

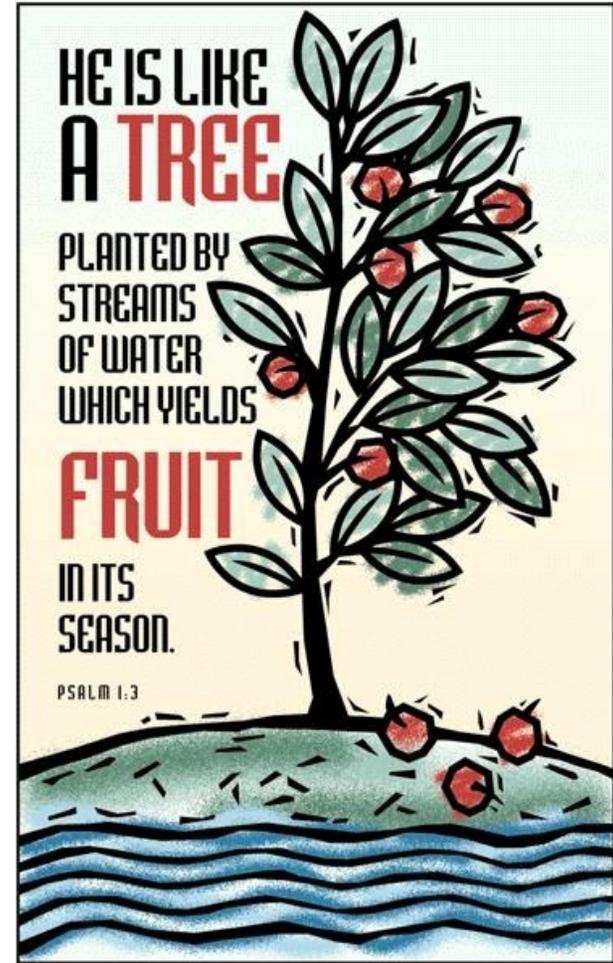
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many working parents to take time from work to spend in the classroom. Nonetheless, it is important to talk with educators on a regular basis and attend open houses and parent-teacher conferences when possible. Communicating with teachers also informs parents and guardians in what areas their children are succeeding and where their students might need more help. Don't wait for teachers to call—call teachers or visit the classroom for monthly check-ins. Address challenges with support, guidance, patience, and practice.

### 9. Set learning goals.

Talking with children about what they would like to accomplish during the school year will help them start to learn the invaluable skill of goal setting. Working with children to set achievable goals can encourage children to achieve their reading goals. For example, Sally is a second grader and is having trouble stringing words together because she has to sound out every word. Sally's mom talked to Sally about some ways they could work on helping Sally become a faster reader. One idea they had was to read some of the same books over and over again. Another idea they had was to read some of Sally's kindergarten books and work up to stringing together bigger words.

### 10. Be enthusiastic!

Positive attitudes are very important to a child's reading development and generate a desire to read. Showing genuine excitement for children's reading skills will encourage them to become great readers. Struggling readers may start to develop a negative attitude towards reading but showing them that reading can be fun will get them excited about reading time. Great times to praise a child when he or she is reading include, when he or she sounds out a difficult word, self-corrects and re-reads a sentence, or asks questions as he or she is reading.



Dear friends in Christ,

Not too long ago I received a phone call from a colleague of mine whom I have known for many years. He was reaching out to me because he was having a bad day. He was feeling blue, gloomy, down, and out of sorts. He just couldn't shake the negative feelings, he just couldn't get happy, and he called me, as we often do for one another, for some encouragement. I knew the troubles and the problems in his life and he certainly had his share. The present pandemic through which we are all walking was certainly a contributing factor to his downtrodden mood. After listening to him for some time, a thought came to my mind and I shared it with him. I told him, "You are looking to something other than God for your happiness. Your desire isn't for God right now." He chewed on that thought for a while and finally responded, "I never thought of this feeling in terms of idolatry."

Now, I didn't come up with this response to his predicament out of my own righteousness, I don't have any. Rather, some of the reading I had been doing recently had convicted me of my own sin. I had recently been looking to things other than God for solace and happiness in my life. Martin Luther recognizes this as the human condition and in his commentary on God's First Commandment, "You shall have no other gods," he writes:

*"A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need. To have a God is nothing else than to trust and believe him with our whole heart. As I have often said, the trust and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust are right, then your God is the true God. On the other hand, if your trust is false and wrong, then you have not the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God. That to which your heart clings and entrusts itself is, I say, really your God." (The Large Catechism)*

Throughout the Scriptures, we are directed towards the one true God as the one source for blessing and happiness in this life. Take for instance, Psalm 1. This Psalm, by its position in the Book of Psalms and the direction it gives, is often considered the instruction manual for reading the entire Psalter. The psalmist strongly encourages people to direct their attention constantly to the Word of God.

