

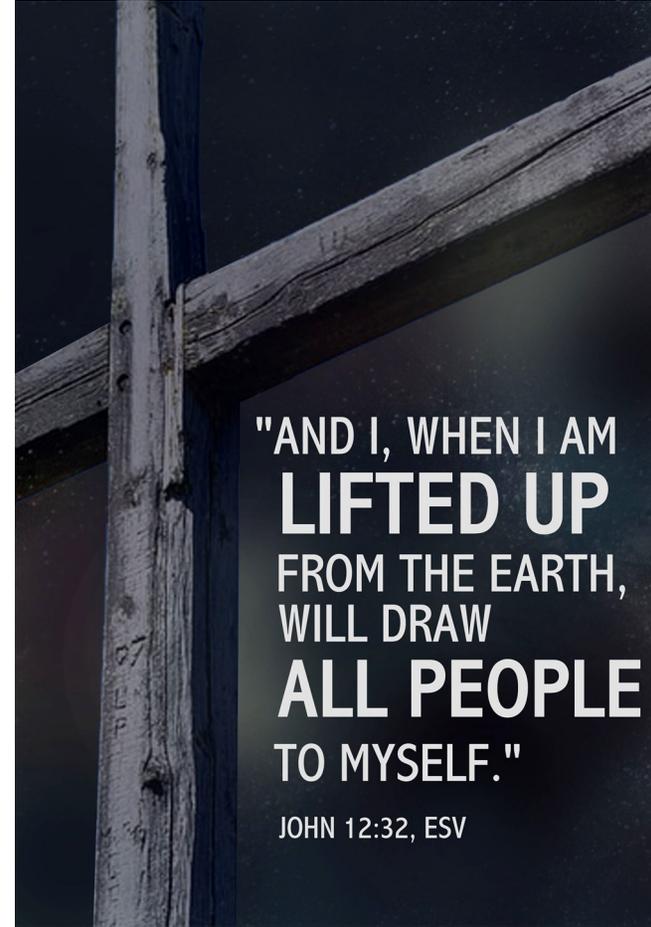
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THE ZION NEWS



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**PROJECT LINUS
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR
JANUARY – MARCH 2021**

“Our daughter was recently hospitalized with a severe illness. The first thing I noticed when we wheeled her into her room after 9 grueling hours in the ER was the bright spot of pink on the bed. She wore it as a shawl at times and it was always on top of her many white covers. Thank you!! We will treasure it always.”

This is just one of many stories of children in our area who have benefitted from receiving a Project Linus blanket. Children are comforted and parents are grateful for that special ‘hug’ when they need it most.

Zion’s blanketeers were certainly busy over the winter months. Eight blankets were donated in January, 13 in February, and 15 in March for a total of 36 for the first quarter of 2021. The blankets were of all varieties – quilted, no-sew, knitted, and crocheted. Heart-felt thanks goes out to all those using their wonderful talents to create these beautiful blankets!

If you’d like to become a blanketeer for our local chapter, please contact Ann Gardner (570-546-5880) for further information. You can also visit the national website at www.projectlinus.org.

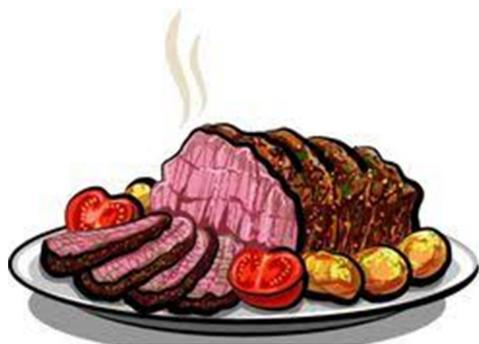


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 1, 2021

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA
(570) 649-5195

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Drive-through only



Homemade Roast Beef Meal

Meal Includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetables and Cranberry Relish
\$10

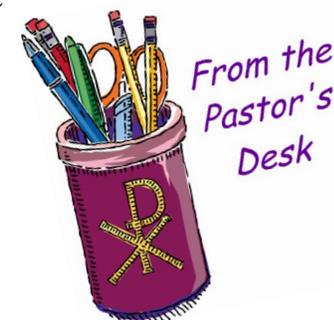
Frozen soup sales (\$6.00 Quart) while supplies last:
Chicken and Wild Rice, Stuffed Pepper, Pasta Fagioli & Broccoli Cheese

