

# WE ARE ZION



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## November 2022



### **Zion's 2022 Congregation Council**

Troy Cording — President	Dean Schoen — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Martin — Treasurer
Katy Bauer	Kim Graf
Dave Johnson	Laura Rowe
Brad Nelson	Sarge Rudell
Mark Swenson	Jonah Zuehls
Elsa Limberg, Youth Member	

### **Zion Staff**

Administrative Assistant — Marissa Tharp  
 Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher  
 Accompanist for Choir and Organist— Rachel Rosenfeldt  
 Financial Secretary — Karen Houdek

### **Who Does What at Zion**

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#### **Worship**

Acolyte Scheduling — Undecided  
 Altar linens (Laundering) — Shirley Swenson  
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)  
 AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls  
 Banners — Ann Buscher, Kathy Heimbuch and Karen Dill  
 Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Church Secretary  
 Candles (eternal and oil) Michelle Larson  
 Contemporary Worship — Bill Tipple  
 Hymn Selection — Ann Buscher  
 Wine and apple or grape juice — Michelle Larson

#### **Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior**

Supplies — Gary Grom provides paper and *Continued...*

## Who Does What at Zion

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cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for maintaining Zion's ground such as shovels, rakes, etc.

Handyman — Jack Heimbuch — experience in plumbing and electrical. (no high ladders)

### **Committees/Groups**

Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester

Equal Exchange Items — Heidi Beland

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon Teams — Ann Buscher/Carol Johnson and Michelle Larson/Karen Sylvester

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John Radloff

Kitchen Supplies — Nora Plym

Mission Endowment Comm. — Troy Cording

Money Counters — Karen Dill and Bonnie Schoen

Nominating Comm — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Property Comm. — Mark Swenson

Sanctuary Arts — Seeking new members!

Sew for Mission — Carol Magnuson

Social Ministry — Heidi Beland & Michelle Larson co-chairs

SPARK — Johanna Zuehls and Pastor

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill

Worship and Music — Ann Buscher

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg



**The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship**

**#Pray**

**#Worship**

**#Study**

**#Invite**

**#Encourage**

**#Give**

**#Serve**

## **From the Pastor's Desk**

With the midterm elections fast approaching, there have been a number of highly publicized debates between candidates for the Senate, the House and governorships in key battleground states. I used to enjoy political debates, but not anymore. They have, for the most part, ceased to be true debates where candidates respectfully argue issues in a way that helps the listeners arrive at the truth. Instead, they tend to be a series of well-prepared sound bites giving expression to each candidate's interpretation of the truth.

The Epistle reading last Sunday included this verse from Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy: "For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths." It sounds like Paul was talking about our society today. Rather than seeking to broaden their perspective in a search for the truth, people tend to listen only to news feeds that support their own way of thinking or that support their version of the truth. Disregarding the truth, they chose to buy into disinformation and myths.

I am writing this article on the day on our church year calendar that commemorates Luke, the Evangelist. Luke begins his Gospel with these words: "Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed." Susan Baird-Joshi, in her devotion in *The Word in Season* for this day, says,

“As a reporter for a newspaper, I worked to reveal the truth. I interviewed knowledgeable people, usually with differing opinions; researched newspaper archives and government records; and solidified the facts when eyewitnesses told different versions of a story. I reread my notes, looking for gaps in the story. Finally, I wrote the article, giving credit to my sources. Out of this information sprang the truth.” She went on to explain that Luke “acted like a reporter” in writing his Gospel. She concluded her devotion by writing, “I’m thankful I live free in the truth Luke revealed about Jesus’ love for me and his death, resurrection and ascension.”

As people of faith, we base our faith not on myths and falsehoods, but on the truth based on “sound doctrine” that has been handed down from the teachings of Jesus recorded in the Bible and the preaching of the Apostles who were eye-witnesses to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. The Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds we use to confess our faith each Sunday in our services of worship were formulated early in the history of the Christian Church to safeguard the teaching and preaching of the Apostles and hand it down, intact and unaltered, to each new generation of believers. We come to worship to hear the truth as expressed in scripture, hymns, liturgy and preaching so that we do not “wander away into myths.”

