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THE ZION NEWS



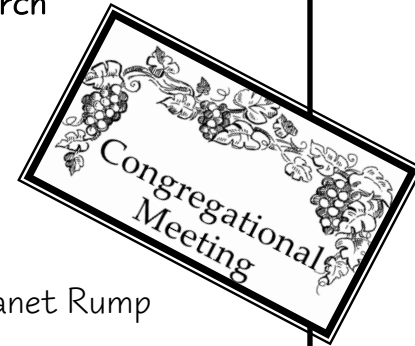
We are witnesses
to all that he did both in
Judea and Jerusalem.

ACTS 10:39, NRSV

PUBLICATION OF
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TURBOTVILLE, PA
JANUARY 2024

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting
February 11, 2024

11:45 am Meeting



Call to Order – Drew Potts

Verify Quorum - Lori Dyer and Janet Rump

Devotions – Macoy Auman

Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2023

Old Business:

New Business:

Review of Pastors Annual Report and
Committee Reports

Set date for Congregational Meeting –
November 10, 2024

Synod Delegates (2) – June 14-15, 2024

Term Limit Changes for Council Seats

Roof Over Educational Wing

Adjourn

Benediction

All voting members are encouraged to attend the
Congregational Meeting.

The Constitution of Zion Lutheran Church, Chapter 8 states
Membership *C8.02.c. "*Voting members are confirmed members.
Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a
contribution of record during the current or preceding year.*"

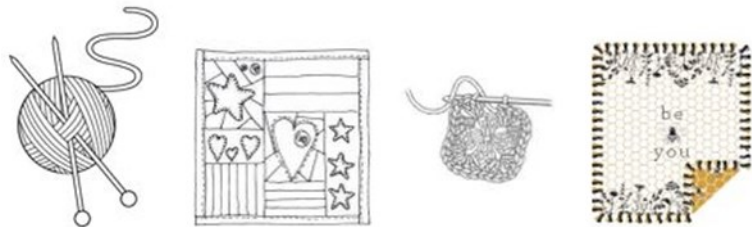
Project Linus “Blanket Fellowship”

About mid-2023 we started “Blanket Fellowship” sessions when we met the second Sunday of each month. Folks gathered to knit, crochet, sew, and tie blankets; share their skills with others; and just enjoy time socializing.

The meetings will continue in 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Social Hall. “Blanket Fellowship” will occur on the following dates. Meetings will be suspended during the summer and in December as these are very busy times for everyone.

February 11	September 8
March 10	October 13
April 14	November 10
May 12	December – no meeting
June, July, August – no meeting	

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.



Dear friends in Christ,
St. John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: “Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:30–31).

Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life - abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life. Historically, the symbol for the Fourth Gospel is an eagle. The eagle soars high above, and it was said that the eagle could look into the sun, and such a perspective fills John's Gospel. John looks straight into the heart of Jesus, and record the titles that Jesus uses to describe himself, the Son of Man, the bread of life, the light of the world, the gate, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the true vine, and the way, the truth, and the life. Life in Jesus. That's God's gift to you!

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

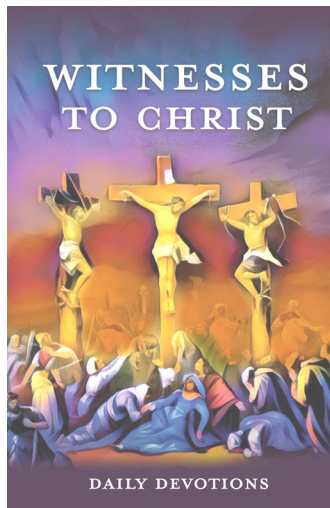
Good Friday: John, the Gospel Writer, John 19:25–37

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" will be available to pick up at church before Ash Wednesday.

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

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux



Dear Zion Family,

We would like to thank you for the many prayers that sustained Lori and us through her long battle with cancer. The many cards and expressions of sympathy after she passed were so comforting.

Special thanks to Pastor for his visits and to the Social Ministry Committee for the delicious luncheon they served after the funeral. We are blessed to be a part of Zion's church family.

Sincerely,

Jim and Glenda Yost

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Through the MISSION MARKETPLACE you have shown your Christian love through your giving.

This marks our 16th year of offering this alternative gift giving among worthwhile charities and organizations over the years.