Dear friends in Christ,

As we come to the anniversary of what has been very difficult year for all of us, we also come to the yearly celebration of the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The cross and resurrection give us perspective in the midst of our struggles. Jesus showed us that our human condition is vulnerable, and he joins us in solidarity with our struggles. He also showed us that death does not have the final say, but resurrection and new life are the promises of God that will be fulfilled. It is so very important as Christians that we make the most of celebrating the mighty acts of salvation during Holy Week. Worshiping our Savior and recalling his passion move our hearts to desire God more than anything else in this life.

We begin with the events of Palm Sunday. Jesus, triumphantly riding into Jerusalem accompanied by shouts of, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people thought that he would be for them the long-awaited Messiah, and would bring about the redemption of Israel at last. We echo that Jerusalem celebration with the raising of Palm branches in our own worship and the singing of a triumphant hymn. Yet the mood of our worship quickly turns from celebration to somber, as we read the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. Jesus will bring redemption to his people, but it will not be a redemption through political means. It will be a spiritual redemption through his suffering on the cross, atoning for our sins, and reconciling us to God.

As we gather again for our Maundy Thursday worship, we note the name given to the day. The word "Maundy" comes from the word "mandatum," or "mandate," meaning a command. It is really "Command Thursday" that we observe. On this night Jesus gathers with his disciples for the Passover celebration. As he observes this ritual meal that recounts the great rescue event of Israel from slavery in Egypt, he is pointing to another great rescue event. That act of rescue will come in the breaking of his body and the pouring out of his blood, absorbing the sins of the world and defeating sin, death, and the forces of evil forever. Jesus establishes in his supper with the disciples a new covenant, one in which we participate every time we share in the eating and drinking of his body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. That is one commandment that Jesus teaches us to observe on this most holy day. The second commandment is when he takes on the role of a servant and kneels before each of his disciples in turn, using a bowl of water to wash the road dirt off of their feet, and drying their feet with the towel wrapped around his waist. With this great act of love Jesus teaches us that we are to love one another as he has loved us.



Our Maundy Thursday observance ends with the stripping of the altar, signifying that Jesus is in the hands of his captors and will be taken to his trial and crucifixion.

Gathering again for Good Friday worship, we “venerate” or honor the cross of Jesus. The centerpiece of the day is the reading of the Passion according to St. John. In that passion story, John observes Jesus reigning as King from the cross. Jesus has often spoken in the gospel of John about coming to his hour of glory. We come to understand that the raising up of Jesus on the cross is really his enthronement. As Jesus says in the gospel, “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” The prayers that we use on this night call all of creation to gather around the cross of Jesus. We acknowledge that the cross is a cruel instrument of torture and death, but we also glory in the cross knowing that our Lord Jesus is saving us from ourselves, a lost and condemned people. We depart this liturgy to meditate on that mighty act of salvation.

When we come together on Holy Saturday for the Great Vigil of Easter we are already anticipating the resurrection of Jesus. We gather outside around a roaring fire that puts us in mind of the pillar of fire by night that led the people of Israel in the Exodus from Egypt. The fire also points to Jesus risen from the dead, leading us as the light of the world. Gathering again together inside, we read stories of rescue and salvation from the Scriptures. They instruct us in the love and mercy of God our creator, and they call us into his baptized community. No baptisms are scheduled this year on the vigil, but we will remember our own baptism as the most significant blessing of our lives. We will then share the first Holy Communion of Easter, recognizing that this is the chief way that we abide in our risen Savior.

On Sunday morning we gather to hear mysterious story from the gospel of St. Mark in which the women followers of Jesus go to anoint his dead body with spices, but are surprised to find an empty tomb. They hear the proclamation of an Angel that Jesus has been raised and that he is going ahead of them, and there they will see him. The women fled, with both terror and amazement at the announcement. We ponder that amazing good news as well, and know that our Lord Jesus always goes ahead of us in life. He leads the way to newness of life here on earth, and resurrected life in the new heaven and new earth when he comes again.

