



Welcome Rev. Gene Wickman

Thank you to Rev. Gene Wickman for presiding over today's service. Please give him a warm welcome!

Pastor Gene Wickman was raised and nurtured in faith at Zion Lutheran Church for the first 20 years of his life. He married his wife Carol, who was also raised in Zion, June 4, 1966. (This was the first wedding for Pastor Holmstrom at Zion). Pastor Gene attended Luther Seminary, St Paul and was ordained on August 23, 1981, at Our Saviours Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls. He served as Chaplain for the Grace Lutheran Foundation, Eau Claire, Wisconsin for 17 years; Fond du Lac Lutheran Foundation, Fond du Lac for 5 years. He served as Pastor to Grace Lutheran Church, Pembine for 10 years, retiring in September 2013. Since then, he served as Interim Pastor for St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Stephenson and Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Wallace and provided pulpit supply for area congregations. Pastor Gene and Carol are enjoying retirement on Beecher Lake.

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: Duane and Barbara Clarke; Thomas and Mary Hayward; Lisa and Jaclynn Knopik; William Magnuson; Laura Rowe; Maureen and Bethany Wolf



Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are given by an anonymous donor and are in honor of those struggling with addiction.

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?

- Sept. 4: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Gene Wickman.
- Sept. 11: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Bishop Finegan to lead worship.
- Sept. 18: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.

September Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of September is in memory of Dick & Charlotte Ellis and is sponsored by their families.





Birthday Blessings to You

September 7: Bruce Oleson

September 10: Christian Klein, Seth Kuhn, Bradley Nelson

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Sharon Powliaites for being our lector; to Johanna Zuehls for being our communion assistant; to Jane Landenberger for setting up communion; and to Karen Sylvester for being our usher on Sunday.

The volunteers for next week are David Johnson as our lector and communion assistant; Dean Schoen as our usher; and Carol Johnson is setting up communion.

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 <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation> 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 lori.ward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

September 6: Sarge Rudell

September 7: Roxanne Bowdin

September 11: Vern Cramer

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.

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.

Coffee Hour

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.



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!

YOUTH BETWEEN 7TH - 12TH GRADE ARE INVITED
TO THE MENOMINEE VALLEY CONFERENCE
YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF EVENT

Campfire and Ultimate S'Mores

Bring a friend!



Join us for
fellowship, games,
devotions,
brainstorming, and
s'mores!

Sunday, September 25

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

2714 James St. Marinette, WI

Contact youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org
with questions.



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.

This Year's God's Work. Our Hands. Project

This year our congregation and Bethel's will hold a collection all month long of items that we will sort and pack at **Zion on Sunday, October 9th**. The items we collect will be given as a gift of thanks to our local Police, Fire and Rescue Squad — the people in our community who are first to come to our aid in an emergency. A collection box has been set up in the narthex where you can bring your donated items. Take a shopping list home with you today. They are near the collection box for your convenience. While you're there, sign your name (and a short note if you like) to the letter. We will be including a copy of it with a thank you card in each box we deliver in October. Please help us say thank you to our local First Responders by participating in this year's project.

Confirmation

Our confirmation program for young people in grades 6-8 will take place on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning September 14. Two major changes will take place this school year. First, we will return to meeting in person to provide our students with a more stimulating learning experience as they interact with one another. Second, we will combine forces with Bethel Lutheran Church in Menominee. Pastor Scott Ehle of Bethel and Pastor Doug Schoen will alternate teaching the classes at Zion.

Confirmation is a major stepping-stone in our young people's faith formation as they learn about the basic teachings of the Christian faith, informed by the Bible and our Lutheran heritage, with Luther's *Small Catechism* as a guide. If you have questions about our confirmation program, please contact Pastor Doug by calling the church office, 715-735-7898, or at home, 906-863-5463.





Spark

This fall, SPARK, our elementary-aged, (3yrs – 5th Grade), education program will take place in person for the first time in two years! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 14th starting at 5:30 p.m. All children in our congregation, as well as friends or family of the members, are welcome to attend. Simply contact our church office, 715-735-7898, to let us know so that we can prepare the materials for the classes. SPARK classes last one hour and contain a connection with one of the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. There's time for stories, prayer, crafts and music. We pray that all of it helps our young people grow in faith.

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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