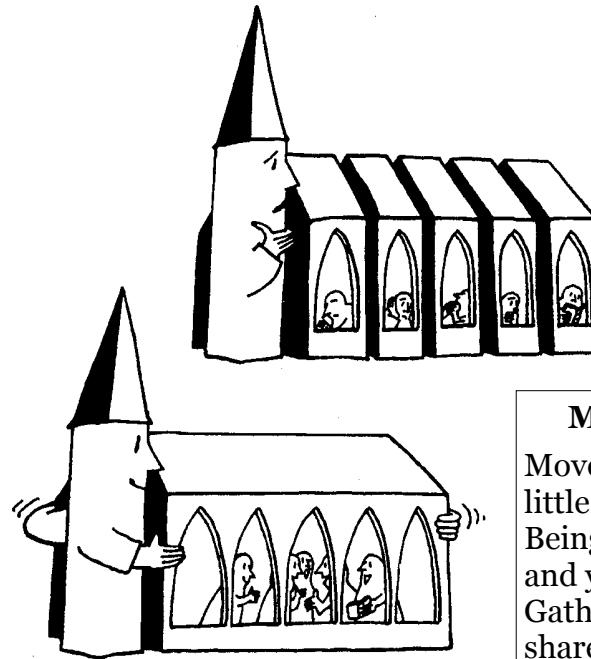




# THE ZION NEWS



## Move Closer Together!

Move closer together,  
little flock, the church.  
Being together is your meaning  
and your power.  
Gather to hear God's Word and  
share in the Lord's Supper.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

39 PARADISE STREET  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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

## Loyalty Sunday Weekend Worship With Us

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

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**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

## 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](mailto: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 (2019/2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (s) Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Students cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Or the best way we can contact you  
with upcoming events

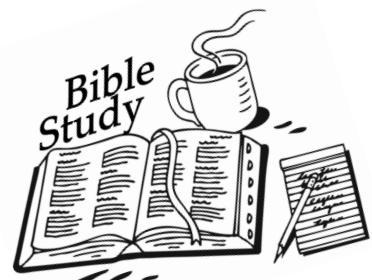


Dear friends in Christ,

I love to study the Bible. As a child, I was the kid that attended every Sunday School class. I remember going to confirmation class, and the pastor was ready to dismiss all the students because they had not done their homework, but I was the one student who had completed his homework so he kept us. The Holy Scriptures have always been a living and wonderful document for me. With every page I read, I feel that God himself is speaking to me. How about you? How deeply do you read the Scriptures? For the 14 years I have served as Pastor at Zion, I have held a regular Tuesday Bible study, both in the morning and in the evening. Many people have joined us and have added their wonderful insights to our conversation. That's what makes my heart so full of joy with Bible study, that people are able to relate the Scriptures that we read together to their own lives.

I am offering another Bible study beginning the first Tuesday after Labor Day. Classes will be held on Tuesdays, 10:30 am and 7:30 pm beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will study the book of Galatians. The book of Galatians is unique in that St. Paul is not happy with the people he is addressing in his letter. He is angry that there are those who insist that they must be a cultural Jew to be a Christian. He then goes on to speak about how all of us who were baptized into Christ are a part of the wonderful covenant that God made to Abraham thousands of years ago. We are people who are a light to the world by the promises that have culminated in Jesus Christ. Galatians is a wonderful book for us to look at together. If you have never joined with us in a Bible study, this is the time to begin. Please register by calling the church office at (570) 649-5195.

Yours In Christ,  
Pastor Roux



## Noah Roux Elected to ELCA Church Council

At the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 5-10, Noah Roux was elected to serve on the ELCA Church Council. Between meetings of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the Church Council provides guidance and leadership for the churchwide organization and the ELCA. The Church Council serves as the board of directors for the church. Its members include the churchwide officers, bishops representing a cross-section of synods and up to 45 other people elected by the Churchwide Assembly. They meet together at least twice a year and communicate by other means when necessary.

