

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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*166<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY*



# THE ZION NEWS

*Prepare Ye,  
the Way of  
the Lord*



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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TURBOTVILLE, PA  
**NOVEMBER 2022**

Dear friends in Christ,

When we share the Holy Communion meal during our weekly worship, we believe that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are really present with the bread and wine. It is a great mystery that fills us with awe and wonder, that the God of the universe chooses to come to us in such a humble and intimate way. As we consume the bread and drink the wine, the Son of God mixes with our body, mind, and spirit. This taking of Jesus Christ into us renews the covenant of forgiveness that Jesus established in his crucifixion and resurrection. The body and blood of Jesus nourish us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's love is poured into our heart, so that we may share it with the world. There is no more powerful moment that we may experience on a regular basis than our participation in the Lord's Supper.

Jesus gives us great promises as we receive his body and blood in the bread and wine. He says, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you," and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins." Martin Luther says of these promises: "Whoever lets these words be addressed to him and believes that they are true has what the words declare. But he who does not believe has nothing, for he lets this gracious blessing be offered to him in vain and refuses to enjoy it. The treasure is opened and placed at everyone's door, yes, upon everyone's table, but it is also your responsibility to take it and confidently believe that it is just as the words tell you."

The words of Jesus to us in the sacrament give us exactly what they say, and we eat and drink fully receiving the forgiveness of our sins. In order to prepare our hearts to receive this treasure we pray together as the body of Christ. We may also pray privately and meditatively before we receive the sacrament. Over the course of the next year beginning with the First Sunday of Advent I will be providing for you a meditation and prayers that you may pray before or after you receive the Holy Communion during worship. We will print them for the month in the Zion News, and the again each week in the worship bulletin. Make use of the prayers and as it suits you best. Perhaps you will pray them during the prelude to quietly prepare your heart for the whole worship experience. Maybe you will pray them while waiting to come to the table or after you have returned to your place. Try praying them and allow them to shape your reception of this greatest of treasures.

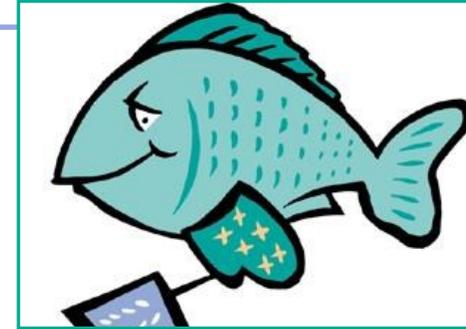
Peace, Pastor Roux

## Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Saturday December 17, 2022

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA (570) 649-5195

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Drive-through only



## Haddock Fish Meal

*Meal Includes: Fried or Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Harvard Beets, Applesauce, and Coleslaw for \$14*

### Upcoming meal:

Soup Sales begin Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM then every other Saturday for 5 weeks

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Beef Vegetable and Ham & Bean

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> Stuffed Pepper and Broccoli Cheese and Clam Chowder

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken & Wild Rice and Chili

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Chicken Corn and Zuppa

Mar 4<sup>th</sup> Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli

Oyster Dinner: Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> drive through from 4:00 -5:30 PM, followed by dine-in-meal beginning at 5:30 PM

Donut Day: Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Fish Dinner: Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:30 PM

# Mission Marketplace - 2022 Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



Item	Description	Cost	Qty.	Total
<b>Haven Ministry</b>				
1	Milk and cereal	\$10		
2	Disposable diapers	\$25		
3	Feed a family for a week	\$50		
4	Housing for a family	\$100		
<b>Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors</b>				
5	Bread for a family	\$10		
6	Fruits and vegetables	\$25		
7	A month's worth of canned goods	\$50		
8	Meat for a month	\$100		
<b>Zion Preschool</b>				
9	Crayons and markers	\$10		
10	Craft supplies	\$25		
11	Curriculum materials	\$50		
12	Special programs and guests	\$100		
<b>Camp Mount Luther</b>				
13	Provide snacks for one camper	\$10		
14	Maintain the ropes course	\$25		
15	Craft supplies for a cabin	\$50		
16	Support for community Day Camps	\$100		
<b>ELCA Disaster Response</b>				
17	School Supplies for a child	\$10		
18	Clinic visit for a child	\$25		
19	Stock a health clinic for a week	\$50		
20	Feed a displaced family	\$100		
<b>ELCA World Hunger</b>				
21	Chicks to build an egg business	\$10		
22	Farming tools and training	\$25		
23	A goat to provide milk	\$50		
24	Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen	\$100		
<b>Total of all items</b>				

