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Dear friends in Christ,

Have you ever heard or use the expression, it's a matter of life and death?" First recorded in the English language in 1849, the expression is used to weigh the relative importance of a given situation. Some examples might include:

- *I'm extremely busy right now. Is it a matter of life and death or can you wait an hour?*
- *I'm sorry but not having this pair of jeans is not a matter of life and death—you can save up your own money to buy them if they're that important.*
- *You really scared me leaving a message like that! I thought it was a matter of life or death.*
- *Stop complaining! Fixing your iPhone screen is not a matter of life or death.*
- *Why don't drivers pull over to the side of the road to let ambulances drive past? It's could be a matter of life and death!*

How do you weigh the importance of an event or situation in your own life? There are so many ordinary and mundane events and situations that we live through that in the grand scheme of things don't make that big of a difference. But there are other events and situations that completely change your life for better or worse, and we need to wake up to the fact that they truly are a matter of life and death.

In the eyes of our heavenly Father, the most important “matter of life or death” event for you is your baptism. On the day of your baptism, you were adopted as a beloved child into the Father's family. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ died on the cross to make the great exchange of your sinfulness for his righteousness, and your baptism is the sacred rite in which you received that great exchange. This is why Jesus commanded his disciples to “*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...*” *Matthew 28:19*. St. Paul in his letter to the Roman church explains that your baptism is even more than a matter of life or death, rather, it is a matter of death and life. Baptism is dying to an old life and rising to a new life. He writes:

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” *Romans 6:3-4*

Your baptism day was a glorious sacramental day in your life when God promised you the forgiveness of sins and set you on the road to follow Jesus Christ as his disciple. But baptism is more than a single day in the life of a Christian. It is, as Martin Luther reminds us, “a daily dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.” Baptism is not just a day. It is a way of life.

A Story to Share

An email recently came to the church office from a couple who is fostering a young boy. It is a wonderful illustration of how one small act of kindness can make a dramatic difference in someone's life. The Project Linus ministry at Zion is relatively new, but it's already making an impact in our area. Thank you, blanketeers, for all your good work.

"We just got our 1st foster boy 10 days ago. Along with him, came a variegated olive-green crocheted blanket from your church through the Linus program. I just wanted to extend my thanks for your efforts in blessing others. I snuggle this 3-year-old in the blanket twice a day for his nap and bedtimes. He is in his 4th home since January, so has had a lot of insecurity in his life recently, but we hope to provide some stability for him, until he's able to return to his birth mom again. We live in northeast PA now, but previously lived in this area. During our years there, we attended a church where the sewing circle ladies made crib comforts for the Linus program, so it was special to be a recipient, after having helped make these things for others. May God bless you as you continue to reach out and bring comfort to others in need."

If you would like information on our local chapter of Project Linus or how to become a blanketeer, please contact Ann Gardner.

Project ♥ Linus



We will be blessed on Holy Saturday this year at the Great Vigil of Easter when we will witness six persons celebrate the most important day of their lives. On this day we can also remember the great gift of baptism in our own lives, and recommit ourselves to following the way of Jesus Christ.

Here are some ideas for celebrating that pattern of dying and rising that shapes us as people who follow Jesus, the one who died for us that we might rise with him.

✦ Follow Martin Luther's suggestion of a daily waking prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of a new day to be lived in the forgiveness and love of Jesus. Make the sign of the cross as a remembrance of your baptism and pray something like this: "I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, that you have made me your child forever in baptism. How may I serve you today? Help me to put away my sins and put on the life of Jesus Christ my savior. Amen."

✦ Believe that as you reach out to another person in need and give yourself away (dying to self), God provides you with all you need for daily life (rising with Christ).

✦ Take seriously the baptismal understanding of putting sin to death. It is drowned by a gracious Savior in the waters of baptism. What sins in your life need to be drowned?

✦ Remember that baptism is a gift that not only brings one into a relationship with Jesus Christ but also into a relationship with Christ's body, the church. Show up at worship and other times of gathering with your church family. Serve and learn with your brothers and sisters in Christ and love them.

✦ At baptism, each new Christian is presented a candle with these words of Jesus spoken to them: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16. Every day think about how your life is a shining light in the world serving others and glorifying God. Make the connection between your loving outreach to other people and Christ's welcome to you through baptismal grace.

✦ Confidently talk about how following Jesus makes a difference in your life. Recent polling shows that the majority of people are curious about why other people are devoted to their faith. Ask the invitational question, "Are you baptized?" Invite another person to the waters of baptism.

