



November 2023

Newsletter for the Congregation
And Friends of
ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission: Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

Matthew 4:4 *“Jesus answered and said, It is written Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”*



Beloved friends and families of Zion,

Autumn brings so much beauty to our area it is difficult to take it all in. God’s paintbrush is particularly vibrant with color this year. We have so much to be thankful for as we anticipate celebrating thanksgiving. (culinary is offering their delicious stuffing in November.....be sure to order)

Our joyful noise finds itself muffled by the sounds of turmoil in the Middle East and the Ukraine. It is a time for all of us to be in a constant state of prayer for peace. I want to assure everyone that the “mouth of God” continues to speak. May we, as a congregation, listen very carefully..... so that **we** continue to bring God’s kingdom to earth wherever we go. I find myself turning to Joshua 9:1 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. ***Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you where you go.*** Each one of us plays an integral role in God’s plan.

My 96-year-old mother recently said that she hasn’t had a day that she has not felt loved, needed or wanted in her life. WOW. I firmly believe that this is a direct result of her devout faith and living out the Gospel in her life. I pray that each one of us can have this experience in, with and through Christ.....regardless of our circumstances. I hope our Thanksgivings provide us to have time with people that we love and cherish. **God IS with us.** Please come to church to be reminded of this. In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*With love from my family to yours,
Pastor Cindy*

Morning Prayer on Facebook and Website: Rev. Cindy White reads a selected Bible verse and offers a brief message or song Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Individuals with specific prayer requests can email those requests to Pastor White at zionlutheranrev@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION

Classes are held on three Sunday mornings:

Sunday, **November 5, 12, & 19**, from **11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Children who are in **5th grade or older** and who **have been baptized** (or who would like to be baptized) are eligible for first Holy Communion. **A parent or relative who is a member of Zion Lutheran Church** are required to accompany them to classes and worship.



First Communion is scheduled for **Sunday, November 26, 2023**, during the **9:00 am** worship service. **Parents, please register your child (ren) now by calling 570-668-2180.**



Zion Thanksgiving Potato/ Bread Filling Sale -
Homemade potato/ bread filling \$12 a tray (9x12) or \$8 a quart. Order forms will be in the Gathering Room or call Mary Ruth at 570-668-4451. Pick up: Tuesday, November 21st between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Deadline for orders is November 12th. Thank you for your support!

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, November 3rd from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Thank you all for your continued support!



All Saints Sunday 2023

The greatest hope we have, as people of God, is the hope of resurrection; the promise that the powers of death can and will not keep us from God's eternal embrace.

Since last "All Saints' Day" a number of Zion Church's family and friends have died and share with all the saints in that promise of salvation. On Saturday, November 4, 2023 and All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023, we will remember each of them. During the Liturgy a votive candle will be lit as each name is read. We are remembering the following:

James J. Bynon, II - 11/6/22
Rick Bachman - 11/24/22
James Batman - 12/6/22
Nancy L. Betz - 1/18/23
William W. Bechtel - 1/30/23
Mary L. Koch - 2/4/23
Warren Schreffler - 3/27/23
Ida Mae Piccin - 5/17/23
Allen C. Mace - 5/29/23
Charles R. Linkhorst - 7/27/23
Joseph A. Harvilla Jr. - 8/24/23
Other Zion Family and Friends

"For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The purpose of this brief commemoration is not to remind you of the sorrow nor add to the burden of grief. Instead, our purpose is to focus on the message of the Gospel:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Church Council has approved the removal of 133 envelope numbers. These were numbers that have not been used to make an offering in the last year and a half. If you are one of those with numbers removed but would still like to receive offering envelopes, please contact the church office. If you are using Zion's Vanco online giving page and no longer need offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. *The costs of the flowers are \$42.40 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!*

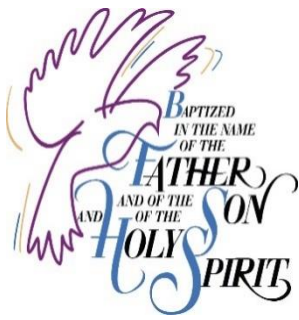
Reminder: If you have sponsored Altar Flowers, Candles or Bulletins for 2023, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the bulletin/candle sponsorship is not received prior to the date, the information will not be printed in the bulletin, **please pay and fill out a form when you add your name on the list.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please note: if you have signed up for Altar Flowers, the cost of the arrangement will increase to **\$42.40.** Please note price increase. They are \$40 with tax. If you would like to cancel your sponsorship, please contact the Church office.
Thank you.

