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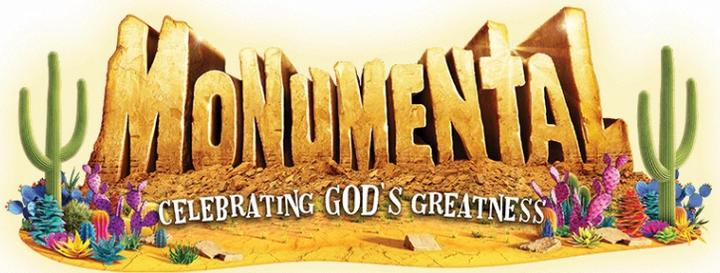
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Vacation Bible School
MONUMENTAL:
Celebrating God's Greatness!
Sunday, June 26th - Thursday, June 30th
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

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Zion Invites All Kids to Monumental VBS: Celebrating God's Greatness!

A summer kids' event called Monumental VBS will be hosted at Zion Church, June 26-30. At Monumental, kids explore the sun-baked Southwestern desert as they dig into God's great love! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Science Surprises. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canyon Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Kids at Monumental VBS will join a missions effort to provide school supplies for kids living on reservations.

Monumental is for kids from Preschool to Sixth Grade and will run from 6:00 to 8:00 pm each day. For more information, call the church phone number (570) 649-5195, or pick up a registration form at church.

Monumental VBS Helpers Needed!

We need adults and teenage helpers to make our Vacation Bible School a success. We need teens to help with leading participants from station to station. We also need adults to help with teaching Bible stories, science experiments, the craft table, serving snacks, and recreation. If you can help, please contact Pastor Roux at (570) 437-9058 or (570) 916-6264 or call the Church Office at (570) 649-5195



Dear friends in Christ,

Just last year, I discovered an author whom I enjoy reading. Her name is Ann Lamott. I find her take on life insightful and humorous. In her book, "Tender Mercies," Lamott tells the story of her finding God. The key moment in her journey of faith came when she stumbled into a small, poor church near her home in Northern California. Despite her shyness, the community of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomed her warmly. Lamott slowly entered the life of the church.

What surprised her was how she found that there was a place for her within this congregation – it came through hymn singing. She writes:

"I could sing better here than I ever had before. As part of these people, even though I stayed in the doorway, I did not recognize my voice or know where it was coming from, but sometimes I felt like I could sing forever.

Eventually, a few months after I started coming, I took a seat in one of the chairs, off by myself. Then the singing enveloped me. It was furry and resonant, coming from everyone's very heart. There was no sense of performance or judgment, only that the music was breath and food.

Something inside me that was stiff and rotting would feel soft and tender. Somehow the singing wore down all the boundaries and distinctions that kept me so isolated. Sitting there, standing with them to sing, sometimes so shaky and sick that I felt like I might tip over, I felt bigger than myself, like I was being taken care of, tricked into coming back to life."

Ann Lamott's description of congregational singing feels right to me. There is something truly spiritual about losing oneself with the whole body of Christ in song. And where else do grown-ups gather together to sing together in public anymore? Truly, congregational singing is one of the greatest gifts that God gives to us in our worship. Singing with God's people also strengthens our own relationship with God, because singing helps us to praise, to pray, and to proclaim.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER DAY CAMP RETURNS!

There's no escaping the fact that singing together is one of the most powerful ways to praise God. We celebrate God's greatness and goodness by telling the world about God in song, and we gather up the creation's praise and send it back to God in song. The writer of Psalm 96 says:

*“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day-to-day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all
the peoples!”*

Our good God blesses us with life and salvation, and we bless God right back in our singing.

Singing together is also a prayer to God. It has been said that music is God's language. Isn't it true that music touches us deep down in our emotions? When we sing we can express sorrow for sin and mourn our losses. But we can also express gratitude for forgiveness and hope for blessings in the future. The wide range of emotions is available and open to singers and so we open up in a very honest and vulnerable way to God when we sing. It is a prayer in God's native tongue.

Singing together is also proclamation. When we sing as one body we proclaim that we share a common faith in the God who loves us through Jesus Christ. People are drawn and attracted to people who are confident in what they believe, like Ann Lamott being drawn step-by-step into the congregation that shaped her life with God. We sing and proclaim the God who desires to gather us together.

