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THE ZION NEWS



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him.
MATTHEW 2:11

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Dear friends in Christ,

Pastor Roux



PEACE
ON
EARTH



From the staff of Zion Church we
wish all of our faithful members, our friends,
our neighbors, our families a most joyous and
blessed Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

8) Create a dedicated time for yourself.

Whether it's deciding to wake up a half hour early to get in a few chapters or choosing to get into bed and cozy up with a book before you eventually doze off, dedicating time specifically for reading helps so much. Just saying "Every night, right before I hit the hay, I'm going to dedicate a couple minutes to reading," can be a powerful decision in itself.

9) Eliminate distractions.

Get rid of the laptop. Turn off your phone. No Netflix. Goodbye TV. Focus on your book.

10) Create a dedicated space for yourself.

Sometimes, the best way to set the mood for reading is having a dedicated space for oneself. Perhaps yours is in bed, with your bedside lamp illuminating the night's final task. Perhaps it's in the library. Perhaps you have the luxury of creating a reading room for yourself. Perhaps it's snug in the corner of your local coffee shop.

Reading may seem like a mental strain at first thought. But truth be told, it's a pleasurable, rewarding leisure activity. You'll add zest and color to your vocabulary, expand your life perspective, enlighten yourself with the wisdom and insight of others, and perhaps even learn a little bit about your being in the process which you wouldn't have otherwise. Happy reading!

Adapted from an online article by Christopher Tan in "Pick the Brain: Grow Yourself", posted March 14, 2015.



*Oh, Come, Let
Us Adore Him*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2021

7:00 pm and 11:00 pm

(Worship will not be held Saturday, December 25)

First Sunday of Christmas Worship

December 26, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am

4) Accountability.

Accountability helps. Maybe have a reading partner. Set something up between the both of you where you tell each other what book you're going to read and when you're going to check in with one another to see through your promise. When you set a goal, letting yourself down isn't really a big deal. But letting someone else down is something we intrinsically would like to avoid—it helps you achieve your goal faster. Another thing you can do is borrow books from your local library (a gold mine!) or your church library (hint, hint!) The return date gives you a sense of pressure to finish your book by a certain deadline.

5) Read whenever you can.

If you're determined and willing, use every possible moment when you're idle to indulge in the art of the written word. In the car. On your lunch break. When you're at the gym. You won't regret it.

6) Just start.

Sometimes the thing preventing us from reading is our own mind. Our mind will make up all kinds of excuses not to do something. Not get out of bed. Not clean the house. Not to do the dishes. And in this case, not read. The trick to bypassing this mental block is to just pick up the darn book already and read! Don't pour too much thought into the action. Just do it. Once you start reading (if it's a good book), it's quite difficult to stop!

7) Always have your book in reach.

Wherever you go, always have a book with you. Whenever you're at home, a book is always near. That way, you don't have to think much when the idea that you should maybe spend your free time reading instead of diddle-daddling on social media or watching Netflix comes into you head. Just grab the book and start reading. Having your book someplace else other than where you are adds one more hurdle in your decision-making process to not read. It's a small inconvenience, but the mind is superb in making up excuses for ourselves.

LIBRARY NOTES

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

10 Simple Tips To Guarantee More Reading Time In Your Day

‘Tis the season for resolutions. Here’s a good one to begin... a gift to yourself that will keep on giving.

Reading is good for you—the more you read, the more you learn. The more you learn, the greater the grasp you have on how the world ticks. Reading expands your life perspective and fine tunes your life filter. You understand life more, and in turn, can deal with it better. Unfortunately, with today’s time constraints, most people don’t read. Sometimes, people do want to read—they’ve got a book, perhaps one received as a gift, sitting on a shelf—but can never seem to find the time. In that case, this is for you.

1) Reading is a pleasure.

Obviously, to get yourself motivated to read, read something that interests you. Meditation, animals, philosophy—whatever you want. If you’re drawn to the book, the more likely you’ll be excited to pick it up and read it.

2) Set triggers.

Make reading a habit by setting triggers. For example, maybe at breakfast, when you’re riding in a vehicle, while you eat dinner, before bed—you get the point. Your triggers will act as a friendly reminder that you should read. It may take some time getting used to (like all habits do), but it’s worth it.