Looking for a way you can help serve your church, but don't have a lot of extra time? Are you able to commit to a half hour, on a day you will already be here? We are looking for greeters to welcome people to the church on Sunday mornings, hand out bulletins, and answer questions from visitors. We would like to have enough people to make up at least 6 teams, with 2 people per team. Please text or call Brian Lawfer at 570-952-5966 for more information.



Zion is on Instagram. Go to the website or Facebook for complete instructions or scan the QR code.



Celebration of Baptisms

Please welcome Amelia Marie Miller, daughter of Alesia Casler and Matthew Miller. Amelia's Godparents are Alyssa Casler and Ryan Boyer. She received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during our Sunday morning worship service on October 15, 2023.

Please welcome Lewis Michael Betz, son of Holly and Francis Betz. Lewis' Godparents are Jeffrey Hartz, Michael Hobbs, Jamie Hartz and Madylin Lockhart. He received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during

our Sunday morning worship service on October 29, 2023.

May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing these children in the light of faith.

A reminder that both a record of communion AND a record of contribution is necessary to maintain voting active member status. Please remember to complete a communion card and to use your offering envelopes. Thank you, Church Council



Upcoming Events

October 29 – Jack O' Lantern Jamboree

November 5, 12, & 19 – First Holy Communion Classes

November 3 – Blessings Thrift Stoe

November 4 & 5 – All Saints Remembrance

November 19 – Ornament Making

November 21 – Potato/ Bread Filling Pick-up

November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service

November 26 – 1st Holy Communion

November 26 – Church Advent Breakfast

December 3 – Annual Fiscal Meeting

December 10 – Family Christmas Event

December 7 – Hoagie Sale

January 1 – New Year Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner



Sunday Church Advent Breakfast

November 26, 2023

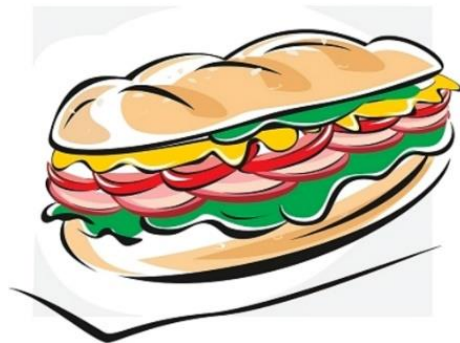
10:30 AM TO 12:00 Noon



TO BEGIN THE ADVENT SEASON CULINARY WILL BE HOSTING A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP ADVENT BREAKFAST. MENU: SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE OR BACON, AND TOAST. A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Hoagie sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale. Regular Hoagies are \$7 each. Order by December 3rd, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Pick up is Thursday, December 7th from noon until 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support!!



Family Christmas Palooza

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Come enjoy crafts, candy making, Christmas card making and movies. Make your own sundaes and other refreshments. Santa will make an appearance. Lots of photo opportunities. Children of all ages are welcome as well as those who are young at heart. Please Call Deb Davies at 570-778-2731 to register.



Ornament Making

Sunday, November 19th

Come enjoy some fellowship, crafting, and refreshments. You are invited downstairs immediately following the worship service to make Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament is the legend of the candy cane. We will be making approximately 100 of them. Make one or make 10, stay as long as you can! The ornaments will be handed out throughout the Advent season. Everyone is welcome!



*Have a Blessed
Thanksgiving from the
staff at Zion!*



Zion's 2023 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritzky, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzinger, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation. .

Please note if you have recently become a member or feel there are changes in your membership information please fill out a membership packet located in the Gathering Room. If you need them sent to you, please contact the church office. Thank you for keeping our records up to date.

