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THE ZION NEWS

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Dear friends in Christ,

If I were to ask you to name your favorite hymn, what would you say? Many people would name “Amazing Grace.” In fact, it is often named number one on lists of all-time favorite hymns, and for good reason. “Amazing Grace” speaks of God's promise in the midst of grief, despair, guilt and shame. It simply tells the good news of Jesus Christ. This year celebrates the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace” by John Newton.

John Newton was born in London, England in 1725 and lived through an unfortunate and troubled childhood, with the death of his mother when he was just six years old. He went to sea with his father, who was a sea captain, at the age of eleven. At the age of twenty he was forced to join the Royal Navy. Newton spent years fighting against authority, going so far as trying to desert the Royal Navy and being severely punished. Later, abandoned in West Africa by the crew of the ship on which he served, he was forced to be a servant to a slave trader but was eventually rescued. On the return voyage to England, a violent storm hit and almost sank the ship, prompting Newton to begin his spiritual conversion as he cried out to God to save them from the storm. It was that experience which later inspired him to write “Amazing Grace.”

Upon his return, however, Newton became a slave ship master, a profession in which he served for several years. Bringing slaves from Africa to England over multiple trips, he admitted to mistreating the slaves. In 1754, after becoming violently ill on a sea voyage, Newton abandoned his life as a slave trader and a ship's captain, wholeheartedly devoting his life to God's service.

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Newton was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1764 and became quite popular as a preacher and hymn writer. Many of his hymns were commentaries on the weekly Bible lesson read in his church. He wrote 280 hymns, many of which were published in the hymnal “Olney Hymns,” printed by Newton and poet/fellow writer William Cowper. In later years, Newton fought alongside William Wilberforce, leader of the parliamentary campaign to abolish the African slave trade. He described the horrors of the slave trade in a tract he wrote supporting the campaign and lived to see the British passage of the Slave Trade Act 1807.

In honor of the anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” we will be distributing a Lenten Devotional booklet for your personal use entitled “Amazing Grace.” In it, theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the hymn and the history surrounding it to our lives today and to the lives of those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God. The booklet will be available on February 19, Transfiguration Sunday. We will also be using five of the hymns of John Newton as the basis for our Wednesday Lenten Vespers services. We will explore the scripture passages and meaning behind these hymns:

March 1 - “One There Is, above All Others”

March 8 - “Glories of Your Name Are Spoken”

March 15 - “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

March 22 - “Amazing Grace”

March 29 - “On What Has Now Been Sown”

We hope you join us in reading the devotional booklet and sharing Vespers with us as part of your Lenten discipline.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Prayers for Personal Devotion at the Holy Communion

We offer these prayer for your use at the Holy Communion. 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 great gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation received through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – February 5th

Jesus, with this bread and wine you have once again shown me how you want to be near to me. Help me to be driven by your gifts to go forth in boldness and confidence to declare to the world who you truly are, our merciful Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – February 12th

Lord, you have given me life, commandments to follow, and the nourishment of your body and blood to keep me strong. Help me to renew my commitment to live according to your teachings. Amen.

Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 19

Lord Jesus, as your presence on the mountain changed the disciples, let your presence in the Eucharist transform my existence. As I venture from this moment of worship, help me to live for you and to serve your gospel. Amen.

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd

Thank you Jesus, for feeding me with the Eucharist and fulfilling the longing I have for you. Give me a hunger for you week after week so I will always return to your Eucharistic banquet. Amen.

First Sunday in Lent – February 26th

Lord, by the Holy Communion I have received, strengthen me to overcome sin, and always to remain faithful to your commands. Amen.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
February 12, 2023

11:45 am Meeting



Call to Order – Drew Potts

Verify Quorum - Deb Webb and Janet Rump

Devotions – Mark Reasner

Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2022

Old Business:

Bathrooms nearing completion

New Business:

Review of Pastors Annual Report and
Committee Reports

Set date for Congregational Meeting –
November 12, 2023

Synod Delegates (2) – June 16-17, 2023

Adjourn

Benediction

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."



**PROJECT LINUS
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2022**

Zion's blanketeers continue to be extremely productive! During the final quarter of 2022, 35 blankets were donated and delivered to our chapter headquarters in Lewisburg. The total of 159 for the year surpasses last year's total of 122 donations. Heart-felt thanks goes out to all those using their wonderful talents to create these beautiful blankets!

The Central Susquehanna Valley chapter's yearly report was impressive, too. In 2022 the chapter distributed 2,329 blankets to agencies in the six-county service area. That brings the total number of distributed blankets to 30,110 since the chapter began in the summer of 2000. As our coordinator stated, "That's an incredible amount of love."

