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**August Fest
August 17, 2019**

Zion will be selling fresh peach dumplings during the August Fest at Glenda and Jim Yost's house.



Camp Mt Luther Dandelion 5 k run/ walk

..... coming up Saturday August 31, 9am. All are welcome to come and support the campership program for the camp, or if unable to attend in person please make a donation for this valuable mission for children. Any questions contact Kate Fisher 538-9528.



Zion Church will be holding a Craft Fair, Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 9:00 am – 2:00 pm: Wanted shoppers and vendors. Contact the church office for a vendor registration form.



Zion's Craft Fair

IT'S TIME FOR THINKING CAPS AND BRIGHT IDEAS !!!

For over a year now, the Upper Susquehanna Synod has been considering mission and ministry within the synod. It began with a discussion of how the synod is currently perceived, as well as what the congregations feel they need from the synod. At last year's Assembly roundtable conversations provided facilitators with information from which goals were developed. This year's Assembly took things a step further by defining and discussing three areas of focus through which our congregations can develop relationships among their members.

These Areas of Focus include:

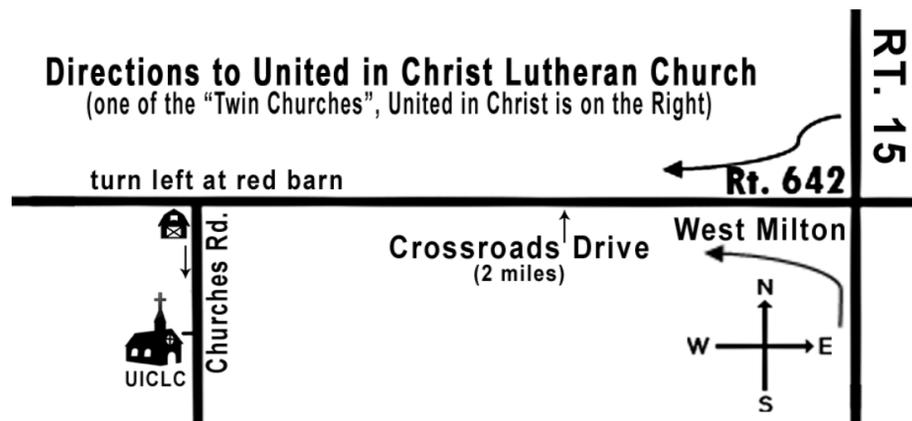
Church/Unity – We are Church; We are Church Together; We are Lutheran; We are Church for the sake of the world. We are *only, holy, catholic and apostolic* Church. How will we be church and enhance our unity?

Support/Presence – We are a church in relationship with God, each other, our church partners, and the world. How can we deepen these relationships?

Discipleship/Leadership – We are a church called to lead others to the profound grace of Jesus. How do we recognize leaders in our congregations and beyond?

The discussions of the Areas of Focus took place by conference. The Buffalo Valley Conference had a great brain-storming session and many good ideas were put forth such as implementing a conference newsletter, joint worship services (e.g., Ascension Day), pulpit exchanges, and shared youth group activities among many others.

One of the best suggestions was to have an all-conference meeting of interested persons to begin conversations on how we might share together in mission and ministry to our communities. This initial meeting will be **Sunday, August 25, 6:00 PM** at United in Christ Lutheran Church, 1875 Churches Road, Lewisburg. Each church in the conference should be represented at this meeting. This is no limit on how many people from a congregation may attend. For questions or additional information, please contact Terry or Ann Gardner (570-546-5880). Let's see what God is up to in the Buffalo Valley Conference!



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

Nave Renewal Update

We are awaiting bids from general contractors on our nave renewal project. Several have expressed interest and Rohn and Associates have been providing them with the drawings and specifications for them to provide bids. Providence Engineering of Muncy has certified our nave floor to support the radiant heat and concrete layer that will enable us to also create handicapped ramps to our nave level. As always, if you have any questions, direct them to Drew Potts, our Nave Renewal Chairman, or Pastor Roux.

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



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:

July 26, August 2, 9, 23, 30;
September 6, 13, 26, 27

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.



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. *Our worship on Saturday, August 3 will include "The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil" for those who wish to receive this healing ministry.* 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.

words. Using this data, and assuming that board books are traded in for picture books after a child's third birthday, they were able to calculate the average number of words kids hear from books by the time they turn 5.

Logan said her latest research was inspired by an earlier study she conducted, which found that 25 percent of children are never read to, while another 25 percent only hear stories about once or twice per week. Children's books, in particular, are a great method of teaching vocabulary because they introduce words that are unlikely to come up in everyday conversation.

This is the latest study to confirm the benefits of reading—not to mention the benefits of forming healthy reading habits at an early age. A study from last year revealed that people who grow up in homes full of books (especially 80-plus books) tend to have higher reading comprehension rates and better mathematical and digital communication skills.

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 "Kids Whose Parents Read to Them Hear Up to 1.4 Million More Words" by Emily Petsko, *Mental Floss*, April 8, 2019.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

Want to Increase Your Child's Vocabulary?

