

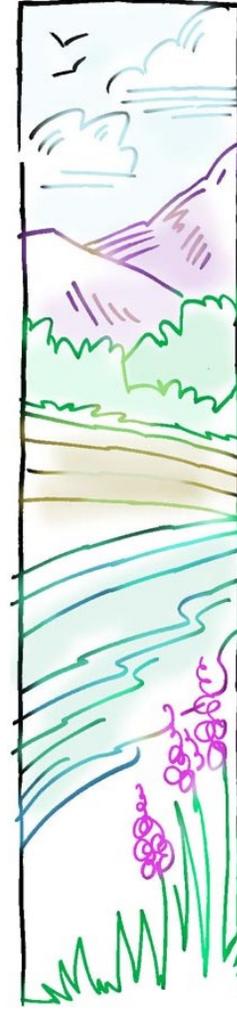
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THE ZION NEWS



*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God...*

Romans 8:28

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Dear friends in Christ,

How many of us believed back in March that we would still be dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic four or five months after it all started? Many folks thought that if we followed the guidelines of our civic authorities we could “flatten the curve” and be done with this disease within a short time. Nevertheless, it is still with us and it looks like the effects of this pandemic on our society will go on for some time.

Many of us have spent our time trying to encourage one another, using our words and a positive attitude to keep spirits up and all of us moving through these difficulties. But there comes a time when our words, as well as well-intentioned as they may be, seem to fall flat. It is difficult to know what to say when we mourn the many thousands of deaths in this country and around the world. Words alone have a limited amount of affect when people are stressed because they are shut in without company or help or they have lost a job and livelihood. It's hard to know what to say to lift those who've been plunged into gloom because their plans have changed so drastically. How about your own self talk? Do you find that the same thoughts and worries arise within you repeatedly? Have you found a way to talk yourself through them, or do you find yourself groaning inwardly?

When we are at a loss for words, St. Paul offers an important passage in his letter to the Roman church on which we may lean. He writes in Romans 8:26-27:

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

Provide lots of options.

Try to bring home many books on a wide variety of topics and see what your children like. Maybe it will be nonfiction science books and funny stories. When they get older, it may change to science fiction, fantasy, and mysteries. Not every book you bring home will be read, but when you offer a selection there's usually something they will try. With choice there is no pressure, and it doesn't have that "mom is trying to get me to read this" feeling. Look for YA fiction, appealing adult titles, magazines, or even entertaining blog posts if you have a busy teen.

Bring your children to the library to choose books for themselves.

It's low pressure because if your children don't love the book, you can just return it and it didn't cost anything. This may be a bit of a challenge right now while libraries are slowly reopening to the public with limited hours and services. Check with your local library for current policies.

Let your children see you reading.

If your children know that you enjoy reading, they will absorb the idea that books are fun. If you feel enthusiastic about a book, talk about it. Don't be afraid to let them know that sometimes a book is so great that mom stays up past her bedtime reading, even though she will regret it the next day!



LIBRARY NOTES

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

Tips for Raising a Reader

There are so many reasons to read. The number one reason is that there are millions of wonderful entertaining, fascinating, informative books. Besides having an enjoyable way to pass the time, being a good reader helps children do well in school and opens up worlds of knowledge. Books provide low tech entertainment you can take anywhere, or you can go high tech with e-books, and have instant gratification when it's ten o'clock at night and you want to read a book right away. Here are some simple things you can do to encourage reading in your family:

The most important tip is to read to your children every day, even if they know how to read.

Children can understand books that are several grades above their reading level. By reading to your children, you build their vocabulary and help them enjoy stories that are more complex than what they can understand on their own. You also get the fun of the shared experience of reading a great book together; it provides warm family bonding time. You can read aloud when you are waiting at the dentist or eating breakfast. If you are too busy to sit down and read for a long time, you can read a picture book or a poem in just a few minutes. It is okay if your children need to draw or play quietly with toys while they listen to you read aloud.

Keep books beside your children's beds.

Start this before they know how to read. They can look at the pictures or tell themselves the story of a book you have read to them many times. Place a bookcase or a basket of books within reach of their beds. As a bonus, this may buy you a few extra minutes of sleep in the mornings. Let your children enjoy communing with books even before they can read. Make sure books are easily available and visible.

