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THE ZION NEWS



**Loyalty Sunday Weekend
Worship With Us**
Saturday, September 9th - 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 10th - 8:00 & 10:30 am

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ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear friends in Christ,

Does God still speak to us today? Some fear that God might be inactive or uncaring in the brokenness and messiness of our lives. Yet, we have the Bible, which reminds us that God cares, God sees, and God speaks. The problem is that too often, we're just not listening. God is always ready to speak into our lives. We simply need to listen, tuning our ears and hearts to what he is saying in the book he inspired.

God wants to speak to us today, and everyday, through his word. We silence the sound of God's voice in our lives when we leave our Bible on the shelf. It's been said that "Complaining about God being silent when your Bible is closed is like complaining about not getting texts when your phone is turned off."

There are countless blessings and wisdom God wants to give us that will only come to us through his word. The author of Psalm 1 makes that case when he writes:

"God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. Instead, they find happiness in the Teaching of the Lord, and they think about it day and night. They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do." (Psalm 1:1-3 CEV)

There are two things that this passage calls us to do: walk away from sinful advice, and walk toward the word of God. We are called to make the Scriptures our happiness and be so familiar with them that they fill our thoughts day and night. God is not silent, he is always speaking to us through his word. But are we ready to patiently open our Bibles and listen to him?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

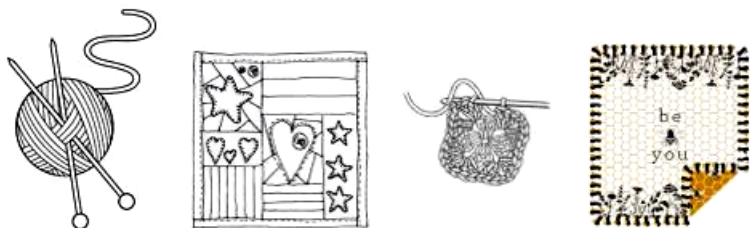
Upcoming Fundraising Meals

October 21, 2023 – Pot Pie Meal
4:00—5:30 PM

November 11, 2023 - Meal (TBA)
4:00—5:30 PM

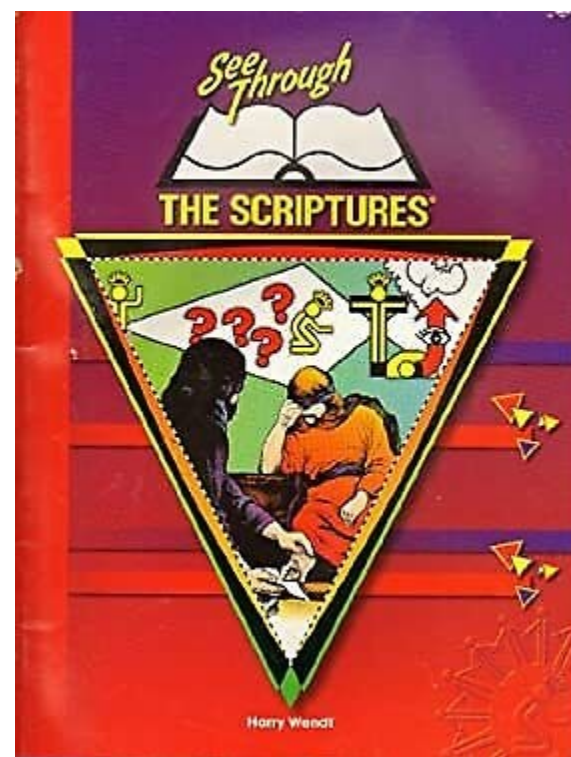
Project Linus “Blanket Fellowship”

We meet monthly for “Blanket Fellowship.” Folks gather to knit, crochet, sew, and tie blankets; share their skills with others; and just enjoy time socializing. We 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: 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.



We will soon be offering an opportunity to open our Bibles together in a study entitled “See Through the Scriptures.” This 12 session study makes the Bible accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical story from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. It uses 44 illustrations to lead people through the Bible's overarching story. These pictures help people grasp and remember the key events and concepts of the Bible. The study helps participants gain a new appreciation for everything that preceded Jesus in order to more fully understand the deeper meaning of his ministry and message of love and servanthood. We find that the entire biblical story all points to the central message of Jesus; how he was at work then, and how he is at work in our present lives.

Join us beginning September 5th at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm.
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.

September 3rd – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, guide me in your peace. Help me to worship you in this meal of your body and blood. Help me to worship you with my life and in serving my neighbor. Amen.

September 10th – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, fill my soul with your love for me. May this meal serve as a way to remember your faithfulness and may it draw me out to love the whole world with the passion you have shown for me. Amen.

September 17th – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, I know that you love me because you died for me, and now you give yourself to me in the Holy Communion I receive. Remove all hatred and bitterness from my heart and help me to love those whom I find it difficult to love. Help me to will their good and want eternal life for them. Amen.

September 24th – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus, make me into your laborer. Fill me with your presence in this Holy Communion so that I may go into your world and draw out goodness and love even in the face of suffering. Amen.



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

Jeannette Calhoun (living with Son)— 11/1

Elizabeth Sampsell—11/7

Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village - Lewisburg

William Wesner – 8/8

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman – 2/27

Watsontown Rehab – Watsontown

Mike Benfer—8/21

Maxine Reimensnyder – 12/20

Military Pete Reasner—11/28

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 Viola Pfleegor 570-649-5281

Team 4 Mary Mertz 570-437-3075

Team 5 Glenda Yost 570-649-5751/570-490-5751



Introduction to Confirmation

Confirmation ministry in the Lutheran Church teaches the foundations of the Lutheran faith. Students explore God's Word and learn what it means to serve Christ in the world. After two years of instruction, students participate in a rite in which they publicly declare their promise to be faithful to

Christ, a rite known as Affirmation of Baptism.