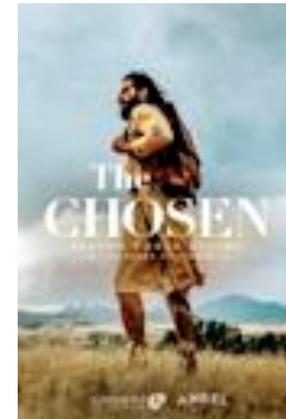
If you'd like to become a blanketeer for our local chapter, please contact Ann Gardner for further information. You can also visit the national website at www.projectlinus.org.



THE CHOSEN: SEASON 3

The Chosen is a biblically-centered, quality video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted. Many churches are choosing to view "The Chosen" in small group settings. We at Zion have already offered viewings of Season 1 and 2, with great participation. Season 3 is currently being released one episode at a time on Sundays at 7:00 pm beginning December 11th. You can watch the episodes on The Chosen Facebook page or Youtube channel, or go to watch.angelstudios.com.

We will be waiting to watch Season 3 of The Chosen together until the accompanying Bible Study guide is released at the end of March 2023. The Bible study was crucial to our understanding of the program and how it relates to the Biblical story. Plan on joining us at Zion for the eight week course accompanying Season 3 beginning on Tuesday, April 11 at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm.





Ash Wednesday

February 22nd at 9:00 am and 7:00 p.m.

Ashes will mark our foreheads with a crossshaped smudge on Ash Wednesday. They remind us that we are part of Jesus' story, his death on the cross and his resurrection. We are first marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads at the time of our baptism, telling us that every day is to be crossshaped, dying to old sinful ways and rising to live a new life with God. The disciplines of such a life are almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. Lent developed as the time for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil to make these disciplines a part of their lives. All the baptized are encouraged to keep these disciplines during Lent. We begin Lent with the liturgy on February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meals

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our evenings begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall.

+ SOUP AND SANDWICH

This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline.

- 03/01: Worship & Music, Christian Education, Staff Support
- 03/08: Church Council
- 03/15: Social Ministry, Stewardship
- 03/22: Outreach, Property
- 03/29: Disaster Relief

+ WORSHIP

We will gather in the nave at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Drive-through only

Upcoming meal:

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

Feb 4th Chicken & Wild Rice and Chili

Feb 18th Chicken Corn and Zuppa

Mar 4th Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli

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: Tuesday, February 21st

Fish Dinner: Saturday March 18th 4:00 – 5:30 PM

89th Oyster Supper

~ Tuesday, February 7, 2023 6:30 pm ~

Volunteers to help, cook or serve will be needed. Please notify Larry Kocher if you will be able to help. Donations of pies are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Donut Day is BACK at Zion! Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

Birthdays are listed

At Home

Barbara Kocher—6/1

Freda Keefer—10/13

Elizabeth Sampsell—11/7

Heritage Springs - Lewisburg

Phyllis Chaapel—5/19

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner - 8/8

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

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

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Last day to pre-order is Friday 2/17/23

\$9.00/dozen

Call (570) 649-5195 or email zionsoupsales@gmail.com

Pickup time is between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
on Tuesday, February 21st

Cinnamon Sugar

White Sugar

Plain





**Boy Scout Sunday
February 5, 2023**

Boy Scouts of Troop 622 and Cub Scouts of Pack 3622 will join us for worship on February 5, 2023 at the 10:30 am liturgy. We are proud to be the Charter organization of this Troop and Pack in the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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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 Glenda Yost 570-649-5751/570-490-5751



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (11/30/22)	5,741.55	17,330.71
	December	YTD
Monthly Contributions	28,665.25	257,608.57
Monthly Disbursements	22,949.20	263,015.51
Balance (12/31/22)	17,683.09	17,683.09

Building Fund—\$5,425.25

Nave Improvement—\$12,438.59

Current Loan Balance as of 12/31/22 is \$203,960.46.

Our Mission Goal for December was \$27,018.00

Your contributions for December were \$28,665.25

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for January is \$18,197.00

Your contributions as of January 19th are \$15,663.50

Our mortgage balance is \$201,723.98 as of 1/19/23.

Nave donations so far in January are \$1,130.00.

