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Dear friends in Christ,

Every Sunday when we gather to celebrate the Lord's Supper, we lift the loaf of bread and say: "In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks..." Even as Jesus was pointing to his crucifixion on the cross, He was also giving thanks to God the Father for His goodness and generosity. Another common name for the Holy Communion is the "Eucharist." The word "Eucharist" is Greek and it means "Thanksgiving." Each time we celebrate Holy Communion, it is an occasion for us to give thanks, following the example of our Lord Jesus.

There are many things for which we could thank God. For instance, we can thank Him for the personal blessings He has bestowed upon us and for the gift of life itself. Especially as we are about to receive Holy Communion, we can give thanks to God for the opportunity of receiving the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. Whenever you go to receive the Lord's Supper, you can consider it your weekly Thanksgiving Day.

In the United States, we also gather with our families on the fourth Thursday of November, and together we break bread and share a meal, much like what Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper. On that day, our entire country gives thanks for what we have received.

The history of Thanksgiving Day in the United States is traced back to 1621, when the Plymouth Colony settlers and the Wampanoag shared a meal celebrating the harvest. Their trial began in 1620 with the voyage of the Mayflower, a 65-day-long ordeal in which 102 men, women, and children crossed the stormy Atlantic in a space the size of a school bus.

Their voyage was followed by a cruel New England winter for which they were ill-prepared. Due to exposure and starvation, their number dwindled rapidly so that by the time spring arrived, half of them had died. That the Pilgrims chose to give thanks in those circumstances showed that their hope extended beyond the things of this earth to a heavenly hope. They celebrated sometime in the autumn of 1621 after God had granted them a bountiful harvest. It's an inspiring story, and it's good for Christians at Thanksgiving to remember it.

In 1789, George Washington proclaimed "a day of public thanksgiving and thanks" to thank God for His protection and as the source of all that is good. In his proclamation, he wrote:

"Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks - for His kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation..."

PROJECT LINUS REPORT FOR APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2022

"On behalf of my family, I wanted to express a ton of gratitude to you and your volunteers. We recently found ourselves at Geisinger Muncy when our 11-month-old went into respiratory distress and was then transferred to Geisinger Danville. With everything happening so suddenly, we didn't have anything with us, but she was given a blanket from your organization and found so much comfort wrapped in it and rubbing her face against the soft fleece. It has become a fast favorite of hers."

This is just another 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 have been busy for the past six months! Fifty-one blankets were donated during this period, bringing our total for the year so far to 124! What a great effort! 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, there are handouts on the literature table in the narthex or contact Ann Gardner (570-546-5880) for further information. You can also visit the national website at www.projectlinus.org.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Saturday November 12, 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 \$13

Upcoming Events:

Fish Dinner Saturday, December 17th 4:00—5:30 pm

Soup Sales begin Saturday, January 7th, 2023

1:00—3:00 pm every other week

(Jan 7th, Jan 21st, Feb 4th, Feb 18th, Mar 4th)

Oyster Dinner Tuesday, February 7th drive through from 4:00—5:30 pm, followed by dine-in-meal beginning at 5:30 pm

Donut Day February 21st

Fish Dinner on Saturday March 18th 4:00—5:30 pm

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863. During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a day to praise and thank God for blessings and ask Him to heal the nation's wounds. It was also a national day of penitence to humbly repent for our sinfulness and disobedience. He wrote:

"As a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

As Christians, we can reclaim Thanksgiving. Rather than just being a day where we eat too much, we can go back to our historical and spiritual roots as we thank God. We can follow Abraham Lincoln's example by repenting and asking for God's forgiveness for our personal sins.

We may seek to reconcile with others and apologize for the harm we have caused. Our actions should reflect our grateful hearts. We may thank God for the people that are in our lives. We can acknowledge God's blessings as we enjoy a meal with friends and family. We can share the grace that God has given us by inviting people who have no place to go on Thanksgiving or making a donation to feed the hungry.

We can grow our attitude of gratefulness. We can say "thank you" to God for the kind and beautiful things He has done for us. When we thank God for the good things in our lives, we honor His provision, protection, and steadfast love. Saying "thank you" by praising Him, worshiping Him, and honoring Him for what He has done for us is an appropriate response to God's kindness.