October 30th is Reformation Sunday. We will celebrate our Lutheran heritage remembering Martin Luther’s spiritual quest to find a gracious God and be assured of his salvation. He was brought up in the faith influenced by the myth that we have to earn our salvation by appeasing an angry God. Then, in reading Paul’s assuring words in Romans 1:16-17 and other related texts, Luther made the discovery that changed his life. Salvation is a gift from a loving and gracious God to be received by faith, not in ourselves, but in Jesus Christ who died for us that we may be saved. In our worship service that day we will participate in the Rite of Confirmation for our 9th graders in which they will

confirm their faith in the truths they have learned in their confirmation studies. We will hear in the gospel reading, Jesus' words to those who believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Then, on November 6, we will observe All Saints Sunday which celebrates another truth that lies at the heart of the gospel—those who die in Christ will rise with him to dwell forever in God's heavenly kingdom. So, as people of faith, let us live in the truth and live out the truth in our daily lives. Then we can say, along with Susan Baird-Joshi, "I'm thankful I live free in the truth Luke revealed about Jesus' love for me and his death, resurrection and ascension." That, my friends, is the truth and the truth will make you free!

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Doug Schoen



### **What's Around the Corner?**

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

- Nov. 6:** All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Daylight Saving Time ends.
- Nov. 13:** 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Nick Johannes. Contemporary service.
- Nov. 20:** Christ the King, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Nov. 24:** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

## Honoring our Veterans and First Responders!\_\_\_\_\_

We will be honoring them on Sunday, November 13th. We hope they can attend. It is not too late to register. Please call the church office at 715-735-7898, Ann Buscher at 715-7358-3017, or put the information in the offering plate to let us know!

For a veteran: What branch of service, rank, years served, and what wars?

For a first responder: what branch (police, fire , rescue squad?) and how many years?

At this time we are honoring: Brian Gutknecht, Oliver Swenson, Robert Baxter, William Boerner, Rodger DeGroot, Dick Francour, Godfrey Heitmeier, Don Limberg, Larry Nelson, Bruce Olson, Gerry Poquette, Dean Schoen, Bill Tipple, Dennis Mullen, Michael Harding, Joe Griffins, Robert Larson, Sarge Rudell, John Powilaites, Bill Magnuson and Mary Bodam.

## Congregation Council Highlights\_\_\_\_\_



The congregational council met October 11th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Pastors Report:** September attendance up from last year.

Faith statements were given to the council from Sophie Limberg and Henry Zuehls and a motion was made to

accept and welcome Sophie and Henry to confirmation. Jonah Zuehls will represent council on Sunday, October 30th. The September Council minutes were approved.

**September Financial Reports:** General fund decreased \$4,816, notable transaction \$500 for July yard care.

**Committee Reports:** Stewardship and Generosity had three Temple Talks given in October and letters were mailed out for Faithful Blessings Sunday.

**Old Business:** The Boiler Project was completed. The Safety and Security Task Force met October 18th.

**New Business**

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## Congregation Council Highlights ---

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Transition Task Force: the first step in the Call process will be made up of council members and members of the congregation (6-8 people). Troy Cording will be giving a Temple Talk soon.

Parking Lot plow quotes: We received quotes from 3 companies and a motion was made to retain the services of Dave Reek. A motion was made to offer the job of shoveling the sidewalks to Henry Zuehls

Request for funds from Menominee High School for the culinary arts program; a motion was made to approve a donation of \$2500 from the Ken and Thea Swenson Youth Memorial Fund.

Requests for funds for the after-school program at Marinette High School for snacks; a motion was made to approve snacks not to exceed \$200

A discussion on the M&M Community Foundation Future Fund was tabled until we have more information

The next council meeting will be November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

## Swedish Pancake Supper ---

Bethel will host its Swedish Pancake Supper and Fall Harvest Bake Sale on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

This event is open to the entire community and will include a bake sale, kid's activity table, and a silent auction to win 1 of 3 quilts donated by the Forget Me Knot quilters.

