

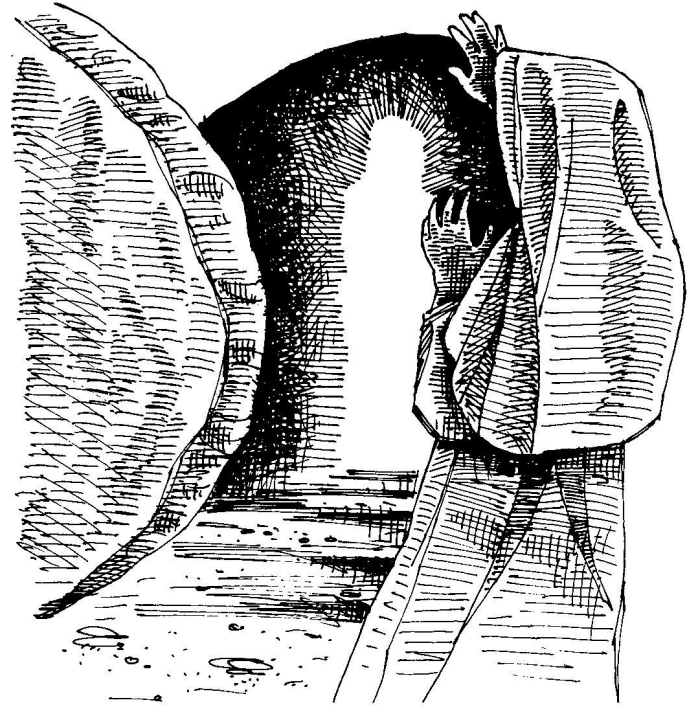
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THE ZION NEWS



“He^{has risen;}
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him.”
Mark 16:6

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Project Linus “Make a Blanket Day”

The Chapter’s spring “Make A Blanket Day” will be held Saturday, April 6, from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM at Faith Lutheran Church on Rt. 45 west of Lewisburg. They have quilt tops ready to go and just need them sewn together and knotted. If you like to sew, bring your machine, or use one of theirs. They will also tie knotted fleece blankets. Bring a friend and have a fun day. A free soup and sandwich lunch will be served. To reserve a sewing machine or lunch, call Pat Warren at 570-966-3675.

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

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

By the end of 2023, the Chapter had distributed 2511 blankets to sick or traumatized children in local hospitals, emergency rooms, foster homes, and homeless shelters... anywhere there was a need. Zion’s Blanketeers were a big part of that effort. Let’s keep the momentum going! For information, 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

Al Kauffman

Nottingham Village - Northumberland

Joyce Osman - 2/27

Watsontown Rehab - Watsontown

Mike Benfer—8/21

Maxine Reimensnyder - 12/20

Presbyterian Home - Williamsport

Karl Fausnaught - 9/23

Military *Pete Reasner—11/28*

New address for KARL FAUSNAUGHT

Presbyterian Home
810 Louisa Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospel of St. Mark tells us that on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene and two other women encounter a cold and empty place when they show up at the tomb. They have suffered the crucifixion of their friend and teacher Jesus, and they are mourning his death deeply. Now they go to his tomb to pay their respects, and what do they find? Nothing. It is an empty space, a deserted place. After seeing a young man and hearing about the resurrection, they go out and flee from the tomb, for terror and amazement have seized them; and they say nothing to anyone, for they are afraid. (Mark 16:1-8)

Each of us, at some time in life, has to struggle with an empty space, a desert place. We feel it when something goes wrong in a relationship, or at work, or with our finances, or when we or someone we love is sick. These are desert places.

When Mary and her companions enter their desert place, they retreat into silence. Yes, it's true that the mysterious young man in the tomb has said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised." This is good news, the Easter morning good news of resurrection life. But the women cannot grasp it, at least not yet. They hear what the man is saying, "Look, there is the place they laid him" but it is just an empty space.

And that's maybe where we are as well. We want Easter joy, a story that lifts our spirits and gives us hope. But day after day, we keep hearing news about empty spaces and desert places. The empty space may very well be inside of us. In a very real sense, that's the way life often is. More emptiness than fullness. More decline than increase. More fear than joy. More failure than success. More separation than reunion. Mary Magdalene felt it when she went with her friends to the tomb of Jesus. And so do we.

