

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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167th ANNIVERSARY

THE ZION NEWS



CML Summer Day Camp
July 31—August 4, 2023

9:00 am – 3:00 pm
at the church
39 Paradise Street, Turbotville, PA

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TURBOTVILLE, PA
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Dear Friends in Christ,

I truly appreciate the congregation's recognition of my 35th Anniversary of Ordination. The cards and well wishes have been an inspiration and an affirmation for me that I will cherish. Eighteen years of my ministry have been shared with all of you at Zion. I am grateful for that life together and I hope to continue with you in ministry for many years to come.

Among the activities I led when I first joined you almost eighteen years ago was a historical reflection event. More than fifty Zion members came out to reminisce about their years in our church. I learned so much about where you had walked in faith. Out of this time of sharing came four statements that everyone agreed characterized Zion's ministry over the years. They were:

- Youth ministries are a crucial aspect of Zion.
- Zion is blessed with talented leadership and an active membership.
- We are supportive of a wide variety of world ministries and local needs.
- Our congregation is willing to change for growth.

As we have ministered together over the years, I believe these statements continue to be true.

In youth ministry, for example, we have a strong Sunday School with faithful teachers and students. Our Youth Group meets monthly during the school year and many of our youth bring friends to join in the activities. Vacation Bible School is served by a faithful crew of adults and teenagers from Zion, and we often attract 30 or more children from our community to join us. Camp Mount Luther Day Camp has been much appreciated by our community and is attended by over forty children every year. Our Zion Preschool continues to serve a dozen children every year.

In terms of leadership and active membership, many people find a place for their talents and energy. People are willing to pitch in to help with everything from council and committees, to funeral meals and fundraisers.

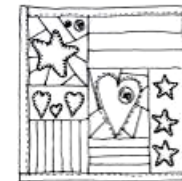
Project Linus "Blanket Fellowship"

In March we had our first "Blanket Fellowship" day, and it was a great success! Folks gathered to knit, crochet, sew, and tie blankets; share their skills with others; and just enjoy time socializing.

The group decided to meet on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Social Hall. "Blanket Fellowship" days will occur on the following dates:

August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Bring a blanket project to work on or materials for a project if you would like some help getting started. There will be members who will help you. "Blanket Fellowship" is a come-as-you-are-able activity where we can have fun and get to know each other better as we help a great cause by making and donating blankets for children in need in our area. For questions, contact Ann Gardner.



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

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner – 8/8

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

River Woods - Lewisburg

Barbara Hartline – 11/8

Milton Nursing and Rehab – Milton

Jeannette Calhoun – 11/1

Watsontown Rehab – Watsontown

Mike Benfer—8/21

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Military Pete Reasner—11/28

Zion's financial support of local and world ministries has been steady and generous. Zion's Disaster Relief Team provides real help to those whose homes need rebuilding. This year the team went to Camp Mount Luther and provided much needed repairs. The Fundraising Committee has been very active with soup sales and dinners in the winter and spring, as well as the ambitious task of providing a great food stand at the Turbotville carnival. Their profits have been directed to our Nave renewal loan.

There are so many more ministries that are faithfully done, and many people who quietly take care of tasks behind the scenes. God has blessed Zion!

Another crucial characteristic of Zion's ministry is that our congregation is willing to change for growth. What do we mean by growth? It is tempting to think we should measure our growth solely by the number of people attending worship and the offering they give, "Nickels and Noses" as it is sometimes called. Much more important, however, is how we are growing in mission. The crucial question is, "Who is God encouraging us to serve in mission?" We serve because we have been touched by God's love and grace and help, and we want others to be touched by God's love, too. I like the way Pastor Kennon Callahan, church consultant and author, describes a church with a focus on mission. He writes:

"Many congregations are part of the mission growth movement. For these congregations, the focus is: We are helping the persons God is inviting us to serve in mission. We are a serving congregation. We serve for the sake of serving. We do not serve to grow. The goal is serving, not growing. When we serve, sometimes we grow. Then, we give thanks to God twice, once for serving and, then, again, for the new persons who have joined with us in the serving."

I believe that this describes Zion, willing to change to grow in serving. God invites us to mission growth. May our question continue to be: "Who is God encouraging us to serve in mission?" I am eager to see what the next years will hold for Zion.

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.

August 6th – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, I am a poor beggar who is hungry for the Bread of Life. Thank you, Jesus, for feeding me today. As you have nourished me, show me how I can feed those who hunger today. Amen.

August 13th – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, you calmed the fears of the apostles. Bring me peace of mind in whatever I face. When I am at a low in my life, let me not forget to turn to you and draw strength from the Holy Eucharist. Amen.

August 20th – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord Jesus, only say the word, and I shall be healed. I desire to be healed of all my infirmities and brokenness. As the Divine Physician, please give me your healing grace. Amen.

August 27th – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thank you, Jesus, for choosing me to be your disciple and to be your follower. I wish to follow your call for my life in all that I do. Help me, strengthened by the Eucharist I have received, to remain faithful to you and the way you have chosen me to serve in the world. 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

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



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (5/31/23)	17,366.60	17,683.09
	June	YTD
Monthly Contributions	16,603.97	127,297.27
Monthly Disbursements	22,107.93	132,353.72
Balance (6/30/23)	11,671.64	11,671.64

Building Fund—\$6,114.36

Nave Improvement—\$10,380.00

Current Loan Balance as of 6/30/23 was \$173,817.78

Our Mission Goal for June is \$18,778.00

Your contributions for June were \$16,603.97

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for July is \$18,122.00

Your contributions as of July 20 are \$15,536.85

Our mortgage balance is \$172,990.82 as of 6/20/23.