3) Have a goal.

Some people set ambitious goals for themselves like reading one book a week. Obviously, you don’t have to be that radical. You can start by reading a book a month, or a book every two months. But setting a goal and aspiring to reach it gives you a focus that’ll help you get the job done.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP

The Epiphany of Our Lord, will be celebrated on Thursday, January 6th at 7:00 pm. This will be a liturgy of Holy Communion. Epiphany is one of the principal festival days of the church. The Gospel lesson for Epiphany is St. Matthew 2:1-12, which tells the story of the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus. They are representatives of the nations who came to worship him.



On
coming to
the house,
they saw the
child with
his mother
Mary, and
they bowed
down and

Worshipped

him.

MATTHEW 2:11



*The following schedule will be observed in
the church office during the holidays:
Friday, December 24— Office Closed
Monday, January 3— Office Closed*

2022 Newsletter Deadline

Jan 12
Feb 9
Mar 9
Apr 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
Aug 10
Sept 7
Oct 12
Nov 9
Dec 7

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

Rockwell - Milton

Bobby Calhoun - 4/17

Jeannette Calhoun - 11/1

Watson town Rehab - Watson town

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner - 8/8

Military

George Reasner—3/7

John Rump-3/26

Keenan Young- 6/27

Alisha Cox Welch - 12/16

R. Scott Keister-3/12

Christopher Keister-4/2

Pete Reasner—11/28

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, Organist

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

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 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075

Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**

We invite youth to join us. Middle School Youth Group is for 5th through 8th grades, and High School is for 9th through 12th grades. Events are for both groups unless noted otherwise. Youth Advisor is Amanda Stoudt. Call Pastor Roux at home (570) 437-9058, cell (570) 916-6264, or email eroux1@verizon.net with any questions.

Dinner at the Church

Sunday, January 16, 2022 5:00 - 7:00 pm

We will enjoy dinner together. After we finish, we'll enjoy some game time, so bring your favorite game. Feel free to bring a friend.





JOLLY BUNCH

Hope this finds all of you, our Jolly Bunch, doing fine and staying healthy.

This has certainly been a strange and challenging time.

I must once again share sorrowful news with you. Our dear member and friend, Terry Anspach, has died. I know we will all miss his cheerfulness and his special sense of humor and wit. We know he is now in God's loving arms,

As usual, we will not meet in January, but I hope we can try to get together in February. If we can get together then, we will just meet and spend time sharing and caring for each other. Again we must see how the pandemic is at that time.

In spite of all the difficulties we have had, it is now the season of Advent and Christmas. Remember how very much God loved us that he would send his Son to offer us salvation. Hug those family members and friends that you love and celebrate in that you are able to do that. Thank God for all his blessings. Merry Christmas to each of you.

Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in January

Ross McCollum—1st
 Richard Eck—2nd
 Shirley McCollum—17th
 Marie Gardner—26th

Current Fund Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (10/31/21)	12,716.66	25,547.82
	November	YTD
Monthly Contributions	20,798.63	215,002.72
Monthly Disbursements	21,578.87	225,653.43
Balance (11/30/21)	11,744.42	11,744.42

Building Fund—\$11,434.83
 Nave Improvement—\$27,127.89



MONEY COUNTERS: December

- 5 Drew Potts/Mark Reasner/Dennis Webb
- 12 Marvene Crawford/Courtney Hamm/John Myers
- 19 Mark Reasner/Marvene Crawford/Leon Hagenbuch
- 24 *Christmas Eve* Jeff Furman/Mark Reasner
- 26 Marvene Crawford/Karrie Ravert/Leon Hagenbuch

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

January Newsletter
deadline is
January 12, 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



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 Zettelmoyer
- Grades 1-3—Brittany Lynch
- Grades 4 - 6—Amanda Stoudt
- Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux

Livestream Is Available

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

Contact John Yogodzinski at
(570)417-6737 or 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.

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.

