



Welcome Rev. Nick Johannes!

Thank you to Rev. 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: Kurt, Gloria and Erik Breuer; Wendy and George Ihler; James Martin; Sarge and Joni Rudell; Bill Tipple.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are in celebration of Sharon Schmidt, who had her birthday on Nov. 9th

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?

- Nov. 12: 24th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Nick Johannes.
- Nov. 19: 25th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Singing Through the Church Year.
- Nov. 26: Christ the King Sunday, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music by Zion's choir.



Birthday Blessings to You

- November 18: Kenny Sallee
November 19: Barbara Baumgarten

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Matt Hellerman for serving as our lector; to Sharon Powilaites for serving as our communion assistant; to Karen Sylvester for setting and cleaning up communion and for serving as our usher; and to Nik Williams for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

The volunteers for next week are Karen Dill as our lector, communion assistant and setting up and cleaning up communion; Karen as our usher; and Elsa Emler as 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!

A Note From The Financial Secretary for VANCO users!

If you have changed your donation for 2024 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 1/1/24 and stop this years by entering 12/31/23.

If you have questions please call our office at 715-735-7898, and I will call you back as soon as I can! This will alleviate any issues for next year. Thank you for your help!

Marissa Tharp, Financial Secretary



Have Angels!

Your Social Ministry Committee has the Salvation Army Angel Tree up and decorated! Take a look to see if you can help make a local child's Christmas a little magical this year. Take a tag, record the tag number, your name & phone number and go shopping. Please bring the gifts (unwrapped) to Zion before or on Sunday, December 3rd. Date the log when you return your gifts so we know they're here.

Thanks to Carole Boerner, Lori Despina and Michelle Larson for getting the tree set up and special thanks to Carole for getting the first tags available so we have ample time to shop.

Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Circle Group will meet November 16th at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to join!



November Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of November is sponsored by Jim Cook and is in memory of Bob Cook.

“Stepping in Faith” Stewardship Initiative

Like all good Christians everywhere, each of us hopes to increase our prayer life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Some days we feel totally motivated and can easily set aside time while other days we find ourselves slipping into the abyss of allowing our time to be taken over with other things. As we begin our focus on the Mark of Prayer, it is our hope that we can lead ourselves and you to a fuller and richer prayer life.

Toward that end, Bonnie Schoen, with assistance from Karen Dill, created “Prayer Patches” for members of Zion. These “Prayer Patches” will be handed out on Sunday, November 19th. It is our hope that you will find these little patches a useful reminder to pray.

Dear Lord, in Philippians 4:6-7 you tell us to not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to let our requests be made known to you. Help us Lord, to take a small portion of our day to turn to you in prayer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

November 13: Nora Plym

November 15: Chad Francour

November 16: Megan Buenning

November 18: Gary Grom

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 314; “Ten Bridesmaids” based on the reading from Matthew 25:1-13.



Tithes & Offerings for October 31-Nov. 6

General Fund: \$4,339

World Hunger: \$100 Thanksgiving: \$55 Advent: \$5

Boiler Fund: \$408.21 Bell Fund: \$5

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



Our Christian Sympathy

We are saddened to learn of the death of Karen Houdek on Tuesday, November 7, after suffering another massive heart attack. Karen retired from her service as Zion’s financial secretary at the end of July. She and Gary then moved to their new home in Brighton, MI to be near her brother and sister-in-law.

We give thanks to God for Karen’s life and faith and pray that God will hold Gary in his care as he mourns his loss. Our Epistle reading for this Sunday begins, “We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

November Bowling and December Baking Youth Events



Menominee Valley Conference Youth between 7th-12th grade are invited to go bowling on Sunday, November 19. We will meet at the Dome Lanes (801 University Ave. in Marinette) from noon - 1:30 pm for bowling, pizza, fellowship, and fun! Football games will be playing on the TVs so you can keep tabs on your favorite teams. There is no cost to attend but reservations are needed. Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org by November 17.

And be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for a Baking with the Bishop Christmas Extravaganza! Bishop Katherine will be joining us for cookie baking, games, crafts, and an afternoon of spreading Christmas cheer. Stay tuned for additional details.

November Donation Collection

Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of November, we will be collecting items for Biehl Bridges to Recovery.



Bridges to Recovery is a grant-funded, non-profit, community organization that offers support, services, and connections for individuals affected by, seeking or are in recovery from substance use disorder. The individuals served have Substance Abuse Disorders and the services are provided at no cost to the individual.

Their Recovery Community Center is open for walk-ins and a safe place for individuals seeking, affected by, or in recovery to spend time during open hours.

Helpful Items to Donate:

- Printer paper
- Totes to organize items
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels and tissues
- Men's clothing (especially PJs and sweatpants)
- Deodorant
- Adult Bicycles

You are also invited to view their website (mmbridges2recovery.com) to learn more about them or offer your time and talents.

Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

• Senior Days

Fortune Lake has announced their 2023-2024 Senior Day schedule. There will be a Senior Day on November 13, January 15th, March 11th, and May 13th! Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. The program varies but generally includes the following:

10:00 a.m. – Arrival and check-in, coffee and fellowship time

10:15 a.m. – Devotion & announcements

10:30 a.m. – Presentation morning session

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. – Presentation afternoon session

A \$10 donation per participant is requested and attendees are asked to RSVP by the Friday before the event to (906) 214-2267 or hospitality@fortunelake.org



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI



Poinsettias serve as beautiful Christmas decorations. If you make a donation of at least **\$15.00** you may take one of the plants home following the 8:00 p.m. service on Sunday, December 24, 2023. You may also designate it as a gift in memory or honor of someone.

If you are willing to purchase one or more Poinsettia please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

The order forms and payment must be received in

Zion's office by Thursday, November 30.

GIVEN BY _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED: \$ _____

Envelope # _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR MONEY AND DROP OFF AT ZION, MAIL TO ZION OR EMAIL ZION'S OFFICE @ ZION@NEWBC.RR.COM SO WE CAN SUBMIT OUR ORDER.

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