



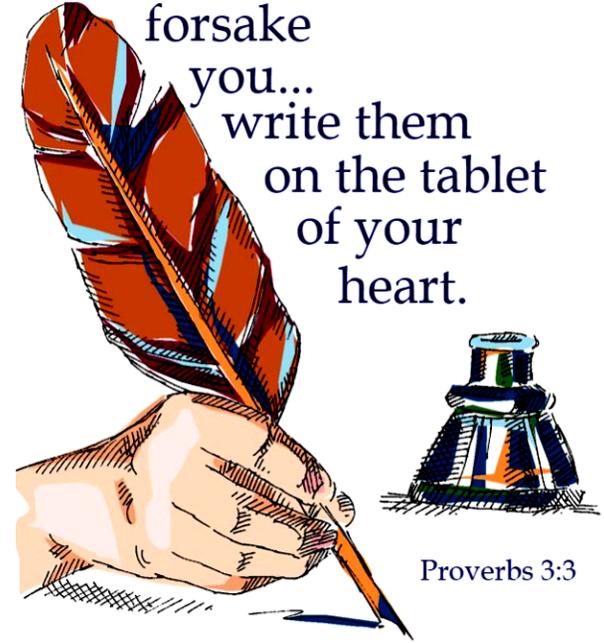
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THE ZION NEWS

Do not let
loyalty &
faithfulness
forsake
you...
write them
on the tablet
of your
heart.



Proverbs 3:3

**Loyalty Sunday Weekend
Worship With Us
September 17 & 18**

**PUBLICATION OF
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TURBOTVILLE, PA**

AUGUST 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

We can celebrate that in 2022 there are 2.5 billion people who claim to be Christians around the world. Churches are hard at work, organizing to provide for the hungry and sending missionaries to take the gospel of Jesus Christ across the globe. There are a lot of things right about the church. However, the church is facing some challenges. The church's influence in culture seems to be less than it ever has been. Church attendance in the United States has been declining and has worsened because of the pandemic. Today, only half of Americans are church members, down from seventy percent twenty years ago. The church is in a battle. It's a struggle to continue God's calling and maintain relevance in a world that is changing rapidly. Yet the truth is that the church has always faced that challenge. The church's struggle today isn't all that different from the difficulties the church faced in the first century. Just look at the New Testament writings. The authors of the epistles faced opponents that questioned the apostolic faith, and the newly founded church needed constant encouragement. The seven churches of Asia Minor, addressed in The Revelation to John, were dealing with many of the same issues that challenge the church today. It is worth our time and effort to delve into that portion of the book of Revelation together.

I will soon be offering a nine-session class entitled "Dear Church: The Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia." Written by William Thomas, a professor at St. Louis Christian College in Florissant, Missouri, this study examines the letters to the seven churches in order to refresh and increase our faith so that we may demonstrate to the world around us that we follow Jesus Christ.

Many people have questions about the book of the Revelation to John. Some think it is a book of prophecy about the future, or a record of the church's persecution in the first century. But the purpose of Revelation isn't to allow readers to pinpoint the day of Christ's return or the particulars of the end times. The central thrust of the book, and this study, is to encourage Christians. The message resonated at the end of the first century and can with us today. This study focuses on the letters to the seven churches. In a time when the church is struggling to maintain relevance in a challenging culture, the letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor carry important messages. When people today are questioning whether the church and the Christian faith are real, these letters address genuine faith. When our skeptical culture demands that we show our faith, these letters address what faith looks like.

Singers Wanted for Installation

We are offering you an opportunity to participate in a celebration for the installation of Bishop-elect Craig Miller as Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA. The celebration will occur Saturday September 17, 2022, at 2:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Sunbury. We are encouraging you to be a member of the choir for this celebration. We will have 2 rehearsals on Sunday afternoons August 28 and September 11 in the Chapel at Zion Lutheran Church at 2:00 each afternoon and a warm-up and final rehearsal 9/17 at 12:30.

