

# A Warm Welcome

**Welcome Rick DeBenedetto!**  
Thank you to Rick DeBenedetto 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: Barb Baumgarten; Joe and Georgeann Griffiths; Thomas Kaufman; Timothy, Sarah, Anna and Jacob Marzahl; Dianne Slack.



## **Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by Carol Magnuson and are in the honor and glory of God.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email ([Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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. 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.
- Jan. 22:** Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music.

## **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.

## **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 10: Johanna Zuehls

January 13: Oliver Swenson

January 15: Marilyn Gould, Dianne Slack and Bethany Wolf

## **Thank you to our Worship Assistants!**

Thank you to Ed Rowe for serving as our lector; to Karen Dill for serving as our communion assistant and for setting up communion; and to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher today.

The volunteers for next week are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; and Ann Buscher as our usher. We still are in need of someone to set up and take down 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**

January 9: Jaclynn Knopik and Mary Thielen

January 10: Ainsley Emler and Bryan Gutknecht

January 15: Susan Fischer



## **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.

## **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 242; "Jesus' Baptism" based on the reading from Matthew 3:13-17.



## **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!

## **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](mailto:sylvesterkaren27@gmail.com). Thank you.



## **Menominee Valley Conference Youth Sledding Party**

Youth between 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org).

## **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!](#)



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*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

## Donations needed

We are seeking to help a family with four children, ages 8-13, who recently moved to Marinette to begin job training and new employment. They have acquired housing, but due to limited finances, need help with furnishings. If you have any of the items listed below in usable condition, you may bring them to Zion, or we can arrange to have them picked up.

- 1 Bunk Bed w/Mattresses; 2 Twin Beds w/Frames & Box springs; 1 Queen Bed w/Frame & Box Spring.
- Kitchen Cooking Utensils: Silverware, Pots, Pans.
- Rugs, Area Rugs
- Lamps; Coffee Tables; End Tables; 6 Seater Kitchen Table w/Chairs; Blinds; Television and Television Stand; Living Room Furniture; Kitchen Garbage Canister; Hangers; Linens & Comforters; Wash Cloths; Towels

Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



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