

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: Annette Anderson; David and Lynn Francour; Jane Landenberger; Mike and Candy Minzloff; Phil and Deb Strohl.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are in honor of the contemporary band and the wonderful performances they do every month.

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. 15: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Contemporary band practice, 7 p.m. Annual Report write-ups due.

Jan. 17: Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 19: Second Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service. There will be a meeting after the service for anyone interested in helping plan our 150th anniversary celebration.

Jan. 22: SPARK, 5:30 p.m., Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: Third Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special Music by Anna Marzahl. Annual Meeting to follow worship.

Pastor Amanda's schedule and contact information

For reference to the congregation members, Pastor Amanda will be taking Mondays off. She is available for pastoral emergencies and can be reached on her home phone, 715-330-5036. She can also be reached via email, pramandak3@gmail.com



Birthday Blessings to You

January 20: Kathy Heimbuch

January 21: Sharon Powilaites and Drake Schutt

January 22: Shawn Limberg

January 24: Pamela Lund and Tatem Schroeder

January 25: Beverly DeGroot and Denise Despins

January 26: Colleen Madden

Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive January 17 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](#).



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! The report will be ready for the congregation by Sunday, January 19th. Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26th following the service.



Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for serving as our lector; to Kathy Heimbuch for serving as our communion assistant; Barb Grom for setting and cleaning up communion; to Deb Mylener for serving as our usher; to Cheryl Maxwell and Sharon Powilaite on AV; and to Jacob Marzahl for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next Sunday are Karen Sylvester as our lector; Kathy Heimbuch as our communion assistant; Deb Mylener as our usher; Barb Grom will be setting and cleaning up communion; Cheryl Maxwell and Sharon Powilaite will be handling AV; and Jacob Marzahl 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!



Tithes & Offerings for Jan. 7-13

General Fund: \$2,361
Initial: \$130
Helping Hand Fund: \$9
Advent: \$10
Lutheran World Relief: \$10
Disaster Fund: \$250
Sew For Missions: \$15
Capital Improvement Fund: \$260

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

The Lutheran Hour

The group is going to start meeting again following the service today. We offer lively conversations based on the scripture readings and the sermon we just heard at Sunday worship. There is no prep involved except to listen to the sermon, and if you like, jot down questions or comments you might like to talk about. All are welcome!



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 410; "Wedding at Cana" based on the reading from John 2:1-11.



Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, January 16th, at Zion at 4 p.m. The group will have their holiday dinner that was rescheduled.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

January 20: Karen Dill

January and February 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 January & February we will be collecting items to replenish our school's food pantries and clothes closets.

We're asking for the kind of food items that can be sent home with even the youngest kids to prepare for themselves and hygiene products and underclothes for students from K-12.

A list is available in the newsletter and in the collection area of the narthex. Thank you so much!

Lifelong Faith Formation Classes for Winter Are Open!

In its fifth 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 fellowship. Grow in faith as you study the Bible, church traditions, and contemporary concerns. **Please register at least one week prior to the date your class begins.**

All classes are held online via Zoom, with one exception. "Take and Eat" is meeting in person, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Courses are FREE but may require the purchase of textbooks or other materials.

Classes available are:

- Introduction to Biblical Greek: Part 2
- Walking With Our Indigenous Neighbors
- Take and Eat: A Study of Food and Spirituality, from Holy Communion to Potlucks
- Revelation – Revealing a Book of Hope & Comfort: Part 1
- Growing Younger: Sharing Ideas and Strategies to Engage Young People

Contact Deacon Lori Ward if you have any questions about Lifelong Faith Formation at (615) 519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org. To register, people may visit nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation.



NORTHLAND LUTHERAN

RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, INC

Our Mission ...Motivated by Christ's love for all people, we are led to serve the spiritual, emotional, physical, and housing needs of the Elderly and Disabled...

Northland is a ministry of your congregation and appreciates the support you provide through prayer and volunteer efforts. Listed below are the operations of Northland and the ***need for Board Members***. We hope you will consider supporting our mission by volunteering to serve on one of the boards.

Northland Foundation – maintains investments and distributes proceeds of Those investments for various corporate and resident needs -One (1)) board member needed

Luther Home/Luther Manor – skilled nursing, rehab, and assisted living. One (1) Board vacancy

Northland Terrace Estates and Homes – independent living. One (1) Board vacancy.

Interfaith Manor and New Hope Heights – subsidized apartment living for seniors in Menominee. One (1) Board vacancy.

Northland Village –subsidized apartment living for seniors in Marinette. One (1) Board vacancy.

The above Boards meet 5 times each year in February, April, June, Sept., and November. Meetings usually take 1 to 1.5 hours.

Northland Lutheran Retirement Community, Inc. is the sole member organization of all the above listed entities. This Board oversees the operations of all Northland operations. One (1) at large member needed. The NLRC Board meets 10-11 times per year.

If interested in serving on one of the above Northland boards, contact Darrell Lancour, CEO at 715-732-5656 or lanccd@northlandlutheran.org. **We offer a virtual option to in person attendance through Go-To- Meeting.**



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

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ELCA.org/wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

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Give through your congregation or make out your check to Lutheran Disaster Response and send it to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.

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