We sing to praise God, to pray to God, and to proclaim our God. God delights in our singing together. Join us in worship every Lord's Day and sing. Come and understand along with Ann Lamott that you are bigger than yourself, that God takes care of you, and that you are coming back to life.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux



This year's summer theme at Mount Luther is "Boundless: God Beyond Measure." We will enter the hopeful and saving story of God and God's people and experience the God's boundless creating, loving, and merciful power for us. Come and rediscover boundless goodness, love, welcome, forgiveness, and generosity. Camp comes the week of July 25-29, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The camp is for youth who have completed

Kindergarten through eighth grade. Youth will be divided into three groups by grade levels. Camp Mt. Luther will be sending trained staff members to lead youth in games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, and worship. Lunch is included with the camp and the registration fee is only \$20. There are many ways that you can help this year.

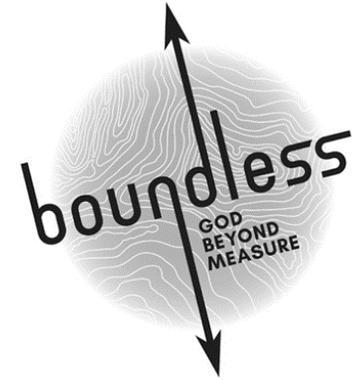
You can send us campers. Please invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to come to camp. Registration forms will soon be available at the church, and you can also have folks call the church office so we can send them a form. Who do you know that could benefit from a week of camp?

Please check out our donation trees appearing in the church narthex soon. Cut-outs hanging from the tree can be chosen to guide you in making donations of craft items, snacks, and funds.

Consider being a host family to one of our counselors. They are wonderful young men and women and you will be glad you offered them hospitality.

We need adults who are willing to help with the craft table, registering and dismissing campers each day, and preparing lunches and snacks. We need teens who have completed at least 10th grade to assist our counselors throughout the day in guiding our campers.

We pray that God will raise up youth to attend, strengthen the staff and helpers, and that our revival of Day Camp this year will be a success.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118
E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org

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.



College or High School Students – Zion members graduating from college or high school are asked to let us know at the church office about their graduation. Please provide us with address changes so we can keep up communication and let us know what your future plans are.

Warrior Run High School Baccalaureate at Zion
Sunday, May 29th at 7:30 pm



Warrior Run High School
Class of 2022

Jacob Craig
Madison Litchard
Alyssa Nicholas
WARRIOR RUN

THE DAY OF PENTECOST June 5th

An ancient Hebrew harvest festival that came to be associated with the giving of God's law at Mount Sinai, Pentecost became for Christians the occasion for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church. The Spirit is the power of the resurrected Jesus in our midst, claiming us in baptism, and sending us into the world to be bearers of that divine word that can bring new life and salvation. Celebrate Pentecost with us June 5th.



THE HOLY TRINITY – June 12th

The Trinity describes a marvelous relationship. The Son loves the Father so much he is obedient even to going to the cross for the sake of saving the world. The Father loves the Son so much he raises him from death saying “yes” to the way of grace and new life. The Holy Spirit is the power of love shared between Son and Father. This love relationship shapes the way we live as Christians. Be a part of God’s love on The Holy Trinity at worship on June 12th.



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.



The BUFFALO VALLEY CONFERENCE GATHERING was formed to create opportunities for deeper communication, support, and shared ministry among the churches in the Buffalo Valley Conference (BVC). Zion is an active member of this group. The Gathering has begun meeting again in order to identify:

- ~ Ministries that we could share information about to help get the word out to our communities about the things we do.
- ~ Ministries that would benefit from resource gathering and sharing of ideas to help strengthen their effectiveness.
- ~ Ministries that would lend themselves to a partnership between congregations.

Activities and news of interest to BVC congregations and their members will be posted to the conference FACEBOOK page... [facebook.com/bvcuss](https://www.facebook.com/bvcuss) (Buffalo Valley Conference of the Upper Susquehanna Synod ELCA). Please "like" and "follow" this page to bring the latest BVC information -- group activities, public meals, special services, etc. -- directly to your newsfeed.

The next BVC Gathering meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 21, at 2:00 PM at Milton Lutheran Church, 100 Mahoning Street, Milton. If you are interested in learning more or helping to develop opportunities in areas such as worship, fellowship, outreach/service, small groups, or pastoral care, please plan to attend this meeting. For more information, please speak to Terry or Ann Gardner or Pastor Roux.

PROJECT LINUS
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2022

“My 10-year-old daughter received one of your blankets at UPMC in Williamsport. The blanket has become so important to her. She took it with her when she was life-lighted to Lehigh Burn Center where she continued to use it to keep her warm. As she continues to recover, the blanket has become a happy remembrance of her time spent at the hospital.”

This is just one of many stories of children in our area who have benefitted from receiving a Project Linus blanket. Children are comforted and parents are grateful for that special ‘hug’ when they need it most.