But suddenly, when we least expect it, there comes an unexpected hope: Jesus "is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." The young man in the tomb says that Jesus is alive and is moving ahead of us, always ahead of us. He will appear when we least expect it, and surprise us with his resurrection life.

This is what Paul is trying to communicate in his first letter to the Corinthians, when he reminds them of the good news that has surprised him. "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ ... was raised on the third day ... and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

Jesus revealed himself first on Easter morning, but then he continued to appear, again and again and again. No one was expecting that, especially Paul, the persecutor of Christians who describes himself as "unfit to

be called an apostle.” Paul’s message to the Corinthians, and to us, is that the resurrection is not a one shot deal. It continues to have an impact, as Jesus reveals himself over and over to people who believe in him.

Although Paul was the least of the apostles, he believed in the resurrection, and was inspired to spread the gospel throughout the Roman Empire. Although Mary and her companions felt a mixture of amazement and fear on Easter morning, they responded when the young man gave the command, “Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” Believe in the resurrection. Follow Jesus into the future. These are responses we can make, responses that can fill our empty spaces and desert places.

Now, you might be wondering what Jesus looks like when he appears in our lives today. Most often, Jesus shows himself most clearly in a community of faith that is trying to follow his example. Jesus shows up in the gathering among whom the Word is preached and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are shared. He appears in congregations that are trying to be the hands of Jesus in the world, to extend hospitality and grace to all people, to serve a world in need, and to work as ambassadors of reconciliation. We become signs of Christ’s presence in the world. We are showing our neighbors that we believe that Jesus is alive and well, and that we want to follow him into the future.

This is an important mission, because so many people today are living in empty spaces and desert places. Loneliness is on the rise, community is breaking down, and people are feeling more divided than ever. People have a void inside them that needs to be filled by the presence of Christ in a church community that embraces people with God’s love and grace. We human beings try in vain to fill our hearts with everything around us, attachments offered to us by the world. But none of these earthly things can help in the long run, because the empty space inside is meant to be filled only with God.

If you are feeling a desert place in your life, the very same will be true for you. Your emptiness will not be eliminated by just things of this world. Instead, the hole in your life can be filled only by believing in the resurrection and following Jesus into the future.

Look for him to appear among your fellow church members as we endeavor to be a Christian community that embraces people with God’s love and grace. Make a commitment to follow where Jesus is leading you, in your home, neighborhood, and in our congregation at Zion. Take a step forward, and trust that the resurrection is not over, but that it will continue to be made real to you as you follow Jesus in faith.

The good news of Easter is that Christ is alive! We can rejoice because He is moving ahead of us, always ahead of us, filling our emptiness and leading us into the future.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Roux 4

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



Current Fund - Daily Expenses

Balance brought forward (1/31/24)	16,341.61	19,399.56
	February	YTD
Monthly Contributions	21,164.22	42,666.82
Monthly Disbursements	23,909.31	48,361.86
Balance (2/29/24)	13,488.52	13,488.52

Building Fund—\$6,232.52

Nave Improvement—\$16,930.32

Current Loan Balance as of 2/29/24 was \$157,419.76

Our Mission Goal for February was \$23,976.00

Your contributions for February were \$21,164.22

Nave donations for February were \$1,545.00

Thank you for your giving.

Our Mission Goal for March is \$22,214.00

Your contributions as of March 20 are \$14,814.71

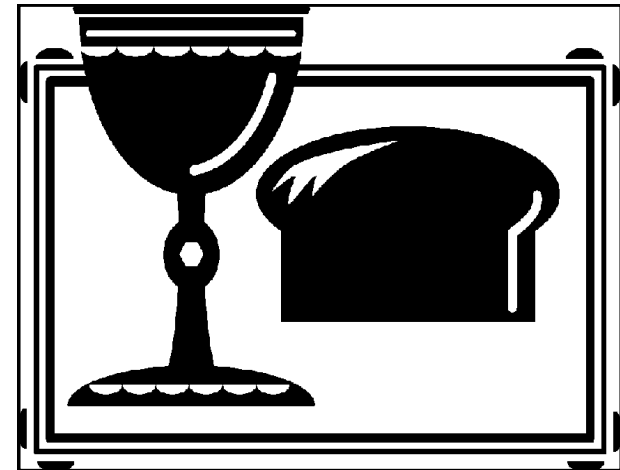
Nave donations as of March 20 are \$1,465.00

Our mortgage balance is \$148,694.76 as of 3/20/24

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

First Communion

Fiona Spinella and Avery Zettelmoyer have been attending First Communion classes and will be joining us at the Lord's Supper for the first time on Maundy Thursday. We welcome you to the Lord's Table!



FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Worship Service—65

8:00 am Worship Service—176

10:30 am Worship Service—185

Wednesday Prayer Service—12

Ash Wednesday am—19

Ash Wednesday pm—44

Lenten Morning Prayers—31

Lenten Vespers—41



Preparing for *Baptism*

BAPTISM

Archer Lee Keister and Luke James Betz will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter, March 30th. Archer is the son of Ryan and Mercedes Keister. Luke is the son of Chris and Lori Betz. We pray that God will bless you as you live out the covenant of Holy Baptism with your children.

Ryan Zettelmoyer, Chris and Lori Betz will also be received into membership by Affirmation of Baptism.

We are grateful that the Holy Spirit has called them to our church family, and we look forward to welcoming them into the life of our congregation in the time to come. Please pray for them and join us on Holy Saturday for the Vigil.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

April Newsletter
deadline is
April 10, 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.



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.

Coming Soon...

This spring we will welcome a new feature to our church which will allow us to "make a joyful noise" throughout our community. A generous memorial donation is covering the purchase and installation of a Schulmerich Carillon system that will enable the sounds of beautiful bell music and clock tolls from our steeple once again. It has been many years since such sounds graced our Turbotville community. The carillon system is fully programmable and customizable to play seasonal bell selections at set times of the day and also for special occasions, holidays and church services. We are excited to expand Zion's musical instrumentation to include the Schulmerich electronic carillon.



Holy Week in Our Parish

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.

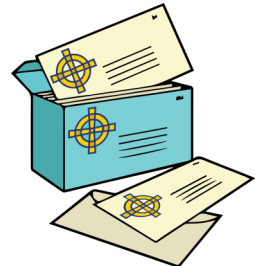
If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

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)

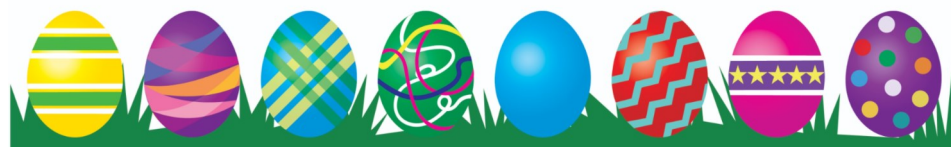


The recorded 10:30 am worship service will be posted
on our Youtube channel: Zion Turbotville
immediately following the service.



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.



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. If you would like to
help with the breakfast in any way,
contact Larry Kocher.



Easter Sunday
Breakfast

LIBRARY NOTES “IN MEMORIAM”

In 2014 I received a donation of books (mostly fiction titles) from a friend who was a member of another Lutheran church in the area. At the time Martha Weidner and I talked it over and decided it was a good time to start a “Christian Fiction Book Swap.” That fall we initiated the informal “take a book... leave a book” arrangement on the adult reading shelves in the narthex.

About once a year or so, this friend weeded books from her church’s browsing collection and her own personal collection and dropped them off at my house. I would check them to make sure they met the genre criteria, then add them to our collection. Over the years she donated hundreds of books. Our collection, now ten years old, is wide-ranging in scope and very popular with our members.

Sadly, Eileen passed away in February. She was a vibrant person who loved God and her family and friends. She always had a smile and a good book to recommend. Her generosity is now a special legacy for the readers in our congregation. I will always whisper a heart-felt ‘thank you’ whenever I pass the bookshelf in the narthex.