Your donations to the many needs of our community and world

TOTALED \$1,660 for 2023.

Here are the organizations that benefited:

Haven Ministry—\$390

Camp Mt Luther—\$290

Zion Preschool—\$325

Warrior Run Neighbors Helping Neighbors—\$170

ELCA World Hunger—\$325

ELCA Disaster Response—\$160

Thank you to all of the Zion members who truly have shown their love and caring through their gift giving!

Mission Marketplace Committee

Thank you

Thank
you

Thank you to all the members who sent me Christmas cards. They were most appreciated. Merry Christmas to all.

*John Hemrick
12/20/23*

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

For many years, the Youth Group of Zion has shopped for local children at Christmas. Turbotville Elementary school knows the families in our area with the greatest needs and provides area organizations with wish lists for them. Our youth group receives index cards listing a child's age along with clothing and shoe sizes. This year we received cards for ten children. The congregation generously gave \$1,377 to the Christmas shopping project this year. We want to say a big thank you for your help year after year with this project. We hope that all of the children we shopped for had a good Christmas from what we were able to give them.

Sincerely, *Zion's Youth Group*

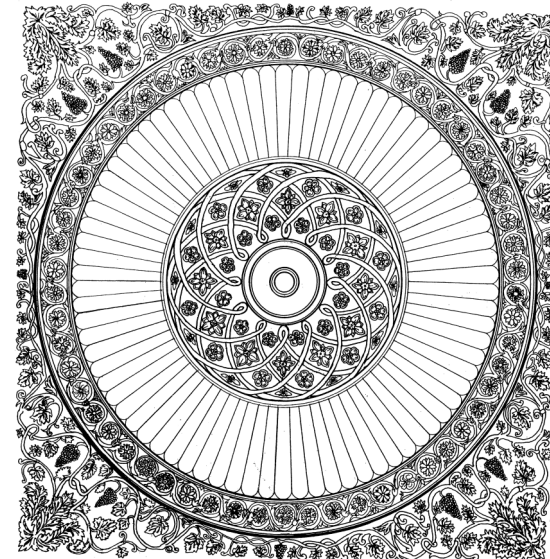
WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

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.

THE HOLY WEEK BOOK

The Holy Week Book is an excellent pamphlet written and illustrated by the Rev. Chris E. Visminas in 1990. In twenty-five pages, Visminas provides interpretation of the story of Jesus' experience during the week of his crucifixion based on the four Gospels. Designed to be easily read and understood, Visminas describes Jewish culture, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the Temple mount, Jesus' prophecy, the Last Supper and arrest, and the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Come join Pastor Roux on five Sundays beginning March 17, 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. as we walk through this resource together. We will meet in the nave.



Ash Wednesday

February 14th 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 14th at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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.



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

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



**Boy Scout Sunday
February 4, 2024**

Boy Scouts of Troop 622 and Cub Scouts of Pack 3622 will join us for worship on February 4, 2024 at the 10:30 am liturgy. We are proud to be the Charter organization of this Troop and Pack in the Susquehanna Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

SAVE THE DATE

Donut Day is BACK at Zion!
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Last day to pre-order is Friday 2/17/23
\$9.00/dozen

Call (570) 649-5195 or email zionsoup-sales@gmail.com

Pickup time is between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
on Tuesday, February 13

Cinnamon Sugar
White Sugar
Plain



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (11/30/23)	12,406.85	17,683.09
	December	YTD
Monthly Contributions	25,082.43	261,157.25
Monthly Disbursements	23,004.82	264,657.86
Balance (12/31/23)	19,399.56	19,399.56

Building Fund—\$6,277.52

Nave Improvement—\$12,544.41

Current Loan Balance as of 12/31/23 was \$165,172.94

Our Mission Goal for December is \$24,526.00

Your contributions for December were \$22,213.33 *(does not include transfer of Congregational Portion of the Endowment Fund of 2,869.10)*

Nave donations for December were \$3,695.00

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for January is \$20,980.00

Your contributions as of January 12th are 8685.00

Nave donations as of January 12th are \$710.00

Our mortgage balance is \$161,474.63 as of 1/12/24

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

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—69

8:00 am Worship Service—216

10:30 am Worship Service—175

Wednesday Prayer Service —45

Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 pm—109

Christmas Eve Worship 11:00 pm—39

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

February Newsletter
deadline is
February 7, 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
YouTube channel: Zion Turbotville
Check out the pictures on Facebook

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.