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—33

8:00 am Worship Service—147

10:30 am Worship Service—107

Wednesday Prayer Service—39

Christmas Eve 7:00 pm—127

Christmas Eve 11:00 pm—27

Christmas Day—24

Newsletter Deadline



2023 Newsletter Deadline

Feb 8

Mar 8

Apr 12

May 10

June 7

July 12

Aug 9

Sept 13

Oct 11

Nov 8

Dec 6

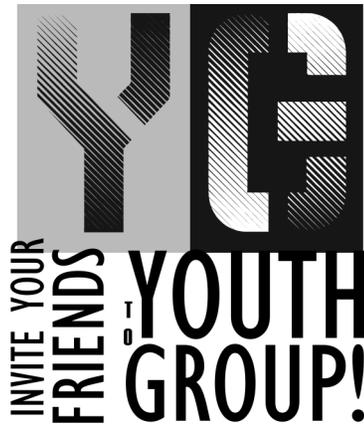


MS HS YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

We invite youth to join us for a meeting on Sunday, February 19th at 5:00 pm. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Youth Group is for 5th through 12th grade. Events. Youth Advisor is Amanda Stoudt. Call Pastor Roux at home (570) 437-9058, cell (570) 916-6264, or email eroux1@verizon.net with any questions.



SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB - Camp Mt Luther now has information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp page to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to campers and will soon be on their way to churches. Online registration for this summer is available too on Camp Mt Luther's website.



February Newsletter
deadline is
February 8, 2023

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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Facebook: [zion turbotville pa](https://www.facebook.com/zionturbotvillepa)

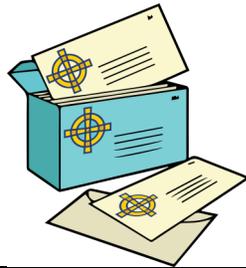
YouTube channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

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.
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.



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



Mitten/Hat Tree

With ALL your help we collected

Hats—55

Gloves—40

Scarves—3

Socks—6



They were delivered to Warrior Run Neighbors
Helping Neighbors

THANK YOU ZION!!





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)



We need your help to maintain our church records and to keep in touch with you.

- 1 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
2. Do you now have a cell phone number and no longer a land line? Please let the church know of your new telephone number.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS February

PEAS, PLEASE-This month let us return to those much needed vegetables for our friends dinner plates and bring peas, cans and cans of peas. These come in small as well as large cans. Or perhaps try something different and bring dried peas. They make wonderful soup with an added piece of ham and a few potatoes. It's hot, it's nutritious and ok, so delicious!

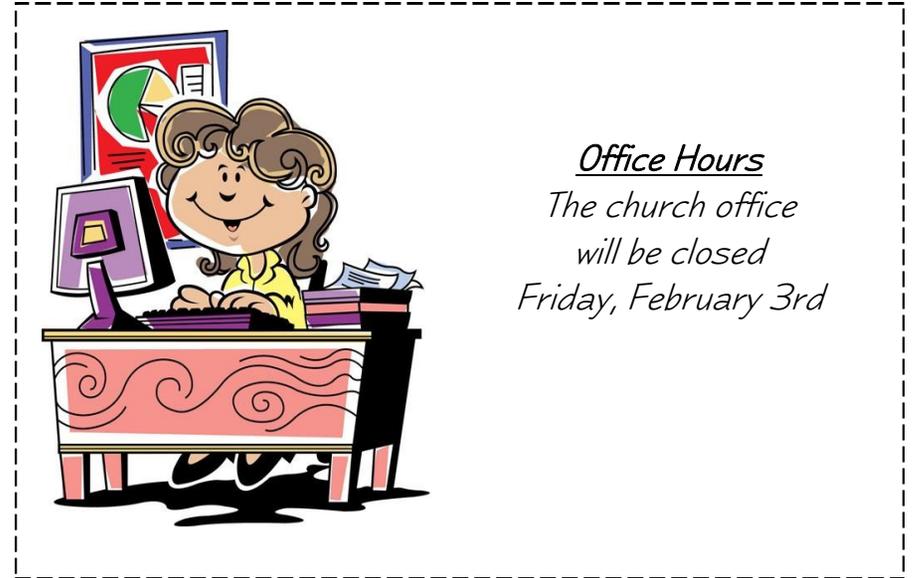


OFFERING ENVELOPES—Do not use old (years past) offering envelopes. The numbers do change from year to year and if there is no name written on the envelope, you will not be given the proper credit on your giving statement. It would be best to discard the old envelopes and use a plain envelope with your name so you will receive credit on your current giving statement. **AGAIN** if you do not have a box set of envelopes and wish to have let Cathy in the office know.

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.



Office Hours
The church office
will be closed
Friday, February 3rd



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 Stoudt



A big THANK YOU to each of you who participated in the Christmas Friends program! We were able to provide for 38 families (84 children). So many parents express how grateful they are for all the help when they come to pick up the gifts. I appreciate each of you!