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.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting April 14, 2024

11:45 am immediately following the second service

Call to Order – Drew Potts

Verify Quorum – Lori Dyer, Janet Rump and
Brittany Lynch

Devotions – Macoy Auman

New Business:

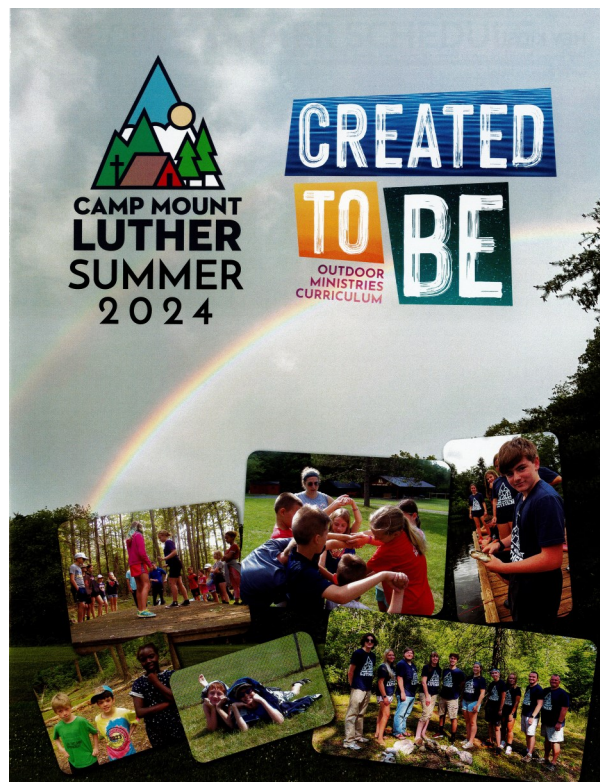
Funding for Roof Over Educational Wing and Exterior
Painting

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.*"



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

JOLLY BUNCH

April 10, 2024
10:30 am

In March Leon Hagenbuch presented an interesting program on the history of Zion, its members, and the Turbotville area. It stirred many memories among our members. We were still discussing it while we were at lunch.

On April 10th at 10:30 a.m., Pastor Elkin will be joining us with a program about "Growing and Blooming across Northern Spain and Portugal" As a life long gardener I look forward to this. So please join us for that program. We will be going to D & D's in Watsontown for our meal. See you there. Marie Gardner

Jolly Bunch members with Birthdays in April

Viola Pfleegor—6th

Ann Gardner—15th

Ruth Cotner—27th

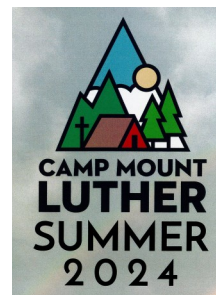


PASTOR AVAILABLE

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.

WARRIOR RUN NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS APRIL

We brought peaches in March. Let us continue with that golden color and bring corn this month. Think summer, when the fields are green with graceful stalks of corn swaying in the breeze with the promise of a bountiful harvest. We can harvest a bit early by visiting our grocer's shelves and gathering those readily available cans of corn. Corn is a hearty addition to any meal whether we serve it as scalloped corn, in chicken corn soup, fritters, or we just heat and serve it with generous pats of butter. That sounds easy, doesn't it? Please bring cans and cans of corn during the month of April, any brand, size or kind. There are many selections from which to choose. Thank you.



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



Clean-up Project

Coming Soon this Spring

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"
Psalm 24:1

We are called to be good stewards of the earth and to care for the environment. Please join us this spring in our annual roadside pick-up event—

**Saturday April 13, 2024,
8:30—10:30 a.m.**

The Stewardship Committee



MS HS YOUTH GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

We invite youth to join us for a meeting in April, the date and time to be announced. 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.



Thank
you

Thank You!

A very big "THANK YOU" to all who helped with the funeral meal for the family of Patrick Warren on Saturday March 9th. Dedicated helpers and servers were Jim & Marie Gardner and Paul & Ruth Auten.

Special thanks to Helen Mathias for her phone calls to secure all the food donations, as well as to all of the generous cooks and bakers of Zion for supplying the delicious food.

Also thanks to Rick Rovenolt for the setting up and taking down of all the tables and chairs.

We are thankful that we can offer this important funeral meal ministry to grieving families.

Barb Zettlemyer



Office Hours

*The church office
will be closed
Monday, April 1st*