

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: Alexis and Gabriel Roth; Godfrey and Carrie Heitmeier; Addalynn McClain; Patricia Peterson; Troy Schutt; Jon and Wendy Strutz.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by an anonymous donor who wants to wish all the members of Zion and their families a merry Christmas!

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.

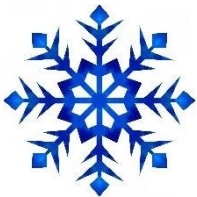
What's Around the Corner?

- Dec. 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.
- Jan. 1:** First Sunday of Christmas, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

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.

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grateful
FOR YOU!



Menominee Valley Conference Youth Sledding Party

Youth between 7th-12th grade are invited to go sledding at Water Tower Park in Menominee on Saturday, January 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring your own sleds and winter gear. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.

Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive January 6 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.](#)





Birthday Blessings to You

December 26: Jacob Marzahl

December 31: Eileen Jagielski, Alexis Roth, Gabriel Roth

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Dave Johnson for serving as our lector; to Karen Sylvester as our communion assistant; to Mark Swenson as our usher; to Carol Johnson who set up communion and to Adison Rosenfeldt for serving as our acolyte on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher, communion assistant and for setting up communion; and to Carole Boerner for being our lector on Sunday

The volunteers for next week are Ann Buscher as our lector. We still need a lector, communion assistant and someone to set 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. Thank you for your consideration!

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

December 26: Hope Goes, Philip Strohl

December 28: Gail Melgarey

December 29: Randall Schroeder II

December 31: Barbara Francour

January 1: Beverly DeGroot, Robert Hamer, Carrie Heitmeier, Alice Larson and Dean Schoen



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Bible Story reading for Sunday is found on page 212; "Jesus is Born" based on the reading from Luke 2:1-20.

You Are All Angels!!

Thank you people of Zion! You made Christmas merrier for 30 kids this year with your gifts to the Salvation Army. Your generosity shows one of the many ways we are blessed to be a blessing.

Special thanks to Sharon & John Powilaites who delivered the gifts to the Salvation Army after we sorted through them on December 7th.

Merry Christmas!

Heidi Beland on behalf of Zion's Social Ministry Committee



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.

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.

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!](#)



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI



Tailgate for Fortune Lake a Success!

Sunday, December 11 was a great day to Tailgate for Fortune Lake! Volunteers from 5 of the Menominee Valley Conference churches came together to prepare and serve brats and hot beverages to the community. The event raised \$5,253 to support the CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Challenge for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. The total raised for FLLC was \$141,409.89 with CoVantage Cares matching a \$77,107 for a total of \$218,517.40!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the event and everyone who stopped by for brats! It was great to see the collaboration between churches and shared love for our Bible camp.

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!

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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