

## **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: Michael and Lisa Cook; Steve Hoheneder; Carol Magnuson; John and Sharon Powilaites; Oliver Swenson.



### **Flowers**

The flowers for Sunday are sponsored by Carole Boerner and her family and in loving memory of all those dear to our hearts.

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?**

Dec. 11: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.  
Contemporary Band practice, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 15: Third Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service. SPARK Program. Coffee to follow after service.

Dec. 18: Choir, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 19: Ruth Circle, 4 p.m.

Dec. 22: Fourth Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music by Karen Sylvester and Matt Hellerman.



### **Birthday Blessings to You**

December 16: Dean Schoen

December 20: Dawn Vincent

December 21: Carrie Heitmeier

December 22: Presley Schroeder

### **Tithes & Offerings for 3-9**

General Fund: \$3,845

Boiler Fund: \$5

Bell Fund: \$5

Helping Hand Fund: \$55

Advent: \$13

Poinsettia: \$15

Christmas: \$5

Thanksgiving: \$20

Capital Improvement Fund: \$50

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



## **Thank you to our Worship Assistants!**

Thank you to Johanna Zuehls for serving as our lector; to Karen Sylvester as our communion assistant; Maryellen Radloff for setting and cleaning up communion; to Dean Schoen for serving as our usher; to Troy Cording and Gage Schutt on AV; and to Alexis Rosenfeldt for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next Sunday are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; Barb Grom will be setting and cleaning up communion; Dave Johnson as our usher; Henry Zuehls and Debbie Mylener will be our AV team; and Adison Rosenfeldt as our acolyte.

The volunteers for the Christmas Eve service are Dave Johnson as our lector; Johanna Zuehls as our communion assistant; Carol Johnson will be setting and cleaning up communion; Mark Swenson as our usher; Henry Zuehls and Gage Schutt will be our AV team; and Sophie Limberg as our acolyte.

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as a worship leader, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. Thank you for your consideration!



## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

December 17: Nila Krenos

December 19: Lisa Cook

December 21: Niklas Williams

## **Ruth Circle Group**

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, December 19th, at Zion at 4 p.m. for our December dinner.

## **Upcoming Coffee Hour**

There will be a Coffee Hour on Dec. 15 and Dec. 29! The December 29th coffee hour will be a farewell gathering for Pastor Doug. Coffee Hours are held directly after service but are only held if someone sponsors it. If you would like to sponsor or hold a coffee hour, call the office at 715-735-7898 to reserve a date!



## **A Note From The Financial Secretary for VANCO users!**

If you have changed your donation for 2025 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 1/1/25 and stop this years by entering 12/31/24. This does not apply to you if you do not use VANCO.

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



## **Flowers and Sanctuary Candle for 2025**

Monthly sanctuary candle and altar flower dates for sponsoring in 2025 are available. Both are on a first come, first serve basis. Sponsoring the candle is \$13 and altar flowers are \$15; plus you can take the flowers home with you!

## **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 234; “John the Baptist” based on the reading from Luke 3:7-18 .



## **Upcoming Retreats at Fortune Lake**

### **“Renew and Restore” Young Adult Retreat**

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting its annual young adult retreat February 21-23, 2025. The retreat is open for people age 18-30. The weekend will feature time to relax and recharge in a self-guided retreat model, opportunities to worship and spend time in nature, and discussions about burnout. And, the first 30 people to register only pay \$30 to attend if they use the code YA2025 during registration. To learn more and to register, people may go to [fortunelake.org](https://fortunelake.org)

### **“Sacred Waters” Youth Retreat**

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting a youth retreat April 4-5, 2025. The retreat is open for kids in grades 3-6. The retreat will feature bible studies, campfire worship, camp games and songs! To learn more and to register, people may go to [fortunelake.org](https://fortunelake.org)

### **“In The Body” Retreat**

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting a retreat for middle and high schoolers April 11-12 2025. This retreat is facilitated by Rachel Kurtz who is a singer, songwriter, speaker, and storyteller who has been performing for almost 20 years and has performed at 6 ELCA Youth Gatherings. The retreat will feature bible studies, worship, an adult leader workshop, and camp style games and songs. To learn more and to register, people may go to [fortunelake.org](https://fortunelake.org)



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