### 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; Roger and Beverly DeGroot; Jared Johnson; Dale and Kathleen Lueskow; Laura Peanosky; Shirley and Oliver Swenson





#### <u>Flowers</u>

The flowers for Sunday are given by Carol Magnuson and they are in honor of the glory of God.

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?

Aug. 28: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy

Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music by Barb Atkins.

Sept. 4: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy

Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Gene Wickman. Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy

Communion and via Facebook Live. Bishop Finegan to lead worship.

### Equal Exchange Items Available.

Equal exchange coffees, teas and chocolates are available again in the Narthex, prices are marked. Money can be deposited in the can by the items.





Sept. 11:

Coffee Time is back! If you would like to sponsor coffee hour, contact our office at zion@newbc.rr.com or by calling 715-735-7898 to see if there is a date available. There will only be a coffee hour if there is a sponsor.

# Offering Statements Ready!

Your financial statements are ready! They are located in a wicker box on our table of resources in the Narthex. Please make sure to look over them carefully.



#### Volunteers needed!

We are in need for volunteers to help our AV team. The hope is with enough people, volunteers would only have to be available once a month. If people have any questions, they can reach out to Troy Cording or Jonah Zuehls.

Thank you for your consideration!



### **Birthday Blessings to You**

August 29: Barb Grom, Jared Johnson, Gail Melgary

August 31: Katy Bauer September 1: Karen Dill

September 2: Thomas Kaufman September 4: Diane Beattie

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

Thank you to Karen Dill for being our lector, communion assistant and for setting up communion; and to Karen Sylvester for being our usher on Sunday.

The volunteers for next week are Sharon Powilaites as our lector; Karen Sylvester as our usher; and Jane Landenberger is setting up communion. We are still looking for a communion assistant!

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. We are also looking for people to set up and take down communion and be communion assistants with Pastor Doug. Directions have been posted in the sacristy. Thank you for your consideration!

## Life Long Formation Classes to begin in September!

Registration is quick and easy for fun and interesting classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Beginning in September and October, the fall courses meet online via Zoom (with an added in-person option for one of the courses). Go to <a href="https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation">https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation</a> for more information on these classes, materials, and registration before the September 12 deadline:

- Why Do We Do That? A Background on
- Liturgical Practices of Feast days and Seasons
- The Big Picture Bible Study: Discussion and Reflection on Entire Books of Scripture
- Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today;
- Romans: The Gospel According To Lutherans
- Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function, meeting both in person and on Zoom, giving participants a choice between the two options.
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Growing Younger Sharing Ideas and Strategies to Engage Young People in our Congregations

If you have questions or concerns, contact Deacon Lori Ward at <a href="mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org">lori.ward@nglsynod.org</a> or 615-519-1969.



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

August 29: Delanie Schroeder September 1: Gary Houdek

September 2: Allie Buenning, Elsa Emler, Skyler Emler,

Andrew Hubbard, Patricia Peterson

September 4: Jacki Renne

## **COVID-19 Update**

For the comfort and safety of all who join us for worship, the following procedures remain in effect: the ushers will collect the offering at the ends of each pew rather than passing the plates; the sharing of the Peace will be "touchless" with waves, head nods, peace signs and lots of smiling; and the Pastor will greet worshipers in the narthex after the service but will not shake hands.

## **Choir Rehearsals Back in Session**

Zion Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th at 7 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please call Ann Buscher to register, 715-735-3017.





## **Conference-Wide Youth Group Kick-Off Event!**

The Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team is starting up some pilot programs in our synod to help connect youth on a more local level. We recognize that many congregations have only a handful of young people and it can be challenging to plan events. By working together, we can offer more opportunities for youth to get together for fellowship and faith-building activities within our conference.

The Menominee Valley Conference will be holding its youth group kick-off event on Sunday, September 25 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All youth between 7th – 12th grade, youth group leaders, and pastors are invited to Zion in Marinette for a campfire and ultimate s'mores. We will get to know each other, share a devotion, play some games, brainstorm future activities, and eat delicious s'mores! Friends are welcome, too!

If you have any questions about this event or youth ministry in the NGLS please contact Stefanie Ehle (youthministry@nglsynod.org).

## September "Stepping in Faith" Initiative

September is a month for new beginnings – the Green Bay Packers' new season is underway, many children will be attending freshly renovated schools with new school supplies in hand, and organizations are planning fall events that they hope will be interesting, informative, and fun.

Zion, too, is busy planning. Beginning September 11th through October 23rd we will continue our yearlong stewardship initiative by focusing on GIVE, one of the Seven Marks of Discipleship. September 11th will be our Kick-Off Sunday. On that Sunday, we will hand out the Steps in Faith through GIVE suggestion list which we ask you to affix to your refrigerator with the Stepping in Faith magnet, and faithfully consider in the weeks ahead.

- On September 18, Michelle Larson will present the first of three Temple Talks on the themes of Time, Talents, and Treasures. We have invited her to speak on Time as she donates a huge number of hours to Zion, and in most cases, without being asked.
- On Sept. 26th, LeeAnn (Martin) Limburg will deliver a Temple Talk focused on giving of her Talent. LeeAnn teaches math at Marinette High School and will tell us how she utilizes her Talent to help Zion.
- Then on Oct. 9th, Karen Dill will be presenting another Temple Talk on giving of her Treasures.

We have asked these faithful members to share with us the joy, meaning and satisfaction they derive from their giving.

During the first week of October, every household will be receiving a letter from the Stewardship and Generosity Committee which will include a response card for indicating your giving goal for 2023. Please carefully consider the contents of that letter regarding your faithful giving to the church.

The culmination of the GIVE initiative will be held at the Sunday, October 23rd, worship service with the Faithful Blessings Celebration and Pledge response.

Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We offer the following prayer to begin this month's step in your faith journey through GIVE.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, you know in my heart I want to do everything to please you, and yet I am human and many times what I want to do is not what I end up doing. Help me, dear Lord, to trust you more fully. You have faithfully blessed me with so much – my Time, Talents, and Treasures. Show me, Lord, how you would have me use these blessings to do your kingdom work for the benefit of others. All this I pray in my loving Lord and Savior's name. Amen.

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee: John Radloff, Bonnie Schoen and Karen Sylvester



### **Sanctuary Arts Committee Seeks New Members**

The Sanctuary Arts Committee is looking for new members who would enjoy decorating the church for special occasions. It is a fun group and the committee can certainly use new ideas to make the church beautiful. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Zion's office.

#### Accurate contact information?

Have you or a family member recently had a change of mailing address, phone number or email address? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file? Zion is striving to have current information on file. Please call or email Zion's office to verify what is on file (715-735-7898 or zion@newbc.rr.com ).Thank you for your assistance!





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