We need the observance and celebration of Holy Week more than ever as we come to the one-year mark of what might be the most difficult year that many of us have ever experienced. We need to hear the story of redemption that can only come from our loving God. If you are able, come to join us for in-person worship. If you are not able to come, we understand, and ask that you join us through live streaming on Facebook, or prerecorded videos posted to YouTube. May our observance of the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ grant you healing of your heart, soul, and mind.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

4. FERNWEH // GERMAN

When your circuit is the same almost every day—workplace or home office, supermarket, drugstore, bed—*fernweh*, the hunger to travel to faraway destinations, can be overwhelmingly strong.

5. GOESTING // DUTCH

Can't Hardly Wait is the title of a generic '90s teen rom-com, but it's also perhaps the closest translation in English for this Dutch word that sums up how we're all feeling about the end of the pandemic.

6. FRILUFTSLIV // NORWEGIAN

The literal translation of this Norwegian word, often attributed to playwright Henrik Ibsen, is “free air life,” or the appreciation of the restorative power of being outdoors and engaged with nature. The pandemic has curtailed most outdoor activities that involve close proximity with others, but solo or socially distanced pursuits—hiking, biking, walking, or just sitting quietly—offer the relaxation and reinvigoration most of us need.

7. VOLTA // GREEK

The Greek concept of *volta*—an early-evening communal stroll around town—is an opportunity to get out of the house and get your body moving in a leisurely manner.

8. BOKETTO // JAPANESE

Working from home, eating at home, trying to relax at home—home is where a lot of us have been spending our waking, and sleeping, hours for the past year. That time has provided ample occasion to perfect the Japanese art of *boketto*, or staring blankly into space.

9. TINGÁ // TAGALOG

Intimate candlelit dinners for two are more or less nonexistent right now, so there's little need to worry about *tingá*, the word in Tagalog for those embarrassing bits and pieces of food that can get stuck between the teeth and dampen the mood.

10. DONALDKACSÁZÁS // HUNGARIAN

When you're confined to the house, what's the point of dressing up ... or even getting fully dressed, for that matter? Maybe it's time to follow Donald Duck's lead and *Donaldkacsázás*—slang for “Donald ducking,” a.k.a. meandering around your home not formally dressed. Just don't forget when you're attending that Zoom conference call.

Excerpted and adapted from “10 Untranslatable Words That Perfectly Describe How You Are Feeling...” by Heather L. Hughes, *MentalFloss*, November 4, 2020.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

How Are You Feeling These Days?

The intense emotions we’re all experiencing right now—the yearning to see family and friends in person and without our faces partially obscured by a mask; the grief of losing loved ones, jobs, a sense of security; the restlessness with being stuck in one place—can often feel inexpressible, beyond words. But words in another language than your own just might be the key to giving voice to those emotions. To find such words, look no further than *Eunoia*, an online database created in 2018 as part of a startup challenge. The database’s name is itself an example of what it’s about: *Eunoia* is a Greek word meaning “well mind” or “beautiful thinking” that isn’t directly translatable in another language.

Here are five words with no direct equivalent in another language that express what so many of us are feeling these days, and five that remind us of the everyday pleasures still available.

1. VIRAAAG // HINDI

Quarantine and social distancing are causing a lot of *viraag*, or the inner turmoil and pain we experience when we’re separated—not just metaphorically but also literally—from the ones we love.

2. CWTCH // WELSH

With physical contact severely restricted, most of us will connect immediately with this Welsh word that means to embrace another person to give them a sense of safety. Basically, what everyone could use right about now.

3. SIELVARTAS // LITHUANIAN

The literal translation of this Lithuanian word is “soul tumbling,” which itself is actually a pretty poetic, and accurate, way to describe the seemingly endless emotional tumult that is grief.

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You are invited to join us for Holy Week and Easter



Holy Week Schedule

April 1st Maundy Thursday—7:00 pm The Holy Communion

April 2nd Good Friday—7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

April 3rd Holy Saturday—7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4th Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Holy Communion

8:00 am The Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday Church School

9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K to Sixth Grade

10:30 am The Holy Communion

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORLD HUNGER



Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors—one in eight people in our world today—live in poverty. God calls us to see them—to respond. Working with our neighbors in 44 states in this country and throughout 57 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger begins by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas about how to break this cycle of hunger and poverty.

