

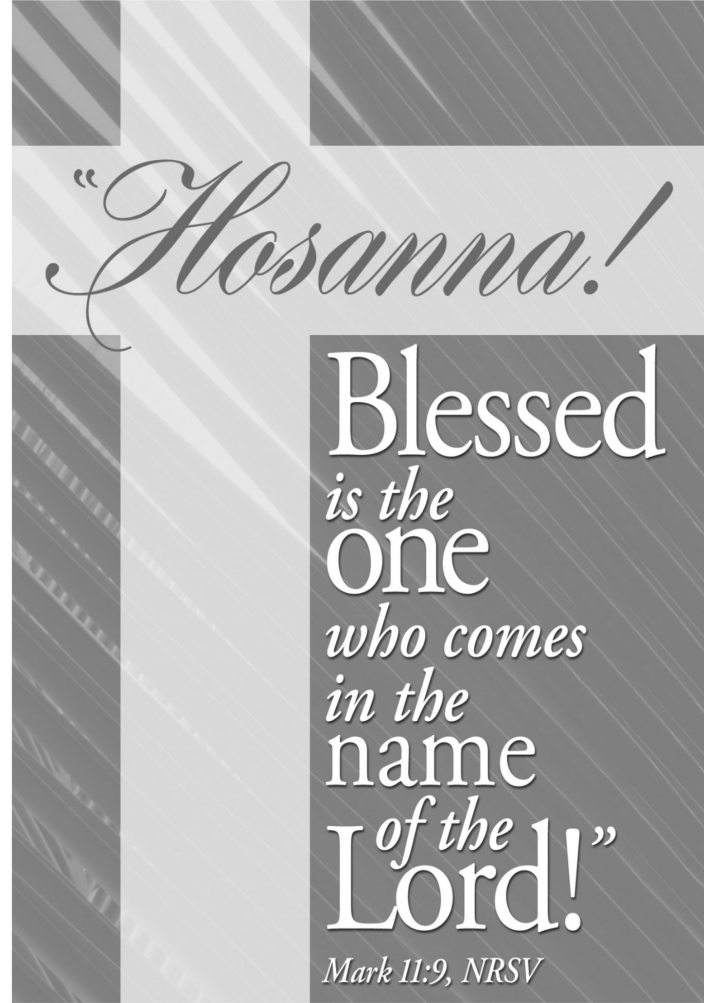
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Dear friends in Christ,

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" - Mark 11:9-10

And with those word, Holy Week began. Our observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday will be upon us soon. Let's remember the events leading to Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and acknowledge their meaning. Reflect upon what happened on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before His crucifixion, when Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with coats and branches laid at His feet and people praising Him. Those shouting Hosanna, or "save us," were looking for an earthly warrior to rescue them from the harsh Roman rule.

Today, when we shout "Hosanna," we recognize that Jesus came to be our Savior from sin, death, and the power of evil. So on Palm Sunday, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we're lifting our Hosannas to the only One who can truly save our lives.

On the Thursday after Palm Sunday, or Maundy Thursday, Jesus and His disciples met in the upper room to observe the Passover, now known as "The Last Supper." After washing His disciples' feet, Jesus held communion with them. He charged His disciples to eat the bread which is His broken body, and to drink the wine which is His shed blood. Jesus was establishing with them and all of us who share in this meal to this day a New Covenant of forgiveness. Imagine how mystified the disciples must have been until the events of the next few days unfolded.

After praying passionately in the Garden of Gethsemane in the late hours of Thursday night into Friday morning, Jesus was then betrayed by Judas and arrested. Over the next few hours, He was abandoned, falsely accused, beaten, mocked and condemned to death. And those who just a few days earlier were hailing Him as their King were suddenly yelling, "Crucify Him!" How many of us have just given up after experiencing only a fraction of the hatred and opposition He endured? Yet knowing what lay ahead of Him, He stood there silently and humbly.

Last month we received a card from the parent of a child who received one of our blankets. This is why our blanketeers volunteer their time and talents – to bring comfort to a child in need.

