



# THE ZION NEWS



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*163<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY*

**Camp Mt Luther Day Camp**  
at Zion will be held July 22-26, 2019

9:00 am—3:00 pm.  
Mark your calendar!



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**JUNE 2019**

**MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR THIS  
FUNDRAISING EVENT!**



**Have Dinner at  
Wendy's and Earn  
Money for:**

**Zion Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

**Where:**

Wendy's  
Muncy

**When:**

Monday  
July 15, 2019  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales from time  
above!

*Great Food, Great  
Cause!*

## CAMP MOUNT LUTHER DAY CAMP

Transformed Community: God's Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.

Plans are underway for our Camp Mt. Luther Day Camp at Zion. Camp comes the week of July 22-26, Monday Through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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 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 soon. Cut-outs hanging from the branches 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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.*

These are beloved words. “Amazing Grace” is always listed among people's favorite hymns. It goes back to the 18th century, written by John Newton, who was on the sea from the time he was a little boy. When he was a young man he became the captain of his own ship, a ship that brought African slaves to the colonies to work the plantations.

Back in England, between voyages, he went to hear George Whitefield preach and was converted. He realized the evil of his occupation, left it, and became a priest in the Church of England and served the rest of his life as the rector of a little church in a town called Olney. He wrote a number of hymns which were printed in a collection called the “Olney Hymns,” which is one of the classic collections of hymns in the Church, and “Amazing Grace” was one of them.

It is amazing, the popularity of this hymn. Even people who are not members of churches, and those who do not profess faith, find something about this hymn that touches them. It probably has to do with the common human experience of feeling lost. We all have that feeling from time to time, don't we? Especially when we are going through a difficult time in life. We want direction, we want the assurance that we will be okay. When John Newton expresses in simple words his experience of being found. “I once was lost, but now am found,” it resonates with people. What is so tremendous about these simple words is that they explain the Christian understanding of our relationship with God. God has found us. The distinctly Christian experience of God, is that sense of being found.

Most of what Jesus taught was taught before him by the prophets, especially the ethical teachings. And there is much of what we believe as Christians that is shared by people all over the world. In all religions there are ethical religious teachings that are universal. But there is this one affirmation that is unique to Christianity, and that is the proclamation that God seeks us and finds us. Jesus says it plainly in the Gospel of Luke, *“For the Son of man came to seek out and to save the lost.”* (Luke 19:10)

Knowing that the mission of Jesus is to seek and save the lost, the question becomes, "How does that happen today?" Paul is very clear about how it happens in Romans 10:13-14:

*For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?*

The truth is that it is our job, the baptized body of Christ, to proclaim Jesus Christ, When we proclaim the Word of God the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and minds of the hearers creating faith. The lost are found when we tell them about the Good Shepherd who loves them and seeks them out. Who do you know that needs Jesus Christ in their lives to love them, direct them, and let them know that they will be okay? How can you reach out to them with the good news that Jesus loves them? Sometimes a simple invitation to worship or an activity of our congregation can open a door for them to hear the Word. Add their names to our prospect list that we are using as part of our outreach project this summer. Be a part of helping another person experience that life changing feeling of being found by our loving God.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Roux

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



## Nave Renewal Update

Our Nave renewal project is moving along slowly but steadily. In the past six months Rohn and Associates Design has updated our plans. A lighter and softer color scheme has been incorporated to reflect the feedback we received from congregational members about the colors on the original artistic views that were displayed. Updated artistic views will soon be in the narthex of the church. More detailed drawings of the new chancel wall and detailed specifications have been produced to aid contractors bidding on the job. Bids were received on several divisions of the renewal plan including: demolition, radiant heat floor, tile work, painting, artwork restoration, and pews. All the bids were well within the estimates originally proposed and some were significantly less. We are still awaiting a bid from a general contractor, which will be the determining factor in setting a schedule for when the work will begin. We have a hopeful prospect and are awaiting their estimate. Our Nave Renewal Committee Chairman, Drew Potts, has been working closely with Providence Engineering from Muncy to test and certify the integrity of the underlying floor construction that is beneath the nave.

The congregation of Zion has already been financially generous and faithful in giving to this renewal. We are very grateful to the many people who have created and worked on fund raising projects for over a year. A financial summary of giving and fund raising is included below.

