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THE ZION NEWS



Ascension Eve Worship
May 25, 2022
9:00 am and 7:00 pm

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Dear friends in Christ,

On the fourth Sunday of every Easter season we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The gospel lesson always comes from St. John the 10th chapter in which Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus says he lays down his life for his sheep and protects them from all danger. He also has a close relationship with his sheep saying, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” On Good Shepherd Sunday we also recite the 23rd Psalm, and proclaim “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.” We sing hymns such as “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead” and make much of the beautiful imagery of sheep and Good Shepherd on this day.

One of the more recent additions to Good Shepherd Sunday is the Prayer of the Day which was written about 50 years ago. It challenges us to follow Jesus in his shepherding ways:

“God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

This prayer asks God to send every one of us as good shepherds into a hurting world.

This prayer asks God to send us as shepherds to rescue the lost. Many people in our culture today are feeling lost and lonely because of the pandemic through which we have suffered. In every age group people have felt isolated and are in need of returning to community. There is no better place for people to gather than in the presence of the Good Shepherd in our church family. Our worship gives us a place to pray together, to listen together, to sing together, and to eat and drink together. People are missing relationship and are craving the feeling of belonging once again. As you do the good shepherding work of rescuing the lost, let people know, “We can't wait to see you face-to-face,” and “We've missed you.” There is something special that happens when the body of Christ gathers, so take up the calling to be a shepherd to the lost.

JOIN THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

Newsletter Team

It has been two years since we gathered together to fold the newsletters. If you would be interested in getting together one Friday a month between 9:00—11:00 am to help fold and label the newsletters, contact Cathy in the office 570-649-5195. We usually had 2—3 people.

Join us in this fellowship, the time flies by quickly.

This prayer asks God to send us as shepherds to heal the injured. In the Gospel stories, healing comes from the loving touch of Jesus Christ. One of the most effective ways of demonstrating the love of Christ is being present with someone in their woundedness, listening to them, and allowing them to be sure they are understood. Christ is counting on us to be his listening ears, his loving heart, and his understanding presence. In that way we transfer the loving touch of Jesus to those who are injured. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

This prayer asks God to send us as shepherds to feed one another with knowledge and understanding. One of the beautiful things about our journey of faith is that we don't walk this journey alone. There are many stories of those who walk with us and those who have walked before us which can help us learn more about our Savior Jesus Christ. We can learn from them, and we can also pass on what we have learned. You are able to share the knowledge that you have gained from walking with God. Share some of the changes that Christ has made in your life, for example, the changes in your character and behavior, or in your attitude and perspective. Share with them your understanding that we still struggle as Christians. Life is far from perfect, but what's different about your life as you follow the Good Shepherd? Share that with them and help them to discover how God is loving and shaping them.

On good Shepherd Sunday and every day, may we be people who pray, "God of all power, send us as shepherds!"

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:1



NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BY TRANSFER

MILLIE AND LAURA KESSLER
REV. BARRY LAIRD

BY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

MATT AND JESSICA GOSS

BY SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

JOYCE DERR
MICKAEL ANDERSON
MEGAN SUDERS
ABIGAIL GOLD
THOMAS CLEMENS
ISABEL GOSS
LAUREN HEEBNER

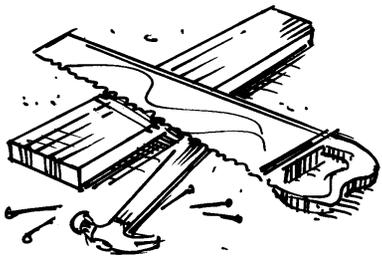
MAY WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AND
INVITE THEM TO JOIN WITH US IN OUR WALK
TOGETHER AS A FAMILY AT ZION CHURCH.



The Disaster Relief Team had a successful week working on several projects, with the bulk of our work located in Williamsport. Sojourner Truth Ministries is a nonprofit ministry in Williamsport, PA, that focuses on community building events, offers clothing, food, social services, and serving meals six days a week. We were invited to renovate half a double they own for occupancy of a family in the near future. We were responsible for every room in the house except the kitchen and bathroom. Extensive plaster repair was needed on the walls and ceilings. The same rooms were then primed and painted. Another team was involved at Marcia Sterner's home in Wat-sontown constructing a handicap ramp. We also removed an obsolete satellite dish from her roof. A smaller job was completed at Catherine Mingle's house involving waterproofing and painting of a chimney. The team really pulled together and completed their work with joy and professionalism. I would like to thank everyone who supports us in our mission.



*Jeff Furman
Chairman
Disaster Relief Team*



He ascended into heaven

**Ascension Eve Worship
May 25, 2022
9:00 am and 7:00 pm**

In Luke's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and encourage our mission. We will celebrate the Eve of the Ascension this year on Wednesday, May 25th at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Geraniums for Pentecost

Members interested in providing geraniums to decorate the church for Pentecost Sunday, June 5th can place your orders May 15th and May 22nd or contact the church office between those dates.