✦ Think about the pattern of baptism (dying and rising) as a pattern for everyday activities in your life. What in your life could you let die so that something new from God could rise up in its place?

How will you renew the great gift and promise of Holy Baptism day by day? Remember, it is not only a matter of life and death, it is a matter of death and life.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meals

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our evenings begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall.

+ SOUP AND SANDWICH

This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline.

- 03/23: Worship & Music, Christian Education, Staff Support
- 03/30: Outreach, Property
- 04/06: Disaster Relief

+ WORSHIP

We will gather in the nave at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.

Join Us in Song

Join us in song for two choir selections during Holy Week! All are invited to join the choir in singing at the Maundy Thursday and Easter Services. Two rehearsals are planned for April 6th after the Lenten service (around 7:45 pm) and April 13th at 7 PM. Music for both anthems is available in the church office. Any questions, call or text Mike Yohn at 570-412-3617.



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

Jeannette Calhoun – 11/1

Milton Rehab—Milton

Bobby Calhoun – 4/17

Watsontown Rehab – Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

Charlie Wright—3/19

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner – 8/8

River Woods - Lewisburg

Barbara Hartline – 11/8

Military

John Rump—3/26

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



THE BAPTISMAL JOURNEY

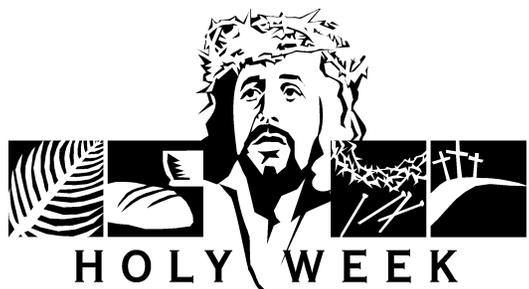
How you can help those who are preparing for Holy Baptism

We are praying for six persons who are making their journey to the waters of Holy Baptism on the Great Vigil of Easter. They include Michael Anderson, Joyce Derr, Megan Suders, Abigail Gold, Thomas Clemons, and Isabelle Goss.

As these new people begin to enter our family of faith here are some ways that we as a congregation can continue the work of baptismal preparation with them that God has begun:

- ✦ Remember them in your daily prayers. Let them know you are praying for them. Tell them, “We are so happy that God has sent you to us.”
- ✦ Invite those preparing for baptism to sit with you at worship. Assist them in following and learning the order of worship.
- ✦ Share with baptismal candidates the story of your own baptismal journey, or of your preparations for the baptism of a child or godchild.
- ✦ Invite those preparing for baptism to other activities in congregational life: ushering, singing with the choir, fellowship meals, or service opportunities.
- ✦ Speak with the pastor about the possibility of serving as a sponsor for one of the baptismal candidates. Offer him or her your partnership in this new journey with Christ.

These Days Are Different



What We Do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday brings an end to Lent. That night we begin the THREE DAYS that are the center of our year. Why are these THREE DAYS so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these THREE DAYS different from all the days of the year.

You and your family are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free of entertainment, free of anything to distract you from what God is doing among His people. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The church is getting ready.

Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days apart. All of us should know that our presence for the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days.

On these THREE DAYS, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (1/31/22)	15,589.14	17,330.71
	February	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,145.20	42,613.20
Monthly Disbursements	23,670.78	46,688.35
Balance (2/28/22)	12,871.56	12,871.56

Building Fund—\$11,775.50

Nave Improvement—\$16,883.00

Current Loan Balance as of 3/15/22—\$238,607.52

Our Mission Goal for February was \$21,100.00

Your contributions for February were \$21,145.20.

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for March is \$21,765.00.

March Contributions as of March 15, 2022 were: \$11,646.00.

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—51

8:00 am Worship Service—135

10:30 am Worship Service—149

Wednesday Prayer Service—36

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

April Newsletter
deadline is
April 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

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

We Begin as Holy Thursday Ends

Thursday evening we enter into this Triduum together. After listening to the scriptures, we do something strange - we wash feet. Some of us go down on our knees with pitchers of water, basins and towels. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life, as is the next thing we do, a collection for the poor.

Later we celebrate the Eucharist. The evening liturgy has no ending" Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

And We Continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world's needs. Then there is another once a year event: a rough-hewn cross is carried into our midst and we can come forward to touch it, to bow, or to kneel before it.