The meal will consist of traditional Swedish pancakes with lingonberries, breakfast sausage, fruit and a beverage for a requested donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child between the ages of 5-12. Children under 5 eat free.

Proceeds will support community members in need via Bethel's Social Ministry fund.





## Upcoming Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Events \_\_\_\_\_

Fortune Lake is proud to continue the tradition of Senior Days for the elders in our region. This year's dates have been selected.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us! November 14, January 9, March 13 and May 8.

Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of lunch. Please RSVP by the Friday before each event by calling 906-214-2267 or emailed [hospitality@fortunelake.org](mailto:hospitality@fortunelake.org)

There will be a Winter Wonderland Retreat January 13-15 and is open for all ages! Enjoy a hot sauna, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and all sorts of winter fun. The weekend will include opportunities to hear Scripture and reflect, enjoy quality time with family and friends, and play about in the winter wonderland of Fortune Lake.

The Young Adult Winter Retreat will be February 3-5 and is for people ages 18-28. Come and connect with other young adults while recharging yourself at Fortune Lake.

To register or find more information about either of these events, people can visit their [website!](#)



## Bowling with the Bishop! \_\_\_\_\_

Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 7th-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go Bowling with the Bishop! We will meet at the Dome Lanes (801 University Ave. in Marinette) on Saturday, November 5 from 1-3:30 p.m. for bowling, pizza, fellowship and conversation with Northern Great Lakes Synod Bishop Katherine Finegan. Please RSVP to Stefanie at [youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org).

## Tailgate for Fortune Lake in December

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Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp was selected as the 2022 recipient of the CoVantage (Credit Union) Care Foundation, Inc. Giving Tuesday Campaign for the Crystal Falls branch. This is exciting news because FLLC has the potential to receive more than \$10,000 in matching funds from CoVantage for all donations received between Tuesday, November 29 (Giving Tuesday) and Tuesday, December 13.

The Menominee Valley Conference is showing its support by hosting a Conference-Wide Tailgate for Fortune Lake Fundraiser on Sunday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of Bethel Lutheran Church (1309 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Menominee). There will be brats (\$3 each or 2/\$5) and hot beverages for sale with all proceeds supporting the matching fund challenge. A drive-thru option will be available and pre-orders for large orders are encouraged by emailing [stefanie.a.ehle@gmail.com](mailto:stefanie.a.ehle@gmail.com).

Donors are also invited and encouraged to bring monetary donations to the Tailgate for Fortune Lake Fundraiser or mail checks directly to the CoVantage Cares Foundation. Checks need to be made payable to "CoVantage Cares Foundation" with Fortune Lake in the memo and mailed to CoVantage Cares Foundation, PO Box 107, Antigo, WI 54409 between November 29 and December 13 to qualify for the match.

Please help spread the word and invite people to pick up brats on their way home from church on December 11 to support Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Stefanie at [stefanie.a.ehle@gmail.com](mailto:stefanie.a.ehle@gmail.com) or call 810-881-2669.

## **The Stewardship and Generosity Corner**

*The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.*

The next six weeks of the Stewardship and Generosity Committee's year-round emphasis will focus on another of Zion's Seven Marks of Discipleship – Encourage. Zion's Vision Statement for "Encourage" is: "In light of the many unique gifts that God has graciously entrusted to Zion, we envision a congregation that encourages and supports its members and others in the community on their faith journeys by regularly organizing groups that will foster Christian fellowship. Zion will also continually grow in the types of caring ministries offered within the congregation."

Can you recall a time when you doubted your ability to do something, and someone encouraged you? The funk you were feeling lifted, and your determination was renewed.

Has there ever been a time when you felt your faith wavering, or you felt your relationship with God wasn't as close as it had been? Then someone you know says something that touches you in a very meaningful way and you feel that surely they were sent by God, and your faith is uplifted once again.

Have you ever been extremely ill and felt as if the sun would never shine for you again? You're in the depths of despair and that very day a card, letter, or a small gift arrive, and your spirits are renewed. Someone really does care.

What a wonderful thing it is when someone encourages you. It doesn't matter what form the encouragement takes, it's the fact that it happens at all that uplifts us and makes us feel better.