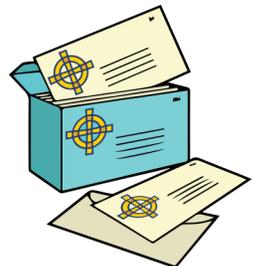
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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



THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

For many years, the Youth Group of Zion has shopped for local children at Christmas. Turbotville Elementary school knows the families in our area with the greatest needs and provides area organizations with wish lists for them. Our youth group receives index cards listing a child's age along with clothing and shoe sizes. This year we received cards for ten children. The congregation generously gave \$1,117.00 to the Christmas shopping project this year. We want to say a big thank you for your help year after year with this project. We hope that all of the children we shopped for have a good Christmas from what we were able to give them.

Sincerely,

Zion's Youth Group

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.





I want to thank you for the delicious Vegetable Soup. I had two meals with it.

Elizabeth Sampsell

Dear Members and Friends of Zion,
I don't know how to say thank you enough for my 90th birthday cards, but THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
Thank you Pastor Roux for the prayers, thank you to my family and Terry.
I hope you all have a blessed Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

In Christian Love,
Barbara Hartline

Dear Congregation,
I would like to extend a sincere thank you for all the donations and items collected for Laura, Dave and Weston. I had been talking with her before the trip and she was overwhelmed by the generosity from the church family. She had mentioned to me that the kindness from people is what kept her going each day. I am happy to report that the surgery was successful and they are back in Pennsylvania. Weston has made great progress over the last few weeks and doctors are pleased with his recover at this point. Please continue praying for their family that he continues to make progress. Thank you for all that you have done for this family, God is good!

Meghan Zettelmoyer

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to our Zion Family for all your prayers and acts of kindness following Bruce's bad fall and arm surgery. The cards, food and phone calls were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Roux for his comforting home and hospital visits. Finally, after nearly 17 weeks there is improvement and healing!

Bruce and Barb Zettlemoyer

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

Attend our worship services; Saturdays 6:00 pm. Sundays 8:00 am and 10:30 am, Wednesdays 9:00 am. Masks optional.
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

~ YouTube Channel: Zion Turbotville

Ways to Give to Zion

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I am the vine, you are the branches

John 15:5





Zion Lutheran Church Soup Sale

39 Paradise Street Turbotville PA

Drive-through pickup from 1:00 – 3:00 pm each Saturday

\$7.00 per quart unless marked otherwise

Upcoming Soups:

Soup Sales [begin](#) **Saturday**, January 8, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM then every other Saturday for 5 weeks

- Jan 8th Beef Vegetable and Ham & Bean
- Jan 22nd Stuffed Pepper and Broccoli Cheese and Clam Chowder (\$8.00 per quart)
- Feb 5th Chicken & Wild Rice and Beef Chili
- Feb 19th Chicken Corn and Zuppa *New*
- Mar 5th Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli

Oyster Dinner Tuesday, February 1st at 6:00 PM

Fish Dinner on Saturday March 19th 4:00 – 5:30 PM



Annual reports should be submitted by the committee chairpersons **NO LATER** than December 31 in order to allow time to compile the annual report of the congregation.

Offering envelopes for 2022 will be on the table in the narthex in December. It would be helpful if you would take a neighbor's or relative's who might be unable to pick up his/her own. This will keep the cost of mailing them to members to a minimum. If you do not have envelopes and want them, please contact the church office.



Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until January 1st the envelope number may vary from year to year.



The last date for 2021 offerings will be Sunday, December 26th. Please have all offerings to the church office by that time in order for credit to be received on your giving records for 2021. Contributions received after the 26th will be posted to the 2022 contribution statement.

Committees are reminded that they should make plans to reorganize for the new year. Chairpersons of committees need to be appointed and interested persons invited to join the committees. We're grateful to all who have served on council and committees in 2021.



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

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



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

Deaths

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



May God grant peace to their families in their sorrow.

Terry Anspach¹⁴12/14/2021



Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2022. The price per set is \$35.00. We ask that there is only one set per Sunday: one set is two altar vases.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS JANUARY

It's here- one of our coldest months of the year! What delicious food always warms us all the way from head to toe? Why, it's soup of course. Any kind of soup is welcome on a cold wintery day. So, this month let's stock our neighbor's shelves with soup. Bring large cans, small cans, any variety. Some cans serve only one, some two, for some we must add water, some are creamed, some chunky. Bring them all. It's going to get cold outside, let's warm our friends with soup.