Parents who take time to read aloud to their children are doing them a huge favor. Not only is it a memorable bonding activity, but it's also a way to jump-start a child's education and put them on the fast track to literacy. Many parents and caretakers know this intuitively, but a new study published in the *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics* reveals just how instrumental those bedtime stories really are.

According to Jessica Logan, the study's lead author, kids who are read one short book per day enter kindergarten hearing 290,000 more words than kids whose parents didn't read to them. If you increase the number of books to five per day, that vocabulary disparity swells to 1.4 million words.

Logan calls it the "million word gap," and she believes it could help explain why vocabulary and reading ability vary so greatly from one 5-year-old to the next. "The word gap of more than 1 million words among children raised in a literacy-rich environment and those who were never read to is striking," Logan said. "Kids who hear more vocabulary words are going to be better prepared to see those words in print when they enter school. They are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily."

For this study, Logan and her colleagues randomly selected 60 titles from a larger list of popular children's books. They counted the words in each book and discovered that the average board book (aimed at infants) contains 140 words and the average picture book (aimed at toddlers and older kids) contains 228



**Pastor's
on
Vacation**

PASTOR ROUX'S VACATION DAYS

Pastor Roux will be on vacation Monday, August 12th through Sunday August 25th.

Please contact Pastor Middernacht with pastoral emergencies at 570-523-7859

Mindy Bartholomew will supply August 17th

Ed Coup will supply August 18th

Pastor Middernacht will preach August 24th and 25th

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.

JOLLY BUNCH picnic

Jolly Bunch will meet August 14, 2019. We will be going to Leonard Tyson's for a picnic. Members are reminded to bring lawn chairs. Everything else will be provided. Members wishing to car pool are to meet at the church between 10:00 and 10:15 am, we will be leaving promptly at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcomed to join our group for a time of Christian fellowship.

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

Members with Birthdays in August
 Barb Zettlemoyer—1st



Thank you Sue for weeding around the church



A BIG thank you to the property committee for installing the new blinds in the office.
 Cathy

Thank you to Ted and Shirley for removing the candle wax in the sanctuary.



To Zion, Pastor and Members,
 Thank you for the cards, prayers, and thoughts of concern during my recent surgery and my recovery. Many thanks to Pastor Roux for his visits, scripture readings and prayers.
 In Christina Love,
 Bob Sheatler.

*Thank you
 For being so thoughtful
 For being so special...
 for just being you.*

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my surgery and recovery. Especially thanks to Pastor Roux for his visit and prayers on the day of surgery.
 Barb Fritz.

*Dear Zion Church Members,
 I appreciate you thinking of me during my final exam week at college. The homemade cookies were very good and was what I needed to help me get through that tough week.*
 Thank you,
 Christopher



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (5/31/19)	6,927.72	12,999.05
	JUNE	YTD
Monthly Contributions	16,263.29	118,287.03
Monthly Disbursements	19,846.31	127,481.38
Balance (6/30/19)	3,152.74	3,152.74

Building Fund—\$12,796.75
Nave Improvement—\$73,791.08



**2020 Proposed
BUDGETS**
are due July 31st

June Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:
8:00 am - 326
10:30 am - 240
Saturday Evening - 50
Wednesday Prayer - 47

Scholarship Fund Award

The Scholarship Fund Committee is pleased to announce the approval of the fund application for Macoy Auman and Kailey Betz . The 2019 amount awarded will be \$750.00; a check will be issued to their college.

Please congratulate Macoy and Kailey.



Kailey Betz

Grace Roux

Noah Roux

Sarah Schaech

on Camp Mount Luther Staff!



Camp Mt Luther is pleased to announce that Kailey Betz, Grace Roux, Noah Roux and Sarah Schaech are part of the Summer Ministry Team this year. We invite members of Zion to keep our ministry in your prayers, especially the work of Kailey, Grace, Noah and Sarah. You can send mail to Kailey, Grace, Noah or Sarah at Camp Mt Luther, 355 Mt Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. Each year, Camp Mt Luther calls about 20 high school and college-aged young adults to serve on our Summer Ministry Team. They are trained to deliver the camp program. Members of this team need not be Lutheran in faith, but must possess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a desire to work in the outdoors and a sound sense of responsibility.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

August Newsletter
deadline is
August 7, 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](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

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 when 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 Sampsel 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown

Eleanor Trefsgar –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 - 12/2

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



It's summertime-which means it's time for all those warm weather activities that we look forward to during the long, cold winter. It's time to fill our days with fairs, picnics, swimming, camping, vacations and a "must do" bit of gardening. We tend to squeeze as much as possible into each busy day. In all our "busyness", let us take time remember our neighbors and continue to faithfully bring our contribution of food.

AUGUST

As we just noted, summertime is the ideal time for picnics; perhaps you have already attended a few. Chances are, at each of those picnics, someone brought a tasty dish of baked beans. It's still time for many more picnics and what's a picnic without baked beans? This month, let us help our neighbors prepare for their picnics by bringing cans of baked beans. Check your grocer's shelves -notice the wide variety of baked beans available. Choose one (or perhaps several) and bring them for all those happy picnic times in August. Let's ensure that all our neighbor's picnics have the traditional dish of baked beans.



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 Clissie Sheatler 437-2215

Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438

Team 4 Brenda Reasner 649-5749