Our gifts are needed to support these programs. Let us take up the challenge to end hunger and poverty by our continuing support through ELCA World Hunger. Our campaign begins Sunday, February 21st. There are World Hunger envelopes located on the table in the narthex or designate your World Hunger offering with your regular giving. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, March 28th

LENTEN OFFERING



Thank you to John Kauffman and Lee Bieber for all their work in cleaning and organizing he boiler room—it's now a safer work space.

Rick Rovenolt

Once again the “*Soup Team*” did an outstanding job in providing quite a variety of delicious soups. Thank you Larry Kocher for all the prep work and cooking, we really appreciate it!

Thanks,

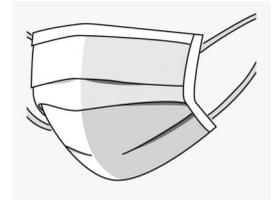
Rick and Valli Rovenolt

A big thank you to Karl Fausnaught for getting the snowblower ready for the long winter of snow—I certainly used it a lot more than I wanted to 😊

Rick Rovenolt

Thank you to Sue Moldovanyi for all the colorful masks she has provided us at Zion. I know that I appreciate them and if we need to be wearing them why not wear a colorful one!

Cathy J. Kelley



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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Dodie Day – 6/23

Freda Keefer- 10/13

Dulcinea Eck—11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Elmcroft—Montoursville

Phil Bower 12/30

Riverwoods – Lewisburg

Gladys Durlin – 2/26

Joan Webb – 10/10

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village—Lewisburg

William Wesner—8/8

Military -

R. Scott Keister-3/12

Christopher Keister-4/2

Pete Reasner—11/28

John Rump-3/26

Keenan Young—6/27

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

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

JOLLY BUNCH

I am thinking about ideas for a meeting when we can indeed get back together. Till then, know that I miss all of you very much.

HUGS to all.
Marie

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in April

Viola Pfleegor—6th
Bob Calhoun—14th
Ann Gardner—15th
Bob Chaapel—21th
Mary Ann Markiewicz—22nd
Ruth Cotner—27th
John Pfleegor—28th

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

Karrie Ravert, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Rev. Steven Middernacht, Minister of Music

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Pamela Armstrong, Preschool Helper

Rick Rovenolt, 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](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

You Tube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Prayer Chain Anchors:

Call before 9:00 pm

Team 1 Barbara Zettlemyer 570-649-5358/570-850-3304

Team 2 Pat Sheatler 570-742-7550

Team 3 Barbara Hartline 570-538-2672

Team 4 Leroy and Ruth Cotner 570-437-4062

Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329



Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (1/30/21)	19,238.73	25,547.82
	February	YTD
Monthly Contributions	20,654.23	36,979.82
Monthly Disbursements	23,241.57	44,643.56
Balance (1/30/21)	16,459.39	16,459.39

Building Fund—\$11,842.48
Nave Improvement—\$26,993.87

Nave Renewal Update

We are pleased with the progress that is being made on our nave renewal. Our general contractor, Gray Builders, has led an excellent team of craftsmen over these past three months. Although we had hoped for an Easter Sunday celebration in our renewed worship space, we are now anticipating our first worship service three weeks later on April 25th. We will keep you informed on that development. In the meantime, thank you for your support of this project. A special thanks goes out to those who have supported our fundraising efforts.

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2021. The price per set is \$30.00 (2 altar vases)



Altar Flowers



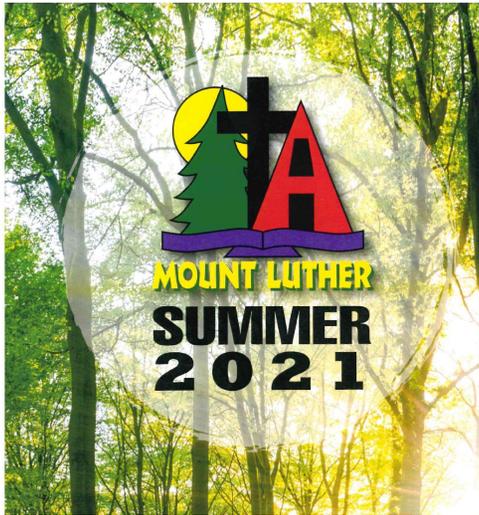
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All youth are invited to join us for an in-person meeting on Sunday, April 18th at 5:00 pm. Bring your outdoor games and a friend!



