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THE ZION NEWS



Lent

RETURN TO THE LORD
your God,
FOR HE IS
gracious and
MERCIFUL.

JOEL 2:13

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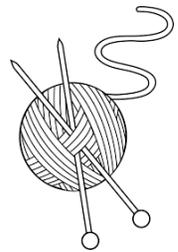


Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Blanket Workshop for Project Linus
Sunday, March 12, 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Social Hall
Bring a blanket to work on. Share your skills with others.
Bring a friend. Eat some snacks. Enjoy the fellowship.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

(If you are willing to share your skill, please contact Ann Gardner.)



Dear friends in Christ,
In the 1970s Carl Menninger wrote a book that received much attention. Menninger was a psychiatrist who worked closely with his patients for many years. As a psychiatrist, he believed that mental health was dependent upon physical health and social interaction. In addition, he believed that there was a moral or spiritual component to mental health. An important part of spiritual health was to feel freed from sin by forgiveness. Therefore his book was entitled 'Whatever Became of Sin?' The following quote is the most well-known part of his book:

“The very word “sin,” which seems to have disappeared, was a proud word. It was once a strong word, and ominous and serious word. It described a central point in every civilized human beings life plan and lifestyle. But the word went away. It has almost disappeared - the word, along with the notion. Why? Doesn't anyone sin anymore? Doesn't anyone believe in sin?”

Hopefully the word “sin” has not gone out of our vocabulary. Throughout the Bible, the awareness of humanity's sinful nature and the need for confession, repentance, and forgiveness is everywhere present. Solomon tells us: “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13). The apostle John reminds us about the continual challenge of sin in our lives: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:8-9).



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Drive-through only

Jesus at the time of his Ascension told his disciples the most important part of the teaching he was commissioning them to share: “that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24:47).

This is what our journey of Lent holds before us, the awareness that we are sinners in need of repentance and forgiveness. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday with a sign of repentance, placing ashes on our foreheads to show that we have died to our sins and live for Christ. Then our Lenten journey moves by almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. We give offerings to move from selfishness to generosity. We pray to move our attention from our own desires to the the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. We fast of worldly pleasures to redirect our desires to the one who can truly satisfy us, Jesus Christ. Our Lenten disciplines train us to avoid sin and embrace the way of Jesus.

N.T. Wright, a biblical scholar and theologian describes this avoidance and embracing in his book “Paul for Everyone: The Pastoral Epistles:”

“Think of an animal you'd really be afraid of, whether it's an angry rhinoceros or a large spider. If you came round a corner and found yourself facing it, what would you want to do? Run away, of course. Well, as a follower of Jesus that's how you should feel about a lifestyle of greed, lust, jealousy, injustice, or another sinful pattern. Then think how you'd feel if you saw the person you loved best in the entire world, who you hadn't seen for years, walking down the street. What would you do? Why, chase after him or her, of course. That's how you should behave when you think of Jesus and the new life that he is offering you and the whole world.”

May we observe Lent this year with a strong desire to turn from sin, and run into the arms of our Savior who takes our sins to the cross and washes them away with his blood.

Peace, Pastor Roux

LAST Soup Sales :

Mar 4th Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli

AVAILABLE: frozen soup from previous soup sales.

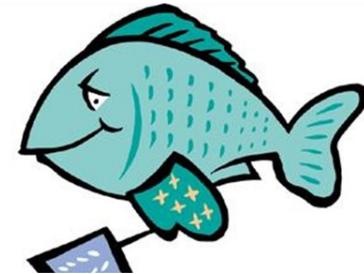
Haddock Fish Meal

MARCH 18, 2023

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Drive-through

39 Paradise Street, Turbotville PA



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

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

Watsontown Rehab – Watsontown

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Mike Benfer

Military Pete Reasner—11/28



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.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

9:00 am – Morning Prayer 7:00 pm – Holden Evening Prayer

(Both services will use the same lessons, hymns, and sermon.)

We will also be using five of the hymns of John Newton as the basis for our Wednesday Lenten Worship. 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"

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meals. Meals begin at 6:00 pm in the basement Social Hall. This simple meal joins us in fellowship and reminds us of the fasting that is a part of our Lenten discipline. The following Committees of the church will be providing the meals:

March 1- Worship & Music, Christian Education, Staff Support

March 8 - Church Council

March 15 - Social Ministry, Stewardship

March 22 - Outreach, Property

March 29 - Disaster Relief

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.

Second Sunday in Lent - March 5th

Jesus, you promised that you would be lifted up to draw all people to yourself. Help me to pay attention as your body and blood are lifted before your family today in the loaf of bread and the cup of wine. Draw me closer to you so that I may worship and adore you, and follow you more closely. Amen.