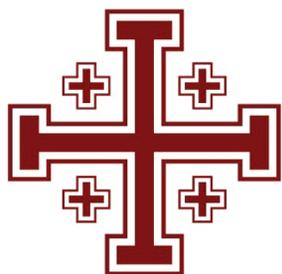
We will be singing "Praise the Lord" by Hal H Hopson SAB version and "You Are Holy" by Per Harling, arranged by John Helgen, SATB version. We will send you electronic copies of the music so you can rehearse in advance. If getting to rehearsals is a problem, we can discuss it. The choir will be leading the congregational singing.

Please respond with the following information:

Name _____ Part _____

email _____

Please email dreier@ptd.net or phone 570-847-3435.



Your Prayers and Presence are Requested on
 Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
 for the

**RITE OF INSTALLATION OF THE FOURTH BISHOP OF
 THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD OF THE
 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**THE REVEREND
 CRAIG ARTHUR MILLER**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
 5th and Market Streets, Sunbury, PA 17801

A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow
 the service. Clergy and deacons are invited to process.
The color of the day is red.

RSVP no later than September 2, 2022 at
www.uss-elca.org/events/installation
 or scan the QR Code



call the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office at 570-524-9778 for information

MASKING IS ENCOURAGED

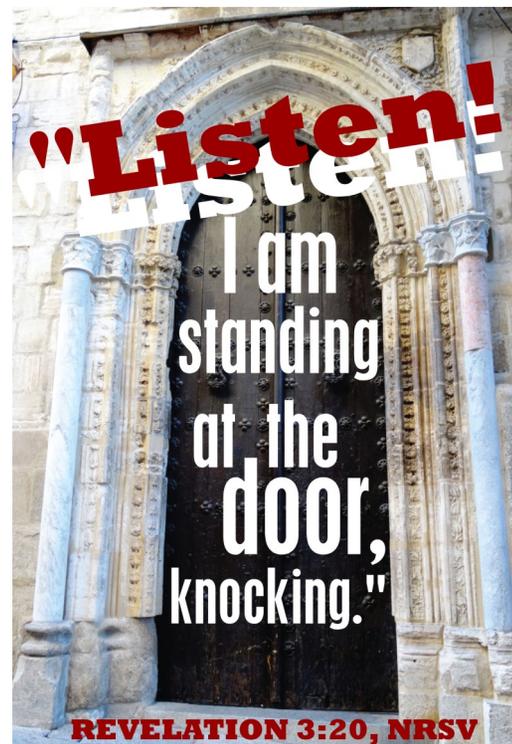
Parking is available on the street and in city lots between 4th
 and 5th streets and one block north on 5th street.

Join us for “Dear Church: The Letters To The Seven Churches Of Asia.” We will meet on Tuesdays at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm beginning Tuesday, September 13th. The topics of the sessions are:

- Lesson 1: Who Is This? An Introduction to Jesus Christ
- Lesson 2: Letter To The Church At Ephesus — Love Grown Cold
- Lesson 3: Letter To The Church At Smyrna — The Persecuted Church
- Lesson 4: Letter To The Church At Pergamum — The Compromised Church
- Lesson 5: Letter To The Church At Thyatira — The Church Who Allowed Evil Among Them
- Lesson 6: Letter To The Church At Sardis — The Dead Church
- Lesson 7: Letter To The Church At Philadelphia — The Faithful Church
- Lesson 8: Letter To The Church At Laodicea — The Lukewarm Church
- Lesson 9: Victory

May this study help you to see Jesus Christ as you haven’t before and consider his message to our congregation. May your passion for serving him be rekindled. May your love for him and others grow. May your faith increase.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux





Introduction to Confirmation

Confirmation ministry in the Lutheran Church teaches the foundations of the Lutheran faith. Students explore God's Word and learn what it means to serve Christ in the world. After two years of instruction, students participate in a rite in which they publicly declare their promise to be faithful to

Christ, a rite known as Affirmation of Baptism.