Affirmation and Response and Thank Offering Cards for 2024

Thank you to all who responded to our stewardship mailing this year. Fifty-five people returned their "Affirmation and Response" sheets. This represents a great gift of the Holy Spirit to our mission here at Zion. Thirty-four people returned their "Thank Offering Cards" to indicate their giving commitment. A total of \$110,085.00 was pledged to the Current Fund. A total of \$12,105.00 has been pledged to the Nave Improvement fund. This is a tremendous response and shows the faith that members of Zion have in the mission we share. We are grateful to everyone for their financial support and participation in our ministry. Again, thank you for standing with us as we seek to accomplish all that the Lord has set before us in 2024. If you have not yet returned your Affirmation and Response sheet or Thank Offering Card it is not too late. Please return them as soon as possible. Thank you for all you give to the ministry of Zion.





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



Mitten/Hat Tree

With ALL your help we collected

Hats—35

Gloves—26

Hats & Gloves units 14

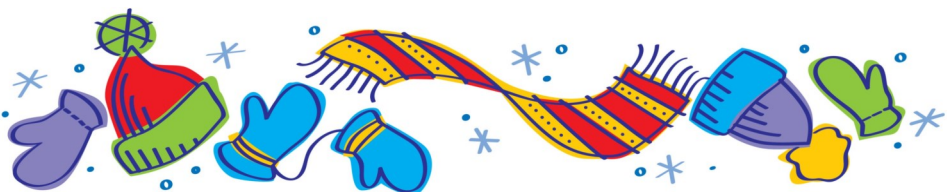
Scarves—9

Socks—5



They were delivered to Warrior Run Neighbors
 Helping Neighbors

THANK YOU ZION!!



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.

**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.

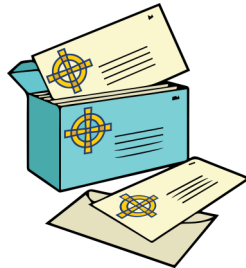
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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



Dear friends,

At Meadowbrook Christian School, which I now attend, every year the junior class goes on a mission trip. This year, as I am a junior, we will be going to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. The people of this community, while they are resilient, are in need of hope and God after enduring multiple hurricanes back-to-back in the last few years and COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020.

We will be in Puerto Rico from May 4-10 and while there, we will be doing light construction in homes in the community and the church we are partnering with, working with children in a VBS-style format while also working with adults and elderly, and food distribution either for the homeless or local families.

As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking as each student needs to raise \$1,400 to cover all expenses as well as a portion of the community work we will be doing. More importantly, we also are in need of much prayer if we hope for this trip to be successful and for God to be able to work through us. With this in mind, I hope I can count on you for the following two things:

1. Please commit to praying for my classmates and I as we participate in this trip, whether or not you help us financially.
2. Please consider assisting and partnering with us through a financial gift of whatever size you feel the Lord is leading you to give

Thank you for your time, your prayers, and whatever financial gift you may give. Above all, please pray that God will bless this trip in many ways, even beyond any of our requests.

Thank you,
Bella Shupp



TASTE OF CAMP

Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! On February 11, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., you can get a Taste of Camp! Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2024 program, and more! Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event (or sign up to be a camper with the director) will get Camel Bucks for all their congregation's Summer 2024 campers.

This year's summer camp season will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. Don't settle for second-rate summer programs. Camp Mount Luther has been giving kids fun, exciting, faith-filled, outdoor experiences for 60 years. If you have questions about our summer programs, feel free to reach out to us at cml@campmountluther.org

CAMP MT LUTHER SUNDAY

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as "Camp Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on February 11, 2024. Camp Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers.

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



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.





MS HS YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

We invite youth to join us for a meeting on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm. **BRING A FRIEND!**

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.