## Holy Communion Meditations and Prayers for the Season of Advent

### First Sunday of Advent

*Lord Jesus, all through worship, I wait for the intimate moment when I receive you in Holy Communion. Let my heart and my entire body long for your coming - in the Eucharist, on Christmas Day, and at the end of time. Amen*

### Second Sunday of Advent

*Lord Jesus, I need your help each day to prepare for your coming. Give me wisdom, so I will be prepared for Christmas, each Eucharistic encounter, and your appearance at the end of my life. Amen*

### Third Sunday of Advent

*Lord Jesus, I ask you to take away anything that strips me of joy. I want to experience life as you want me to, filled with joy and gladness. Help me to rejoice in all circumstances, especially when I receive your body and blood in Holy Communion. Amen*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Lord Jesus, in these moments of Holy Communion, you live inside me. As I go forth from worship, I carry you with me. Please do not depart from me. Be with me through all my encounters and experiences of today, tomorrow, and the rest of the week. Make me a fitting vessel of your presence and love to all I encounter. Amen*

### Christmas

*Thank you, Lord, for being born in Bethlehem for us. By becoming the Word made flesh, you began your work of redemption. Thank you for the gift of the Eucharist and for allowing me to become a little Bethlehem. Amen*

Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church



## **Advent: Come, Lord Jesus!**

The new Church year begins on the Last Sunday in November with the season of Advent. Developed in the western Church in the fifth century, Advent is a season of preparation that looks toward both Bethlehem and the second coming of Jesus Christ. We at Zion will make careful use of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas and the second coming through our worship. We will be using the First Setting of Holy Communion from the Lutheran Book of Worship in our worship services during the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons.

The Christmas season in the Church lasts from the evening of December 24th through January 5th. It is a full twelve days of celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. The color of the Christmas season is white, the color of all the festivals of Christ, traditionally suggesting gladness, light, and joy. We will begin this season of celebrating with candlelight liturgies of carols and Holy Communion on Christmas Eve at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day at 9:00 am.

Come, join us for worship in December. We pray that all members of Zion, and all Christians everywhere, will enjoy a blessed Advent and Christmas.

## ***Mission Marketplace 2022***

If you have been in a store lately you have surely noticed that Christmas is just around the corner. Yes, the gift giving season is upon us...Christmas wish lists are being written and the shopping begins! As Christians we can put all of this in perspective and focus on what is really important...reflecting on the precious gift that God gave to us on that First Christmas Day. MISSION MARKETPLACE is begin offered as an opportunity to truly show Christian love through our gift giving. Rather than giving more "Stuff", a donation to help others might be an alternative gift idea for those on your Christmas list. Here are the 6 organizations, a mix of local and global, that MISSION MARKETPLACE is offering in 2022:

Haven Ministry  
Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
Zion Preschool  
Camp Mount Luther  
ELCA Disaster Response  
ELCA World Hunger

Order forms are available that detail the specific items and amounts for each organization. A Mission Marketplace table will be in the narthex every Sunday in December prior to Christmas to accept your order forms and donations. A Mission Marketplace Christmas card will then be given to you to present to that special person o your gift list. With all the things that take our attention this time of year, let us remember to truly show our love and caring through our gift giving.



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*

*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*

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

*Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20*

*Mike Benfer*

Military *Pete Reasner—11/28*



**Sunday School Christmas Program**  
**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 am in the Social Hall**  
**All are invited!**

**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.

*Sunday School Program Rehearsal*  
*Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am*



*Oh, Come, Let  
Us Adore Him*

***CHRISTMAS EVE***

Candlelight Worship  
December 24, 2022  
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm

***CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP***

December 25, 2025  
9:00 am

*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](mailto:zionlc39@windstream.net)*

*Church website: [zionturbotville.com](http://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 570-412-4672*