### Nave Renewal Update

We are receiving bids from general contractors on our nave renewal project. Two have expressed interest and Rohn and Associates have been providing them with the drawings and specifications for them to provide bids. Gray Builders has provided us with a bid already, and Zartman will provide one soon. 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.

think differently or approach a problem in a way that hadn't occurred to you before.

#### **Reading improves your memory and can reduce your risk for Alzheimer's Disease.**

There have been plenty of studies on the connection between reading and memory. As it turns out, not only does reading exercise muscles that will help improve your memory in your day-to-day life now, but it will also form neural circuits that could help prevent age-related memory-loss and Alzheimer's Disease later in life. Think of reading as Pilates for your brain.

#### **Books increase your intelligence.**

Not only has reading been shown to increase intelligence (because you're learning all sorts of fun and interesting things), but studies have also shown that reading increases your learning *capacity* as well. This means, the more you read, the more you learn, and the more you learn, the more your brain utilizes muscles that increase your ability to learn more.

#### **Reading can help you fall asleep and sleep better.**

As much as we love our devices, we've all heard that whatever blue light they're constantly emitting is terrible for us — especially right before we're trying to go to sleep. But plenty of studies have shown that establishing a regular bedtime routine is great for helping you fall asleep faster, and sleep both longer and better. Including a book into that routine is even better.

#### **Reading might help you in other areas of your life.**

It's probably not surprising that the benefits of reading: less stress, improved sleep, better memory, increased intelligence and empathy, and a more well-rounded perspective, will also benefit other areas of your life — personal and professional relationships, work and school, your awareness of global issues, and your concern for the world around you. Additionally, a study by the National Endowment for the Arts found that folks who read regularly actually are much more likely to be actively engaged in their communities, both civically and culturally. And don't we really need more of that right now?

Great reads, both fiction and non-fiction, are available for your reading pleasure on the bookshelves in the narthex. Check out time is two weeks.

*Excerpted and adapted from "9 Ways Reading Is Good For Your Mental Health" by E. Ce Miller, Bustle, May 4, 2017.*

## LIBRARY NOTES

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

### Reading Is Good For Your Mental Health

You really don't need another good excuse for adding more books to that 'to be read' list, but let's just imagine you did. The fact that reading is good for your mental health is definitely a great excuse, and there are even facts to back it up.

### Reading cultivates empathy and might even improve your social skills.

As readers we all know that books allow us to experience life from the vantage point of someone else. That shifting worldview won't just impact us in our on-the-page world... reading can also help increase empathy in our real-world relationships, too.

### The stories of others can help put your own life into perspective.

Without diving too deeply into a hierarchy of suffering, there's no denying that once you've taken the time to "climb inside of someone else's skin", chances are your own struggles might not seem so terrible after all. Just knowing that someone has walked through the same, or similar, fire that you have, and survived, will not only help you feel less alone, it also might inspire you to think about your own challenges in a new way.

### Reading for pleasure lowers stress and promotes relaxation.

Developing a regular reading routine (say, before bedtime) has been scientifically proven to lower stress levels, stabilize your heart rate, and help you relax.

### Books allow you to escape into other worlds.

There are some days when you just have to throw in the towel and check out of your life for a bit. Losing yourself in a book is a safe, easy, effective, and inexpensive way to take a mental vacation. Plus, unlike vacationing in the real world, your literary travels aren't limited by time, geography, space, or even physics. You can go anywhere, anytime.

### Books invite you to think and problem-solve more creatively.

No matter what you might be going through in your life, you'll be able to find a book, or even several, featuring characters who have experienced something similar. Their hard-won lessons can help you

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. If you are interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.