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## **The Stewardship and Generosity Corner** \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever thought: I should tell that person how wonderfully they sing, they play that instrument, how lovely the coffee hour was, how much you value them and their smile? Do you act on it, or do you go on with your life as if the thought never popped into your head?

That thought you had may not seem like much, but to the person who received those welcoming words, it may mean the world. Don't push those thoughts away. Act on them. Not only will it make you feel better, but it may completely change the outlook of their day.

1 Thessalonians 5:11: *"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."*

God gives us only so much time on this earth. All we need to do is use it expeditiously. It is its own reward.

In God's love and mercy,  
Karen Sylvester

## **A Note From The Financial Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

if you have changed your donation for 2023 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 1/1/23 and stop this years by entering 12/31/22.

If you have questions please feel free to call me at home, 715-735-7180, if I'm not there leave a message and I will call you back. This will alleviate any issues for next year.  
Thank you for your help!

Karen Houdek  
Financial Secretary

## Stewardship Initiative

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I can't believe I started writing stewardship newsletter articles in 2012 because I felt called by God to do so. I have been and continue to be, encouraged by Pastor Keith and now Pastor Doug. By God's grace for ten years, I've managed to put something together almost every month but certainly not without God's inspiration. This month's Mark of Discipleship, Encourage, has been particularly meaningful for me. I can't tell you the number of times while thinking about the newsletter article and this short announcement I have been inspired to thank and encourage someone. My hope is, that the newsletter article and this announcement do the same for you.

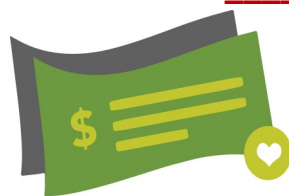
Please feel free to use the following prayer to begin this month's steps in your faith journey through Encourage.

Dear Lord, we go through life in a whirlwind of activity. Help us Lord to recognize when a word of encouragement or thanks might be truly meaningful and help us to act on that realization. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Karen Sylvester for the Stewardship and Generosity Committee  
 John Radloff                      Bonnie Schoen                      Karen Sylvester

## Donate to Zion

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Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple rectangle button that reads: Donate. Click it and follow the steps to donate. If you have questions, please call Karen Houdek. She'll help you through each step of the way. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!

## November Birthdays

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November 1: Georgann Griffiths  
November 2: Jaclynn Knopik, Phillip Strohl  
November 3: James Jagielski, Joanne Schutt  
November 4: Hope Goes  
November 5: John Kloida, Wendy Strutz  
November 6: Henry Zuehls  
November 7: Niklas Williams  
November 9: Sharon Schmidt, Mary Thielen  
November 10: Michael Harding  
November 12: Lisa Cook, Carol Magnuson  
November 18: Kenny Sallee  
November 19: Barbara Baumgarten  
November 21: Jane Landenberger  
November 24: Naomi Dumke  
November 25: Susan Fischer  
November 26: Bethany Emler  
November 27: Karen Sylvester  
November 28: Lanse Dill, Alex Gressel  
November 29: Carissa Kempka, Sydney Lund, Travis Lund



***Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism***

November 1: Carole Boerner, Daniel Lemire, Laura Rowe. Kathi Gutknecht.  
 November 2: Michael Cook, Georgann Griffiths, Timothy Saxton  
 November 3: Kensley Renne  
 November 5: Leah Rose  
 November 7: Beckham Betts, Donna Dietrich  
 November 9: Mark Swenson  
 November 10: Vicki Guay, John Heimbuch  
 November 11: Alexa Oleson  
 November 12: Barbara Grom, Belinda Lemire  
 November 13: Nora Plym  
 November 14: Seth Kuhn  
 November 15: Chad Francour  
 November 16: Megan Buenning  
 November 18: Gary Grom  
 November 26: Thomas Kaufman, Kaya Lebick  
 November 29: Kaitlyn Francour, Sharon Schmidt, Joanne Schutt



**November Eternal Light** \_\_\_\_\_

The Eternal Light for the month of November is in honor of Joe and Efi Strohl and is sponsored by Deb Strohl.