Confirmation class is open to all youth who are beginning seventh grade and to others who have not yet received instruction.

An Introduction to Confirmation for both youth and their parents will be held on September 10th at 11:30 am. If you are interested in confirmation ministry, please contact Pastor Roux.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday School begins again on Loyalty Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

Preschool—Natalie Hamilton

Kindergarten to Grade 2—Megan Zettlemoyer

Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt

Grade 7 - 12—Pastor Roux



Loyalty Sunday Weekend Worship With Us

Saturday, September 9th - 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 10th - 8:00 & 10:30 am

We encourage everyone to join us for Loyalty Sunday on September, 10th. It is always a great day of celebration, a time to renew our fellowship. Bring your whole family and invite friends to join you. Let us celebrate our God, who is loyal to us with great love.

Choir Practice Begins—We'll be singing Sunday, September 10 for Loyalty Sunday. Practices will be held Wednesdays, August 30 and September 6 at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome!



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (6/30/23)	11,671.64	17,683.09
	July	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,177.66	150,473.93
Monthly Disbursements	21,636.20	153,989.92
Balance (7/31/23)	13,022.10	13,022.10

Building Fund—\$5,509.36

Nave Improvement—\$10,659.00

Current Loan Balance as of 7/31/23 was \$173,817.78

Our Mission Goal for July is \$18,122.00

Your contributions for July were \$23,177.66

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for August is \$18,590.00

Your contributions as of August 15 are \$10,702.00

Our mortgage balance is \$172,177.51 as of 8/1/23.

Nave donations so far in July are \$640.00.

The original loan amount was \$260,344.84
when we began to make payments starting 1/5/22.

JULY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—56

8:00 am Worship Service—219

10:30 am Worship Service—181

Wednesday Prayer Service —38

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

September Newsletter
deadline is
September 13, 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*

MS HS YOUTH GROUP ★ Kickoff ★

All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to a joint meeting on Sunday, September 10th at 2:00 p.m. at Montour Preserve. Our day will include boating, games, and food. We have two canoes and three kayaks available. Mr. Jim Gardner will help us with watercraft safety. We have PFD's (life jackets) available, or you may bring your own. You may also bring your own watercraft. We'll be dividing into groups so everyone gets a turn out on the lake. We'll close our day with a picnic lunch. Bring a friend and join us!



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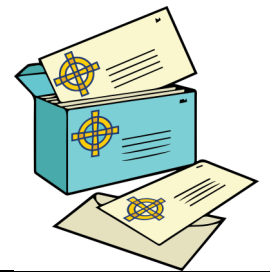


Harvest Home will be observed on Sunday, September 24, 2022. Everyone is invited to bring commercially canned fruits or vegetables that will be distributed locally along with our Harvest Home monetary offerings. These items can be brought to the services on that weekend. Designations of food and monetary donations will be announced.

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.

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.



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 office know of your
new telephone number,
for our records.**

*Pastor Roux will be on Vacation
September 25th through October 1st, 2023.
Authorized Lay Worship Leader Mark Giesen will serve as
our presider September 30th and October 1st.*



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.

Summer Office Hours

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



JOLLY BUNCH

The Jolly Bunch had a special program on August 9th, 2023. We sang and listened to many favorite Jolly Bunch hymns. Michael Yohn, again this year, provided another wonderful program featuring Zion's new organ. There were at least 75 people who enjoyed the day. I personally enjoy the delight and joy that shows when Michael speaks of the music and the organ. Michael, we know that this is a God-given talent, but it also took your dedication and practice to make it so special. Thank you again for sharing.

Also I wish to thank all the Jolly Bunch members who contributed to the luncheon meal after Michael's program, and for all the support and encouragement given to make this a special time.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of two of our members: Irene Watson and Barbara Hartline. Both will be very much missed as they each touched many lives. They both loved and blessed us all.

On September 13, 2023 at 10:30 am, The Jolly Bunch will host Carl and Opal Schleppi, who will share their country gospel music. Please mark your calendar and come to this program. Carl and Opal are always entertaining and a joy to have join us. I still have not confirmed our lunch location. As always, HUGS to each of you. If any questions, please call.

Marie Gardner

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in September
Lena Hall—14th

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We may not want to think about it but summer is swiftly drawing to a close and it's "gathering time". It's time to gather all your garden produce, time to gather all the crops from the fields and it will soon be time to gather all the apples in our orchards. We all remember the joy of consuming a fresh, crunchy apple or those delicious apple pies, strudels and yummy dumplings. Don't forget the applesauce! Let's bring cans and jars of applesauce during the month of September. You will find them sweetened or unsweetened, with or without spices, in large or small cans, and there is even organic. Bring any and all kinds and sizes to share during the month of September.



Donations may be dropped off at the church narthex.



The family of Barb Hartline would like to thank Pastor Roux for his understanding, support and visits during this difficult time. We also want to thank the members of the congregation for their kind words and stories we received during the visitation, by phone and in cards. God bless you all.

Camp Mount Luther Day Camp – Thanks to everyone who helped to make Day Camp a great success.

Forty-one youth from the community joined us this year. Helpers from the congregation provided delicious snacks and lunch, a cheery welcome at registration, and a fun craft table.

Thanks to everyone who provided donations of food and funds.

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YOU

...to the folks who stop by often, to help “do what you do” around the church, inside and out. You know who your are and it is *VERY MUCH* appreciated!

Disaster Relief Team

It's Apple Dumpling Time. There will be one bake only, October 19th (Business orders) & 20th (Individual orders). Price is \$4.00 per dumpling. Pick up your order forms on the table in the narthex and can be placed in the basket when returned.

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1

