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Mission Marketplace - 2023 Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____



Item	Description	Cost	Qty.	Total
	Haven Ministry			
1	Milk and cereal	\$10		
2	Disposable diapers	\$25		
3	Feed a family for a week	\$50		
4	Housing for a family	\$100		
	Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors			
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		
	Zion Preschool			
9	Crayons and markers	\$10		
10	Craft supplies	\$25		
11	Curriculum materials	\$50		
12	Special programs and guests	\$100		
	Camp Mount Luther			
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		
	ELCA Disaster Response			
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		
	ELCA World Hunger			
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		
	Total of all items			

Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church

Mission Marketplace 2023

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.

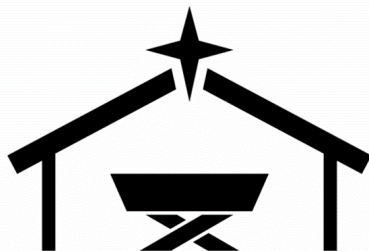
Here are the 6 organizations, a mix of local and global, that MISSION MARKETPLACE is offering in 2023:

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 on 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.



Dear friends in Christ,

Everyone loves the Christmas season and many folks, especially children, would probably like to skip Advent and get right into celebrating Christmas. But the Church in her wisdom gives us the Advent season, not to hold us back from Christmas, but to make us ready to celebrate Christmas to the fullest! With that in mind, here are some ways that may help you enter into the Advent season most fully.

Prepare with prayer. Advent is a season of waiting, but it's not meant to be empty waiting. Be intentional about the time spent before celebrating Jesus' birth. Prepare your heart and mind to receive Christ at Christmas by establishing some helpful Advent practices. Here are a few you can consider:

Place an Advent calendar somewhere prominent in your home. We will be handing out Advent calendars at Zion soon, one for the adults and a special one for children with windows to open everyday to countdown to Christmas. Read the scriptures and prayers for each day.

Set up an Advent wreath and pray each night as you light the candles, focusing on the themes of each week: hope, peace, love, and joy.

Read the daily scripture readings on the "Taking Faith Home" sheet that comes each week in your bulletin. Reflect on the way God has worked over time to save us through his son, Jesus.

Intentionally find a way to give or serve. The Advent season is a most appropriate time to find new and deeper ways to give of yourself. As you anticipate Christ's coming to save you from spiritual poverty, consider how you can fulfill the needs of your neighbors. How can you give of yourself to share the love of Christ with those around you? One suggestion is to give to Zion's Youth Group when they go Christmas shopping for clothing for needy children in our area.

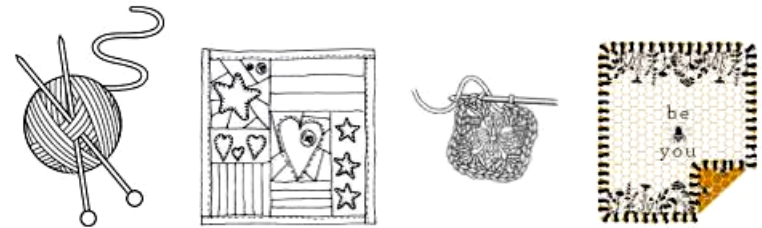
Invite someone to join you for Christmas worship. Advent is one of the most naturally evangelistic seasons we celebrate. While we are actively preparing our hearts by entering into the time of waiting for Christ, the rest of the world is sending Christmas cards, hanging lights and listening to secular Christmas music. Christmas is on everyone's minds, but everyone doesn't yet have a plan for entering into the true celebration of Christ coming to save humanity. Help someone, or a few people, in your life make that plan by inviting them to join you for Christmas Eve worship.

Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation and isn't meant to be rushed. Think of the generations of Israelites who waited for a savior to finally have their hope met in Jesus. Meditate on the slow journey of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Don't try to skip this season. Even with the hustle and bustle that inevitably comes every December, find moments of slowness, steadiness and quiet to embrace the real waiting that is taking place. May God bless your Advent!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

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: 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

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



PREPARING FOR
ADVENT

Advent: Come, Lord Jesus!

The new Church year begins on the First Sunday in December 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.

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.

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.



Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17th
9:30 am in the Social Hall
All are invited!

Sunday School Program Rehearsal
Saturday, December 16th at 9:00 am

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 Zettlemyer 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



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (9/30/23)	8,700.31	17,683.09
	October	YTD
Monthly Contributions	23,411.00	209,644.59
Monthly Disbursements	21,244.98	217,145.33
Balance (10/31/23)	10,675.33	10,675.33

Building Fund—\$5,983.95

Nave Improvement—\$12,769.19

Current Loan Balance as of 10/31/23 was \$170,521.47

Our Mission Goal for October was \$19,613.00

Your contributions for October were \$23,411.00

Nave donations for October were \$2,842.00

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for November is \$20,038.00

Your contributions as of November 15th are \$12,504.00

Nave donations as of November 15th are \$945.00

Our mortgage balance is \$168,921.94 as of 11/13/23

The original loan amount was \$260,344.84

when we began to make payments starting 1/5/22

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—39

8:00 am Worship Service—222

10:30 am Worship Service—196

Wednesday Prayer Service —35



CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Worship
December 24, 2023
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm



COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

7:00 pm (3)

11:00 pm (3)

PRESENTERS OF COMMUNION VESSELS

7:00 pm

11:00 pm

LECTORS

7:00 pm

11:00 pm

ACOLYTE

7:00 pm (2)

11:00 pm (2)

CROSSBEARER

7:00 pm (1)

11:00 pm (1)

USHERS

7:00 pm (4)

11:00 pm (2)



We are in need of Worship Assistants for the Christmas Eve worship. If you will be attending these services, please volunteer.




**MS HS
YOUTH GROUP**



Youth Xmas Shopping

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP



All youth in Fifth through Twelfth grades are invited to join us on December 10th 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.

**Congregational Offering
Requested**

Youth will be receiving offerings from the congregation for our shopping project after worship services, November 26th, & December 3rd.



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

*December Newsletter
deadline is
December 6, 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



Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed - If you are interested in helping with the weekly worship live stream. Please use the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Training and documented how-to's will be provided and you will be shadowed by either John Yogodzinski or Macoy Auman. The live stream does not have to occur during 10:30 worship so if you would like to stream 8:00 am or the Saturday 6:00 pm service, please indicate the desired time on the signup sheet. Contact John Yogodzinski at (570)417-6737 or john@thegraphichive.com. If you have any questions.



Zion's Christmas Card Mail Basket

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 17th and ready for distribution on the 17th. Cards remaining after that date **WILL NOT BE MAILED** and are then your responsibility.





THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

MACOY AUMAN
CHRIS ROYLES

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.



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.

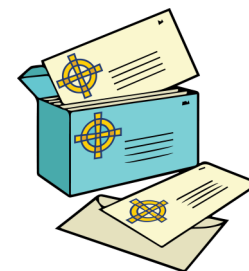
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form is available from the church office.

We thank you for your offerings!

Make 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



Join us for a Livestream of our 10:30 am
worship on our Facebook Page:
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church (Turbotville PA)



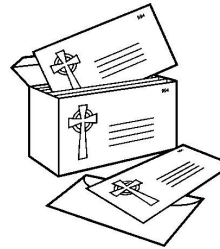
The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted
on our Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
immediately following the service.



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 2024 will be on



the table in the narthex in December. It would be help-
ful 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 2024 envelopes until
January 1st the envelope number may vary from
year to year.

The last date for 2023 offerings will be
Tuesday, December 26th. Please have all contri-
butions to the church office by that time in order
for credit to be received on your contribution
statement for 2023. Contributions received after
the 26th will be posted to the 2024 contribution
statement. **Please note: Sunday, December**
31st offerings will be deposited but not put
though the banking system until January 2,
2024 therefore, the credit will be on the 2024
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 2023.



Thank you

The Disaster Relief Team would like to thank everyone who supported our team during this year's 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



Office Hours
The church office will be closed
November 24th,
November 27th,
December 11th and 12th



Affirmation & Response

The “Affirmation and Response Forms” and “Thank Offering Cards” for 2024 were mailed out a few weeks ago. Use them to indicate your intention to serve in one of the many ministries we undertake at Zion. We worship God and serve as witnesses to his love in our community, we support service ministries, we grow in knowledge through learning, and we enjoy one another in fellowship. We will continue to accept your Affirmation and Response Forms and Thank Offering Cards in the weeks to come.

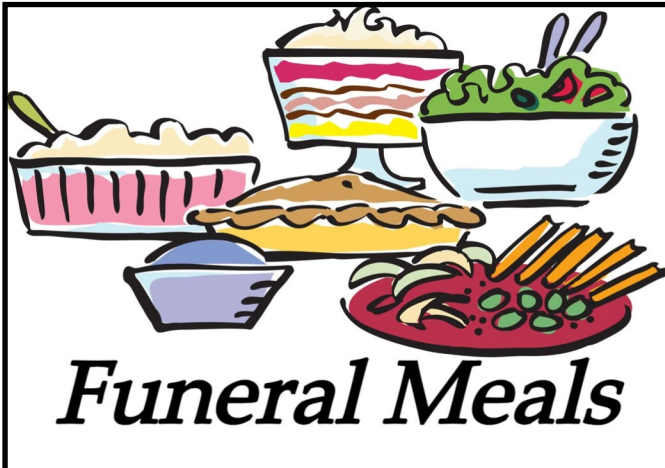


SUNDAY SCHOOL



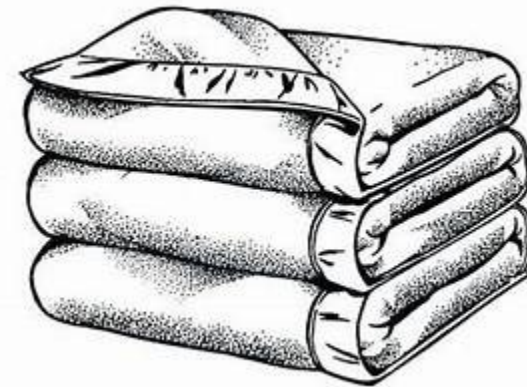
Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. We offer classes using the Sparkhouse curriculum. The following classes are available:

- Preschool—Natalie Hamilton
- Kindergarten to Grade 2—Megan Zettelmoyer
- Grades 3 - 6—Amanda Stoudt
- Grade 7 - 12—Noah Roux, Macoy Auman, Cole Shupp



Funeral Meals

Helen Mathias is our new Funeral Meal Coordinator. Helen will be making the phone calls for funeral meals, her telephone number is 570-490-7129. Please answer if you see Helen is calling.



Blanket Sunday

will be held through the month of November

Your help is needed to purchase blankets that are used in so many ways and places throughout the world. Envelopes will be made available or you may use the pew envelopes and mark them "Blankets".

Thank you for your generosity.

Winterfest Invitation

High school youth! Do you wish you could worship with kids your own age? Do you long for lively and exciting new worship experiences? This is the opportunity for you!

As part of the Upper Susquehanna Synod's new youth initiative, we are sending a group of high schoolers and young adults to participate in Lower Susquehanna Synod's Winterfest, January 5-7, 2024 in Lancaster, PA. Winterfest gathers 200 youth from central Pennsylvania together for worship, spiritual formation, and fellowship. There will be live music, bouncy houses, worship services, and plenty of opportunities to grow in your faith. Camp Mount Luther's associate director Jim Vitale will serve as chaplain at the event.

If you're interested in participating, please email cml@campmountluther.org by December 1st.

[Here's some info on this year's theme: The Way](#)

In the time following Jesus' Resurrection, the earliest followers adopted the name, 'The Way' to reflect the way they would strive to follow the teachings and habits of Jesus. To be a follower of 'the Way' was a matter of belief, of practice, and of identity in the one who saves. It was because they believed God was fulfilling God's promise of a New Exodus through the person and work of Jesus that they lived this new journey life-style.

Two thousand years later that New Exodus is still going—people are being brought out of the Exile of sin and death into the new in covenant with God. We are still walking the "The Way" with Jesus. Youth will be invited to consider the way of Jesus, the challenges we encounter along the way, the cost of 'discipleship' or of following the way, and the joy we encounter on the way, particularly in the community of the beloved. Storytelling will include relating our historical journeys to modern-day stories of people who are currently striving to follow the way of Christ.



Stay Up-to-Date with Zion

Sign up for text messages on upcoming services, events at the church, and more happenings within the congregation. Go to this URL <https://form.church/zionlutheran> or scan the QR code to complete the opt-in form.



We have a new way to keep in touch with you. It's called Text in Church. Sign up to receive texts on your Smart Phone. We'll keep you up to date a few times a month with reminders of upcoming events and other important information.

JOLLY BUNCH

Please plan to join the Jolly Bunch for our December 13th at 10:30 am meeting to celebrate the Christmas season. Our program will be ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS with stories, carols, and of course, fun times. Our meal will be catered again by the Station House. The menu will include Parmesan chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, baked corn, coleslaw, and cakes. The cost this year will be \$18.00. The last date to sign up for the meal is December 6th, 2023. Call the church office or Marie Gardner to sign up. Check your calendar and plan to join us for some Christmas joy and the fellowship that we always share.

I would like to mention that Pastor Roux led a moving Memorial Service in November and thank him for sharing his message with us. We miss our friends and family and this is always a good time to remember them. Our delicious Thanksgiving meal was once again provided by the Disaster Relief Team and we are grateful to them for their hard work. Looking forward to seeing you in December.

Marie Gardner

We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in December

Doris LaForme—7th

Helen Mathias—20th

John Hemrick—22nd

Pastor Roux—26th

Linda Webb—31st

Jolly Bunch shut in members with Birthdays in December

Maxine Reimensnyder—20th

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ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES



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.



SPECIAL MUSIC - Let's work together on a special musical project. On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Sunday morning December 24, we would like to use our wonderful set of handbells on the Advent melody "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel". Whether or not you have prior experience, youth and adults

are invited to volunteer and meet on Sunday December 10 following the 10:30 service to enjoy a sandwich and then rehearsal. Those who are intrigued by this opportunity are asked to drop a message to Pr. Elkin at kennethelkin@gmail.com by Sunday December 3rd, to allow time for him to prepare the musical arrangement for all those who are interested.



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.

The choir will be singing on Christmas Eve at the 7:00 PM Worship. Rehearsals will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13 & 20 in the sanctuary. Please consider singing with us...all are welcome. If you have any questions, please call/text Mike Yohn at 570-412-3617.



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.



Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath for the Advent/Christmas season beginning December 3rd 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.