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**165<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

# THE ZION NEWS



**Loyalty Sunday Weekend  
Worship With Us**

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm  
Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School - 9:15 am

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Dear friends in Christ,

Perhaps you have been encountered by one of our fundamentalist brothers and sisters throughout the years who has asked you the question, “Have you been saved?” Alternately the question might be phrased “Are you born again?” or “Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?” These are good questions because the asker is concerned about the relationship that a person has with Jesus Christ, and they want to invite them to a Christian life. I've taken inspiration from the bold asking of those questions throughout my own years of ministry, but I have modified the question to more closely follow our Lutheran theology of salvation. I have gotten a lot of mileage out of asking people that I meet “Are you baptized?” If the answer is “No,” the follow-up to the question is “Would you like to be?”

In our Lutheran understanding, Holy Baptism is the Sacrament of initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church. It is the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. It is important for us to be concerned for the life and salvation of people we know. We want them to have an eternal relationship with the Lord of life, Jesus Christ. This is what has driven me to ask the question “Are you baptized?” of so many throughout the years. By the power of the Holy Spirit that question has borne fruit many times. Through the love and care of members of congregations I have served, many have been led to the life giving waters of baptism.

You are encouraged to ask that very same question, “Are you baptized?” of people in your life. The reality of our current culture is that it no longer educates people about the Christian life and delivers them to the doors of the church. Many folks we know have not been raised within a Christian community and know little of the love of God. Who in your life would benefit from you asking this bold invitational question? If they are not baptized and inquisitive, it's time to invite them on a journey to their baptism.

### **3. Make a special reading spot.**

Designating a special reading spot for children to read with their parents is not only fun, but is also a great way to create a distraction-free zone where children can concentrate. The reading spot should be rid of any extraneous noise, toys, etc. Putting some pillows or a comfy chair in the corner of a living room and surrounding the area with books is a great way to go.

### **4. Be a great reading partner.**

It's no fun to read when you're forced to or feel embarrassed and ashamed to read. Building trust and supporting a child reader is crucial as a reading partner. Here are some tips for becoming a great reading partner:

- Be patient and encouraging.
- Read aloud and track the words with your finger as you are reading.
- Read the same stories over and over. Try reading the same stories in different ways, with different voices to make it fun and interesting.
- Ask questions about the story while you're reading to gauge comprehension.
- Pick books that are at the right level for your young reader—5+ mistakes on one page is too hard. No mistakes or only one mistake per page is too easy.
- Gently correct mistakes and re-read the entire sentence.
- Give positive feedback and tell the reader he or she is doing a great job. NEVER: Bribe, nag, criticize, judge, or add pressure by making a big deal about reading.

### **5. Surround your child with books.**

Research shows that the number of books in the home is a strong indicator for reading achievement and educational attainment. When children have access to books in their home, they become familiar with books and the act of reading, effectively giving them a head start in learning. A child who looks at books and reads with his or her parents everyday has a major advantage compared to children who never read at home and who have never been introduced to the concept of reading. Simply interacting with books on a regular basis makes a huge difference in a child's development.



## LIBRARY NOTES

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

### Back to School Reading Tips (Part 1)

Another school year is upon us. Research has shown that reading at home is invaluable to a child’s academic development. One-on-one reading time and access to books are important predictors of future literacy skills and, inevitably, future educational outcomes. Children who aren’t given the opportunity to read as often fall behind in school, with difficulties following them through middle school, high school, and beyond. Consider this: if “the absence of parental involvement can lower average reading scores by 74%,” then imagine how far a little at-home reading can go. Here are some easy ways to help children become strong, successful readers:

#### 1. Set a routine.

Setting routines for mornings and evenings—including nutritious meals and an early bedtime—helps children cope with stresses that may arise from starting a new school year. Routines have many benefits, namely, children feel comfortable and stable in their environment, resulting in more cooperative behavior inside and outside of school. Children who are overtired, who eat too many fatty or sugary foods, or who are coping with inconsistent schedules are prone to behavioral problems and may find it increasingly difficult to concentrate in school.

#### 2. Read at home.

Reading regularly at home provides children with the practice they need to become great readers. Remember, “The more kids read, the better they read,” and the same holds true for the opposite effect, “the less kids read, the poorer they’ll read.” Beyond practice time, reading at home reinforces a positive attitude around reading—kids start to enjoy reading! The best way to incorporate reading in the household is to devote 20 to 40 minutes, at the same time every evening, to family reading time. Make it part of a routine, as discussed in tip #1. Another fun idea is to have children read to their pets, siblings, or stuffed animals, like a game.

