



## Welcome Rev. Rick DeBenedetto!

Thank you to Rev. Rick DeBenedetto for serving as our worship leader and preacher today. 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: Duane and Barbara Clark; Jackie Hamer; LeeAnn Limberg; Amanda Ross and Jakob Callaway-Ross; Mary Thielen.



## Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are sponsored by Marissa Tharp and are in honor and celebration of her parents 30th wedding anniversary on April 15th.

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 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.  
April 17: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.  
April 18: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.  
April 21: Fourth Sunday in Easter, 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Rick DeBenedetto.

## 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.



## St. James Closure Service

Our sister congregation, St. James Lutheran Church in Marinette, will hold a Service of Thanksgiving and Closure Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Katherine Finegan and Pastor Linda Forray will officiate. Other clergy will vest and participate. This service marks the completion of more than a century of ministry and mission in this community and beyond since that congregation's founding in 1918. We thank God for the impact St. James has had in this community and pray that its remaining members will continue to serve and be served through the other churches in our community.



### **Birthday Blessings to You**

April 15: Matthew Hellerman

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

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

Thank you to Sue Baxter for serving as our lector; to Johanna Zuehls as our communion assistant; to Jane Landenberger for setting and cleaning up communion; to Karen Sylvester and Gina Boucher for serving as our ushers; and to Nik Williams for serving as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; Dave Johnson as our usher; Carol Johnson will be setting and cleaning up communion; and Alexis Rosenfeldt 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!



### **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

April 15: Susan Goldsmith

April 17: Matthew Hellerman and Alexis Rosenfeldt

April 20: Gerald Poquette and Sue Poquette

April 21: Kurt Oleson

### **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 496; "The Great Commission" based on the reading from Luke 24:36b-48.



### **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.

### **Tithes & Offerings for April 1-8**

General Fund: \$3,246

Easter: \$15 Lutheran World Relief: \$5

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars: \$446

*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/>.

### **Sew For Missions in Need of Donations**

Sew for Missions is in need of material and monetary donations. Materials such as clean, flat sheets or left over fabric would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for your generosity.



### **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](mailto: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](http://fortunelake.org) under the "Year-Round Retreats" tab. Deadline for registration is April 12th.

- **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](http://www.jamiebruesehoff.com). Register by April 19. For more information or to register for the retreat, people may go to [fortunelake.org](http://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](http://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) <b>New!</b> 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	<b>New!</b> 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](http://Fortunelake.org)

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