

In Our Prayers This Week

It's so important that we remember one another in prayer. During this week, please focus your prayers on the following members who were picked randomly: Maxwell Albert; Janet Cook; Lisa and Jaclynn Knopik; Jane Landenberger; Pat Mittag; Al and Sally Peterson; Sandra Tessmer.



Flowers



The flowers for Sunday are sponsored by Clark Olson and are in celebration of Pastor George's 100th birthday on Sept. 12.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or email zion@newbc.rr.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday; they cost \$15

What's Around the Corner?

- Sept. 7: 13th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Baptismal Affirmation for people baptized in July, August, and September. Coffee hour after worship.
- Sept. 9: Sew for Missions, 9 a.m.; Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14: 14th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday.
- Sept. 17: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.



Birthday Blessings to You!

- September 10: Bradley Nelson
September 12: George Olson
September 13: John Powilaites, Jacob Rose
September 14: Peggy Miller

Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!

Thank you to Sharon Powilaites for serving as our lector; to Matt Hellerman as our communion assistant; to Karen Sylvester as our usher and cantor; to Jane Landenberger for setting and cleaning up communion; to Henry Zuehls and Debbie Mylener for handling AV; and to Nik Williams as our acolyte on Sunday!



Our servers for next Sunday are Dave Johnson as our lector and usher; Karen Sylvester as our communion assistant; Carol Johnson will be setting and cleaning up communion; Troy Cording and Gage Schutt will be handling AV; 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

September 10: Becky Davis

September 11: Vern Cramer

September 13: Brooke Rose

September 14: Brittany Renne

God's Work, Our Hands

Zion is partnering with Bethel again for God's Work, Our Hands. This year we will be putting together sensory bags to be distributed to local first responders. Sensory bags are a tool kit to assist first responders when helping or interacting with people who are autistic (neurodiverse) or have disabilities or special needs. We will get together after service at Zion on September 7th to assemble the bags and then enjoy a light lunch together. Some items that we will be collecting are:

- 5 lb. weighted blankets
- Noise cancelling headphones for children
- Sunglasses for children
- Sensory toys
 - Rubik's cubes
 - Fidget toys (spinners, cubes, push and pop toys, etc.,)
 - Squishy toys
 - Small stuffed animals



All of these items can be purchased on our [amazon registry list](#), or they can be purchased wherever is convenient for you. You may also donate cash or purchase amazon gift cards and we can do the shopping for you. Thank you for helping us and for your generosity!

Tithes & Offerings for August 25-31

General Fund: \$ 1,259

Capital Improvement Fund: \$15

Social Ministry: \$87

AV Equipment: \$50

Kitchen Fund: \$8



Our mission and ministries are possible thanks to the Lord's labor through our faithful living and giving. The Spirit invites us into Jesus' way of generosity as we worship God by sharing our offerings. Thank you so very much for your continued contributions. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!



Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive Friday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the social hall. To make an appointment, people may call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or [schedule an appointment online](#).

Upcoming Coffee Hour

There will be a coffee hour on Sept. 7 for baptismal remembrances. Coffee hours are held directly after service; if you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, call the office at 715-735-7898 to reserve a date!



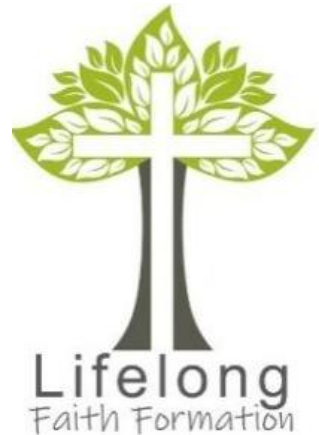
SPARK

This fall, SPARK, our elementary-aged, (3yrs – 5th Grade), education program resumes! Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 10th starting at 5:30 p.m. All children in our congregation, as well as friends or family of the members, are welcome to attend. Simply contact our church office, 715-735-7898, to let us know so that we can prepare the materials for the classes. SPARK classes last one hour and contain a connection with one of the Bible lessons for the upcoming Sunday. There's time for stories, prayer, crafts and music. We pray that all of it helps our young people grow in faith.

Faith Formation Classes Registration is Open!

Registration is open for the fall classes offered by the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The Lifelong Faith Formation program provides a variety of classes for shared listening and learning via Zoom. With a special thanks to our fall teachers, here are the classes they will teach this fall:

- **Caring for Creation – A discussion study of the theological, societal, and scientific reasoning of the ELCA Social Statement** with Chuck Thomas, NGLSynod Vice President
- **Feeding your Soul - practicing spiritual practices** with Pastors Terry Cathcart, Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout, and Deacons D'Etta Broam, and Noreen Stevens
- **In the Beginning: The first 11 Chapters of Genesis** with Pastor Tommy Wimsae
- **Introduction to Biblical Hebrew** with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn
- **Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism** with Pastor David Van Kley



Courses are free but may require the purchase of books or other materials. **Please register by September 15!** For more detailed information and to register, visit the synod website *Resources* page: <https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation/> Contact Sister Noreen Stevens with your questions: -651-815.1145 or nstevens@nglsynod.org

Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, September 18th, in the family room at Zion at 3 p.m. for our monthly Bible study. All are welcome to attend!



Join the Youth D&D Club

The NGLS has an online Dungeons & Dragons Club for young people between 6th-12th grade. Upcoming gaming dates are:

Sunday, September 28: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 26: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please email Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org for the Zoom link or if you would like to be part of this new club!

Choir to Start Practicing Again!

Zion Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals are only an hour. We would love to have you join us! If interested please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.



Note of Thanks!

Dear Pastor Amanda and Zion Leadership,

Thank you so much for the wonderful gathering and anniversary celebration this past Sunday, Aug. 24. All of the planning and preparation for this day (including the historical archive displays and beautiful history books) will be treasured by many for years to come.

As you look back, may you all be inspired to carry on this rich legacy — Serving where Jesus leads!

With gratitude and appreciation,
Former intern, Dan Ankerfelt, 1992-93



September Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for September is sponsored by Carol Magnuson and is in honor of Pastor George during his birthday month.

P.R.A.Y.er Chain

Do you have a petition or concern? Are you thankful for something? You are invited to write one or more prayers on the colored slips of paper in the pews. Then place them into the labeled basket by the play room window or in the offering plate. Let's P.R.A.Y. (Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield)!

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