Friends,

We recently visited UPMC and was given a sunflower blanket made by you.

It sure put a smile on our faces! Thank you so much for your kindness. God

Bless You All!

"Blanket Fellowship" meetings are held from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Social Hall on the following dates. Meetings will suspended during the summer and in December as these are very busy times for everyone.

March 10

April 14

May 12

September 8

October 13

November 10

June, July, August – no meeting December – no meeting

A few notes/reminders from our chapter coordinator. For questions, contact Ann Gardner.

For no-sew blankets, please remember to trim the selvage edges (the finished edges that sometimes contain writing or little holes) from the fleece before cutting the fringe and tying.

Currently, preemie size blankets (28 x 28 or 30 x 30) should only be quilts or crocheted/knitted.

Use only new materials – fleece, batting, yarn, etc. – for all blanket donations.

"Make A Blanket Day" will be Saturday, April 6, at Faith Lutheran, Lewisburg.





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

Al Kauffman

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Mike Benfer—8/21

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Military *Pete Reasner—11/28*

Wearing nothing but a crown of thorns, Christ was hoisted up on a cross to hang in humiliation and endure an excruciatingly painful death. He was the Lamb of God, the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the world. As St. Paul describes the event, “For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” - 2 Corinthians 5:21. How great His love for each of us must truly be to have taken the punishment we deserve upon Himself! As Jesus said to his disciples, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” - John 15:13 We must never forget how amazing His love is for us!

At 3 p.m. on Good Friday, Jesus breathed His last and died. He was placed in a tomb, which was sealed shut with a large stone and guarded by Roman soldiers.

Holy Saturday tells us the story doesn’t end there! The Church since the time of the Apostles has gathered at sunset on Saturday to read the stories of salvation from the scriptures and baptize new children of God into His family. We remember that on Easter Sunday morning, before the sun rose, the stone that sealed the tomb was rolled away, and Jesus was resurrected. He overcame death so that those who trust in Him could also overcome death and one day live with Him eternally in the new Heaven and new Earth.

Holy Week is about remembering the only One who is truly holy—Jesus Christ. This coming Holy Week, let’s take time to gratefully remember and keep alive in our hearts what Jesus, the perfect Lamb and the risen Savior, did for us years ago. He came. He died. And He rose again, so we could live in eternity with a loving God who gave His life for us in the greatest way possible.

I strongly encourage you to walk through the liturgies of Holy Week with us and revisit the details of Christ’s crucifixion, death and resurrection. Listen carefully to the story from the scriptures. Prayerfully think about each of the events described there and their deep and life-changing meaning for each of us. Rejoice in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism that we share. The walk together through Holy Week will make our Easter morning cry even more glorious, “Christ the Lord is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux

Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

This Lent, our life in Christ will be strengthened as we hear the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Along the way, we'll meet villains, such as Barabbas and Pontius Pilate, as well as sinners, such as Peter (who denied Jesus three times), Mary Magdalene (who was possessed by seven demons), and Judas Iscariot (who betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver). Please join us for worship on Wednesdays in Lent at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. and the days of Holy Week as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel with a sermon series:

Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion

Ash Wednesday: John the Baptist, the Messenger, John 1:29–34

Week 1, February 21: Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha,
John 12:1–11

Week 2, February 28: Malchus, the Slave of the High Priest,
John 18:1–11

Week 3, March 6: Peter, the Denying Disciple, John 18:12–27

Week 4, March 13: Barabbas, the Bandit Released, John 18:33–40

Week 5, March 20: Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Judea,
John 19:1–16

Maundy Thursday: Judas Iscariot, the Betraying Disciple,
John 13:21–30

Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Mary Magdalene, the Witness,
John 20:1–18

To accompany the sermon series, a devotional booklet entitled "Witnesses to Christ" is available to pick up at church.

May we join in worship and devotion during Lent and meet the witnesses to Christ along the way.