*Turbotville Elementary
Warrior Run School District*

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers and phone calls while Marvene was in the hospital. A special thank you to Pastor Roux for him many visits.

Walter Crawford and Family

Thank you for all the Christmas Cards they were very much appreciated.

John Hemrick

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

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

John has been volunteering his time to stream every weekly worship service since the pandemic started in 2020 and will be reducing his effort to the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. We still need help with the other Sunday Services.

The Livestream video 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.

JOLLY BUNCH

First I must again share sorrowful news. Our long time member, Leroy Cotner has died. He will be very much missed. Also Ken Edwards has died - he often went to lunch with us with his wife Shirley and Dulcinea Eck, also a long time member, has died since our last meeting and will be missed.

All of our members lost since the beginning of 2020 have left a hole in our group, but we carry on and remember them each.

We will meet, weather permitting, on February 8th, 2023. Our program will be BINGO as we usually do in February. Please bring items for Neighbors Helping Neighbors or Haven Ministry. We give them when we win a hand, and at the end of playing, the price of leaving is to give all that we brought.

We will eat at the church. We are purchasing soup from Zion. We will have Vegetable Beef and Broccoli Cheese soups. Bread or rolls have been offered by Viola Pfleeger. Cakes have been offered. Drinks will also be provided. All sounds YUMMY to me. We will divide the cost of the soups and it will probably be about \$3 to \$4. Not bad for a meal.

Please plan to come and join in the fun as we certainly always have that. This also gives new members a good sense of fellowship and belonging to members of the Jolly Bunch. See you there. Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in February
Leonard Tyson—11th

Shut-in members with Birthdays in February
Joyce Osman—27th
Earle Jarrett—28th



Thank you so much for the delicious food that was served to us after our mother's funeral, very grateful and God Bless You All.

Dulcinea's children

To the Zion Group that did Dad's Funeral meal:
Thank you to all the kind folks that made Dad's funeral meal a success. The food was delicious. We in the family recognize all the hard work that made the meal possible. So please accept our token of appreciation.

Bob Chaapel Jr on behalf of Bob Sr's Family.

Thank you to Pastor Roux for all his visits and beautiful funeral service for Ken.

Thank you to the Social Ministry Committee and all who donated the food and helped serve the luncheon for our family.

Shirley Braim-Edwards

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Through the MISSION MARKETPLACE you have shown your Christian love through your giving.

This year of 2022 marks our 15th year of offering this alternative gift giving with nearly thirty thousand dollars begin divided among

worthwhile charities and organizations over the years.

Your donations to the many needs of our community and world TOTALED \$1,835 for 2022.

Here are the organizations that benefited:

Haven Ministry—\$300

Camp Mt Luther—\$310

Zion Preschool—\$365

Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors—\$365

ELCA World Hunger—\$280

ELCA Disaster Response—\$215

Thank you to all of the Zion members who truly have shown their love and caring through their gift giving!

Mission Marketplace Committee



To Zion Lutheran Church

On behalf of the families we serve, thank you for your recent donations of \$52.00 on 10/31, \$152.00 on 11/29, and \$123.23 on 12/12.

Your continued support helps us to meet the needs of those we serve.

All the Holiday food collected for Thanksgiving and Christmas was greatly appreciated. The items were packed in their bags on November 16th and December 21st distribution days.

Thank you to all who donated or helped in any way.

Kindness like yours makes a difference!

Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors



A very big "THANK YOU" to all who stepped up to help with the five funeral meals that we have provided within six weeks in November & December. We could not offer this very important ministry if not for servers giving of their time and generous cooks donating the food.

Special thanks go to Barb Hartline for her phone calls to secure all the food donation, Jim Gardner for being our dishwasher, Paul Auten for taking care of the coffeemaking and John Kauffman for repairing the big refrigerator!

Dedicated helpers and servers during the past five meals have been: Jim and Marie Gardner, Paul and Ruth Auten, Joe and Marian Deitrick, Rick and Valli Rovenolt, Helen Mathias, Mary Kauffman, Sue Moldovanyi and Deb Webb.

Food donations have been received from more than 30 Zion members...several of whom have donated multiple times. Thank you for your generosity!

The funeral meals provided were for the families of Judy Bieber (November 23rd, Robert V. Chaapel, Sr, (December 9th), Ken Edwards (December 16th), Marvene Crawford (December 19th) and Dulcinea Eck (December 31st).

We are saddened by the loss of our dear friends at Zion but thankful that we could offer this funeral meal ministry to the grieving families.

Barb Zettlemoyer