Third Sunday in Lent – March 12th

Jesus, I know that you listen to me when I share the heaviness of my heart. You know my hidden life and I bring it to you for healing. Restore me so that I may tell your good news to others. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19th

Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are. I believe you are present in the Holy Communion. When I am unbelieving, help me to believe. Amen.

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26th

Jesus, you are with me, and I wish to talk to you as my friend. I need your help. I need guidance. I need a shoulder to rest my head on. I need someone to listen to me. I know that is what you want to do for me. I come to you now, as one who has labored, and I am seeking the rest you offer. Amen.

Rev. Erwin C. Roux, Pastor (570-437-9058)

Drew Potts, Council President

Michael Yohn, Organist

Rev. Kenneth Elkin, Organist

Cathy J. Kelley, Secretary

Jennifer Woland, Preschool Teacher

Andace Daniels, Preschool Teachers Assistant

Rick Rovenolt, Custodian

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

Church e-mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Church website: 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 Glenda Yost 570-649-5751/570-490-5751



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/22)	17,683.09	17,683.09
	January	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,638.50	21,638.50
Monthly Disbursements	22,514.52	22,514.52
Balance (1/31/22)	16,616.07	16,616.07

Building Fund—\$5,263.25

Nave Improvement—\$15,315.47

Current Loan Balance as of 1/31/22 is \$201,723.98.

Our Mission Goal for January is \$18,197.00

Your contributions for January were \$21,638.50

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for February is \$19,473.00

Your contributions as of February 13th are \$21,019.72

Our mortgage balance is \$197,026.00 as of 2/16/23.

Nave donations so far in February are \$1,455.00.

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening—54

8:00 am Worship Service—220

10:30 am Worship Service—197

Wednesday Prayer Service—38

Epiphany of Our Lord—14



EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY YOUR LOVE IS NEEDED

The needs of our neighbors in Turkey are growing every hour. Lutheran World Relief is already working with their trusted local partners to reach children, women and men in desperate need.

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief's emergency response fund will deliver urgently needed support and care, like:

- Food, water and other critically needed items
- Temporary shelter
- Medicine and supplies for clinics

At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist our neighbors who are injured, hungry and displaced from multiple earthquakes.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/quake or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "QUAKE" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "QUAKE" in the memo line and we will rush a check from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**

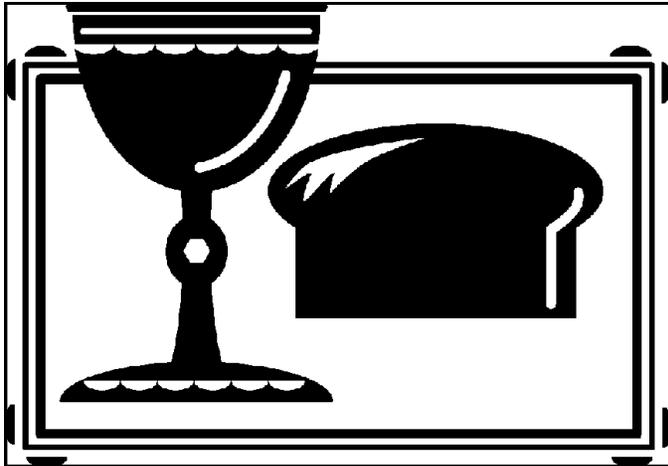


**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

LWR.ORG/QUAKE

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Children wishing to receive First Communion are invited to join Pastor Roux for a class entitled "Welcome to the Lord's Table." This class will prepare children to receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. Classes will be held on Saturdays at 11:00 am on March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st. Parents are asked to attend with their children and godparents are invited, too. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Roux.



March 8 Newsletter
deadline is
March 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.

Church E-Mail: zionlc39@windstream.net

Website: zionturbotville.com

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

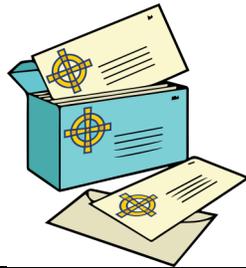
YouTube channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Check out the pictures on Facebook

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

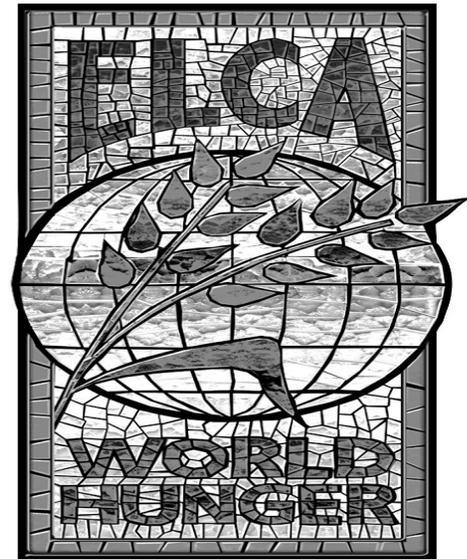


Electronic Giving Option The Simply Giving Program Endorsed by Thrivent Federal Credit Union

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.



