



## **Welcome Rev. Rick DeBenedetto!**

Thank you to Rev. Rick DeBenedetto for presiding over Sunday's service. Please give him a warm welcome!

## **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: Melanie Bennett; Marilyn Gould; Thomas Kaufman; Larry Nelson and Sally Broetzman; Judy Stehle.



## **Flowers**

The flowers for Sunday are in celebration of the people who have a January birthday.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email ([Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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. 10: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.  
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. 17: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Contemporary band practice, 7:30 p.m.  
Jan 18: Ruth Circle Group, 3 p.m. in the family room.  
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.

## **The Lutheran Hour**

"The Lutheran Hour" will take place January 14th and 21st immediately following worship and will end at noon if not earlier. It will not be held January 28th due to the Annual Meeting. Congregation members will have an 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. You need not sign up, simply show up and you will be welcomed warmly. Coffee will be available.





### **Birthday Blessings to You**

January 15: Marilyn Gould, Dianne Slack and Bethany Wolf  
January 17: Maryellen Radloff  
January 18: Gina Boucher  
January 20: Kathy Heimbuch  
January 21: Sharon Powilaites and Drake Schutt

### **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!

### **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.



### **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

January 15: Susan Fischer  
January 17: Addalynn Brown  
January 18: Spencer Martin  
January 20: Karen Dill

### **2024 Classes Now Open for Registration**



**Lifelong**  
Faith Formation

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, [nglsynod.org](http://nglsynod.org)

Contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynd.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynd.org) if you have any questions.

## 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.



## SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 122; "God Calls Samuel" based on the reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-10.



## 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.



## Open Altar Flower Dates!

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or email [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com).

Current dates that need sponsoring are: February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th! Thank you for your consideration!



## February Newsletter

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the February Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Sunday, January 21st. Thank you for your assistance!

## 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](mailto:hospitality@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. Registration and payment deadline is January 31 by 10 p.m. For more information or to register, people may visit [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org).

## FLLC Summer Camp Registration is open!

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open! There are so many exciting program options for people of all ages. Register early for the best prices and best selection. In addition to all of the camp favorites, there are two new programs this year: Treehouse Adventures for campers completed grades 7-12 and Evergreen Camp for adults ages 55+. Visit [Fortunelake.org](http://Fortunelake.org) for more information or registration!



## FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 9-14	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 16-21	Intergenerational Week (all ages) <b>New!</b> Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$475
Week 3	June 23-28	High School Week (Grades 9-12)   LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$475
Week 4	June 30-July 2	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$225
	June 30-July 3	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$305 No charge
Week 5	July 7-10	*Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
	July 7-12	+Outdoor Week! ^Villager (Grades 3-4)   ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   ^Venturer (Grades 7-8) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12)   LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
Week 6	July 14-17	<b>New!</b> Evergreen Camp (Adults 55+)	\$260/\$305/\$405
Week 7	July 21-26	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9)   Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9)   LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
	July 22-25	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$130
Week 8	July 28-Aug 2	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$445
	July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	August 4-7	^Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   ^Villager (Grades 3-4) ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   ^Venturer (Grades 7-8)	\$305

Scholarships Available

\*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

More info at [Fortunelake.org](http://Fortunelake.org)

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