I also encourage you to join our congregation as we celebrate Thanksgiving Eve this year. We have two opportunities to worship on Wednesday, November 23rd at either 9:00 am or 7:00 pm. Make this a year when you rededicate yourself to the true meaning of our national Thanksgiving Day celebration, and also receive the Holy Communion, in which we give God our most sincere thanks.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux



JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

October 31

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zion Lutheran
Church

Youth Group will provide drinks and hospitality.
Feel free to dress in costume and decorate the trunk of your vehicle.
Zion was a popular spot for visitors on Halloween in the past.
Let's see if we can grow this fun community activity.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting November 13, 2022

11:30 pm Meeting (immediately following the second service)

Call to Order – Karrie Ravert

Verify Quorum – Janet Rump and Deb Webb

Devotions – Mark Reasner

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2022

Special Congregational Meeting—July 31, 2022

Election of Council Members

4—3 year term (2023-2026)

Proposed Budget for 2023—\$279,806.00

Old Business:

Air Conditioner

*Ratification of Church Council spending from \$4,000.00 to \$8,000.00

New Business:

February 12, 2023—Congregational Meeting

Adjourn

Benediction

*This meeting will include Ratification of the following amendment to Zion Constitution:

The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual budget for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than \$4,000 \$8,000 in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting.

This change was proposed and approved at the July 31, 2022 Congregational Meeting.

All voting members are encouraged to attend the Congregational Meeting.

The Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church,
Chapter 8 states Membership *C8.02.c. "

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year."

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

Ruth Cotner 4/27

Phyllis Chaapel—5/19

Irene Watson—9/27

Leroy Cotner 10/4

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

Watsonstown Rehab - Watsonstown

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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

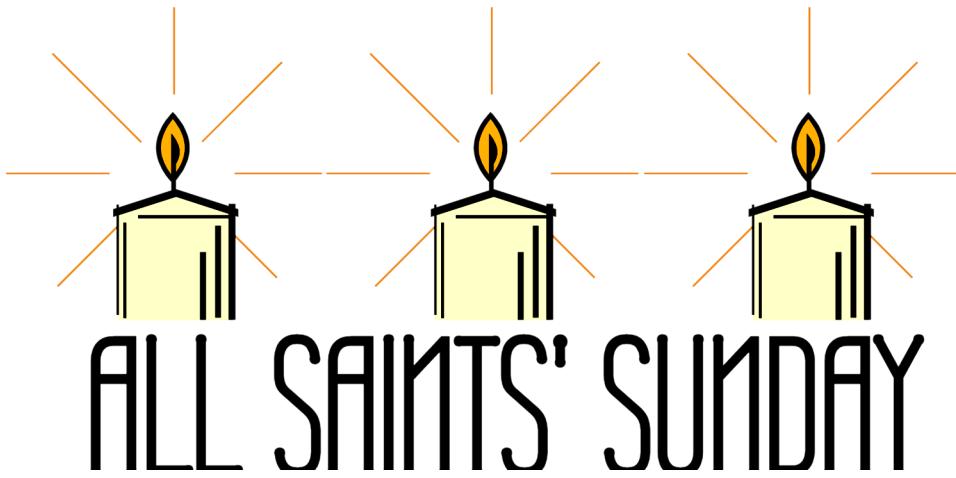


Reformation Sunday, October 30th

This Reformation Sunday will be a joyous occasion as David Royles and Michael Royles participate in the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. They have completed a two year course of instruction and are ready to make public profession of their faith and assume a greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

They will promise:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to hear His word and share His supper
- to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed.
- to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.



