is "picnic time" and we looked for baked beans, the traditional dish for all picnics. While shopping, did you find cans of baked beans for our neighbors' picnics? If not, there are still a few remaining days to shop this month. Those baked beans are still needed, please keep looking and bring as many cans as possible. All are appreciated.

SEPTEMBER

We may not want to think about it but summer is swiftly drawing to a close and it's "gathering time". It's time to gather all your garden produce, time to gather all the crops from the fields and it will soon be time to gather all the apples in our orchards. We all remember the joy of consuming a fresh, crunchy apple or those delicious apple pies, strudels and yummy dumplings. Don't forget the applesauce! Let's bring cans and jars of applesauce during the month of September. You will find them sweetened or unsweetened, with or without spices, in large or small cans, and there is even organic. Bring any and all kinds and sizes to share during the month of September.