## LIBRARY NOTES

God's Word is how God chooses to consistently reveal himself to us. Meditating on the Word of God sets our intention to desire God above all other things. The psalmist writes:

*“Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.*

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.” (Psalm 1:1-3)*

When the psalmist talks about the “law” of God as the object of meditation, prayer, and praise he is seeking to show us the blessing of the law and the whole Word of God. He isn't pointing to the do's and don't's that are abundant in the first few books of the Bible. With the word “law” he is pointing to the act of rescue that God has done for his people, the salvation God freely gives, and the direction for the new life in obedience.

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are people who are rescued from sin, death, and the power of the devil. God takes us into his loving arms in our baptisms and promises us the forgiveness of our sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. God has rescued us and acted mightily in our lives, and therefore, our desire should be for God. When we meditate night and day on the whole Word of God, both the law that reveals God's intentions for our lives, and the gospel which is the story of our rescue, our desire for God grows strong above all other things in this life.

When the blue, gloomy, down, and out of sorts days come our way, we know both the diagnosis and the remedy. We know that our downtrodden mood comes from our desire to find happiness in our outward circumstances that change day by day, and moment by moment. We also know that God has provided for our rescue through Jesus Christ and has given us his love for God and neighbor as a direction to follow. May we be people who cling to God's whole Word, both the law and the gospel, to set our attention and desire upon the one who gives us undeserved mercy and grace. May we be people who meditate on the Scriptures and diligently worship and praise the one true God.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Roux

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

### Back to School Reading Tips (Part 2)

Last month we looked at several ways to help our kids with reading during this new school year... setting a routine, reading at home, making a special reading spot, being a great reading partner, and surrounding your child with books. 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. Here are some additional ways to help children become strong, successful readers:

#### 6. Bring books everywhere.

Incorporating books into everyday activities will continue to help children become more familiar with books and will encourage everyday reading. Place books in every room of the house, in the car, and take books everywhere. Research shows that children with an array of reading materials around them and in their homes score higher on standardized tests.

#### 7. Set a good example... be caught in the act!

Children are a product of their upbringing and mimic the behavior they see at home, repeating the actions they observe from their parents or guardians. If a child observes his or her parent/guardian reading every night, then that child will emulate the same behavior. On the contrary, if a child observes their adults watching TV every night while they are ordered to read their books from school, then the child might start to resent reading and desire to watch TV.

#### 8. Communicate with teachers and get involved in your local school.

Speaking with the adults that children talk to is one way parents and guardians can relate to their child's daily activities. Another way to relate to a child's daily activities at school is to volunteer in the classroom or attend a class fieldtrip. Knowing what goes on in the classroom and during the school day helps parents relate to their child's experiences, sparking conversations and an interest in school activities. Understandably, it can be difficult for

## JOLLY BUNCH

How time changes in a short month. As we are all aware, the Covid virus is not defeated yet and is on the rise here in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. In light of this, I am deciding to not continue with my hope of starting back to having meetings until next year. It would only take being near to someone (without even being aware of it) to cause even those of us who are vaccinated to become ill or indeed to pass it on to others.

I have spoken to some of you and explained my feelings and have received understanding of my concerns. Again I do not want any of us to be unsafe or uncomfortable getting together.

To repeat, Jolly Bunch will NOT meet again this year.

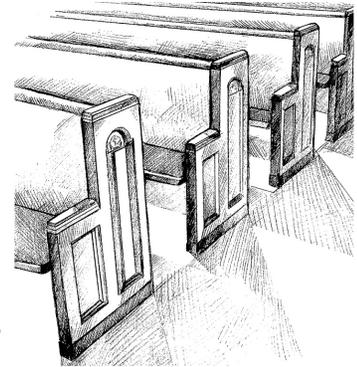
So, Stay safe, follow CDC guidelines and we will meet when we are able.

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

Marie

## CHURCH PEW UPDATE

In our recent nave renovation, we removed some pews and replaced them with flexible chair seating. Our leftover pews have been given to a congregation in West Nanticoke. This non-denominational house church of 30 members has purchased an old church building without pews. We were able to provide about half the pews they needed. They were a perfect match to other pews they were able to find as well. We are grateful that some of our old pews have been passed on to another ministry, and that Christians will be able to use them to hear the Gospel preached for years to come.



## Dedication Committee

### Dedication Committee

The dedication worship service for our renewed nave has been set for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We have formed a group to organize the event. Our tasks are to plan for the worship service, a fellowship meal, and a dedication booklet. Please speak with Pastor Roux if you would like to help.



# JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN  
JOIN US

We offer classes for preschool thru 12th grade at 9:15 m .  
The classes are shaped by a curriculum entitled "SPARK."  
The following classes are available:

- Preschool - K—Meghan Zettelmoeyer
- Grades 1-3—Brittany Lynch
- Grades 4 - 6—Amanda Stoudt
- Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux

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*

**PASTOR AVAILABLE**

Please feel free to contact Pastor Roux at any time for telephone conversations or to schedule a visit. 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.

*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*

# Deaths

## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



*Liturgies of Resurrection and New Life were held for these members in June. May God grant peace to their families in their sorrow.*

***Gladys Durlin—9/13/2021***



### **Acolyte Training**

Training and renewal for acolytes will be held on Sunday, October 17th at 6:00 pm. We will review the tasks of acolytes and crucifers and how to move in our new worship space.



