

## **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: David and Lori Despins; Matthew Hellerman; Sydney Lund; Laura Rowe; Mark Swenson.



### **Flowers**

The flowers for today are given by Karen and Lanse Dill and are in honor of Karen's mother, Shirley Winter, who recently had her 14th anniversary in heaven.

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?**

- March 19: Fourth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee to follow!
- March 26: Fifth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Talk by St. Vincent DePaul representative. Coffee Hour to honor all new members since 2020 to follow!
- April 2: Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

### **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 432; "Pool of Siloam" based on the reading from John 9:1-41.



## **Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund**

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available on the table in the Narthex and on Zion's [website](http://www.zionbc.org). Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations.

*Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.*

### **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Time is back! If you would like to sponsor coffee hour, contact our office to see if there is a date available. There will only be a coffee hour if there is a sponsor.

*There will be a coffee hour on March 19 and 26!*





## **Birthday Blessings to You**

March 22: Elsa Elmer

March 26: Kurt Oleson

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

Thank you to Karen Dill for serving as our lector, our communion assistant and for setting up and cleaning up communion; to Mark Swenson as our usher; and to Anthony Sims for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.

The volunteers for next week are Carole Boerner as our lector; Steven Hoheneder as our communion assistant; Dakota and Yolanda Davies will be setting and cleaning up communion; Alexis and Addison Rosenfeldt as our ushers; and Nik Williams will be 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**

March 22: Emily Limberg

## **World Hunger Drive!**

More than 820 million people - that's about 11% of the world - are hungry. As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.



Throughout the whole season of Lent we will be collecting money for ELCA World Hunger. We take up this collection every year and our delegates bring it with them to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly in May.

This year we will track our progress with a soup bowl and spoons. For every \$20 raised we'll add a spoon to the bowl. Let's see how many spoons we can fit in there! To learn more about how the ELCA helps feed people all over the world go to [ELCA.org/Our-Work](http://ELCA.org/Our-Work)



## **April Newsletter**

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the April Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Tuesday, March 21st. Thank you for your assistance!

## **“Stepping in Faith” Stewardship Initiative**

This month’s stewardship focus is on study. It sounds so easy right? Sitting here in my house without others to guide my study and offer their opinions on the text, I find it isn’t easy at all.

I did a search to get some tips on studying the Bible. Here’s what I found.

1. Begin your study with prayer seeking wisdom and understanding.
2. You don’t have to start at the beginning. The Gospels are easier to understand than Daniel or Revelations.
3. Choose a topic relevant to you and your life – grace, repentance, forgiveness, or strength.
4. Get to know a character – John the Baptist, Moses, Mary Magdalen.
5. Write down the insights you glean while doing your individual study.
6. Read the same Bible verses in different versions of the Bible.
7. Read or share with a family member or friend via Zoom, Facetime, or email.
8. Look up what you don’t understand. Some of the words in the Bible are not easy. With the Internet we have a plethora of insights available to us.
9. Pause and listen. It is important to search and study the word of God, but it is equally important to slow down, quiet your mind, and listen.

Learning from the Bible is a lifelong pursuit and one which pleases God.

Dear Lord, we know you want us to learn more about you, your kingdom, and your love. Place within our hearts a desire to take time with your word in the Bible and to read and contemplate it. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Karen Sylvester



### **Tithes & Offerings for March 8-15**

General Fund: \$2,980.50

Lent: \$43 Bell Fund: \$5 Boiler Fund: \$5

World Hunger: \$570 Altar Flowers: \$15

Helping Hand Fund: \$5 Sew for Missions: \$150

Maundy Thursday: \$3 Good Friday: \$3

NEWCAP: \$5 Easter: \$10

*Thank you so very much for your continued giving and generosity. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!*



## Fortune Lake Lutheran Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Online registration for FLLC's Summer Camp is open!

- **Leaders-in-Training (LIT):** Grades 10-12, Week 1: June 25-30, Week 2: July 9-14, July 16-21, July 23-28, or August 6-9
- **High School Week:** Grades 9-12, June 25-30
- **Youth Week:** Grades 3-8, July 9-14 or July 16-21 (Villager, Vagabond, Venturer)
- **Mini Week:** Grades 1-8, July 9-12 or August 6-9
- **Mighty Ones:** Grades 1-2, August 6-8
- **Specialty Camps:** Grades 3-8, July 23-28 (Art Camp, LEGO Camp)
- **Jr. High Night Owls:** Grades 6-8, July 23-28
- **On-site Day Camp:** Grades K-5, June 19-22
- **Intergenerational Week:** All ages, Full Week: June 18-23 or July 30-August 4 or Half Week, August 1-4
- **Victory Camp:** 18+ with disabilities, June 11-16
- **Camp ACTS (Acting, Choreography, Theatre, and Song):** Grades 3-12, July 16-21

To register or for more information, people may visit Fortune Lake's website, [fortunelake.org](http://fortunelake.org).



**2023 SCHEDULE**

## FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 11-16	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 18-23	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	June 19-22	On-Site Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$110
Week 3	June 25-30	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$425
	July 9-12	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 4	July 9-14	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option	\$425 No charge
	Week 5	July 16-21	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option
Week 6		July 23-28	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8)   Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8)
	Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LIT #3 Option		\$455 No charge
Week 7	July 30-Aug 4	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	Aug 1-4	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 8	Aug 6-8	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	Aug 6-9	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
		MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #4 Option	\$305 No charge

\*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

More info at [FortuneLake.org](http://FortuneLake.org)

## **MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES & SOUP SUPPERS**

We will gather at the cross with our brothers and sisters in Christ every Wednesday in March in a truly ecumenical spirit.

**5:30 p.m. Soup Suppers** and **6:00 p.m. Worship Services** will be held in the social halls at each participating church.

The worship services will be ½-hour in length.

- March 15: Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 1947 Riverside Ave., Marinette; Preacher: Rev. Craig Alwin
- March 22: First Presbyterian Church, 923 5<sup>th</sup> St., Menominee; Preacher: Elder Keith Schroeder
- March 29: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1600 University Dr., Marinette; Preacher: Vicar Katy Tomlanovich

### **THE MIRACLES OF JESUS**

The first Bible stories that many of us took notice of may have been the miracles performed by Jesus, probably because of their “wow” factor. The miracles of Jesus continue to speak to us powerfully, not because they are incredible displays of amazing power, but because of what they reveal to us about the nature of God and God's desire to touch our lives in powerful ways. The pastors who will be leading this year's midweek Lenten services will each select one miracle story that speaks to them personally and reflect on its meaning for our lives today.



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