All Saints Sunday is a special celebration set apart to honor Christian friends and family members who, during the past year, have passed from this life and sleep in Christ, awaiting the resurrection on the last day. During the month of October we invite you to write the names of these saints in the “Book of Resurrection and New Life” located by the baptismal font. You may also contact Pastor Roux to add a name to the list of Saints. On All Saints’ Sunday, November 6th we will remember them in prayer and as we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Terry Anspach	12/14/2021
Beverly Heverly	7/18/2022
Robert Sheatler	7/20/2022
John Pfleegor	7/29/2022

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 Zettlemoyer 570-649-5358/570-850-3304

Team 2 Pat Sheatler 570-412-4672

Team 3 Barbara Hartline 570-538-2672

Team 4 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075

Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329

FINANCES

Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (8/31/22)	8,288.98	17,330.71
	<i>September</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Monthly Contributions	18,134.20	184,195.50
Monthly Disbursements	20,076.51	194,404.14
Balance (9/31/22)	7,039.90	7,039.90

Building Fund—\$6,151.45

Nave Improvement—\$13,750.00

Current Loan Balance as of 10/17/22 is \$208,766.09

Our Mission Goal for September was \$20,000.00

Your contributions for September were \$18,134.20

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for October is \$21,301.00.

Your contributions as of October 20 \$14,937.50

Our mortgage balance is \$208,766.09 as of 10/17/22.

Nave donations for October are \$1,060.00.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

- Saturday Evening—33
- 8:00 am Worship Service —158
- 10:30 am Worship Service— 139
- Wednesday Prayer Service—31



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades
are invited

to a Cooking Challenge
Sunday, November 13th
5:00 to 7:00 PM



Bring a friend and join us!



Office Hours

The church office will be closed on
October 28th,
November 25th and
November 28th

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

November Newsletter
deadline is
November 9, 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
YouTube channel: Zion Turbotville
Check out the pictures on Facebook



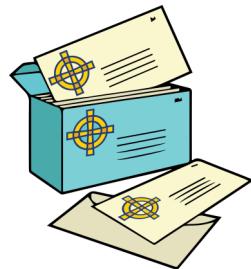
Your offerings are needed now more than ever

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.zionturberville.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.

Anyone interested in purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones, can sign up on Sundays, November 6th, 13th and 20th or call the church office. Payment is due when placing your order.. The cost is \$5.00 It's early but we need to place our order by **Monday, November 28th**. (no exceptions) We will be getting our poinsettias from Kurt Weiss Greenhouses in Washingtonville.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning November 27th in memory or honor of loved ones should contact Cathy in the Church office. The cost of the wreath is \$15.00. Payment is due when placing your wreath order.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School has begun. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

Preschool—Kindergarten - Meghan
Zettelmoyer

Grade 1 to Grade 3—Brittany Lynch
Grades 4 - 7—Amanda Stoudt



Dear Zion Church Family,

Thank you bunches for your support again this year. We really appreciate your prayers, sanitizing supplies and gift cards for the preschool.

It's been a challenging start so your continued prayers are cherished.

Jen and Andace
Zion Preschool Teachers



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
NOVEMBER

PUMPKIN – Are you thinking of the approaching holidays and all those wonderful traditional desserts you might make with pumpkin? Think of the pies, the cookies, and the pumpkin breads, all so very yummy and they all require cans of pumpkin. Let us think of our neighbor's holiday meal and bring cans and cans of pumpkin to make these wonderful desserts during November. Bring any size can or any brand of pumpkin – all are needed and appreciated.





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.

Plan to join the Jolly Bunch on November 9th, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., for our annual Memorial Service when we will remember our members who have gone to be with our Lord since our last Memorial Service. We will also remember any that you list that day as we all have people we remember with love. Pastor Roux will lead us that day.



The Disaster Relief Team will serve a Thanksgiving meal for us that day. The price is just \$12. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex OR you can call the office at 570-649-5195 or Marie Gardner at 570-437-3028. Last day to sign up is November 2nd.

Our October meeting was well attended with 18 members and our guest, Diana Johnson. Diana presented a very informative meeting highlighting the many ways that frauds and scams target especially the elderly. If you missed it and would like information, please contact Marie.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in November

Celeste Biggans—6th

Barbara Hartline—8th

Lois Sommers—10th

Jolly Bunch shut in members with Birthdays in November

Jeannette Calhoun—1st

Dulcinea Eck—1st

Jolly Bunch members with Wedding Anniversary's in November

Leroy and Ruth Cotner—27th



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.