MONEY COUNTERS: April

- 1 *Maundy Thursday*
- 2 *Good Friday*
- 3 *Vigil of Easter*
- 4 *Easter* Mark Reasner/Karrie Ravert/Jeff Furman
- 11 Ursula Leinbach/Dennis Webb/Mark Reasner
- 18 John Myers/Jeff Furman/Courtney Hamm
- 25 Karrie Ravert/Dennis Webb/Leon Hagenbuch



CAMP MT LUTHER SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: Our website now has information on this year's Camp Mt Luther summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp page to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to churches and campers. Online registration for this summer is available too on our website. In addition, we are posting preview videos on this summer's programs on our social media.

To qualify for the early registration fee, campers only need to be registered and pay their portion of the camp fee. Camper registrations and payment received before April 15 will entitle campers to pay the discounted basic camp fee! After April 15, camp fees go up.

REGISTER ON-LINE! GO TO www.campmountluther.org

Please note: if you register on-line, you still need to get a health form filled out and signed by a doctor.
You can also get a list of items to bring to camp on our website.



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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*April Newsletter
deadline is
April 7, 2021*

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)

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/>

**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;
- Via the Zion website located at www.zionturbotville.com.
Just click on the yellow button that reads "Donate online to support Zion Evangelical"
- By dropping off your offering at the church
Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm
- Through the mobile phone app: GivePlus



Ways to Be the Church during this Challenging Time

Ways to Care

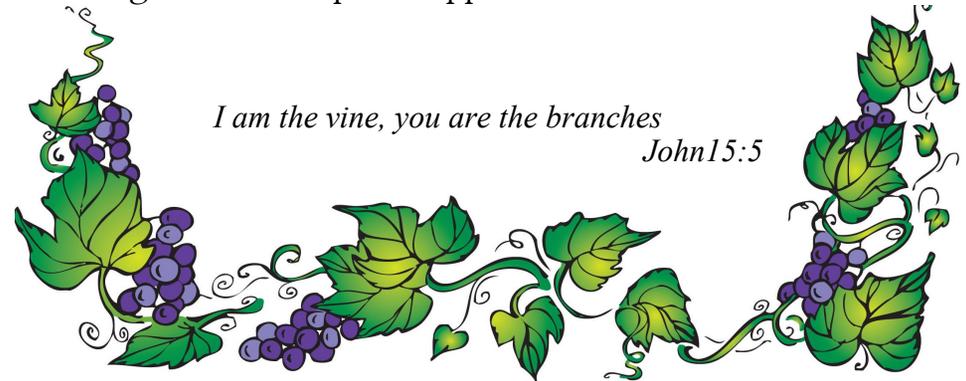
Pray for our world, our leaders, and our medical caregivers. Follow the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our civic leaders.
Check on family, friends, the elderly, and those most vulnerable in our community.
Let the Zion community know where we can help with needs.

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)
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Ways to Give to Zion

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I am the vine, you are the branches
John 15:5

Join us for a Livestream of our 10:30 am
worship on our Facebook Page:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)



Join us for prerecorded worship on Sundays by accessing our
Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
Worship videos are available by 8:00 am



If you are unable to join us in person or online please request
worship bulletins, sermons, and CD's of recorded
worship services from Pastor Roux (570) 437-9058.
We will be glad to provide them weekly.

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.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

APRIL

We brought peaches in March. Let us continue with that golden color and bring corn this month. Think summer, when the fields are green with graceful stalks of corn swaying in the breeze with the promise of a bountiful harvest. We can harvest a bit early by visiting our grocer's shelves and gathering those readily available cans of corn. Corn is a hearty addition to any meal whether we serve it as scalloped corn, in chicken corn soup, fritters, or we just heat and serve it with generous pats of butter. That sounds easy, doesn't it? Please bring cans and cans of corn during the month of April, any brand, size or kind. There are many selections from which to choose. Thank you.