Zion’s blanketeers were certainly busy this past winter! Eleven blankets were donated in January, 38 in February, and 24 in March for a total of 73 for the first quarter of 2021. The blankets were of all varieties – quilted, no-sew, knitted, and crocheted. Heart-felt thanks goes out to all those using their wonderful talents to create these beautiful blankets!

If you’d like to become a blanketeer for our local chapter, please contact Ann Gardner (570-546-5880) for further information. You can also visit the national website at www.projectlinus.org.



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.**

JOLLY BUNCH!!!

JOLLY BUNCH'S monthly meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, at 10:30 AM in the basement Social Hall. Our speaker will be Pastor Elkin, who will present a slideshow, "*Blooming and Growing Across Israel*". So, if you love flowers and gardening, please plan to attend. Lunch will follow at OIP, Turbotville.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in June

Walter Crawford—June 2
Marvene Crawford—June 23

Jolly Bunch members with Wedding Anniversary in June

Bruce and Barb Zettlemyer—June 5

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

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.



Summer Office Hours

Our church office will be closed on Fridays, beginning May 27 through October 28 except for the newsletter Fridays.



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.*

TURBOTVILLE PARADE

Friday, June 10th

We need children to ride in our float and adults to walk with us to hand out Day Camp flyers.

We meet starting at 6:00 p.m. On King Street for the 7:00 p.m. parade. This is a rain or shine event.

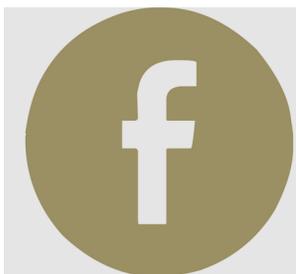


Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed
for our 10:30 am worship service.

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.

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.



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.

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Robert Chaapel—4/21

Phyllis Chaapel—5/19

Irene Watson—9/27

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

Mike Benfer

Military

Pete Reasner—11/28



Dear Zion Friends,
Thank you for all your calls, visits and especially for the food. We appreciate all of you And miss everyone at church.

Phyllis and Bob Chaapel

Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the Kenneth Metzger Funeral Luncheon on Thursday, April 28th. The food that was donated by the generous and good cooks of Zion fed the family members as they gathered and shared their memories...a very meaningful time for everyone.

A special "Thank You" to Barb Hartline for making all the phone calls to request the food donations. This is something that Barb has done for many years and it is very much appreciated.

Also thanks to Rick Rovenolt for taking care of the tables and chairs as well as helping to clean up.

Servers and helpers were Paul & Ruth Auten and Jim & Marie Gardner.

God Bless all who share in this ministry and I am so thankful that we can once again provide this meal.

Barbara Zettlemyer

Dear Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church,
I wish to thank you all for the very good soups and meals. I love the drive-thru way you are doing the serving.

Looking forward to next year.

Again "Thank You"

Wayne Johnson

Benton, PA



Thank you to Terry Gardner, Steve Fritz, John Craven and Pastor Roux for their help and prayers on Sunday when I had a problem. Have not received the results from tests I have had. Feeling Good!

Thank God for all the help he saw that I received!

Evalyn Benfer

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.



Thank you to everyone for the lovely planter and cards celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Larry and Caroline Cotner



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.



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

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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 (3/31/22)	11,605.83	17,330.71
	April	YTD
Monthly Contributions	25,266.56	61,663.76
Monthly Disbursements	21,450.40	66,812.64
Balance (4/30/22)	15,990.59	11,605.83

Building Fund—\$12,119.29

Nave Improvement—\$14,501.02

Current Loan Balance as of 5/10/22 is \$227,418.29

Our Mission Goal for May is \$19,955.00

Your contributions for May so far are \$15,229.56

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for June is \$19,670.00.

APRIL ATTENDANCE

- Saturday Evening—58
- 8:00 am Worship Service -144
- 10:30 am Worship Service— 176
- Wednesday Prayer Service—31
- Wednesday Lenten Morning -14
- Wednesday Lenten Evening —31
- Maundy Thursday—86
- Good Friday—75
- Easter Vigil—Saturday—103
- Easter Sunday 6:30 am—87
- Easter Sunday 10:30 am—76



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

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

VEGETABLES – Let's turn our thoughts to vegetables and think "snap beans". Let us look on the grocer's shelves for cans of snap beans to bring home for our neighbors. These may be yellow or green, cut or whole, or perhaps French-style, in large or small cans. All sizes, all varieties are appreciated and most welcome.

Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.



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.



June Newsletter
deadline is
June 8, 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.

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

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