It's important and comforting to know that when we are at a loss for words, and we have tried to cover up the pain with words that are too weak, God reaches out to us. The Holy Spirit knows what is in our minds and in our hearts, all of the thoughts and feelings that race around within us. In the midst of our weakness the Spirit comes and raises them to God the Father for us. The Spirit does not need to pray in words but rather joins us in our sighs and sorrows and lifts them to the throne room of God.

The very maker of the universe joins us in our hurt and sympathizes with us. Think of Jesus at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, weeping in grief that the age-old enemy death had taken away his friend. Jesus comes along beside us and mourns with us through all the losses that we have been experiencing.

The good news is that the mourning and weeping is not all that there is. The very next line of Paul's letter reads: “*We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.*” (Romans 8:28) What Paul means to say is that God works with and through us, his partner people, to bring good to this world. We baptized Christians are those who love God and we know that we share God's purpose of bringing renewed life and salvation to this weary world. We are called to hard work, knowing that God is at work in us. We may not have the words to speak at all times to cover over the pain of those around us, but we still have work to do. We can be a presence in the lives of people through whatever means are available to us. We can give our acts of service. We do not have all of the answers right now, and we do not know what the future will bring. We certainly do not feel as if we are in control. What we do know is that God will work through us and we can be open to the hurting places of his creation that he wants us to touch with his love. May we be people who keep speaking, keep praying, and keep loving knowing that our God will by all means work what is good and right.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Roux

Turbotville Augustfest Help Wanted

The Turbotville Carnival Committee will be hosting a small festival on the carnival grounds August 14th and 15th. The Fund-raising and Carnival Committees of Zion have decided that we will participate with a simplified menu. We will be serving two soups (chicken corn and ham and bean), two sandwiches, with the possibility of adding walking tacos depending on the number of volunteers. We need approximately 10 volunteers each night: soup servers, sandwich servers, order takers, cashier, taco maker, drink server, plus kitchen runners and clean up. Please contact Leslie Hartline, Mary Kauffmann, or Cathy Kelley in the church office if you're willing to help, letting us know the work that you would like to do.

Thank you,

Mary Kauffman, Church Council President



MONEY COUNTERS: August

- 2 Lisa Wehr/Dennis Webb/Dave Hartman
- 9 Jeff Furman/Karrie Ravert/Mary Kauffman
- 16 Cortney Shupp/Lisa Wehr/Leon Hagenbuch
- 23 Marvene Crawford/Mary Kauffman/Dave Hartman
- 30 Karrie Ravert/Leon Hagenbuch/Lisa Wehr

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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.



Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.



Altar Flowers sponsors are needed

August 16, 23, 30

The price per set is \$30.00.

Please call the church office for availability.



Thank you Sue and Ann for weeding around the church.

Thanks to Frank and Sue for planting flowers and mulching.

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

Mary Kauffman, Council President

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

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

Office Hours: M-TH 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 570-649-5195

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: [zionturbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotville.pa)

You Tube Channel: Zion Turbotville

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

JOLLY BUNCH

Jolly Bunch is postponed until further notice

Members with Birthdays in August

Barb Zettlemoyer—1st

Worship at Camp Mount Luther

Everyone is invited to join the 2020 Staff of CML for worship on Sunday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm. We will celebrate the ministry we share as a Synod at the camp. Bring lawn chairs and be prepared to practice social distancing as we worship outdoors. An offering will be received that will help defray the cost of hiring the staff for their three weeks of development and service this summer. Park at the Evergreen Center and staff will guide you to our worship site.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

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Ways to Be the Church during this Challenging Time