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

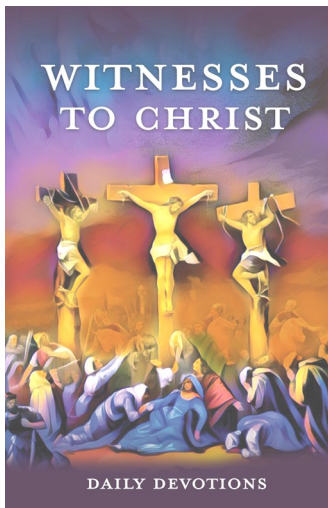
Office Hours: M-F 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - 570-649-5195

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

You Tube Channel: [Zion Turbotville](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)





Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (12/31/23)	19,399.56	19,399.56
	January	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,502.60	21,502.60
Monthly Disbursements	24,452.55	24,452.55
Balance (1/31/24)	16,341.61	16,341.61

Building Fund—\$6,797.52

Nave Improvement—\$14,662.62

Current Loan Balance as of 1/31/24 was \$161,474.63

Our Mission Goal for January was \$20,980.

Your contributions for January were \$21,502.60

Nave donations for January were \$3,695.00

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for February is \$23,976.00

Your contributions as of February 10th are \$9,095.00

Nave donations as of February 10th are \$755.00

Our mortgage balance is \$157,419.76 as of 2/10/24

The original loan amount was \$260,344.84

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

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—37

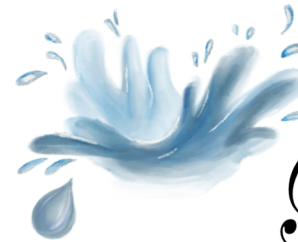
8:00 am Worship Service—145

10:30 am Worship Service—138

Wednesday Prayer Service—52

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

Worship will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at both 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The same scriptures and sermon will be used at both worship services.



Preparing for *Baptism*

BAPTISM

Archer Lee Keister will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Great vigil of Easter, March 30th. Archer is the son of Ryan and Mercedes Keister. We pray that God will bless you as you live out the covenant of Holy Baptism with your child.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meals
JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS 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.

- 02/21: Worship & Music, Social Ministry, Staff Support
- 02/28: Church Council
- 03/06: Christian Education, Stewardship
- 03/13: Outreach, Property
- 03/20: Disaster Relief

+WORSHIP

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



March Newsletter

deadline is

March 13, 2024

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

Check out the pictures on Facebook

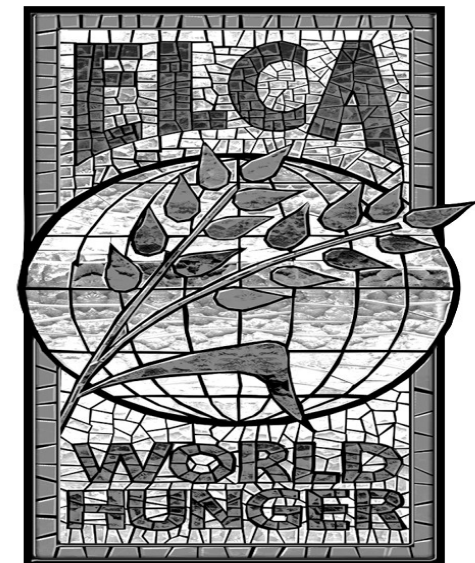


Facebook Livestream Attendants Needed - If you are interested in helping with the weekly worship live stream. Please use the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. Training and documented how-to's will be provided and you will be shadowed by either John Yogodzinski or Macoy 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.



Thank you to everyone who **helped** with the Oyster Supper in every way from baking pies, cooking, serving and also consuming the Oyster Stew. It was a great evening.

Larry Kocher



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 18th. 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, March 24th



LENTEN
OFFERING

Zion Church Council designated the Lenten offering envelopes 50/50 between Camp Mt Luther Capitol Campaign and Haven Ministry.

