

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: Annette Anderson; Karen and Lanse Dill; Rachel Kuhn; Greg Peanosky; Randall, Tatem, and Presley Schroeder.



Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are sponsored by the Limberg family and are in honor of the family birthdays in April: Don, Elsa, Judy, Sophie, and Todd.

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?

April 3: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.

April 7: Second Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

April 9: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 10: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.

April 14: Third Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Rick DeBenedetto. Special music by Zion's choir.



Birthday Blessings to You

April 9: Elsa Limberg

April 10: Sandra Gressel

April 11: Judith Limberg

April 12: Steve Bromund

April 13: Allie Buenning

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to LeeAnn Limberg for serving as our lector and communion assistant; to Barb Grom for setting and cleaning up communion; to Dean Schoen for serving as our usher; and to Anna Marzahl for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

The volunteers for next week are Sue Baxter as our lector; Johanna Zuehls as our communion assistant; Karen Sylvester and Gina Boucher as our ushers; Jane Landenberger will be setting and cleaning up communion; and Nik Williams 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!

Mark of Discipleship: ENCOURAGE



1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore **encourage** one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

During the month of April, The Stewardship and Generosity Committee would like you to focus on the Mark of Discipleship ENCOURAGE. Now that it's finally April, many of us are thinking about gardens and planting and seeds. But have you ever stopped to really think about seeds? Nothing ever grows without a seed, and yet seeds need soil, water and sunshine to grow. A seed by itself doesn't amount to much of anything. We are like seeds, and left alone we don't amount to much of anything either. We need faith and love and encouragement to bloom and grow too.

Please find the packet of Wildflower Seeds in today's bulletin. May these seeds remind you to ENCOURAGE others in their faith journeys.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

April 9: John Bowdin

April 11: Eric Powers

April 13: Eric Breuer and Jacqueline Hamer

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.



2024 Kiwanis Kapers

Tickets for this year's Kiwanis Kapers, "Mystery on the Menominee River: Can Scoops Save The Day?" are available. You can purchase tickets at Ironworks on Main Street in Marinette or from any Kiwanis member! Tickets are \$20. The shows are April 5th and 6th at 7 p.m. and April 7th at 3 p.m. in the W.J. Jones Auditorium in the Marinette High School. All proceeds for to local charities!



Tithes & Offerings for March 25 - April 1

General Fund: \$3,984.50

Easter: \$620 Maundy Thursday: \$100

Boiler Fund: \$55 Bell Fund: \$5

Capital Improvement: \$100 Lent: \$5

Good Friday: \$10 World Hunger: \$530

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



Synod-Wide Spring Hike May 19



The Northern Great Lakes Synod and U.P. Wild Church invite you to participate in a Synod-Wide Hike this spring. There will be multiple hikes taking place throughout the synod between May 11 and May 19 to coincide with this year's hybrid Synod Assembly activities. Each hike will showcase the beauty of God's creation and include an outdoor prayer service.

The Menominee Valley Conference Hike will start at 3:00 p.m. on May 19 at the Wickman Family Farm located at W4410 Panske Rd., Porterfield, WI. This family-friendly event is free, and all ages and abilities are welcome (you do not need to be attending Synod Assembly to participate in a hike). Trail snacks will be provided and participants are asked to bring their own water bottle. Questions can be directed to Karen Anne Hanson (hansk@northlandlutheran.org).

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

Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund Brochure are available on the table in the front hall 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.



Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Circle Group will meet April 18th at 3 p.m. in Zion's family room. All are welcome to attend.

ELCA World Hunger Turns 50!



Zion's Social Ministry committee is challenging you to give 50/50 for 50. Here's how it works: Give money, non-perishable food OR both to ELCA World Hunger between now and April 28th.

Just stack your gifts of food at the front of the sanctuary. Your Social Ministry committee is counting and keeping track of it. All monetary gifts may be given using any envelope clearly marked for World Hunger.

So far, we have raised \$4,490! Thank you so much for your generosity!

In May, the food will be divided between shelters in Marinette & Menominee and the money will be given to ELCA World Hunger at the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly.

Join us and write the story of our next 50 years together as, boldly and hopefully, we pursue God's promise of a just world where all are fed.



April Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of April is sponsored by Carol Magnuson and is in celebration of all the April birthday's in our congregation

The Lutheran Hour

The Lutheran Hour will continue each week after worship. No preparation is necessary. Please come join in the discussion and discovery about the Sunday sermon and Gospel reading.



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

- **Senior Days**

Fortune Lake has announced their 2024 Senior Day schedule. There will be a Senior Day on May 13th! Each Senior Day begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up by 2 p.m. 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

- **Junior and Senior High Fortune Lake Retreat**

Fortune Lake invites all current 7th -12th graders to participate in there "Here I am" Jr/Sr High Retreat. The weekend will feature familiar camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, Bible Studies, and more. The weekend will also include a SoulShop™ training that is free for adult leaders. More details about the retreat and the training can be found online at fortunelake.org under the "Year-Round Retreats" tab.

- **Growing in Grace Retreat: Nurturing our LGBTQIA+ Youth**

Fortune Lake invites you to join us for our second annual Growing in Grace Retreat: Nurturing our LGBTQIA+ Youth. This year's retreat will focus on the care and support of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and the joys and challenges that come with that journey. The weekend will feature Bible Studies, time to discuss and share, a fireside chat with Jamie Bruesehoff, and more. This retreat is a continuation of our Total Inclusion efforts. To learn more about our Total Inclusion Task Force, people may go to: <https://fortunelake.org/about/growing-in-grace/#toggle-id-1-closed> and to learn more about Jamie and her work, people may go to www.jamiebruesehoff.com. For more information or to register for the retreat, people may go to fortunelake.org.



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

FLLC Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open! There are so many exciting program options for people of all ages. Register early for the best prices and best selection.

Visit Fortunelake.org for more information or registration!



2024 SCHEDULE

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 9-14	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 16-21	Intergenerational Week (all ages) New! Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)	See website \$475
Week 3	June 23-28	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	\$475
	June 30-July 2	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$225
Week 4	June 30-July 3	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)	\$305 No charge
	July 7-10	+Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
Week 5	July 7-12	+Villager (Grades 3-4) +Vagabond (Grades 5-6) +Venturer (Grades 7-8) Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
Week 6	July 14-17	New! Evergreen Camp (Adults 55+)	\$260/\$305/\$405
Week 7	July 21-26	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) LIT #3 Option (*No charge)	\$445 \$475
	July 22-25	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$130
Week 8	July 28-Aug 2	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) LIT #4 Option (*No charge)	See website \$445
	July 30-Aug 2	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 9	August 4-7	^Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) ^Villager (Grades 3-4) ^Vagabond (Grades 5-6) ^Venturer (Grades 7-8)	\$305

Scholarships Available

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

More info at Fortunelake.org

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