**MS HS  
YOUTH GROUP**

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Theme is Halloween. Bring a friend and join us!



**Current Fund  
Daily Expenses**

Balance brought forward (7/31/21)	20,159.18	25,547.82
	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Monthly Contributions	22,625.06	161,110.94
Monthly Disbursements	22,873.97	164,363.80
Balance (8/31/21)	19,718.27	19,718.27

Building Fund—\$11,157.84  
Nave Improvement—\$27,512.62



MONEY COUNTERS: October

- 3 John Myers/Courtney Hamm/Drew Potts
- 10 Courtney Hamm/Marvene Crawford/Dennis Webb
- 17 Karrie Ravert/Drew Potts/John Myers
- 24 Mark Reasner/Drew Potts/Jeff Furman
- 31 Marvene Crawford/Karrie Ravert/Ursula Leinbach

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS - YOUTH GROUP!**

# DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

*October Newsletter*  
*deadline is*  
*October 13, 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](mailto:zionlc39@windstream.net)*

*Website: [zionturbotville.com](http://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*

## 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.





**“Trunk or Treat” at the Zion parking lot.  
Thursday, October 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.**

**Church members are invited to bring their Halloween treats to the church and hand them out to the children. Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality. Feel free to dress in costume and decorate the trunk of your vehicle. Zion was a popular spot for visitors on Halloween in the past. Let's see if we can grow this fun community activity.**

**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.

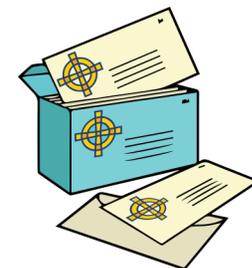
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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



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.



**Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed**  
for our 10:30 am worship service.

Contact John Yogodzinski at  
(570)417-6737 or [john@thegraphichive.com](mailto:john@thegraphichive.com)

As part of our nave renovation, a Livestream video system was installed. The system allows us to broadcast our worship services live on Facebook. The system also records the service and it can be uploaded to our YouTube channel (Zion Turbotville) for viewing later. The Livestream system utilizes a simple video switcher like one might see in a television studio, and two wall mounted cameras. The switcher is designed to be user-friendly and can easily be learned. Some Photoshop skills would also be helpful in taking on this task. Please consider becoming a Livestream attendant at Zion. John Yogodzinski and Karrie Ravert will train you and help you to feel confident in the work. You would then be scheduled to operate the Livestream on Sundays of your choice.

## 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.  
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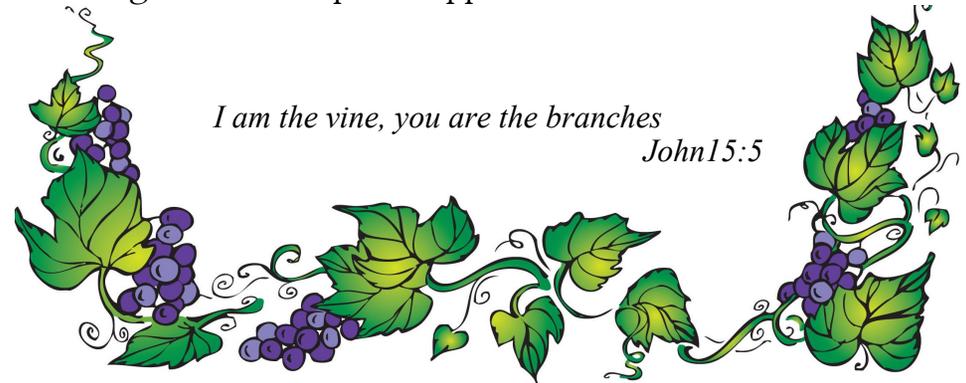
### Ways to Give to Zion

Offerings will be received at our regular worship times.  
By mailing your offering to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
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Just click on the yellow button that reads  
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Dear Friends,  
Thank you for the many cards, prayers and well wishes I have received during my illness.  
Thank you to Bruce and Barb Z. for their visit and for the delicious applesauce and for Pastor's visit.  
A big thank you to my sisters, Lena and Nancy, for helping me keep my home clean.  
God Bless  
*Bev Heverly*

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





## Altar Flowers

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



### Office Hours

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

### **WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

### **OCTOBER**

This month, let us think "orange" and bring cans of sweet potatoes and yams for our friends. We will find them in small cans and large cans. Bring any size or any

brand - all our welcome. These will be delivered by November in time for the planning of our friend's Thanksgiving meals.

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



***Pastor Roux will be on Vacation  
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***

The Church Council has called for a **Special Congregational Meeting** to be held on Sunday, September 26 at 11:45 am. The one agenda item will be the replacement of the parking lot entrance doors and the addition of a handicapped door opener. We encourage your attendance.

The Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church, Chapter 8 states Membership \*C8.02.c.

*"Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year."*

### **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 recommended we replace the entire door system with handicapped accessible doors. These would include panic bars for safety and a remote button operated opening system. Baut Doors in Pittston is the recommendation of the Council to provide the new door system. This project will help to make our church truly handicapped accessible. Donations to this project would be greatly appreciated.



### **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)