## Confirmation Class



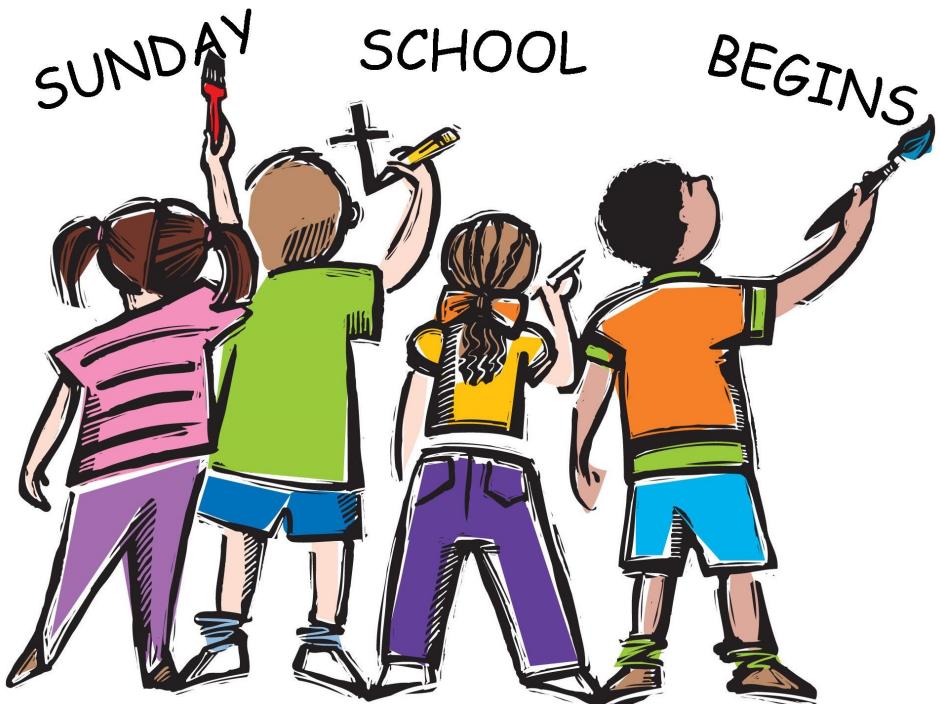
Join Us for  
**LOYALTY SUNDAY**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September, 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Meghan Zettelmoyer  
Kindergarten to Grade 2—Brittany Lynch and Beth Roux  
Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt and Shelley Craig  
Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux  
Adult Sunshine Class—Clissie Sheatler



Dear Friends in Christ,

### THANKS FOR A GREAT DAY CAMP!

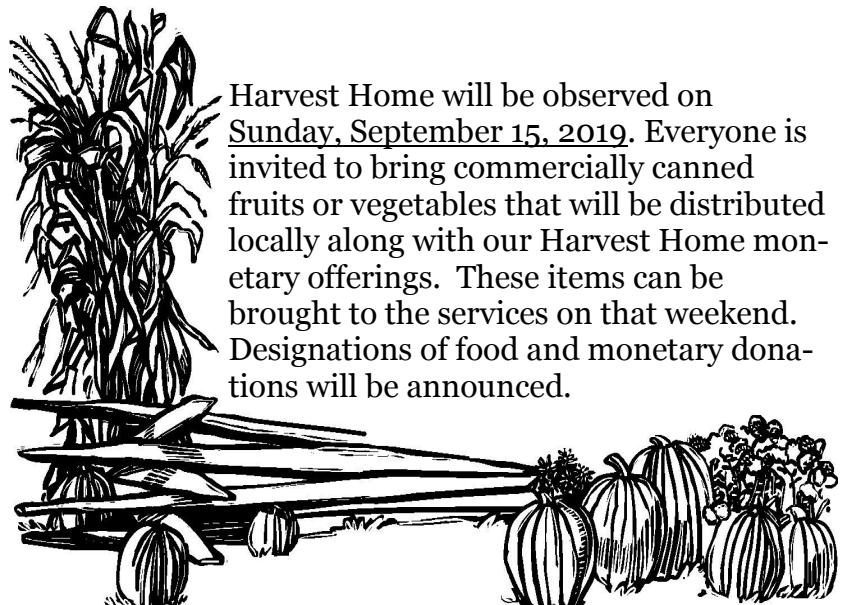
We give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our Camp Mount Luther Day Camp here at Zion a great success. Forty-two children and youth from our community participated. The theme for our week was "Be An Agent of C.H.A.N.G.E.," and participants learned this great good news through Bible study, crafts, games, music, and shared meals.