*Team 3 Barbara Hartline 570-538-2672*

*Team 4 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075*

*Team 5 Brenda Reasner 570-847-8329*




**MS HS  
YOUTH GROUP**

## Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (9/31/22)	7,192.87	17,330.71
	<b>October</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Monthly Contributions	21,815.09	206,010.59
Monthly Disbursements	20,157.47	214,408.64
Balance (10/31/22)	8,658.49	8,658.49

Building Fund—\$6,311.45

Nave Improvement—\$12,914.48

Current Loan Balance as of 11/16/22 is \$206,443.00

**Our Mission Goal for October was \$21,301.00**

Your contributions for October were \$21,815.09

### Thank you for your giving.

**Our Mission Goal for November is \$20,749.00**

Your contributions as of November 14 are \$16,114.73

Our mortgage balance is \$206,443.00 as of 11/16/22.

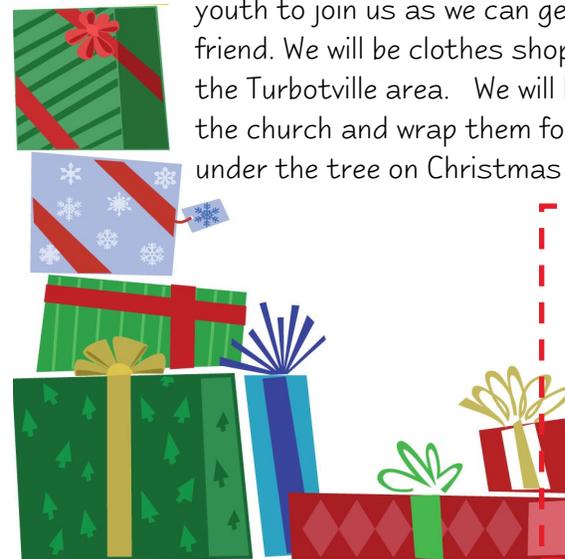
Nave donations so far in November are \$810.00.



# Youth Xmas Shopping!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to join us on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm as we Christmas shop for needy children. We need as many youth to join us as we can get, so feel free to bring a friend. We will be clothes shopping for 10 needy children in the Turbotville area. We will bring our purchases back to the church and wrap them for children to receive them under the tree on Christmas Day.



### OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—56

8:00 am Worship Service—202

10:30 am Worship Service— 221

Wednesday Prayer Service—37

### Congregational Offering Requested

Youth will be receiving offerings from the congregation for our shopping project after worship services, November 27<sup>th</sup>, & December 4<sup>th</sup>.



**The Christmas Card Mail Basket** ....will be in place. If you have cards for members of Zion, simply write the recipient's name on the envelope and "mail" them in the Basket. Deadline for mailing cards this year will be December 18<sup>th</sup> and ready for distribution on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Cards remaining after that date **WILL NOT BE MAILED** and are then your responsibility.



*December Newsletter*  
deadline is  
*December 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.*

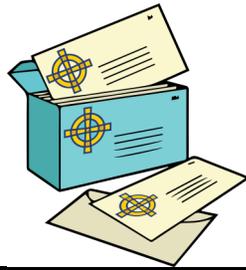
*Children's bulletins are also available for worship services.*  
*Just ask an usher.*

*Church E-Mail: [zionlc39@windstream.net](mailto:zionlc39@windstream.net)*  
*Website: [zionturbotville.com](http://zionturbotville.com)*  
*Facebook: [zion turbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)*  
*YouTube channel: Zion Turbotville*  
*Check out the pictures on Facebook*

## We thank you for your offerings!

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](http://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.



## THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

**ERIC WATSON  
MIKE ANDERSON**

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF  
**TWO MORE COUNCIL MEMBER**  
PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.



### Mitten/Hat Tree

.....will be awaiting all those colorful decorations of mittens, hats and scarves for the children. Our tree will stand for those much needed items until the end of December. Cold winds will be blowing, let's keep the little ones warm.



# ANNUAL REPORT

**Annual reports** should be submitted by the committee chairpersons **NO LATER** than December 31 in order to allow time to compile the annual report of the congregation.



**Offering envelopes for 2023** will be on the table in the narthex in December. It would be helpful if you would take a neighbor's or relative's who might be unable to pick up his/her own. This will keep the cost of mailing them to members to a minimum. If you do not have a box set of envelopes and want them, please contact the church office.