Holy Week in Our Parish

March 24th Palm Sunday
8:00 am and 10:30 am The Sunday of the Passion

The Paschal Triduum The Passover Three Days

March 28th Maundy Thursday
7:00 pm The Holy Eucharist

March 29th Good Friday
7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

March 30th Holy Saturday
7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

March 31st Easter Sunday, The Queen of Feasts
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Eucharist
8:00 am Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday Church School
9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt for **all** children through Sixth Grade
10:30 am The Holy Eucharist

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

Zion provides an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

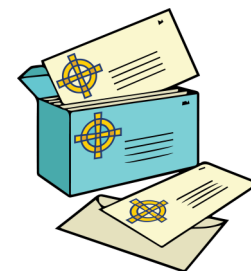
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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)

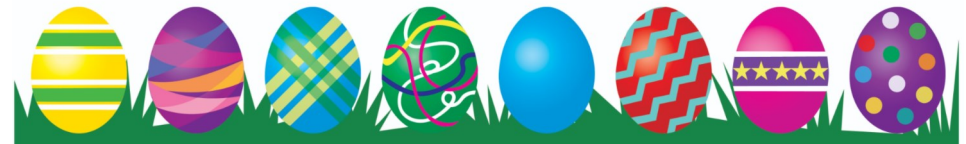


The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted
on our Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
immediately following the service.



Zion's Easter Egg Hunt

All children through 6th grade are invited to Zion's Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday Church School hour beginning at 9:15 am on Easter Sunday. Donations of filled eggs would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions for filling the eggs include: Candy, coins, stickers, rub on tattoos, etc. Donations should be turned into the Church office by Friday, March 29th.



Reserve your place for Easter Breakfast !

Easter Breakfast will be held
Easter morning, March 31st,
at 8:00 am. Everyone is invited to
attend. Come and enjoy the
fellowship. Reservation slips will be
located on the table in the narthex.
If you would like to help with the
breakfast in any way, contact Larry
Kocher.



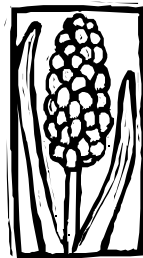
Easter Sunday
Breakfast



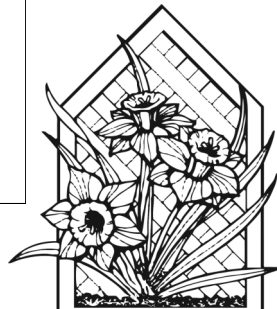
WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF
TWO MORE COUNCIL MEMBERS
 PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING.



Members interested in providing Easter Flowers to decorate the church should place their orders beginning March 3rd. The **deadline** to order will be Sunday, March 17th. 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
 Cost \$10.50 each



Stay Up-to-Date with Zion

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 about our congregation. Go to this URL <https://form.church/zionlutheran> or scan the QR code to complete the opt-in form.



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.

Dear fellow members,

We have some exterior maintenance issues that need to be addressed. The rubber roof on the education/office building is at the end of its effective lifespan. It is a little over 20 years old. Additionally, there is exterior painting needed all around our facility.

Over the last couple of years there have been instances of water leaking through the roof and infiltrating into the 2nd floor. We have paid roofing contractors to find and seal these leaks. We think the leaks have been addressed but worry every time it rains. We have been told by these contractors that we need to replace the roof.

The exterior painting has not been done in many years. There is evidence that some of the wood trim boards are deteriorating and need repaired or replaced. If you walk around the exterior of the building, you will notice peeling paint on the lintels over the nave windows, the canopies over the entrances, and that the exterior door at the driveway needs to be painted.