Confirmation class is open to all youth who are beginning seventh grade and to others who have not yet received instruction.

An Introduction to Confirmation for both youth and their parents will be held on September 11th at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS



Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 a.m. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

- Preschool—Meghan Zettelmoeyer
- Kindergarten to Grade 2—Brittany Lynch
- Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt
- Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux

“Happiness Is A Warm Blanket”

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets to children in need. The organization's first mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer “blanketeers.” Secondly, this mission provides a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children. Since 1995, Project Linus has provided 8,960,592 blankets nationwide to hurting children.

Our area has a local chapter, Project Linus Central Susquehanna Valley, that serves a six-county area including Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, and lower Lycoming counties. Since its beginning in 2000, this chapter has provided over 28,000 blankets to local organizations such as Geisinger's Weis Children's Center, UPMC-Williamsport children's pediatric unit, Family Promise homeless shelter, and Columbia County Children & Youth. Blankets can be sewn, quilted, crocheted, or knitted. Don't have those skills? No problem! No-Sew fleece blankets are also a popular option. If you are interested in becoming a “blanketeer” for Project Linus, an organizational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 PM** in the nave. We already have a small group providing blankets, but we'd like to expand our numbers. This meeting is for current “blanketeers” and those who would like to get started with this ministry. If you can't make the meeting but are still interested in participating in this group, please contact Ann Gardner (570-546-5880). Let's help to *blanket* children in need with our love and caring!



I wish to send out deepest gratitude and appreciate to all of the congregation who sent cards, flowers, food, prayers and their love to family of Bev Heverly. She was such a devoted church member, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend. Your outpouring of support was appreciated more than words can express. The love shown by Pastor Roux and the congregation meant more to us than you know.

With much love,

Tanya, Roland, and the entire family of Bev



Camp Mount Luther Day Camp – Thanks to everyone who helped to make Day Camp a great success.

Thirty – two youth from the community joined us this year. Helpers from the congregation provided delicious snacks and lunch, a cheery welcome at registration, and a fun craft table.

Thanks to everyone who provided donations of food and funds.

Loyalty Sunday Weekend Worship With Us

Saturday, September 17th - 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 18th - 8:00 & 10:30 am

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September, 18th. It is always a great day of celebration, a time to renew our fellowship. Bring your whole family and invite friends to join you. Let us celebrate our God, who is loyal to us with great love.

Choir Practice Begins—We'll be singing Sunday, September 18 for Loyalty Sunday. Practices will be held Wednesdays, September 7 and 14 at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome!



CHOIR PRACTICE



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YOUTH GROUP
★ *Kickoff* ★

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, September 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will share games, group builders, a devotion and food. Bring a friend and join us!



Dear Members of Zion,
The family of John Pfleegor has been blessed by your kindness. We have comfort in knowing you cared for him. He will be remembered as a kind, Christians gentle man, loving father, good friend and honorable veteran. We thank you for the many prayers and cards of comfort. Very thankful for the delicious food provided for John's funeral luncheon . Special thanks to all and Pastor Roux's care of John.

A special thanks also for Rick's setting tables and the courteous food servers.

The family received great comfort from the beautiful Homily delivered by Pastor Roux

Viola Pfleegor

Thank you to all who helped and contributed to the Robert Sheatler and John Pfleegor funeral luncheons. 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. Also thanks to Rick Rovenolt for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs.

Servers and helpers were Paul & Ruth Auten, Jim & Marie Gardner, Bill & Leslie Hartline, Linda Shupp, Helen Mathias, Brenda Reasner and Rick Rovenolt.

I thank God for all who share in this ministry and give of their time assisting at this important meal.

Barbara Zettlemoyer

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO YOUTH GROUP!