**Please do not use the 2023 envelopes until January 1st the envelope number may vary from year to year.**

**The last date for 2022 offerings** will be Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Please have all offerings to the church office by that time in order for credit to be received on your giving records for 2022. Contributions received after the 25<sup>th</sup> will be posted to the 2023 contribution statement.



**Committees are reminded** that they should make plans to reorganize for the new year. Chairpersons of committees need to be appointed and interested persons invited to join the committees. We're grateful to all who have served on council and committees in 2022.



## 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.

**BREAD BAKERS WANTED**  
 - We share the body of Christ every week in the Holy Eucharist. St. Paul writes: "The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ." (1 Cor. 11:16) We need more helpers to bake the Holy Communion bread so that all may eat. We schedule bread bakers for one month at a time. If you are willing to help, please speak to Deb Webb.

# CHANGE of ADDRESS

## 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](mailto: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.**



*Altar Flowers*

2023 Flower Sponsors are needed. Altar Flowers chart is posted outside the church office on the bulletin board. Altar Flowers are \$35.00 per set (includes 2 Altar Vases)

## WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

### DECEMBER

**CRANBERRY SAUCE** - It's a traditional part of our Christmas holiday meal; the meal seems incomplete without that touch of color and tang, so this item has been chosen for emphasis this month. You may bring either or both kinds of cranberry sauce, the jellied or whole berry type. Cranberry sauce is the perfect dish to accompany our favorite ham or turkey entrée. Please bring as many cans as possible during this month. All are so gratefully received.



*Cranberry*



Office Hours  
The church office will be  
closed  
November 25<sup>th</sup>  
and  
November 28<sup>th</sup>



**The Pastor  
Will Be Away**

Pastor Roux will be on  
vacation Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
through Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Pastor Kenneth Elkin will be  
presiding at worship December  
10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

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.





# Snow Shoveling

We need your help...

Could you help shovel snow on the sidewalks around the church? We are looking for a group of Volunteers, so no one must do it every time it snows.



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

Contact John Yogodzinski at  
(570)417-6737 or  
[john@thegraphichive.com](mailto: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.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

The choir will be singing at the 7 PM Christmas Eve service. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday December 14 & 21 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please contact Mike Yohn by phone or text at 570-412-3617 with any questions. All are welcome to sing.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

- Preschool—Kindergarten - Meghan Zettelmoeyer
- Grade 1 to Grade 3—Brittany Lynch
- Grades 4 - 7—Amanda Stouidt



The Disaster Relief Team would like to thank everyone who supported our team during this years apple dumpling sale. Whether you purchased our product or helped us in the kitchen your involvement is what makes our team the success it is!

*Disaster Relief Team*

We would like to thank everyone for all the concerns, prayers, phone calls and cards sent our way. A special thank you to Pastor Roux for his visits and to Sue and Frank Moldovanyi for our Sunday Communion. Also a special thank you to Ursula and Todd for the tasty Thanksgiving meal they brought to the house the day of Jolly Bunch. It is wonderful to be a member of Zion for all these years. Blessed Holidays and God Bless

*Leroy and Ruth Cotner*

## JOLLY BUNCH DECEMBER 14, 2022

Please plan to join with the Jolly Bunch for our December 14th meeting to celebrate the Christmas season. We will be entertained by Carl and Opal Schleppe. They were last with us in December of 2019. They are always enjoyed as they sing and share with us. Our meal will be catered by the Station House in Montgomery. The menu will include Parmesan chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, baked corn, lettuce with a hot dressing, and cakes. The cost of the meal is \$17.00. The last date to sign up for the meal is December 7, 2022. Call the church office or Marie Gardner to sign up. Check your calendar and plan to join us for some Christmas joy and fellowship that this group always enjoys.

I would also like to report that we had a great turn out for our Memorial Service, led by Pastor Roux, and Thanksgiving Meal on November 9<sup>th</sup> and also a special thanks to the Disaster Relief Team for once again providing us with a delicious meal.

### Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in December

- Doris LaForme—7<sup>th</sup>
- Helen Mathias—20<sup>th</sup>
- John Hemrick—22<sup>nd</sup>
- Pastor Roux—26<sup>th</sup>

*We meet the second Wednesday of the month.*