**From Our Families To Yours, Happy Thanksgiving!** \_\_\_\_\_

From all of us in and around Zion;  
 we wish all of you a happy  
 Thanksgiving!

Peace and Blessings,  
 Pastor Doug, Karen H., Michelle,  
 Gina, Ann, Rachel and Marissa





Zion received the following thank you notes:

**The City of Peshtigo Fire Department:**

Rev. Doug and Congregation

The City of Peshtigo Fire Department would like to thank everyone at Zion Lutheran Church for the generous gift basket of goodies that was brought to our fire station. It was an unexpected surprise! It was a very kind gesture and we all enjoyed it very much. We appreciate everything you do in our community to make it better each day!

Wishing you the very best!

Lt. Christopher Gordon

**Karen Houdek:**

To my Zion family,

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for every prayer, card, phone call, floral arrangement etc. I received during my hospitalizations and recovery. My leg is healing nicely but, I still have months of healing ahead of me. I truly know how much healing prayer can do. It is comforting to know I have such a wonderful church family to help me through so, thank you again for everything.

With love and gratitude,

Karen Houdek

**Jo Schutt:**

Dear members of Zion,

Thank you all for the cards, flowers, prayers and kind wishes during my recent illness. I'm so glad to be here with all of you again.

Blessings,

Jo Schutt



The word "THANK YOU!" is written in large, colorful, block letters. The word "thank you!" is written in a smaller, cursive font, overlapping the block letters. The colors of the block letters are: T (pink), H (red), A (orange), N (yellow), K (green), Y (light green), O (teal), U (blue), and ! (dark blue).

**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp:**

Dear Friends at Zion Lutheran Church,

Our Vagabond campers have a tradition of tubing down the Paint River. Most would describe it as a leisurely float, where dragonflies land on the brightly colored tubes, and campers sing while drifting carelessly downstream. For some, however, it's a grand adventure, an opportunity to try something new and conquer fear.

One particular Tuesday, a first-time camper and his cabin leader were at the tail end of the tubing group. Having never experienced anything like this before, the camper was both excited and anxious. He hung close to the cabin leader and sometimes needed help untangling himself from shrubs along the riverbank. When he reached the end of the route, he struggled to gain footing. His cabin leader grabbed his tube and talked him through saying, "I'm right here, and I'm not going anywhere." Hand-in-hand, they reached the extraction point and made it back on solid ground.

Here at Fortune Lake, we are working to intentionally prioritize a radical welcome to all people, particularly those who are often marginalized. In addition to exploring how our site and programs can be more inclusive, we never turn people away due to financial reasons. This camper would not have been able to afford to come to camp without assistance. His adventures were made possible by people like you.

Thank you for valuing God's work through the ministry of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp enough to support it through your giving. We couldn't do this important work without you!

Grace and Peace  
Amanda Rasner, Camp Director



### Join the AV Team! \_\_\_\_\_

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!

### 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.

### Worship Assistant Opportunities \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as lector, usher, communion assistant, or would like to help set up and take down communion, sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like to ask about certain days, people may 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 that particular Sunday. Thank you for your consideration!



### Altar Flower Sponsorships \_\_\_\_\_

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-732- 7898 or Zion@newbc.rr.com.

## **SVdP Is Looking For Volunteers!**

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St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Marinette is looking for volunteers to help sort, price and display Christmas and other holiday decor during the holiday season. Looking for individuals, groups or businesses who'd like to volunteer an hour, day or more of their time getting our inventory ready for the holidays.



If interested, people may stop in the store at 1619 Main St, call at (715) 735-6956 or email [svdpmarinette.com](mailto:svdpmarinette.com).

## **Accurate contact information?**

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Have you or a family member recently had a change of address or phone number? Have you or a family member moved? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file (mailing address, phone number, email)? 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](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) ). Thank you for your assistance!

# **CONTACT information**



## **Stay Up to Date with Zion**

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Are you on Zion's email list? If not, would you like to be? To be included on our email list, please send an email to: [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) requesting to be added to our emailing list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!

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