Nave donations so far in July are \$1,085.00.

The original loan amount was \$260,344.84.

JUNE ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—32

8:00 am Worship Service—184

10:30 am Worship Service—140

Wednesday Prayer Service—35

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

and
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present

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Kindergarten through 8th grade. Only \$20 for the week!



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Come experience outdoor ministries close to home! Staff from Camp Mount Luther and volunteers from this congregation will be on hand to bring fun, fellowship, and the love of God through our day camp program. Day Camp includes games, sports, Bible study, singing, crafts, special events and worship. It's designed for kids and youth who've completed Kindergarten through 8th grade. Included in the week is a whole day at Montour Preserve. Lunch and snacks are included with the camp and the registration fee is only \$20 for the whole week.

Call the Zion Church Office at (570) 649-5195 to register!



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 Fax: (570) 922-1118
E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org



Housing for CML Counselors

We need to house three counselors who will be serving at our Camp Mount Luther Day Camp. We have one female and two male counselors who will need a place to stay July 31st- August 3rd. A bed and a simple dinner and breakfast is all they need. If you can accommodate one or more, please let Pastor Roux or the church office know.



ATTENTION COMMITTEES
2024 Proposed Budgets
are due in the office by
Tuesday, August 1.



Contact Cathy in the office if
you have any questions.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

August Newsletter

deadline is

August 16, 2023

(change from previously noted)

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

*Pastor Roux will be on Vacation
August 7th through August 20th, 2023.
Authorized Lay Worship Leader Mark Giesen will serve as
our presider on August 12 & 13 and August 19 & 20.*



Summer Office Hours

*Our church office will be
closed on Fridays,
through October 27th
except for the newsletter
Fridays.*

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

AUGUST

As we just noted, summertime is the ideal time for picnics; perhaps you have already attended a few. Chances are, at each of those picnics, someone brought a tasty dish of baked beans. It's still time for many more picnics and what's a picnic without baked beans? This month, let us help our neighbors prepare for their picnics by bringing cans of baked beans. Check your grocer's shelves –notice the wide variety of baked beans available.

Choose one (or perhaps several) and bring them for all those happy picnic times in August. Let's ensure that all our neighbor's picnics have the traditional dish of baked beans.

Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.



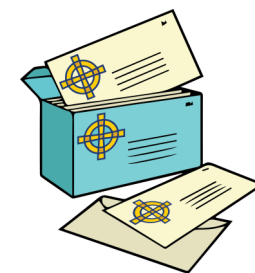
Thank you to everyone who donated to my National Honor Society project to benefit Zion Preschool!! Everything was greatly appreciated! Thank you again!

Madison Litchard

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.

JOLLY BUNCH

COME ONE and ALL

On August 9, 2023, the Jolly Bunch will be hosting organist Michael Yohn once again. Our program will be "Sing and Listen to the voices of the organ". Michael is very excited about this chance to present more of the abilities of the organ. And we, of course, are excited to have him as his talent at the keyboard is always enjoyed. This, as all our meetings, is open to everyone. So, come and invite your friends and neighbors.

A light luncheon will be available after the program.

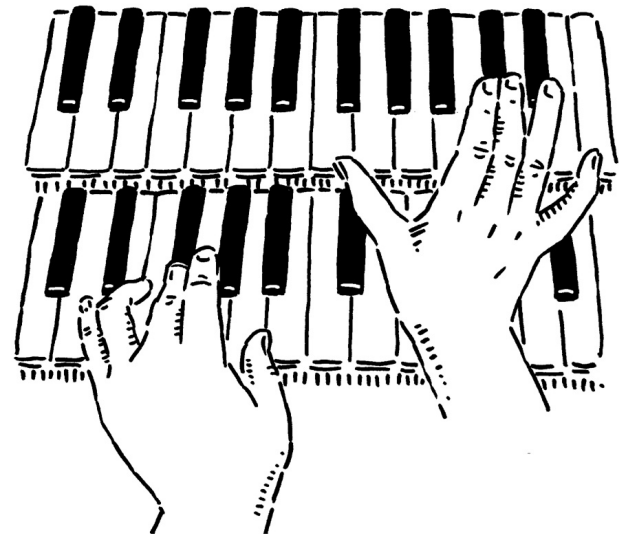
Sincerely,
Marie Gardner

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in August

Barb Zettlemoyer—August 1

Steve Fisher—August 20



We need your help to maintain our church records and to keep in touch with you. Let us know if your address or telephone number has changed. You can call 570-649-5195 or email us your new information zionlc39@windstream.net

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.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The main front entrance door to the parking lot uses an automatic opener. When one of the three handicapped buttons is pressed the door will remain open for 10 seconds. When the door is pulled or pushed open, the automatic assist will engage and open the door for 6 seconds, after which it will automatically close. Do not attempt to force the door closed once it has opened. You may damage the opener. Allow the door to close on its own. When locking up or exiting the door by the panic bar when the door is locked, please wait for the door to close and check that it has latched in the locked position. Thank you for your attention to caring for our new doors. They have been serving us well.

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.