### 2018

29 Givers – gave \$14,367.00 to the Nave Improvement  
Fundraisers – 2108

March - Fish Dinner	\$800
Carnival	\$7,820
December – Fish Dinner	\$1,435
Paint Party	\$638
Pancake Breakfast	<u>\$335</u>
Total Fundraising	\$11,028.00

### 2019

Faith Promise Cards – 10 givers – Promised a total of \$15,140.00 to Nave Improvement  
39 Givers – to date 6/19/19 gave \$10,494.00 to the Nave Improvement  
Fundraisers to date

Basket Raffle	\$205
Wendy's Night	\$142
Soup Sale	\$3,350
Fish Dinner	\$978
Spring Paint Party	\$155
Mother's Appreciation Dinner	\$455
Carnival	<u>\$8,553</u>
Total Fundraising	\$13,838.00

## SUMMERTIME IS PICNIC TIME!

Zion and Holy Spirit will be holding a joint picnic at our pavilion on Sunday, August 11, from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. Dinner will be at 5:00 PM. The churches will provide hot dogs and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share, table service, lawn chairs, and board or lawn games. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with our Lutheran neighbors. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex for planning purposes. Everyone who attended last year's picnic had a great time. See you there!



## Preschool Registration

Preschool registration are being accepted for 2019/2020 school year. If you know of children who wish to apply or have questions contact the church office.

## 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:**

Friday—July 5, 12, 26, August 2, 9, 23, 30

## Nursery Helpers Needed

We are in need of more adults to watch our nursery at the 10:30 am worship Service. Nursery is for children up to and including age 5. All nursery workers are required to obtain the appropriate clearances. If you can help please let us know.



## Make reading a family priority — for everyone

Here's where adult involvement plays an especially important role. Most parents already know about the value of setting screen-time limits. Yes, pushing back against digital distractions can be tough, so that's why it's important for kids to see the grown-ups in their lives reading for pleasure. Finding even 10 minutes to just sit and read something other than email or social media can feel impossible to busy parents, but modeling reading for pleasure is a critical way to convince a child that reading is fun. Why not make it an activity for the whole family just to hang out and read? Add "reading time" to that busy list of weekend activities — 30 minutes or so when everyone relaxes and quietly reads. It's just as important, and easy to schedule, as soccer practice.

## Make reading social

Forget about the quiet and plan some read-aloud time. This could mean actively reading a book to — or with — a child or listening to an audiobook during car trips. This way, kids and adults can share and discuss the same book. Book clubs in which parents and kids both participate is another way to make books social. Also, plan a trip to the movie theater. Make a book the gateway to seeing the film version of it. There are so many wonderful books that have been adapted for the big screen. Reading the book first is great preparation for the theater experience and creates a great conversation starter for the ride home from the theater.

## Make it a game

Many children's librarians also recommend adding a "game" aspect to reading. Signing kids up for summer reading programs at the local public library is one easy way to do this. Creating book-related bingo cards or "Jeopardy"-like questions also boosts the entertainment value of books. Or try out a game called "Spoilers," created by a children's librarian in Washington state. The idea is simple: An adult and a kid choose a book they both will read. The adult stops reading exactly halfway through the book, while the kid reads to the end. After finishing the book, the kid comes up with an alternate ending, then presents that ending and the real ending to see if the adult can guess which is correct. You can also draw out the conversation by asking kids to relate the story to something that happened in real life or to come up with a question they'd like to ask the author.

Great reads are available for your summer reading pleasure on the bookshelves in the narthex. Check out time is two weeks.

*Excerpted and adapted from "Yes, Parents, There Is a Magic Formula to Keep Your Kids Reading Through the Summer" by Karen MacPherson, The Washington Post, May 23, 2019.*

## LIBRARY NOTES

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

### Magic Formula for Summer Reading

Last month we talked about the "summer slump" and creating a reading chart to help your kids keep track of their summer reading. As this month's article title indicates, there really is a magic formula to keep them reading through the summer and beyond. The secret ingredient? You!

Research shows that reading during the summer helps kids minimize the "summer slump," the drop-off in reading skills that non-summer readers experience at the start of a new school year. Troublingly, the recent "Kids and Family Reading Report," a biennial survey done by Scholastic, a publishing and media company, showed that among kids ages 9-11, 14% read no books during the summer of 2018, compared with 7% in 2016. Among kids ages 15-17, 32% read no books last summer, compared with 22% in 2016.

But summer reading need not be a hard sell to kids. In the midst of the craziness of daily life — and the distractions of screens and so much else — it's a challenge for parents to make reading a pleasurable priority in their family's life. Summertime, however, actually is a perfect — and crucial — time to experiment with some of the following strategies:

#### Expand the definition of reading

Allow kids to pick their reading format. Audiobooks and e-readers can be gateways to reading for some kids. For example, audiobooks allow kids to listen to books that might otherwise be too hard for them. They're also perfect for fidgety kids, who can do other activities, like drawing, while listening. E-readers, meanwhile, work well for young readers with learning disabilities who may need adjustable print size and text-to-speech features, as well as for kids who just love adding some tech to their reading. Graphic novels are another popular format that shouldn't make parents fret. Drawings can make books more accessible, but that doesn't also mean that they dumb them down. In fact, some reading experts argue that graphic novels actually offer a real brain workout, as readers must simultaneously interpret words and pictures.