You may also invite them to join us for an orientation describing the journey to baptism that will be held on Sunday, September 19 at 7:00 PM at Zion. We will unfold for them a way of inquiry, Bible study, and spiritual formation that will lead them to the receiving of Jesus Christ as their Savior in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Persons who are already baptized but who do not have a church home and are looking for a more in-depth experience of the Christian life are also invited to join us. Feel free to talk to me about persons in your life whom you would like to lead to Jesus Christ and his church. I would be glad to pray with you and encourage you to ask the beautiful and life changing question, “Are you baptized?”

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Roux

## Journey to Baptism



### Join Us for Bible Study: HAPPINESS "God. I Want to be Happy."

"I just want to be happy, God. Is that too much to ask?" Have you ever prayed that prayer? Or wanted to? Does God hear that kind of prayer? Will He answer it? Does He care about our happiness? How do you know? What is happiness anyhow, and where does it come from? This course explores such questions in light of what our Lord has told us about ourselves and about His purpose for human beings. As you think and talk together around God's Word in this course, may our Savior fill your hearts to the brim with the true joy and peace His love brings!

Join Pastor Roux for this four-session course on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm.

September 14 – Session One “*Happiness Is*”

September 21– Session Two “*Happy Under Pressure*”

September 28 – No class

October 5 – Session Three “*Happy in Turmoil*”

October 12 – Session Four “*Happy Forever*”

Please call the church office (570) 649-5195 to let us know you will be attending.

**Join Us for  
LOYALTY SUNDAY  
September 12<sup>th</sup>**

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September, 12<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.

**ALWAYS WANTED TO SING???**

If you have a spirit of praise or a song in your heart, consider joining our "Loyalty Sunday" choir group. No prior experience or audition necessary. The chosen anthem will be for one or two voice parts with no complicated harmonies. Rehearsals will be held in the sanctuary on two Wednesdays – September 1 and 8 – at 7:00 PM. The group will be singing on Sunday, September 12, which is "Loyalty Sunday". Singing is a great way to have fun, make friends, and share uplifting music with the congregation.

See you in September!



**Dedication Committee**

The dedication worship service for our renewed nave has been set for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We need a group to organize the event. Our tasks will be to plan for the worship service, a fellowship meal, and a dedication booklet. Join us for a meeting of the Dedication Committee on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Pastor Roux if you would like to help.

**Dedication  
Committee**



**JOLLY BUNCH**

Hope this finds all of you, Our Jolly Bunch, still doing fine and staying healthy. I am doing great and am continuing to garden, although it has been a challenge with too much or too little rain. But all in God's time and way.

I have spoken to most of you and expressed that we would most likely start our meetings back in October -- if all continues well with the virus. In light of this new resurgence of Covid, I will wait until next month to make a final decision. If indeed this wave gets bad again I do not want any of us to be unsafe or uncomfortable getting together. Perhaps we can meet, but follow CDC guidelines.

So, STAY Tuned and look for the decision in next month's newsletter.

As always, I miss each of you and HUGS to all.  
Marie



Stay

Tuned



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

*Birthdays are listed*

*At Home*

*Freda Keefer- 10/13*

*Dulcinea Eck—11/1*

*Elizabeth Sampsell 11/7*

*Watsontown Rehab—Watsontown*

*Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20*

*Riverwoods - Lewisburg*

*Gladys Durlin - 2/26*

*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*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. If you are

interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.

## Confirmation Class



# JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 12<sup>h</sup> at 9:15 a.m. 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—Meghan Zettelmoyer

Kindergarten to Grade 2—Brittany Lynch

Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt

Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux

### 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.



Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 19, 2021. 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.

*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*

*Rebecca Hendershot, 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](mailto:zionlc39@windstream.net)*

*Church website: [zionturbotville.com](http://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 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075*

*Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329*



## Current Fund Daily Expenses

|                                   |             |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Balance brought forward (6/30/21) | 22,296.97   | 25,547.82  |
|                                   | <b>July</b> | <b>YTD</b> |
| Monthly Contributions             | 15,772.74   | 138,485.88 |
| Monthly Disbursements             | 17,718.53   | 141,489.83 |
| Balance (7/31/21)                 | 20,159.18   | 20,159.187 |

Building Fund—\$11,142.84  
Nave Improvement—\$32,235.60



## MS HS YOUTH GROUP ★ Kickoff ★

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, September 12<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!



MONEY COUNTERS: September

- 5     *Ursula Leinbach/Dennis Webb /Jeff Furman*
- 12    *Dennis Webb/Karrie Ravert/Mark Reasner*
- 19    *Marvene Crawford/Ursula Leinbach/Leon Hagenbuch*
- 26    *Karrie Ravert/Leon Hagenbuch/Dennis Webb*



### **ASSISTIVE LISTENING RECEIVERS**

Assistive listening receivers are available for use during worship. Feel free to take one of the receivers as you enter worship on Sunday. They operate like a portable radio and the earphone hangs over the ear. Neckloops that transmit to telecoil equipped hearing aids are also available. Ask Pastor Roux if you need help using the receiver.