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA WORLD HUNGER

Nearly 1 billion of our neighbors—one in eight people in our world today—live in poverty. God calls us to see them—to respond. Working with our neighbors in 44 states in this country and throughout 57 countries around the world, the ELCA World Hunger begins by listening to the needs of our neighbors and getting their ideas about how to break this cycle of hunger and poverty.

Our gifts are needed to support these programs. Let us take up the challenge to end hunger and poverty by our continuing support through ELCA World Hunger.

Our campaign begins Sunday, February 26th. There are World Hunger envelopes located on the table in the narthex or designate your World Hunger offering with your regular giving. These will be gathered on Palm Sunday, April 2nd

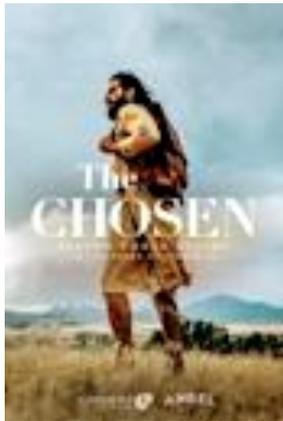
LENTEN OFFERING



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.



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.



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.



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 25-30



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



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.

HAPPY
Birthday

**Card Shower for Earle Jarrett's
 90th Birthday**

Earle will be celebrating his 90th birthday on February 28th. Let's celebrate Earle's special day with cards from his church family.

Earle Jarrett
 84 Washington Street
 Turbotville PA 17772



JOLLY BUNCH

We had a great time at our February Meeting. We played BINGO and were treated to witticisms of our age. Laughter was heard and we all enjoyed the fellowship. The soup was delicious as was the bread and rolls provided by Viola Pfleeger. Also we ate cake and Rice Crispy treats provided by Kate Fisher and Linda Shupp. Thanks to all you contributed and helped with the day.

We will meet again on March 8th, 2023, when our program will be presented by Pastor Roux. He always provides an interesting time. Please plan to attend. We will travel to Good Wills in Montandon for lunch.

Also as I mentioned at our meeting I would like to know what your favorite hymn is - requested by both Michael Yohn and the Schleppi's. Give me a paper with the name of the hymn.

I am always interested in finding programs for us, so please get in touch with me if you have any suggestions.

See you in February. Hugs to all. Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

Paul LaForme—11th
 Sue Wajda—15th
 Terry Gardner 26th
 Bruce Zettlemyer—27th
 Shirley Edwards—28th



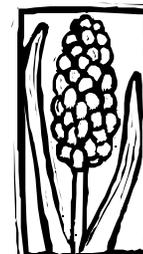
2023 Flower Sponsors are needed.
 Altar Flowers chart is posted outside the church office on the bulletin board.
 Altar Flowers are \$35.00 per set (includes 2 Altar Vases)

Sponsors needed for the following Sundays: June 4, 25; July 23; August 20,27; October 1, 22; November 5, 19; and December 31

Members interested in providing Easter Flowers to decorate the church should place their orders beginning March 12. The **deadline** to order will be Sunday, March 26. We will be purchasing them from Rose Wood Flowers in Muncy. We request that payment be made when you place your order in the narthex with a member of our Worship and Music Committee.



Lilies
 Tulips
 Hyacinths
 Daffodils
 Mums
 Cost \$10.00 each



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



Office Hours
The church office
will be closed
Friday, March 3rd and
Monday, March 6th



A special "Thank you" for all the cards, phone calls, food, prayers, and concerns during Leroy's illness and passing. It was comforting to know of the thoughtfulness of so many people. Thank you to Pastor Roux for your phone calls, prayers and visits at home and the Valley View Nursing Home.

Thanks to the Social Ministry for serving a wonderful luncheon after the service. God Bless You All!

Ruth Cotner and Family

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MARCH

PEACHES! Yummy, delicious, juicy canned peaches to help us think "Spring" and to give us a preview of warmer days, flowers, green grass and fresh fruit. Fresh peaches may not yet be available in our markets but we do have the availability of canned fruit. We can serve canned peaches in many ways, with cottage cheese perhaps or try them chopped in fruit salad. They even make a lovely fruit cobbler. So, this month let us look for peaches on our grocery shelves; bring them sliced or whole, in heavy or light syrup, in large or small cans and any brand. All are welcome. It may seem a long way to summertime fruit but we can still have this tasty fruit on our tables. Please bring peaches in March.