Would you like to make a gift to our Capital Campaign today? Do you need an envelope for your gift? Blank envelopes can be found in the rear of the church on either side. Please just write your name and Capital Campaign on the envelope so we can give you credit; and place the envelope in the boxes found on the wall on either side at the back on the sanctuary. For information on our Capital Campaign, please visit our website at <http://www.ziontamaqua.com/capital-campaign/>



Gebert Society - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

Please Join Us!
Saturday Worship – 5:30 pm
Sundays
Worship – 9:00 am
Christian Education – 10:15 am

DEADLINE: All information for the **December 2023/ January 2024 issue of the “Herald”** is due at the church office no later than **Monday, November 20, 2023. Please note that this is a combined issue of the newsletter.** You may e-mail your information to zionlcof@verizon.net or stop in during regular office hours. Thank you for your co-operation!

Hospitalizations - If you or someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office at 668-2180. Due to the HIPAA Law names are no longer published in the newspaper and we are not contacted by the hospital unless the patient requests it, when admitted, let them know you are a member of Zion Lutheran church. Zion Lutheran Church Lehigh Valley System Hospital Code is 356; If you are admitted to a hospital in the Lehigh Valley Hospital system (not St. Luke’s/ Miner’s) and you want our church and Pastor to be notified, provide Zion’s Code # 356 when you provide admission information.



NEPA SYNOD
NORTHERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

Weekly E-News - E-News is a weekly e-newsletter for rostered leaders (pastors and deacons), congregational leaders and members, and anyone

interested in keeping up to date with happenings across the Synod and around the ELCA. Sign-up today at www.nepasynod.org/e-news

Office Hours ~

Monday & Wednesday
12:00 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pastor’s Office Hours ~
Wednesday

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Please use door located on Mauch
Chunk Street, ring bell

1 Chronicles 16:34
O give thanks to the
LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever.



Please continue to use your Boyer's key tag every time you shop in any Boyer's Markets. If you do not have a Boyer's tag, they are located in the Gathering room. Please use the swipe card, the receipt does not need to be turned in. Thank you for your participation in this program. Keep using those cards!

Keep saving your Redner's receipts and put them in the container in the Gathering room or mail them to the church office. Please note if you are turning in Redner's receipts please do not cut off the Save a tape portion of the receipt, this makes it invalid and we cannot turn them in, thank you and keep saving!

Sharing your story - As part of an ongoing emphasis on Zion's impact, we'd like to share ways in which Zion has made a difference in the lives of its members and its community. Please respond to any **ONE** of these questions and include **your name** at the end. Send your response to zionlcof@verizon.net (subject line "Impact story" or Zion Lutheran, 101 North Greenwood St., Tamaqua, PA 18252 Attention: Impact

1. How has Zion made a difference in your life? OR
2. What impact has Zion had on your life the last 2 1/2 years? OR
3. What is your vision for the future of Zion's ministry? OR
4. How has serving in a Zion ministry made a difference in your life?



Do you like to clean? Some people really like to clean--honest! If you do, why not join the Cleaning Angel team? We are looking for about 2 or 3 more members to add to the team. Cleaning Angels are members of the congregation who each week clean the Sanctuary, Gathering Room and Library. When two people do that cleaning, it can take 2-3 hours. Being a Cleaning Angel is not intended to be a lifelong commitment and so we thank those who have served and "retired." That means there are openings in the cleaning schedule for other members of the congregation to step up and help keep the

church clean This is a great opportunity to serve your church. The hours are flexible and there's lots of great fellowship involved. Please contact any member of the Property Committee or Cleaning Sexton Kim Eckert or Parish Administrator Melody Gensure.



