



Welcome Rev. Nick Johannes!

Thank you to Rev. Nick Johannes 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: Mary Belisle; Gary and Barb Grom; Terry Laundree; Timothy, Sarah, Jacob, and Anna Marzahl; Sharon Schmidt.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are loving memory and honor of those we lost this year.

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?

- Dec. 4: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 8: Second Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With guest pastor Rev. Nick Johannes. Special music by Zion's choir.
Dec. 10: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 15: Third Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service. SPARK Program.
Dec. 18: Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 19: Ruth Circle, 4 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens!



The Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, December 8th, after our Worship Service. We are looking forward to a greater number of members, families, and children participating in the church decorating this year. If you are willing to help, please sign-up on the sheet on the board in the back of Church. Also, please sign-up to contribute to our Potluck Lunch break. We guarantee a joyful and rewarding time that you won't want to miss!

(Note: There is no Packer game this Sunday.)

Please sign up soon so we have an approximate number, Thanks!!
Beverages and Table Service will be provided.



Birthday Blessings to You

December 9: Kimberly Graf
December 10: Sally Peterson
December 11: John Radloff
December 13: Larry Nelson
December 15: Rachel Kuhn

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Dill for serving as our lector; communion assistant and for setting and cleaning up communion; to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher; to Cheryl Maxwell and Sharon Powilaites for handling AV; and to Nik Williams as our acolyte on Sunday.



The volunteers for next week are Johanna Zuehls as our lector; Karen Sylvester as our communion assistant; Maryellen Radloff will setting and cleaning up communion; Dean Schoen as our usher; Troy Cording and Gage Schutt as our AV Team; and Alexis Rosenfeldt as our acolyte!

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as a worship leader, please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. Thank you for your consideration!



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

December 14: Ethan Schomaker
December 15: Alexandria Cording

Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, December 19th, at Zion at 4 p.m. for our December dinner.

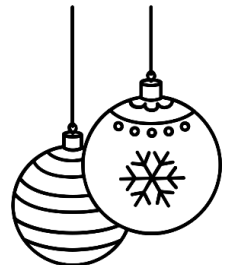
Upcoming Coffee Hour



There will be a Coffee Hour on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29! The December 29th coffee hour will be a farewell gathering for Pastor Doug. Coffee Hours are held directly after service but are only held if someone sponsors it. If you would like to sponsor or hold a coffee hour, call the office at 715-735-7898 to reserve a date!

December Conference-Wide Youth Event

Menominee Valley Conference youth between 6th-12th grades are invited to make an ornament that can be given to someone this Christmas season. We will meet at CJ's Glass (802 Main Street) in Marinette on Friday, December 13 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate, but reservations are needed by December 10. Please email youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org to secure your spot at the table!





SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 208; “Zechariah” based on the reading from Luke 1:68-79 .

Sew For Missions Update

Sew for Missions has started their work for the year for 2025! Any and all material or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Currently, the material that the group uses is on sale. Thank you for your generosity!

December Eternal Light

“May the light of Jesus warm the world with peace and love,” is what the Eternal Light for the month of December is in honor of.



Tithes & Offerings for Nov. 18-Dec. 2



General Fund: \$5988.50
Altar Flowers: \$30
Poinsettia Flowers: \$145
Boiler Fund: \$60
Bell Fund: \$10
Thanksgiving: \$425
Advent: \$105
Christmas: \$45
NEWCAP: \$50
World Hunger: \$10
Sanctuary Candle: \$13
Helping Hand Fund: \$25
Memorial Fund: \$10
150th Anniversary: \$164
Capital Improvement Fund: \$120

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

A Note From The Financial Secretary for VANCO users!

If you have changed your donation for 2025 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 1/1/25 and stop this years by entering 12/31/24. This does not apply to you if you do not use VANCO.

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



Flowers and Sanctuary Candle for 2025

Monthly sanctuary candle and altar flower dates for sponsoring in 2025 are available. Both are on a first come, first serve basis. Sponsoring the candle is \$13 and altar flowers are \$15; plus you can take the flowers home with you!

Upcoming Retreats at Fortune Lake

“Renew and Restore” Young Adult Retreat

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting its annual young adult retreat February 21-23, 2025. The retreat is open for people age 18-30. The weekend will feature time to relax and recharge in a self-guided retreat model, opportunities to worship and spend time in nature, and discussions about burnout. And, the first 30 people to register only pay \$30 to attend if they use the code YA2025 during registration. To learn more and to register, people may go to fortunelake.org

“Sacred Waters” Youth Retreat

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting a youth retreat April 4-5, 2025. The retreat is open for kids in grades 3-6. The retreat will feature bible studies, campfire worship, camp games and songs! To learn more and to register, people may go to fortunelake.org

“In The Body” Retreat

- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is hosting a retreat for middle and high schoolers April 11-12 2025. This retreat is facilitated by Rachel Kurtz who is a singer, songwriter, speaker, and storyteller who has been performing for almost 20 years and has performed at 6 ELCA Youth Gatherings. The retreat will feature bible studies, worship, an adult leader workshop, and camp style games and songs. To learn more and to register, people may go to fortunelake.org



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