

Office to be Closed

Zion's office will be closed on Thursday Nov. 23rd and Friday, Nov. 24th, due to the holiday. Please plan your office visits accordingly and thank you for understanding!

In Our Prayers This Week

It is so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week, please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Donald Boerschinger; Michael and Pam Goes; John and Theresa Kloida; Cheryl Maxwell; Samantha Schroeder.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are given by Pastor George and Ruth Olson and are "in great gratitude to God for a successful liver/kidney transplant for our son Clark just two years ago."

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email (Zion@newbc.rr.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday. The cost is \$15.

What's Around the Corner?

- Nov. 26: Christ the King Sunday, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music by Johanna Zuehls on the harp.
- Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Dec. 10: Second Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Gene Wickman. With special music by Barb Grom and Karen Sylvester.



Birthday Blessings to You

- November 27: Karen Sylvester
November 28: Lanse Dill, Alex Gressel
November 29: Carissa Kempka, Sydney Lund, Travis Lund

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for serving as our lector and communion assistant; to Jane Landenberger for setting and cleaning up communion; to Nora Plym for serving as our usher; and to Alexis Rosenfeldt for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; Carol Johnson will be setting up and cleaning up communion; Dave Johnson as our usher; and Adison Rosenfeldt as our acolyte!

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as lector or usher please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. The readings for the particular Sunday will be shared with you days in advance and a copy will be printed for you to use. Thank you for your consideration!

A Note From The Financial Secretary for VANCO users!

If you have changed your donation for 2024 make sure you go to the VANCO website and change it there. You can make a new entry but make sure you have it start 1/1/24 and stop this years by entering 12/31/23.

If you have questions please call our office at 715-735-7898, and I will call you back as soon as I can! This will alleviate any issues for next year. Thank you for your help!

Marissa Tharp, Financial Secretary

Hanging of the Greens!

We are decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 5th at 9 a.m. and need your help! A sign up sheet will be on the corkboard that is set up by the door of the worship area. After decorating, we will have chili for lunch. Please bring an item to share! Thank you for your consideration!



Tithes & Offerings for Nov. 15-20

General Fund: \$2,181

Equal Exchange Coffee/Chocolate: \$56 Thanksgiving: \$50
Poinsettias: \$75 Boiler Fund: \$5 Bell Fund: \$5

Thank you so very much for your continued giving and generosity. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!



"Stepping in Faith" Stewardship Initiative

Pastor Christine Olson introduced me to the following insight.

"Make no doubt about it, the ability to listen to another, to sit silently in the presence of God, to give sober heed, and to ponder is the nucleus of spirituality. It may, in fact, be what is most missing in a new century saturated with information but short on gospel reflection. The Word we seek is speaking in the silence within us. Blocking it out with the static of nonsense day in and day out, relinquishing the spirit of silence, numbs the heart in a noise-polluted world." - Joan Chittister, *The Rule of Benedict*.

Lord God, help us to sit quietly in your presence waiting to hear your voice in the silence. We are such a noisy, constantly moving people; we seem to have forgotten what it means to sit and quietly reflect on your blessings. Help us, little by little, to reconnect with you, to quiet ourselves, and enjoy the silence we hope to experience. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Baking with the Bishop Youth Ministry Event

Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 7th-12th grade are invited to Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 14th Ave., Menominee, on Sunday, December 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. for a Baking with the Bishop Christmas Extravaganza! Bishop Katherine Finegan of the Northern Great Lakes Synod will be joining us for cookie baking, games, crafts, and an afternoon of spreading Christmas cheer.

Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

November 29: Kaitlyn Francour, Sharon Schmidt, Joanne Schutt

December 1: Timothy Marzahl, Karen Sylvester

December 2: Henry Zuehls

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 318; "Sheep and Goats" based on the reading from Matthew 25:31-46 .



November Donation Collection



Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of November, we will be collecting items for Biehl Bridges to Recovery.

Bridges to Recovery is a grant-funded, non-profit, community organization that offers support, services, and connections for individuals affected by, seeking or are in recovery from substance use disorder. The individuals served have Substance Abuse Disorders and the services are provided at no cost to the individual.

Their Recovery Community Center is open for walk-ins and a safe place for individuals seeking, affected by, or in recovery to spend time during open hours.

Helpful Items to Donate:

- Printer paper
- Totes to organize items
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels and tissues
- Men's clothing (especially PJs and sweatpants)
- Deodorant
- Adult Bicycles

You are also invited to view their website (mmbridges2recovery.com) to learn more about them or offer your time and talents.



Have Angels!

Your Social Ministry Committee has the Salvation Army Angel Tree up and decorated! Thank you to all who have taken a tag and supported us in this endeavor! Please bring the gifts (unwrapped) to Zion before or on Sunday, December 3rd. Date the log when you return your gifts so we know they're here.

Thanks to Carole Boerner, Lori Despina and Michelle Larson for getting the tree set up and special thanks to Carole for getting the first tags available so we have ample time to shop.

Free Community Thanksgiving Meal

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University Drive, is having a drive-thru pick up Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day from 10 to 11 a.m. People are asked to please enter from Pierce Ave.

Reservations are required and can be made via email, oursaviorsparish@gmail.com or by calling their office at 715-735-3101. Please tell them your name, phone number, and the number of meals you would like.



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

- **Senior Days**

Fortune Lake has announced their 2023-2024 Senior Day schedule. There will be a Senior Day on January 15th, March 11th, and May 13th! Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. The program varies but generally includes the following:

10:00 a.m. – Arrival and check-in, coffee and fellowship time

10:15 a.m. – Devotion & announcements

10:30 a.m. – Presentation morning session

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Presentation afternoon session

A \$10 donation per participant is requested and attendees are asked to RSVP by the Friday before the event to (906) 214-2267 or hospitality@fortunelake.org



FORTUNE LAKE

A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI



Poinsettias serve as beautiful Christmas decorations. If you make a donation of at least **\$15.00** you may take one of the plants home following the 8:00 p.m. service on Sunday, December 24, 2023. You may also designate it as a gift in memory or honor of someone.

If you are willing to purchase one or more Poinsettia please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

The order forms and payment must be received in

Zion's office by Thursday, November 30.

GIVEN BY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED: \$ _____

Envelope # _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR MONEY AND DROP OFF AT ZION, MAIL TO ZION OR EMAIL ZION'S OFFICE @ ZION@NEWBC.RR.COM SO WE CAN SUBMIT OUR ORDER.

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