HAVE A HAPPY

Thanksgiving

Community Thanksgiving Service

St. John XXIII

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7:00 pm

***Sponsored by the Tamaqua
Ministerial Association***

The 12th Annual Tamaqua Community Hunger Campaign is a month-long project of the Tamaqua Area Faith Fellowship Network (TAFNN) and the Tamaqua Area Community Partnership. (<https://tamaquahunger.tacp.info/>)

Tamaqua Community Soup Sale - An online soup sale is again an important part of the Annual Tamaqua Community Hunger Campaign which raises awareness about local food insecurity as well as raising funds and collecting food items for Tamaqua food pantries at American Primitive Methodist Church, Stokes Ministries and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The online soup sale began Sunday, Oct. 15 and runs to Sunday October 29th. Those purchasing soups will pick them up on Saturday, November 4th at Trinity UCC from 9 a.m. to noon. Soup purchasers also receive three raffle tickets for a chance to win gift certificates to select Tamaqua area restaurants. Soups can be ordered online at <https://order.toasttab.com/online/hope-coffee-137-pine-st> or on the TAFNN Facebook page or by going to Hope & Coffee at 137 Pine Street in Tamaqua during regular business hours.

Available soups: ham & bean soup (Stokes ministry); beef vegetable (Bethany ECC); corn chowder (Zion Lutheran); chicken noodle (St. Johns UCC); chicken tortellini (American Primitive Methodist); Pastas Fagioli (St. John XXIII); halupki soup (Trinity UCC) chicken quesadilla (Station Restaurant); Sausage tortellini (Tamaqua BPW); and Italian wedding (Trinity UCC).

The Hunger Campaign ends on Sunday, November 5, with a symbolic Hunger Walk leaving from the Tamaqua Community Art Center at 2 p.m. Walkers are encouraged to seek paid sponsors. A \$10 donation is suggested. Contact Paul Dodson at 570-952-5246. Organizations and individuals collecting food items should contact Paulette Lacrosse at 570-926-4698 or Paul Dodson at 570-952-5246 for pick-up. Questions about the soup sale should be addressed to Judy Hoppes at 570-778-7136 or George Taylor at 570-205-2454.

2023 Tamaqua Community Hunger Campaign <https://tamaquahunger.tacp.info/>

General donation page

<https://tacp.networkforgood.com/projects/206725-tamaqua-hunger-campaign-2023>

CHRISTMAS 2023

POINSETTIA PLANTS and MEMORIAL GIFTS

Christmas poinsettia plants will decorate the Church on Christmas Eve. Plants ordered through the church office are \$9.00. December 11th is the last day to order your plants. **This is a firm deadline; no orders will be taken after that date.** Please return the bottom of this form with all monies no later than December 11, 2023; all checks should be made out to Zion Evangelical Church. All Plants and Monetary Christmas memorial gifts will be listed in the handout on Christmas Eve. Monetary gifts should be in the church office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18th**. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW** and return it to the church office, be sure to indicate whether monetary gifts go to **Endowment fund, Current fund, Cemetery, Fuel, Capital Campaign** or towards the candles that decorate the sanctuary. Extra order forms are available by the bulletin Board.

IN MEMORY OF _____

BY _____

POINSETTIA (\$9.00)

MONETARY GIFT TO: Amount: _____

___ Red @ \$9.00

___ Current

___ Endowment

___ Cemetery

___ Fuel

_____ Total

___ Candles

___ Capital Campaign

SIGNATURE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____



October Memorials

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

THE ALTAR CANDLES are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Brian by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the October 6th birthday of Mary Sinn by daughter, Sandra Yemm

In loving memory of the October 8th birthday of her husband Russell Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

In honor of the October 17th birthday of my mom, Judy Brennan by Sonia Kim Brode

In honor of my parents, Joe and Roxanne Harvilla, who would have celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on October 20th by Matt, Tiffany, and Kinsley Warden

In loving memory of my dad's birthday by Gerry Zeigler

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the October 9th birthday of grandson, Anthony Hill by Denise I. Smolar.

In honor of the October 17th birthday of my mom, Judy Brennan by Sonia Kim Brode

In loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Collura on her birthday October 26th by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

In loving memory of loved ones by John and Cindy Baranovich

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of John Lattanzi, on his 65th birthday on October 20th by wife Beth & daughter Olivia

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of my Gram Hazel's birthday on October 1st by Beth Marcavage

In loving memory of Brian Fetterman by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

In loving memory of Richard Dreisbach by Bob and Terri Livingston

**An Altar Flower Sponsor is needed for November 12th and
bulletin sponsors for November 5th and 12th.**

Please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you.

