

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 Dorothy Bretl; Peter Jensen; Dale and Kathleen Lueskow; Laura Chaltry; Julie, Scott, Justin and Nik Williams.



Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are sponsored by Pam and Mike Goes and are in honor of their son Philip, whose birthday is on December 28th.

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?

- Dec. 24: Nativity of our Lord, 8 p.m. worship and via Facebook Live. With candlelight and Holy Communion. Special music by the Zion choir, Hannah Grom, and the Limberg family.
- Dec. 25: Office closed. Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 29: First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special service based on Carols. Pastor Doug's last Sunday. Coffee hour to follow worship.
- Jan. 1: Office closed. Happy New Year!
- Jan. 5: Second Sunday of Christmas, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Pastor Amanda's first Sunday. Coffee hour to follow worship.

Christmas Eve Worship

We will celebrate the Nativity of Jesus on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. The service will be a candlelight service with Holy Communion, special music by the Zion Choir, Hannah Grom, and the Limberg Family. Celebrate the Nativity of Jesus with us. Live streaming via Facebook Live will be available!

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 230; "The Boy at the Temple" based on the reading from Luke 2:41-52.



Birthday Blessings to You

- December 31: Eileen Jagielski, Alexis Roth, Gabriel Roth
January 2: Debra Harding
January 3: David Francour
January 4: Mary Hayward
January 5: Adison Rosenfeldt and Daniel Zuehls

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for serving as our lector and usher; to Carole Boerner for serving as our communion assistant; to Jane Landenberger for setting and cleaning up communion; to Cheryl Maxwell and Sharon Powilaites for handling AV; and to Daniel Zuehls as our acolyte on Sunday.



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.

The volunteers for next Sunday are Karen Dill as our lector, communion assistant and she will be setting and cleaning up communion; Mark Swenson as our usher; and Elsa Emler 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 31: Barbara Francour

January 1: Beverly DeGroot, Robert Hamer, Carrie Heitmeier, Alice Larson and Dean Schoen

January 3: Lynn Francour

January 5: Mary Hayward

Tithes & Offerings for 16-23

General Fund: \$1,758

World Hunger: \$20

Lutheran World Relief: \$10

Advent: \$30

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



Upcoming Coffee Hour

There will be a Coffee Hour on Dec. 29 and January 5th! The December 29th coffee hour will be a farewell gathering for Pastor Doug. Our January 5th coffee hour will be a welcoming gathering for Pastor Amanda.

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!



January Conference-Wide Youth Event

Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 6th-12th grade will be meeting at Second Chances Thrift Shoppe (1406 10th Avenue, Menominee) on Saturday, January 11 at 12:00 p.m. We will assist with serving lunch at Abundant Life Mission and help with tasks at the Thrift Shoppe until 3:00 p.m. After volunteering, we will walk over to Bethel Lutheran Church for pizza and games. Parents may pick up youth at Bethel (1309 14th Avenue, Menominee) at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org so we know how many volunteers to expect.



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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

“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

“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