Again we may stay to pray or leave quietly, continuing in prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation. It is Christ's sleep in the tomb.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday

Excited now, the church gathers as the sun sets and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most beautiful scriptures in the Bible, and then we go to the font and bless the waters. There the catechumens are baptized and anointed. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of Rejoicing!

Holy Week in Our Parish

April 10th Palm Sunday
8:00 am and 10:30 am The Sunday of the Passion

The Paschal Triduum The Passover Three Days

April 14th Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm The Holy Eucharist

April 15th Good Friday
7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

April 16th Holy Saturday
7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

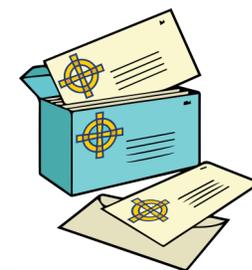
April 17th Easter Sunday, The Queen of Feasts
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Eucharist
8:00 am Breakfast

9:15 am Sunday Church School
9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for all children through Sixth Grade
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist

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



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.



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.

Altar Flower sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: May 1, 8, 22, 29; June 5; July 3, 24, 31; August 14, 21; October 2, 16, 23; November 13, 20; December 18.

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.



Easter

Egg

Hunt

We invite all children through 6th grade to Zion's Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday Church School hour beginning at 9:15 am on Easter Sunday. Donations of filled eggs would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions for filling the eggs include: Candy, coins, stickers, rub on tattoos, etc. Donations should be turned into the Church office by Friday, April 15th.

Reserve your place for Easter Breakfast !

Easter Breakfast will be held Easter morning, April 17, at 8:00 am. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and enjoy the fellowship. Reservation slips will be located on the table in the narthex. If you would like to help with the breakfast in any way, contact Larry Kocher.



Easter Sunday Breakfast

First Communion

Tavin Kocher, Scarlett Lynch, Cameron Miller and Daniel Zettelmoeyer have been participating in First Communion Class. They will join us at the Lord's Table on Maundy Thursday, April 14th.



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



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



Join us on April 24th from 5:00—7:00 pm for our next Youth Group Meeting. As always we will share fun and food with friends!

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Saturday April 30, 2022
39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA (570) 649-5195
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Drive-through only



Homemade Roast Beef Meal
Meal Includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetables and Cranberry Relish for \$12

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers continue to be at work in Zion Church, just as they are in thousands of congregations. The following is a quote from a person somewhere in the US who had such a positive experience with her Stephen Minister that she wrote to the national office about it. Here is what she said:

“I thank God every day for leading me to my Stephen Minister. When we began our caring relationship I was slowly coming out of the numbness I felt after the shattering of my marriage. Her patience, her listening ear, and her willingness to serve have completely changed the trajectory of my life.

Without a doubt, accepting care from my church's Stephen Ministry has been the best decision of my life. Everyone should be able to have a Stephen Minister when they need one – it's an amazing model of how the body of Christ can work. God is truly being glorified through their service everywhere.”

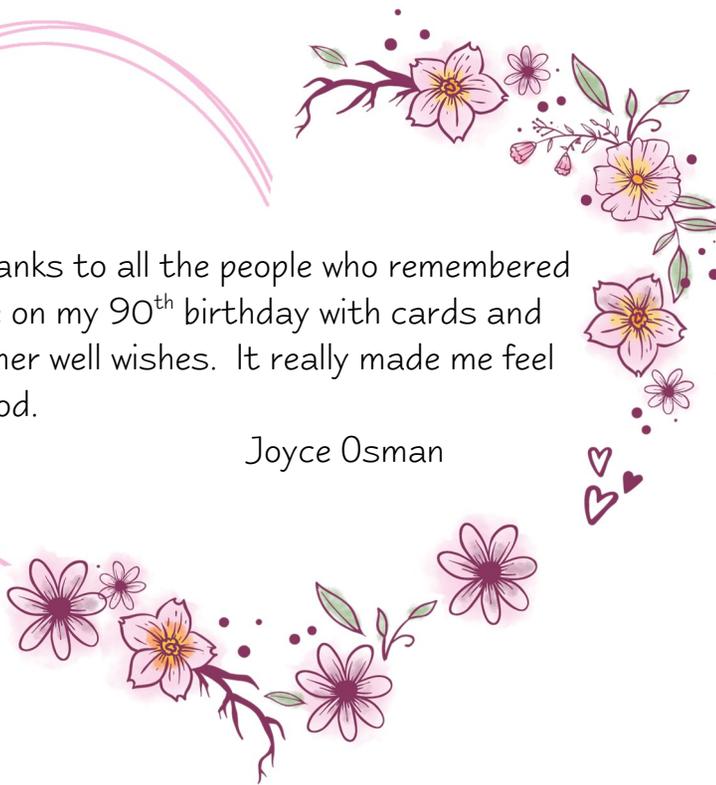
This is just one example of the much-needed ministry that Stephen Ministers are providing every day, all over the world. Through their faithful service, people are experiencing life-transforming Christ-centered care during some of the most difficult times in life.