Annual Fiscal Meeting Announcement - The Annual Fiscal Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 immediately following the service. The agenda items will be restricted to the establishment of a 2024 budget, and the election of Church Council members. The meeting will be brief but your participation is **Very Important** as a quorum needs to be met. Copies of the budget will be available in the Gathering room.

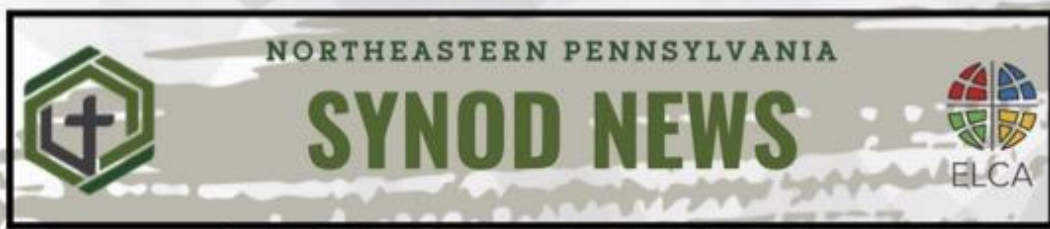
You're invited to Zion's Jack O' Lantern Jamboree! A safe (not spooky) Halloween Event for Children! Join in the Fall Fun with Candy, Pumpkin Painting, & More! Donations of wrapped candy for the event are needed & are currently being accepted! If you'd like to set up a table to pass out candy and greet trick or treaters please see Michael Haspe, or email zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com. We encourage you to dress up and join in the fun, but it is not required. Thank you for your support of Zion's Children's Ministries!

Blessing of the Animals – October 14, 2023.



Heritage Day pretzel sale! Thank you to everyone who purchased food from the youth this past Sunday for helping make the sale a success! It was a great way to start the fundraising for these outstanding kids and young adults.





Interconnected, Diverse, and Wild Creation

Have you ever worked on a crochet or knit project, and got to a point where your yarn ends up tied in a bird nest-looking mess? Or maybe you're one that works with a fishing line, and while re-spooling a reel you end up with a knot with loops and swoops that make you scratch your head and wonder, "Now what?"

I've noticed that when I experience the dilemma of a knotted skein, I feel frustration and anger. If I'm not in my clearest headspace, I will reactively pull one loop at a time, looking for one with any ability to move. "This one moves? Great!" I'll pull it in either direction until it stops. Still knotted? Find another! And again, and again. If I'm not careful I can end up tightening the knot even further, never to be unwound and destined for the scrap pile.

On my clearer days, I can take a jumbled mess of a knot and get it unwound and collected into a smaller ball of yarn without even needing to cut it from the rest! In Times like this, I have found, that the frustration and the anger are still present, yet in letting them pass while I pause, I create the opportunity to take care and intention in my untangling.

I wonder if God feels like that sometimes when, as the interconnected, diverse, and wild Creation that God so deeply loves, we get ourselves all knotted up through broken relationships, judgments, and ignorant acts. I wonder, does God reactively start pulling at us to take action? Does God accept our jumbled mess, allowing us to make different choices and seek right relationships that honor our connectedness? Does God enjoy the feeling of seeing us come together to co-create something new and beautiful?

May you know and trust that the One who has knit you together in the womb is the One who is eager and ready to create goodness and mercy in and through you this day and always. Blessings on your detangling.

Reverend Lauren Applegate
On Leave From Call





We Love 2023:
The Reconciling
in Christ Process

Saturday, November 4, 2023
8:30AM-3PM
at The Lutheran Center
2354 Grove Rd., Allentown

Join the synod's LGBTQIA+ Ministry Team as we host a special day of education, information, and fellowship on this year's theme: The Reconciling In Christ process. We are thrilled to welcome Carla Christopher, Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries in the Lower Susquehanna and Delaware-Maryland synods, to work with us on integrating our commitment to racial justice into our RIC efforts.



SAVE ^{THE} DATE
synod
assembly
JUNE 8TH 2024

NATIONAL
YOUTH
GATHERING

Registration - now open!



www.elca.church/gathering



*This Thanksgiving, we acknowledge
this land is Indigenous*

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Return Service Requested

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Especially for:



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