To all the people who helped serve, donate food and desserts for the luncheon after Bob's funeral we thank you. We love you and your service to God.
God's Blessings
Pat Sheatler and Family



THANK YOU!
A HUGE THANK YOU TO Barry Durlin for his donation of 500 ears of sweet corn for our fundraisers.
Fundraising Committee

We want to thank all those who sent cards, prayers, and calls during Bob's illness and his passing. This church family was important to him. You are all loved by us, his family.
God's Blessings
Pat Sheatler and Family

A HUGE, HUGE, HUGE THANK YOU to John Kauffman for working very hard at getting the Air Conditioning unit in place and working during these very, very hot days. He was working on the roof of the church—when it was really hot. We are most appreciative of John's expertise.



Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Everyone is invited to bring commercially canned fruits or vegetables that will be distributed locally along with our Harvest Home monetary offerings. These items can be brought to the services on that weekend. Designations of food and monetary donations will be announced.

JOLLY BUNCH!!!

Join us next month, September 14th, at 10:30a.m. The program will be Treasures and Memories. We will honor those who have turned 90 since our last honoring in 2018. Everyone, not just those being honored, are asked to bring baby or youth photos. You may also dress similar to what you would have worn to church years ago (gloves, hats, etc.) We will be going to Cracker Barrel near Muncy Mall for lunch. Let's make this another special day.

Marie Gardner

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in September

Lena Hall—14th
Irene Watson—27th

THANK YOU....

What a wonderful turnout we had for the August program with Michael Yohn playing and presenting the wonders of our new organ (65 persons present, with over two-thirds being our members and their friends). Special guests were Michael's parents, who drove an hour and a half; Mr Alton Kauffman, John's father who will turn 93 on the 16th, and Michael's wife, who took a day off work, and his son. Others also took off work to come. It was great to see everyone.

We were all delighted with Michael's playing. The organ certainly was almost overwhelming with what it can do. And think of the time Michael spends learning how to harness what the organ was designed to do. Thank you Michael for giving us such a special day.

I wish to thank all who helped arrange this in any way: printing programs, preparing food, serving food, set-up, clean-up, and simply being there. You helped make it a very special day. Also to John Kauffman for fixing the Air Conditioning, it was most appreciated.

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

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman—2/27
Charlie Wright—3/19

River Woods - Lewisburg

Barbara Hartline—11/8

Rockwell - Milton

Bobby Calhoun—4/17
Jeannette Calhoun—11/1

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder—12/20
Mike Benfer

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

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

Office Hours: M-Th 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 570-649-5195

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: zionturbotville.com

Facebook: zionturbotville pa

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



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. 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.



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/22)	11,997.69	17,330.71
	July	YTD
Monthly Contributions	16,878.00	142,922.07
Monthly Disbursements	19,506.86	150,492.55
Balance (7/31/22)	9,176.83	9,176.83

Building Fund—\$10,886.25
 Nave Improvement—\$10,910.00
 Current Loan Balance as of 8/1/22 is \$225,893.99
 Our Mission Goal for August is \$19,194.00
 Your contributions for August so far are \$16,415.23

Thank you for your giving.
 Our Mission Goal for September is \$20,000.00.

JULY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—65
 8:00 am Worship Service—217
 10:30 am Worship Service—155
 Wednesday Prayer Service—26

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

*September Newsletter
deadline is
September 7, 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*

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES



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



**Do you now have a cell
phone number and no longer
a land line? Please let the
church know of your new
telephone number.**



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.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

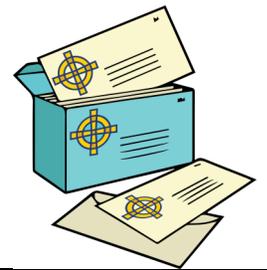
We may not want to think about it but summer is swiftly drawing to a close and it's "gathering time". It's time to gather all your garden produce, time to gather all the crops from the fields and it will soon be time to gather all the apples in our orchards. We all remember the joy of consuming a fresh, crunchy apple or those delicious apple pies, strudels and yummy dumplings. Don't forget the applesauce! Let's bring cans and jars of applesauce during the month of September. You will find them sweetened or unsweetened, with or without spices, in large or small cans, and there is even organic. Bring any and all kinds and sizes to share during the month of September. *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.