

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: Michael Jagielski; Sarah Jagielski; Shirley Kaufman; Diane Race; Brittany and Kensley Renne; Sandra Tessmer; Dawn and Richelle Vincent.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Marissa Tharp who would like to wish all members of Zion and their families a happy new year!

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?

- Jan. 1: First Sunday of Christmas, 9:30 a.m., carol-based worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Jan. 8: Baptism of Our Lord, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rick DeBenedetto.
- Jan. 15: Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.

Zion is in need of ushers!

We are desperately looking for people to be ushers at church. We will be glad to train any volunteer. Due to our snowbirds we will be losing many people who usually sign up on the volunteer sheet. If you are willing to be a communion assistant, usher, reader or learn to set up and take down communion please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.



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

January 2: Debra Harding

January 3: David Francour

January 4: Mary Hayward

January 5: Adison Rosenfeldt and Daniel Zuehls

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for serving as our lector and communion assistant; and to Ann Buscher for serving as our usher on Sunday. We are still in need of someone to set up communion!

The volunteers for next week are Ed Rowe as our lector; Karen Dill communion assistant and setting up communion; and Karen Sylvester as our usher.

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

January 3: Lynn Francour

January 5: Mary Hayward

January 7: Carol Magnuson

January 8: Naomi Dumke



Update on the Annual Report and Annual Meeting!

If you are responsible for a yearly write-up for the annual report, please email it or drop it off at Zion's office by January 16th!

Our Annual Meeting will be held January 29th following the service.



January Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of January is sponsored by Dave and Lori Despins in honor of Zion's Caring Ministry Team.



Recycle Your Sheets!

Did you receive new bed sheets for Christmas? You may bring your old ones to Zion to be recycled into beautiful new patchwork quilts by the Sew for Missions ladies. All material is welcome and put to good use. Thank you!

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.



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

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!](#)

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



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.

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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