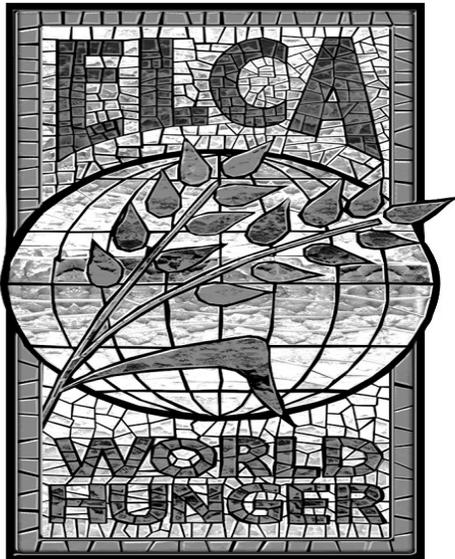
If you have need, or know someone else who has a need, please speak with Valli Rovenolt, Pastor Roux or Pastor Elkin, who are our Stephen Leaders. All such contacts and conversations are confidential. Also, if you would like to prepare yourself for service as a Stephen Minister, they would be delighted to speak with you to explore this possibility. Quietly, faithfully, and confidentially, Stephen Ministry is at work among us.



Thanks to all the people who remembered me on my 90th birthday with cards and other well wishes. It really made me feel good.

Joyce Osman





EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

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.

World Hunger envelopes will be gathered on Palm Sunday, April 10th.



Zion Church Council designated the Lenten offering envelopes to the ELCA Disaster Relief Ukraine and Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

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

The 7:00 pm Wednesday Lenten worship services from March 2nd through April 6th will be livestreamed and available on YouTube after the service.



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

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.

THE CHOSEN: SEASON 2

The Chosen is a biblically-centered, quality video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted. Many churches are choosing to view "The Chosen" in small group settings. We at Zion have already offered the first season, with eighteen people participating. Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or 7:00 pm beginning March 8th for Season 2. We will watch an episode each week followed by a time of reflection and discussion using the study guide "Blessed Are the Chosen." This season of episodes is inspired by The Beatitudes, which comprises the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on The Mount from the Gospel of St. Matthew. Feel free to join us even if you missed the first season. You may also choose to binge watch the first season online before we begin. It is available for free on many streaming platforms including Youtube. Our group will meet at 10:30 am in the basement Social Hall or at 7:30 pm in the second floor choir room. The schedule is as follows:

- March 29 – Episode 4:
THOSE WHO HUNGER and the ones who cease
- April 5 – Episode 5:
THE MERCIFUL and their mandate
- April 19 – Episode 6:
THE PURE IN HEART and sights unseen
- April 26 – Episode 7:
THE PEACEMAKERS and what they pursue





SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

We have Camp Mt Luther information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp brochures on the table in the narthex or go online to www.campmountluther.org for information and to register. Zion will pay for 50% of camp cost.

Available discounts (one per camper):

- \$30—Early registration (Before 4/15/22)OR Sibling (second, third, etc. siblings get a discount) OR Pick a Day Camp (first day free)
- 25% off—Bring a Friend (if you bring a friend to camp who has never been here, you get 25% off your registration.
- Half Price for multiple weeks (pay full price for highest fee and others half price.)

Pastor Roux will be serving as Chaplain the week of June 19-24.

JOLLY BUNCH!!!

We will meet again on APRIL 20th, 2022, for our first meeting since COVID stopped us. I know I have been cautious, but I care about each of you.

So let's meet and get together again. We will share some songs and time together. I want us to connect again, perhaps share some memories. I haven't decided yet just what we will do, but I know it will be enjoyable. There will be a light luncheon (this will be provided).

I am looking forward to seeing all of you who can join us then. Hugs to all. Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in April

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



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will hold annual roadside pickup on April 9, 2022 in conjunction with Pick Up Pennsylvania Event. Pick up will be held from 8:30—11:00 am.

Any congregational member wishing to pick up on their own can bring trash to church on April 9. No Tires accepted. Trash bags and gloves should be available at the church the week of April 4-9.