### 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.



## PASTOR ROUX'S VACATION DAYS

Pastor Roux will be on vacation Tuesday, July 2—Monday, July 8, 2019. Please contact Pastor Middernacht with pastoral emergencies at 570-523-7859

# Thank You!

Thank you Marie and Lois for planting the geraniums

*Thank you to everyone who participated in "ANY WAY" to help with the Turbotville Community Carnival. It was a huge undertaking and success. Without YOUR HELP it could not have been possible.*



### 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.

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for ...

August 18

The price per set is \$30.00. The flower chart is located on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the church office. Please call the office to check for availability.



*Altar Flowers*

# FINANCES

## Current Fund Daily Expenses

	MAY	YTD
Balance brought forward (4/30/19)	8,799.15	12,999.05
Monthly Contributions	18,399.37	102,023.74
Monthly Disbursements	20,578.80	107,635.07
Balance (5/31/19)	6,927.72	6,927.72
Building Fund—\$12,401.79		
Nave Improvement—\$72,756.08		

## May Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:  
8:00 am - 272  
10:30 am - 191  
Saturday Evening - 39  
Wednesday Prayer - 65  
Ascension Day—12

## JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet July 10, 2019 at 10:30 am.

"Refugees and Displaced Person during the Civil War "  
will be presented by Shawna Kocik  
(Martha Weidner's Daughter)  
We will go to Good Will in Montandon for lunch.

*We meet the second Wednesday of the month.*

*Our next gathering, August 14, 2019 will be held at  
Leonard Tyson's home for our annual picnic.*

# **DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**July Newsletter**  
**deadline is**  
**July 14, 2019**

***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/>***

## **Wednesday Prayer Service**

Our Wednesday Prayer services are held 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. Join us for prayer on Wednesdays.



## **IS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGING ?**

We need your help to maintain our church records and to keep in touch with you. If your address has changed please notify the church office. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new address

zionlc39@windstream.net



*We are being charged for every item that is returned to us due to an incorrect address,  
even 911 changes.*

## COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY

**Disaster Relief Team** 1st Monday at 6:30 pm

*Jeff Furman—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

*Rick Rovenolt-Chairperson*

*Dennis Webb—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*

*Leon Hagenbuch—Council Rep*

**Staff Support** Meets went needed

*Melissa Kilgus -Chairperson*

*John Myers—Council Rep*

### SUNDAY

**Christian Education** meets quarterly

*Jeff Furman—Council Rep*

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

*Birthdays are listed*

### At Home

*Janet Reasner – 1/5*

*Earle Jarrett – 2/28*

*Alice Durlin – 6/9*

*Freda Keefer- 10/13*

*Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7*

*Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20*

### Watsonstown Rehab—Watsonstown

*Eleanor Trefsger -9/21*

### Wolf Run - Hughesville

*Joyce Snyder – 6/17*

### Rockwell- Milton

*Dodie Day – 6/23*

### Manor Care North - Williamsport

*Janice Metzger 4/15*

### Elmcroft—Montoursville

*Phil Bower 12/30*

### Riverwoods - Lewisburg

*Gladys Durlin – 2/26*

*Joan Webb – 10/10*

*Nancy DeHart – 12/26*

### Nottingham Village - Northumberland

*Joyce Osman – 2/27*

*Joyce McCollum*

### Military -

*George Reasner—3/7*

*R. Scott Keister-3/12*

*John Rump-3/26*

*Christopher Keister-4/2*

*Keenan Young—6/27*

*Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16*

## **WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**



So, when you are shopping in July, think "tomatoes" and purchase some cans for our friends. Bring whole tomatoes, crushed tomatoes or any tomato product such as tomato juice, tomato paste, or perhaps tomato sauce. July is tomato time for us; let us bring tomatoes.

**TOMATOES** - It's tomato time, but have you seen any ripe ones in your garden as yet? In the meantime, let us shop for the non-perishable kind, those in cans. There are so many uses for canned tomatoes such as in soups, casseroles, sauces or just served as a tasty side dish.

*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*

*Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 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 Clissie Sheatler 437-2215*

*Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438*

*Team 4 Brenda Reasner 649-5749*