Thanks to two generous donations, we have been able to purchase the basic system with 4 receivers, a battery charger base that holds the receivers, and 4 extra receivers. For those who would like to have their own receiver marked with your name that can be kept in the battery charger base, the cost is \$255.

You may also download the Williams Sound app for your smartphone at no cost, and use your own earbuds. The signal from the transmitter will broadcast to your phone. Please ask Pastor Roux if you need help with signup.

### **Pews Available**

We have extra pews that were removed for our renovation and replaced with chair seating. We are offering to make shorter length pews with the original pew ends for those who are interested in owning one.

Let us know the overall length and quantity you need and we will cut the pew and reinstall the ends. A donation of your choice to the Nave Renewal Fund would be appreciated. If interested, contact Drew Potts at 570-412-4687.



*September Newsletter*

*deadline is*

*September 8, 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.*

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

*Check out the pictures on Facebook*

**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](http://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



**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 (2021/2022) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or the best way we can contact you with upcoming events



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



The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted on our  
Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville  
immediately following the service.



## 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.

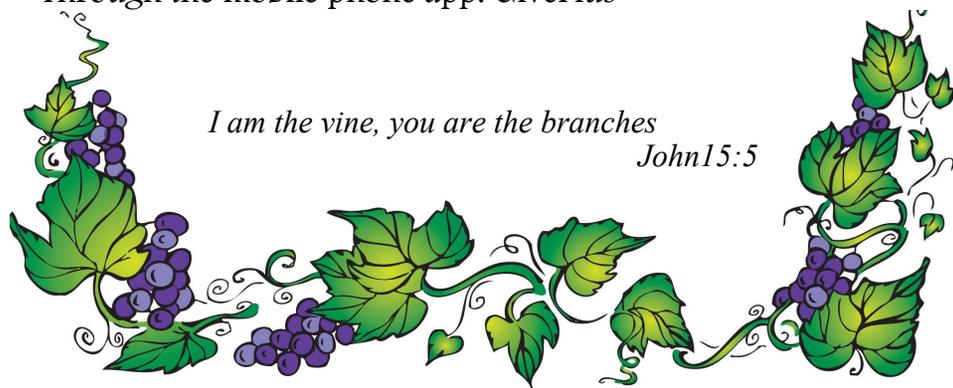
### Ways to Worship

- Read your Bible, sing favorite hymns, and pray.
- Watch our 10:30 am worship service live streamed on our Facebook page. The recorded service will then be posted on our YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

- Also look for posts on our Facebook page and website.
  - ~Facebook: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)
  - ~Website: [zionturbotville.com](http://zionturbotville.com)
  - ~ YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

### Ways to Give to Zion

- Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.
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- Monday—Friday 8:30 am—4:30 pm for days to drop off offering envelopes in the narthex.
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Just click on the yellow button that reads  
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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-eight children and youth from our community participated. The theme for our week was “Generation to Generation,” 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 Maddie Hunt, Grace Roux, Lucas King, Sarah Cotner and Keegan Jenkins.

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 Gardner, Judy Bieber, Evelyn Benfer, Ursula Leinbach, Helen Mathias and Clyde Crane and 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





**ZION PRESCHOOL**  
**WISHLIST**

- Antibacterial Wipes
- Sanitizing Cleaning Wipes
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Michael's Gift Card
- Target Gift Cards



*Altar Flowers*

Beginning August 2021 the price per set of Altar Vases will be \$35.00 for 2 altar vases.

Altar Flowers sponsors are needed  
August 29; November 28.

The flower chart is located on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**WARRIOR RUN  
NEIGHBORS  
HELPING  
NEIGHBORS**

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. *Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.*





### 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)



THANK YOU!  
A BIG THANK YOU TO  
Barry Durlin for his donation  
of 480 ears of sweet corn for  
our fundraisers.

*Fundraising Committee*



### Summer Office Hours

*Our church office will be closed on Fridays, continuing through October 29 except for the newsletter Fridays.*



*Pastor Roux will be on Vacation  
August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 6<sup>th</sup>  
September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Mark Giesen will be our supply minister  
during the worship services while Pastor Roux is on vacation*

### **Entrance Doors in Need of Repair**

The entrance doors that open into our parking lot that are framed by beautiful stained glass need repair. The door jambs and hinges are no longer secure and need replacement. Replacement of these parts would be a temporary fix. The Church Council has voted to receive bids on replacing the entire door system and replacing it with handicapped accessible doors. These would include panic bars for safety and a remote button operated opening system. This project will help to make our church truly handicapped accessible. Donations to this project would be greatly appreciated.

