



Welcome Nick Johannes!

Thank you to Nick Johannes for presiding over today's service. Please give him a warm welcome!

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: Donald Boerschinger; Jacob Cording; David and Carol Johnson; Bradley Nelson; Traci Olson; Samantha Schroeder; Jacob Swenson.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Sharon Schmidt and are in loving memory of Walter Johnson and Donald Schmidt.

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. 11: Third Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Nick Johannes.
- Dec. 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service. Spark Program.
- Dec. 24: Nativity of our Lord, 8 p.m. worship and via Facebook Live. With special music, candlelight and Holy Communion.
- Dec. 25: Nativity of Our Lord II, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With lessons and Christmas carols and hymns.

Sew For Missions in Need of Donations

Sew for Missions is in need of material and monetary donations. Materials such as clean, flat sheets or left over fabric would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.



Caroling, Caroling, Now We Go!

We will go caroling to members of Zion on Sunday, December 18th. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. Don't worry about missing the Packer game, which is on Monday night! We have 8-10 homes and it should take around 2 hours unless we have enough to divide into two groups. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Thank you!



Birthday Blessings to You

December 13: Larry Nelson

December 15: Rachel Kuhn

December 16: Dean Schoen

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Sharon Powilaites for serving as our lector; to Dean Schoen for serving as our usher; to Kathy Heimbuch as our communion assistant; to Lori Despins for setting up communion; and to Anna Marzhal for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.

The volunteers for next week are Karen Dill as our lector, communion assistant and setting up communion; Ann Buscher as our usher; and Nik Williams as our acolyte.

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. Thank you for your consideration!

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

December 5: Jane Landenberger

December 6: James Jagielski, Amanda Oleson

December 10: Amanda Litts



Volunteers Needed for Synod Assembly



Zion's Nominating Committee is seeking a married couple or individuals to attend the in-person Synod Assembly May 18-20, 2023, in Marquette, Michigan. These are elected positions that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January. There will be an election for bishop taking place. Zion will cover your expenses for our voting members' travel, registration, lodging, and meals.

Marissa, Zion's Administrative Assistant, will take care of delegate registration and motel reservations. Materials and information will be available to you beginning in March.

If interested, please contact Karen Sylvester at 715-587-4206 or via email at sylvesterkaren27@gmail.com. Thank you.

A Note From The Financial Secretary For Vanco Members

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

Pledge Card Reminder!

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee along with Pastor Schoen wants to thank all those who have returned your financial Pledge Cards to date. It is our hope that before the end of December we can receive those that are still outstanding. Feel free to place them in the offering plate at worship or mail them to the church office.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve service will be at 8 p.m. It will be a candlelight service with Holy Communion. Celebrate the Nativity of Jesus with us. Live streaming via Facebook Live will be available!

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year. Even though the service will start at 9:30 a.m. as usual, this service will not be a typical Sunday service! There will be many carols and hymns interspersed with lessons. Come and join us Christmas morning!



Free Children's Furniture

We are giving away a small plastic table and four little tykes yellow chairs that used to be in the fellowship hall in the children's library. If you are interested in these items please call the office at 715-735-7898.

"Stepping in Faith" Initiative

For the next three weeks the Stewardship and Generosity Committee is asking you to concentrate on the Mark of Encourage. I received this short story in an email from Don Schutt on May, 3rd of this year. I loved it and thought immediately that I would keep it in a file for just this purpose. It's perfect in that it shows all of us what a little bit of encouragement can do for a person. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.



"Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. 'Guess what, Mum,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me.....'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'"

A little bit of encouragement can go a long way toward changing someone's disposition and opinion of themselves. Try it out yourself and you'll feel better as well.

Karen Sylvester



Tailgate for Fortune Lake in December

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 CoVantage will match a portion of the funds raised from Giving Tuesday through the following two weeks (Tuesday, November 29 through Tuesday, December 13).

The money will be used to update FLLC's highest use buildings – duplexes, Emanuel Lodge, and the Dining Hall – making them more energy efficient and accessible and ensuring they'll be usable for many years into the future.

The Menominee Valley Conference is showing its support by hosting a Conference-Wide Tailgate for Fortune Lake Fundraiser on Sunday, December 11 from 10:00 a.m. – noon in the parking lot of Bethel Lutheran Church. 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.

Donors are also invited and encouraged to bring monetary donations to the Tailgate for Fortune Lake Fundraiser or mail checks. Checks need to be made payable to "CoVantage Cares Foundation" with Fortune Lake in the memo and mailed to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, 138 Fortune Lake Camp Road, Crystal Falls, MI 49920 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 or call 810-881-2669.

Upcoming Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Events

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.

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 on November 14, January 9, March 13 and May 8.

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



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 needs for Board Members. We hope you will consider supporting our mission by volunteering to serve on one of the boards.

Northland Lutheran Retirement Community Inc. board represents the owners and is the sole member of all entities. We have a need for two (2) members at-large. This board meets the last Monday of each month except for July and December.

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. Two (2) Board vacancies.

Northland Lutheran Home Health Agency – delivers skilled care and PT/OT therapy to homebound folks in Marinette and Menominee counties. One (1) Board vacancy.

The above Boards meet 5 times each year in February, April, June, August and November. Meetings usually take 1 to 1.5 hours. If interested in serving on one of the seven Northland boards contact Darrell Lancour, CEO at 715-732-0155 Ext. 256 or lancd@northlandlutheran.org. **We offer a virtual option to in person attendance through Go-To- Meeting.**

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