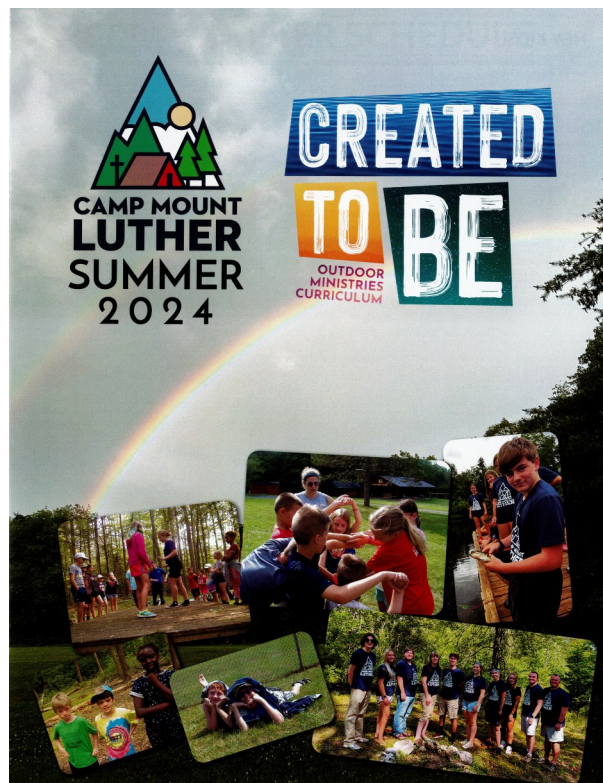
The Property committee has been working on obtaining quotes from various contractors for both the roof and painting throughout the past year.

It appears that the roof is going to cost \$60,000 and the painting \$20,000. We are confident that we can do some of the painting on the low areas and doors with volunteers so the painting should decrease. We are currently investigating methods of funding these two projects. We have \$9,075 in the "Roof Replacement Fund." Once we have more information about funding these projects, we will schedule a special congregational meeting to discuss and approve these projects and their funding sources. Please consider a gift to either the roof replacement fund, or earmark a donation for the painting. Finally, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. If I do not have the answer, I will seek out the answer. I can be reached by phone, text, or email; 570-412-4687, dpotts528@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Zion Lutheran Church
Council President



Drew R. Potts



JOLLY BUNCH
 March 13, 2024
 10:30 am

Again our February meeting was filled with fun. We played BINGO, then Price Is Right, and then a word game to stretch our memories and minds. As always laughter sounded.

In speaking to members I found out how many of us serve our God by serving each other with phone calls and visits and prayers. Remember that all of these are indeed ways that you share God's love. What inspiration you all are.

Due to some problems with our scheduling for March and April, plans are not complete for our March meeting. But we do have a backup plan and as soon as we know we will put notice in our bulletins. We will however go to the Allenwood Cafe for lunch after the meeting. Please plan to join us at 10:30 a.m. on March 13th, 2024. Remember serendipity is always fun. See you in March.
 Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in March

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

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

We have Camp Mt Luther brochures on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp online at www.campmountluther.org for information and to register.

Any questions contact the church office at 570-649-5195 or call Camp Mt Luther at 570-922-1587.

Zion will pay for 50% of camp cost of the lowest Tier pricing. Please bring your registration with your half of the payment to the church office.

Pastor Roux will be serving as Chaplain the week of June 23-28



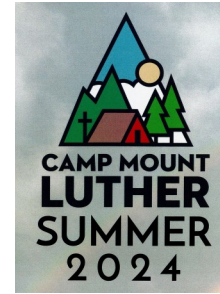
Altar Flowers sponsors are needed for 2024. The price per set is \$35.00. We ask that there is only one set per Sunday: one set is two altar vases. Altar Flower sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: November 3, 17; and December 15.

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.

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.



CAMP MT LUTHER SUMMER STAFF

Every summer, Camp Mount Luther depends on responsible young people to serve as role models for our campers. Whether serving as a counselor, lifeguard, or kitchen personnel, a job at camp can be an amazing and rewarding work experience. Please spread the word and help us find quality candidates for Summer 2024. If you know someone who would be a good fit, direct them to chad@campmountluther.org

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 and Lindsey Hartman



Office Hours

*The church office
will be closed
Friday, March 1st and
Monday, March 4th*



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

We invite youth to join us for a meeting on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm. We will be doing a service project, packing health kits for a homeless shelter. **BRING A FRIEND!** We will need lots of help 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.

**BRING
A
FRIEND!**



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Mar 2nd Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM *Drive-through only*

All soups are \$8.00 per quart except clam chowder for \$9.00 quart

***** Frozen soups from prior weeks are often available, please feel free to pre-order as well*****



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March 16, 2024

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

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM *Drive-through only*



Haddock Fish Meal

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