These activities were led by talented counselors from Camp Mount Luther. The counselors included Kailey Betz, Maddie Hunt, Noah Roux, and Grace Roux.

Many thanks are due for this marvelous week. Thanks to those who made donations of craft items, snacks, and funds. 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, with Sticky Buns from Glenda Yost. Support staff from Zion who helped with everything from registration to crafts and campfire were Marie Gardner, Mandy Stoudt, and Beth Roux. May God bless all who helped and participated.

Sincerely Yours,  
Pastor Roux

# Harvest Home



Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 15, 2019. 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.



## 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 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will share games, group builders, a devotion and food. Bring a friend and join us!



## 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

# FINANCES

## Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/19)	3,152.74	12,999.05
	<b>JULY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Monthly Contributions	23,785.00	142,072.03
Monthly Disbursements	17,945.92	145,427.30
Balance (7/31/19)	8,799.82	8,799.82
Building Fund—\$12,449.09		
Nave Improvement—\$75,568.39		

## July Attendance

Total Congregational attendance at services:  
 8:00 am - 228  
 10:30 am - 122  
 Saturday Evening - 57  
 Wednesday Prayer - 58



### Singer or Ringer

*Music is an important part of our daily lives: it might be humming when we're doing something easy or difficult, but then it could be something simple like singing "Happy Birthday" at a friend's celebration. However*

*our greatest experience occurs in church, when we sing not only to each other, but to God.*

*For Lutherans music at worship has always been important, and so we continue the more than 400 hundred year old tradition at Zion, singing liturgy and hymns three times each weekend. In addition small groups can offer their own music, and Zion we have two groups: the chancel choir and the handbell choir. Both groups rehearse on Wednesday evenings, one at 6:00 and one at 7:00. Please think about joining us at our first rehearsals on September 4.*

*Whether you are a "singer" or a "ringer", come and share your gift. Please let me know if you have any questions.*

*Pr. Steve*



**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:**

September 6, 13, 26, 26 (Thursday), 27  
October 4, 11, 25

**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.



**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](mailto: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*

## **PASTOR ROUX'S VACATION DAYS**

Pastor Roux will be on vacation through Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Middernacht with pastoral emergencies at 570-523-7859

Pastor Middernacht will preach August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>



### **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, September 7 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.

**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.

We are running out of Altar flower containers.  
We can no longer obtain the containers we use for you  
to take your Altar flowers home.  
If possible, please return them.



*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*

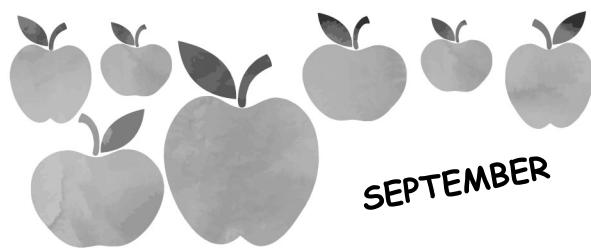
*Team 2 Clissie Sheatler 437-2215*

*Team 3 Martha and Lauren Weidner 649-5438*

*Team 4 Brenda Reasner 649-5749*

## 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 is still time to shop this month. Those baked beans are still needed, please keep looking and bring as many cans as possible. All are appreciated.



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.

## JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch will meet September 11, 2019.

**Reade Holzbaur is a woodlands style flute maker.** Reade, of Hughesville, began collecting arrowheads and other Native American items from the time he was a young boy, but his deep fascination with the culture began in 2006 with his sudden and unexpected interest in flute making. His flutes are of a woodlands style, and he will give insight into this hauntingly beautiful sounding instrument through his artful playing as well as through his explanation about modern day flute making. He will compare the way he makes a flute today to the methods our native ancestors would use to accomplish such a feat.

We will go to the Cracker Barrel for lunch.

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

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in September

Betty Derr—21<sup>st</sup>

Irene Watson—27<sup>th</sup>

Shut-in members with Birthdays in September

Eleanor Trefsger—21<sup>st</sup>

# DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

September Newsletter  
deadline is  
September 11, 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/>

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 - 12/2

#### *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>Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16</i>	