

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: Andrew Hubbard; Lori Kirt; Shirley Lebeck; Traci Kloes, Michael, Eric and Justin Olson; Judy Stehle.



Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are given by given by Marissa Tharp and are in honor of Ann Buscher, who celebrates her birthday on July 24th.

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?

- July 23: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.
- July 30: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Hymn Sing. Coffee Hour to follow worship. Recognition for Karen Houdek.
- August 6: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

Moving Sale this Weekend!

Karen and Gary Houdek, N2709 Roosevelt Road, are having a moving sale this Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items include a pool table; work station, 16-foot boat; queen-size sleeper sofa; treadmill; two International Harvester riding lawnmowers; a Geo Metro and more! Come and stop by!

Invite Someone to Zion!

On July 23rd the Stewardship and Generosity Committee will be handing out printed invitations at the start of the worship service. We ask that you give this invitation to someone you would like to invite to worship on any Sunday of your choosing. It can also be used to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to one of Zion's mission activities like Sew for Mission, help with the Community Garden, sing in the choir, etc. Please share the love of God and be blessed beyond measure.



INVITE A FRIEND



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

- July 25: Diane Lynch and Richelle Vincent
July 27: Jonah Zuehls
July 30: Lanse Dill and William Tipple



Birthday Blessings to You

July 24: Ann Buscher

July 26: Mason Krah, Kensley Renne and Leah Rose

July 27: Pastor Rick DeBenedetto

July 30: Duane Clarke, Michael Cook, Michael Minzlaff
and Jacki Renne

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for serving as our lector and usher; Steve Hoheneder for serving as our communion assistant; to Karen Dill for setting and cleaning up communion; and to Adison and Alexis Rosenfeldt for serving as our acolytes on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Sharon Powilaites as our lector; Karen Sylvester as our usher; Nora Plym as our communion assistant; Barb Grom will set up and clean up communion; and Anna Marzahl 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!



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 July 30th!

VBS Save the Date!

Bethel Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, St. James Lutheran, and Peace United churches will again join together to host Vacation Bible School for kids of all ages. We know families are busy throughout the summer so instead of one week of fun, we are having VBS activities for 4 Saturdays in July (July 8, 15, 22, and 29)! Campers are invited to Bethel Lutheran Church, 1309 14th Ave, Menominee, between 9 and 11:00 a.m., for a morning full of games, songs, snacks, crafts, and Bible Stories about Jesus.



Registration forms are available at the congregations listed above. We hope you can join us at all or some of the Saturdays for Jesus in July!

Contact Stefanie Ehle (sehle@uwalumni.com) or Johanna Zuehls (johannazuehls@gmail.com) with questions or to learn how you can volunteer!

School Food Pantry Collection

We're collecting food items to stock the school pantries as they start a new year. The kind of items that can be sent home with even the youngest kids to prepare for themselves. Your Social Ministry Committee will split the food between the Marinette and Menominee School Districts at the beginning of September. Please donate items that can be eaten as is or can be prepared using only water. Microwavable meals are good. Place your donations in the narthex by the collection baskets between July 2nd and August 27th.

Here are some suggestions:

- Meals that are ready to eat such as Chef Boyardee; Dinty Moore; Spaghetti O's; canned fish, chicken, ham; cracker or pretzel snack packs; Pop Tarts; granola bars; breakfast bars, fruit roll ups; beef jerky; trail mix; nuts; dried fruit; juices.
- Meals that just need water and a microwave: soups, cereals, oatmeal cups. Many companies make individual serving cups like: A Taste of Thai Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, Idahoan potatoes, Minute Rice.

"Stepping in Faith" Stewardship Initiative

While doing a little research, I found some things to do throughout the day to spend our time more intentionally with God.



1. Start the day with him. Read the Bible and listen to worship music. Thank him for giving you another day.
2. Pray intentionally. If we feel like prayer is an obligation, it will become a chore and will not be something we enjoy and truly mean. God wants to spend time with us and hear from us, so pray intentionally and tell him the things that you are going through and the things you are thankful for. He has given us life and is deserving of praise.
3. Write down things you are thankful for. I'm great at running through my list of things that I am thankful for, but in doing research for this short article it was suggested I write them down and put the list where I can see it as a constant reminder.
4. Notice your complaints and turn them into praise. As humans we complain a lot about small inconveniences, and anything that gets in our way. We should become more intentional and take note of our complaints. Try to reverse complaints and turn them into praise. We will undoubtedly discover something we are thankful for.
5. Enjoy God's creation. Take the time to appreciate it and thank him for it.
6. Love others. When we get upset with other people, it's hard to love them. Make an intentional effort to love others in every situation and to shine God's light upon them. Be the positive, godly influence that other people need.
7. Love yourself. God made you in his image and wants you to love yourself as much as he loves you.

Dear Heavenly Father: Help us as we go through each day to reach out to you. Help us to realize what we have, rather than what is lacking. Help us to share our time, abilities, and talents with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



August Newsletter

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



Zion supports MMACF Future Fund

Zion has pledged its support for local youth by making a \$24,000 multi-year donation to the M&M Area Community Foundation's (MMACF) Future Fund children's savings account program.

The contribution from Zion Church is on behalf of the Ken & Thea Swenson Youth Fund. Over the next three years, the contribution will be used to "adopt" the incoming fourth-grade students across Marinette and Menominee Counties by providing an additional yearly financial incentive into their savings accounts. These fourth-grade pioneers are the original class to receive a dedicated post-secondary savings account.

"Zion Church is proud to invest in the future of children across Marinette and Menominee counties," said Troy Cording, Zion's Council president. "We know this program encourages all children to dream big! We are excited to play a role in making their educational goals a reality."

The Future Fund began when the Community Foundation established \$50 savings accounts for area kindergarten classes. Each year until graduation more money is added to every child's account. These additions are made possible through the financial "adoption" of classes by area supporters. Research has demonstrated that children's savings accounts help children begin to develop the knowledge and skills needed to navigate educational and financial institutions – now and in the future.

The MMACF encourages community support for the growth and expansion of the Future Fund program. For more information on how to give back to our communities via the Future Fund, please contact MMACF Executive Director, Paula Gruszynski, at 906-864-3599. Checks for this fund may be mailed to the Foundation at 1110 10th Avenue, Suite L-1, Menominee, MI 49858 or made online at www.mmacf.org.

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