Ways to Care

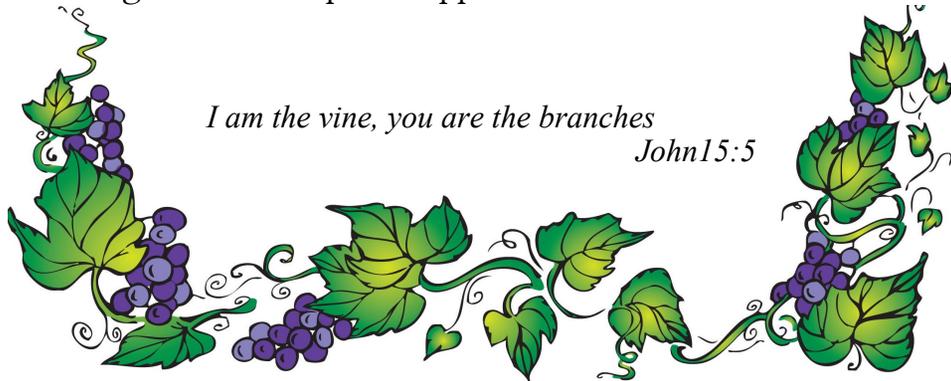
- Pray for our world, our leaders, and our medical caregivers.
- Follow the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our civic leaders.
- Check on family, friends, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in our community.
- Let the Zion community know where we can help with needs.

Ways to Worship

- Read your Bible, sing favorite hymns, and pray.
- Watch for worship posts Sundays on our YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville
 - ~Watch our 10:30 am worship service live streamed on our Facebook page.
- Also look for posts on our Facebook page and website.
 - ~Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)
 - ~Website: zionturbotville.com
 - ~ YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Ways to Give to Zion

- Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.
- By mailing your offering to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
P O Box 277, Turbotville, PA 17772
- By dropping off your offering in the church narthex
Monday—Thursday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
- Via the Zion website located at www.zionturbotville.com.
Just click on the yellow button that reads
“Donate online to support Zion Evangelical”
- Through the mobile phone app: GivePlus



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (5/31/20)	34,914.98	7,971.00
	June	YTD
Monthly Contributions	19,591.27	121,144.32
Monthly Disbursements	13,029.32	87,178.39
Balance (6/30/20)	41,284.93	41,284.93

Building Fund—\$13,806.02
Nave Improvement—\$108,450.07



**2021 Proposed
BUDGETS
are due July 31st**

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

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Dulcinea Eck—11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown

Eleanor Trefsgar -9/21

Rockwell- Milton

Dodie Day - 6/23

Manor Care North - Williamsport

Janice Metzger 4/15

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Elmcroft—Lewisburg

Alice Durlin - 6/9

Riverwoods - Lewisburg

Gladys Durlin - 2/26

Joan Webb - 10/10

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Joyce McCollum - 12/2

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village—Lewisburg

William Wesner—8/8

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

Christopher Keister-4/2

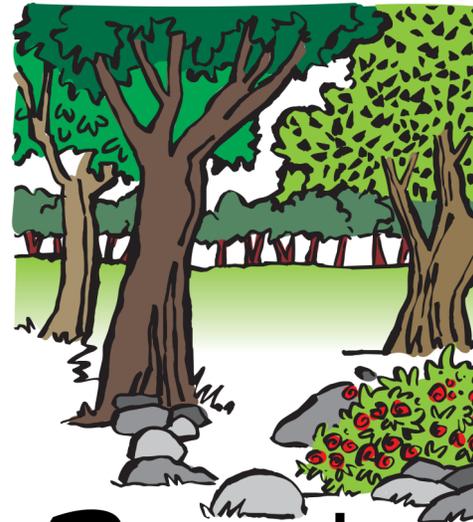
Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

John Rump-3/26

Keenan Young—6/27

PASTOR AVAILABLE

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for telephone conversations. You may reach him at his home at 570-437-9058. If he is not available, please leave a message and he will return it as soon as possible.



**Pastor's
on vacation**

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Roux will be on vacation July 20-26 and August 5-11. Authorized Lay Worship Leader Mark Giesen will preside at worship services both weekends. Please call the church office if you have a pastoral emergency.

Summer Office Hours

Our church office will be closed on Fridays, through August 28 except for the newsletter Fridays.



**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.

Your offerings are needed now more than ever

You may continue to send your weekly offerings to Zion in one or more of the following ways:

- Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.
- By mailing your offering to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, P O Box 277, Turbotville, PA 17772;
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***August Newsletter
deadline is
August 12, 2020***

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.***

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YouTube channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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/>***