

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: Joyce Anderson; Susan Fischer; David and Carol Johnson; Pastor George and Ruth Olson; Dean and Bonnie Schoen.



Flowers

The flowers for today are in celebration of the feast of Epiphany and the glory of God and the light of Christ. They are sponsored by Carol Magnuson

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?

- Jan. 7: Celebration of Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Jan. 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Rick DeBenedetto.
- Jan. 21: Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.

Update on the Annual Report and Annual Meeting!

If you are responsible for a yearly write up for the annual report, please email it or drop it off at Zion's office by January 15th! Our Annual Meeting will be held January 28th following the service.



Birthday Blessings to You

January 10: Johanna Zuehls
January 13: Oliver Swenson

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Dill for serving as our lector and communion assistant, and for setting and cleaning up communion; to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher; and to Anthony Sims for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Sue Baxter as our lector; Karen Sylvester communion assistant and usher; Barb Grom will be setting and cleaning up communion; and Alexis 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!

The Lutheran Hour

“The Lutheran Hour” will take place January 7th through February 11th immediately following worship and will end at noon, if not earlier. Congregation members will lead impromptu discussion about the Sunday Gospel readings. It isn't necessary to attend every session as each will revolve around that Sunday's Gospel reading.

There is a signup sheet on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary. There will be coffee!



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

January 8: Naomi Dumke

January 9: Jaclynn Knopik and Mary Thielen

January 10: Ainsley Emler

Tithes & Offerings for Dec. 27-31

General Fund: \$2,766.50

Christmas Decor: \$100 Christmas: \$100

AV Equipment: \$100 Helping Hand Fund: \$25

Boiler Fund: \$55 Bell Fund: \$5

Capital Improvement Fund: \$100

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



January Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of January is sponsored by Carol Magnuson and is for praising God for the gift of the new year.



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 218; “Wise Men” based on the reading from Matthew 2:1-12.



A Letter From the Office of Veterans of Foreign Wars



Happy Holidays from the new officers of Menominee VFW Post. We are trying to save our charter. We need new and former Vets of Foreign Wars to join us to support our forefathers charter. To join or help, please call 906-424-4004 and leave a message including your phone number. We

will have an update gathering at 10 am on January 6th in Bethel Lutheran Church's Fellowship Room. Coffee and desserts on us.

Thank you.

F. Wells, Jr. Officer



Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive January 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the social hall. To make an appointment, people may call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or [schedule an appointment online](#).

January 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 January, we will be collecting items to replenish our school's food pantries.

We're asking for the kind of items that can be sent home with even the youngest kids to prepare for themselves. Your Social Ministry Committee will split the food between the Marinette and Menominee School Districts at the end of the month.

Please donate items that can be eaten as is or can be prepared using only water. Microwavable meals are good. Place your donations in the narthex by the collection baskets all month.

Here are some suggestions:

- Meals that are ready to eat such as Chef Boyardee, Dinty Moore, SpaghettiOs, canned fish, chicken, ham, cracker or pretzel snack packs, Pop Tarts, granola bars, breakfast bars, fruit roll ups, beef jerky, trail mix, nuts, dried fruit, fruit and vegetable juices.
- Meals that just need water and a microwave: soups, cereals, oatmeal cups. Many companies make individual serving cups like: A Taste of Thai Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Idahoan potatoes, Minute Rice.



Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Circle Group will meet January 18th at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to attend.

2024 Classes Now Open for Registration

In its fourth year, Lifelong Faith Formation is one way for people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, and beyond, to be church together. Join the conversation. Enjoy the fellowship and discover new ways to share the light of Christ with the world. Please Register at least one week prior to when your selected class begins. All classes are held online via Zoom. Classes are FREE but may require the purchase of textbooks or other materials. See below for details. For more information on the classes and to register, visit the synod website, nqlsynod.org



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Faith Formation

Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nqlsynd.org if you have any questions.

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. 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

- Winter Wonderland Retreat

FLLC's Winter Wonderland Retreat will be held January 12-14, 2024. The weekend filled with good food, hot saunas, camp games and songs, and time spent outdoors in the snowy northwoods! This event is open to everyone: family/friend groups, youth groups, and individuals of all ages! For more information or to register, people may visit fortunelake.org.

- Radiating Grace: Young Adult Winter Retreat

Fortune Lake invites all adults ages 18-16 to register for our Radiating Grace Young Adult Retreat. This retreat centers around caring for yourself and your body and includes sessions on mindfulness, mental and physical self care, healthy movement, and more. Participants are encouraged to choose their own adventure in hopes that everyone comes away from the retreat feeling rested and ready to return to their busy schedule. Other offerings include a scripture discussion, worship opportunities, arts 'n' crafts, hot saunas, and plenty of other camp favorites. Registration and payment deadline is January 31 by 10 p.m. For more information or to register, people may visit fortunelake.org.



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