



### **Welcome Nick Johannes!**

Thank you to Nick Johannes for presiding over Sunday'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: Richard DeBenedetto; John and Kathy Heimbuch; Carol Magnuson; Leah Rose; Johanna, Henry and David Zuehls.



### **Flowers**

The flowers for Sunday are given by the Olson family and are in celebration of Ruth Olson's birthday on April 21.

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?**

- April 16: Second Sunday after Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Nick Johannes.
- April 23: Third Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.
- April 30: Fourth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Pastor Appreciation Day! A coffee hour will follow worship.



### **Zion to Host Blood Drive**

Zion is hosting a blood drive April 28 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](#).

### **Pastor Appreciation Day!**

On Sunday April 30th we will have a Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Pastor Doug will have been with us a year. We want to thank him for all the hours he has put in and the work he has done here at Zion. Please join us for worship and a coffee hour to follow.





### **Birthday Blessings to You**

April 17: Theresa Kloida and Hannah Oleson

April 19: Jakob Callaway-Ross

April 20: Easton Buenning and Tyler Lund

April 21: Michelle Larson, Ruth Olson and Justin Williams

April 22: David Johnson, Diane Lynch, Katelyn Sylvester  
and Richelle Vincent

April 23: Clark Kehoe

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

Thank you to Ed Rowe for serving as our lector; to Carole Boerner as communion assistant; to Mark Swenson for serving as our usher; to Jane Landenberger for setting up and cleaning up communion and to Anthony Sims for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Karen Dill as our lector, communion assistant and she will be setting and cleaning up communion; Dean Schoen as our usher; and Anna Marzhal 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**

April 17: Matthew Hellerman and Alexis Rosenfeldt

April 20: Gerald Poquette and Sue Poquette

April 21: Kurt Oleson

April 22: Denise Despains

### **World Hunger Drive!**

Thank you for your gifts to ELCA World Hunger. Last week you gave \$20!

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)



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

How many rocks are you carrying around in your life? Are they overriding your joy and contentment? Do you spend more time concentrating on those rocks or worries than you do anything else? Are they weighing you down and becoming more and more problematic - robbing you of a good night's sleep, causing you to question your mental wellbeing. It can happen so easily.

The answer for relief is turning to God through worship and prayer. Turn from worry to worship. Talk to him about your pile of rocks - turn them over to him. Become more dependent on God and less reliant on yourself. Thank him for the peace he will bring to you and keep thanking and praising him through worship. The Bible tells us in Luke 1:37: “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Dear Lord God, you know I'm struggling with the rocks I have in my life. They seem to grow heavier and heavier every day. As I go through this day, I ask you to send your Holy Spirit to me to remind me to worship you with praise and thanksgiving. Help me to admit defeat and to reach out to you throughout the day to provide me peace, comfort, and contentment. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

Karen Sylvester



### **May Newsletter**

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

### **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 492; “Doubting Thomas” based on the reading from John 20:19-31.



## **Synod-Wide Family Hike**



The Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team and U.P. Wild Church invite you to participate in a Synod-Wide Family Hike on Saturday, May 13. There will be multiple hikes taking place in different locations throughout the synod and you are invited to join one of them!

The Menominee Valley Conference Hike will start at 3:00 p.m. at Chickadee Stables, located at the home of Pastor Lee and Jeanie Goodwin (W2234 State Hwy 64, Marinette). This family-friendly event is free and all ages and abilities are welcome. Trail snacks and activities for kids will be provided! Participants are asked to bring their own water

bottle, boots and bug spray. Questions can be directed to Jeanie Goodwin (jeanhgoodwin@gmail.com).

A full list of hike locations and times are on the synod website at <https://nglsynod.org/youth/>. You can also learn more about U.P. Wild at <https://upwild.org/>.

## **FLLC Retreat For Adults**

From May 5 to May 6, Fortune Lake is having an event: Growing in Grace Retreat for Adults. The Growing in Grace Retreat is an opportunity for folks who are interested in LGBTQIA+ inclusion work in Christian spaces. The retreat will feature sessions from within the Northern Great Lakes Synod as well as a representative from Reconciling Works. There will be presentations, time to process in small groups, opportunities for spiritual counsel, and worship.

To learn more about Reconciling Works they can visit their [website](http://www.reconcilingworks.org), [www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)

Registration and payment deadline is April 28 at 8 p.m. Visit [fortunelake.org/event/growing-in-grace-retreat/](http://fortunelake.org/event/growing-in-grace-retreat/) to learn more and to register.

## **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](#). Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations.

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



## **Darkness to Light Child Protection Training Offered**

As people of faith, we are called to care for “the least of these” and “the smallest of these.” Faith leaders (pastors, council members, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, parents) and all who are interested in creating a safer community for our children are invited to a Stewards of Children® training on Monday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran, 2901 13th St, Menominee. This 2.5 hour program is offered by Pastor Kari Vadis (Trinity, Rhinelander), an Authorized Facilitator, and is approved for 2.5 contact hours of continuing education.

Darkness to Light is a national not-for-profit leader in the prevention of child sexual abuse. Guided by the vision of a world where children can grow up happy, healthy, and safe, Darkness to Light is committed to empowering people to prevent child sexual abuse. They believe that protecting children is an adult's responsibility, and that through education and training, adults will be empowered to act. Stewards of Children® is an evidence-informed, award-winning, two-hour training that teaches adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Through interviews with child sexual abuse survivors, experts, and treatment providers, Stewards of Children® teaches adults practical actions they can take to reduce instances of child sexual abuse in their organizations, families, and communities.

This program is sponsored and supported by the Northern Great Lakes Synod Youth Ministry Team. There is no charge to attend the class, but registration is encouraged by emailing Stefanie Ehle ([youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org)) to ensure enough workbooks are available.



## **Tithes & Offerings for April 4-11**

General Fund: \$5,405

Helping Hand Fund: \$5 Bell Fund: \$5 Boiler Fund: \$5

World Hunger: \$20 Altar Flowers: \$15

NEWCAP: \$25 Palms: \$25

Maundy Thursday: \$78 Good Friday: \$40

Easter: \$915 Equal Exchange: \$6

*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**

Fortune Lake's flagship program – Summer Camp – is taking registrations for all programs! There are overnight Youth Camps for kids in grades 1-12, Intergenerational Camps for families of all types, Victory Camp for adults with disabilities, and Congregational Day Visits for church groups. Some programs are filling quickly, so don't wait!

Learn more and register at <http://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/>

Fortune Lake is offering a \$25 discount for new campers! Simply use promo code NEW2023 at registration.



## **FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP**

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

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