Monday, May 23^d will be the final day to place your order. The cost is \$4.00 per plant and we request payment be made when you place your orders. We will process outside during the closing hymn for a blessing upon our Geraniums and you may choose to plant them here at Zion or take them home for your own garden.



Turbotville

Community Carnival: June 6st—11th

Our church will be serving food under the Pavilion the first week in June and we will need a community of helpers. We will need food servers, food preparers, pie bakers, and a clean-up crew. Signup sheets will be posted in the lobby for both volunteers and donations. If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please designate the donation to the "Zion Carnival". If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Hartline 570-716-3850.

Reminder – all helpers must wear a mask, hat or hair net.

The Scholarship Fund Committee proudly announces that monies will be available for scholarship applicants for the fall semester 2022. The scholarship is a one-time gift per applicant to be awarded after the student completes the second semester of an approved college degree program. **Student must provide:**

- A fully completed and signed application form to the church office by **June 1, 2022**
- Copy of first semester transcripts.
- Recent snapshot/school picture.

Payment will go directly to the college address provided on the application. Application forms are available through the church office.



**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

preschool registration

Preschool registrations are being accepted for 2022/2023 school year. If you know of children who wish to apply or have questions contact the church office.



ZION YOUTH GROUP

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd from 5:00—7:00 pm. We invite all youth 5th through 12th grades to join us. Group builders, devotions, games, projects, and food are part of every meeting. Feel free to bring a friend!

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.



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

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner – 8/8

Milton Rehab—Milton

Bobby Calhoun – 4/17

Muncy Valley – Muncy

John Pfleegor – 4/28

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

Charlie Wright—3/19

River Woods - Lewisburg

Barbara Hartline – 11/8

Rockwell – Milton

Jeannette Calhoun – 11/1

Watsontown Rehab – Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Military

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



**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
WORLD HUNGER APPEAL**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal this Lenten Season. We received \$745.00 in gifts. May God bless these gifts as they go on to feed this hungry throughout the world.

The Social Ministry Committee



**LENTEN
OFFERING**

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

To date we have received a total of \$3,571.00 in offerings.

Thank you for your giving.



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.

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



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (2/28/22)	12,840.61	17,330.71
	March	YTD
Monthly Contributions	19,081.51	61,663.76
Monthly Disbursements	20,124.29	66,812.64
Balance (3/31/22)	11,605.83	11,605.83

Building Fund—\$11,925.29

Nave Improvement—\$15,977.04

Current Loan Balance as of 4/19/22—\$233,046.74

Our Mission Goal for March was \$21,765.00

Your contributions for March were \$19,081.51

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for April is \$23,872.00.

April Contributions were: \$25,247.00.

MARCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—39

8:00 am Worship Service—124

10:30 am Worship Service— 113

Wednesday Lenten Morning—57

Wednesday Lenten Evening —99

Ash Wednesday Morning—22

Ash Wednesday Evening—40

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

*May Newsletter
deadline is
May 11, 2022*

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

JOLLY BUNCH!!!

Thanks to all who joined us this month. We had a lovely time. We listened to some thoughts of Jesus and his love for us, sang some songs, and shared memories of our Jolly Bunch members who have died since we last met.

Join us on May 11, 2022, for our next meeting. No details are available yet. But as always we will enjoy our time together. See you then. Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in May
Phyllis Chaapel—19th

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.



The annual roadside pickup sponsored by Stewardship Committee was held April 9, 2022. The collection was 240 lbs./23 bags of roadside debris that was taken to The Lycoming County Landfill by Ted Menges.

Thank you to everyone that participated in this event and thank you to Ted Menges for delivering the bags of debris to the landfill.



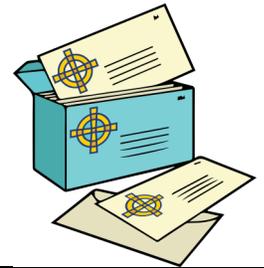
Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed
for our 10:30 am worship service.
Contact John Yogodzinski at
(570)417-6737 or
john@thegraphichive.com

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.

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:

July 3, 31
August 14
October 23
November 13, 20

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

MAY

Sweet, succulent pineapple is what we shall bring for our neighbors in May. Bring pineapple in large or small cans, crushed, chunked, sweetened or unsweetened. Can't beat the taste! Let's fill our shopping carts with pineapple for our neighbors this month. Many thanks for your generosity.



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.





Disaster Relief Team,
Thank you for your help putting away the tables and
cleaning the kitchen after your Lenten meal.
It was much appreciated.

Rick Rovenolt

Thanks to everyone who attended the Easter
Breakfast and all the helpers. We had a
wonderful turnout!

Larry Kocher

Thanks for a Great Holy Week
A heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who helped to
make our Holy Week worship special this year. I espe-
cially wish to thank the Confirmation Class for their
worship leadership, the Chancel Choir for their musical
support, and all who were willing to work as ushers, lec-
tors, and Holy Communion assistants. Together we faith-
fully proclaimed the good news that Christ the Lord is
risen.

Sincerely,

Pastor Roux



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

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.