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

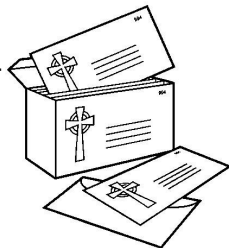


Office Hours
The church office
will be closed
Friday, February 2nd

OFFERING ENVELOPES

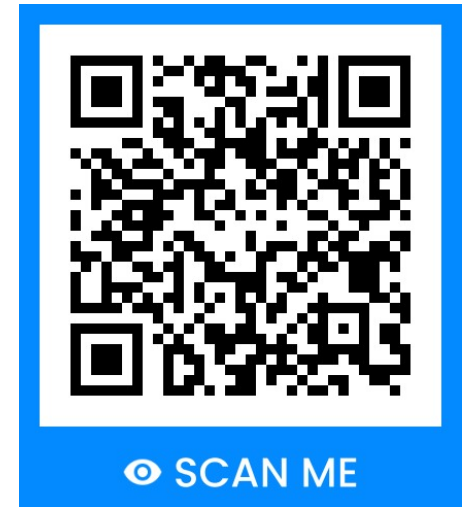
Do not use old (years past) offering envelopes.

The numbers do change from year to year and if there is no name written on the envelope, you will not be given the proper credit on your giving statement. It would be best to discard the old envelopes and use a plain envelope with your name so you will receive credit on your current giving statement. AGAIN if you do not have a box set of envelopes and wish to have let Cathy in the office know.



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.

JOLLY BUNCH

Hope all of you are staying warm and safe in the winter weather we have been having.. As I compose this we are getting ready for yet another storm forecast for this weekend.

We will meet, weather permitting, February 7th, 2024, at 10:30 am. Our program will be BINGO as we usually do each year in February. Please bring items for Neighbors Helping Neighbors or Haven Ministry. We give them when we win a hand, and at the end of playing. The price of leaving is to donate all that we brought. There are also plans to have other ideas for games.

B I N G O

15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

We will eat at the church. We are purchasing soup from Zion's soup sales. Rolls and drinks and desserts will be provided as well. The price will be determined on the costs of the soups. Last year the cost was about \$ 4.00.

Please plan to come and join in the fun as we certainly have lots of that. If there are any questions, please call Marie Gardner, 570-437-3028. See you there. Marie Gardner

NEXT JOLLY BUNCH MEETING: February 7th, 10:30 a.m.
(NOTE: Date change for February only)

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in February

- Rob Sheatler—2nd
- Leonard Tyson—11th
- Linda Shupp—14th
- Earle Jarrett—28th

Shut-in members with Birthdays in February

- Joyce Osman—27th

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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

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

Upcoming meals:

Soup Sales begin Saturday, January 6th 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM then every other Saturday.

Jan 20th Stuffed Pepper and Broccoli Cheese and Clam Chowder

Feb 3rd Chicken & Wild Rice and Firehouse Chili

Feb 17th Chicken Corn and Tuscan Zuppa

Mar 2nd Loaded Potato and Pasta Fagioli



Oyster Dinner: Tuesday, February 6th drive through from 4:00 -5:30 PM, followed by dine-in-meal beginning at 6:00 PM

Donut Day: Tuesday, February 13th

Fish Dinner: Saturday March 16th 4:00 – 5:30 PM

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



90th Oyster Supper

~ Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:00 pm ~
 Volunteers to help, cook or serve will be needed. Please notify Larry Kocher if you will be able to help. Donations of pies are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

90th Annual Oyster Supper
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:00 pm
 in the fellowship hall of
 Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Turbotville, PA
 570-649-5195

A donation of \$20.00 per person will be requested at the door, the amount depending upon the cost of oysters just prior to the supper.

Although it is not required that you make a reservation, it would be helpful if you could give us some indication a week prior about how many will be attending. This will enable us to adequately plan for the supper.

K. J. Reimensnyder will be providing the entertainment for the evening.

DRIVE THRU-TAKE OUT
is available 4:00—5:30 pm

DRIVE THRU-TAKE OUT

- Meal includes:**
- 1 quart of oyster stew
 - 8 oz of raw oysters
 - (if you do not want raw oysters extra quart of stew)*
 - Pepper Cabbage
 - Cheese & Crackers

Meal Cost \$20.00

*Large orders please telephone church office
 570-649-5195 by Tuesday, January 30, 2024*



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: February 4; Easter - March 31; April 14; May 4, 19, 26; June 9; July 7, 17; August 4, 11, 18; September 1, October 6, 20; November 3, 17; and December 1, 15.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS
February

PEAS, PLEASE-This month let us return to those much needed vegetables for our friends dinner plates and bring peas, cans and cans of peas. These come in small as well as large cans. Or perhaps try something different and bring dried peas. They make wonderful soup with an added piece of ham and a few potatoes. It's hot, it's nutritious and ok, so delicious!

