

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: Katy Bauer; Chad Francour; Laura Kulinski; Kurt, Hannah, Alexa, Nicole Oleson; Gage Schutt.



Flowers

The flowers for Sunday are in honor and celebration of Mark Swenson and all he does for the congregation!

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?

- Dec. 10: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14: Third Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Praise Band Sunday. SPARK Program. Coffee hour after worship.
Dec. 17: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 18: Ruth Circle, 1 p.m. @ Perkins
Dec. 21: Fourth Sunday in Advent. 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Adison Rosenfeldt. Caroling Youth Event @ The Luther Home, 2 p.m.
Dec. 24: Nativity of our Lord, 8 p.m. worship and via YouTube Live. With candlelight, special music and Holy Communion.
Dec. 25: Office closed. Merry Christmas!
Dec. 26: Office closed.



Birthday Blessings to You!

December 15: Rachel Kuhn
December 16: Dean Schoen
December 20: Dawn Vincent
December 21: Carrie Heitmeier

Nurturing spiritual well-being

An important component of our baptismal covenant with God includes tending to our individual and collective spiritual gardens. There are all sorts of opportunities for us to do so, from worship, to group learning, to personal study. In that spirit, we are providing **Advent devotions** which you are encouraged to use at home. Hard copies are available in the welcome area & electronic versions are available by emailing

zion@newbc.rr.com.





Greeters

"Welcome!" One little word that can make a difference. If interested in serving as a greeter (opening the door and welcoming people as they come for Sunday worship) please let Ann Buscher know.

Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!

Thank you to Karen Dill for serving as our lector and communion assistant; to Bonnie Schoen for setting and cleaning up communion; to Dean Schoen as our usher; Troy Cording and Gage Schutt for handling AV; and to Josie Sims as our acolyte on Sunday!



Our servers for next Sunday are Kathy Heimbuch as our lector and communion assistant; Karen Dill will be setting and cleaning up communion; Dave Johnson as our usher; Troy Cording and Henry Zuehls will be handling AV; and Jacob Marzahl 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!



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 234; "John the Baptist" based on the reading from Matthew 11:2-11.

December Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for December is sponsored by David and Lori Despins and in celebration of the birth of Jesus and all who have birthdays this month.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week

December 15: Alexandria Cording

December 17: Nila Krenos

December 19: Lisa Cook

December 21: Niklas Williams

Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, December 18, at Perkin's in Menominee at 1 p.m. for their annual Christmas party and lunch.



Christmas Eve Worship

We will celebrate the Nativity of Jesus on Christmas Eve at 8 p.m. with a candlelight service, Holy Communion, and special music. Join us as together we worship Emmanuel! Live streaming via our YouTube channel will be available.



Coffee Hour!

Do you have some leftover Christmas Cookies? If you do, bring a dozen to church with you on Sunday, December 28th and we'll share coffee and cookies after the service. No cookies-no problem. Just come and enjoy! Please drop off cookies in the kitchen before the service.



Tithes & Offerings for Dec. 1-8

General Fund: \$6,153.50

Altar flowers: \$45

Poinsettia: \$30

Advent: \$163

Christmas: \$55

Capital Improvement: \$100

Social Hall Floor: \$100

Helping Hand: \$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!

December Collection

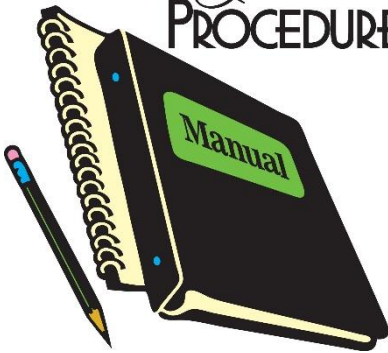
Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of December, we will continue our three-way food collection for Dorothy's Haven of Hope, Rainbow House, and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. We also want to collect paper products!



Ideas for items to donate this month:

- Cereal, rice, dry pasta, Ramen noodles, instant mashed potatoes, oatmeal, raisins, nuts, dry beans, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, macaroni & cheese, granola bars, apple sauce, cooking oil, sugar, flour.
- Canned items: vegetables, fruits, soups, sloppy joe starter, pasta, pasta sauce, chicken, fish, meat.
- Paper toweling, toilet paper, tissues, waxed paper, parchment paper, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic storage bags, garbage bags.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES



Worship Canceling Procedures

With winter here and snowstorms around the corner, we wanted to remind the congregation about how we let you all know that worship is canceled. In the event that there is extreme weather that could make it unsafe for people to travel to the church building for worship, we will follow the steps outlined below.

1. The pastor and either the council president or property person will consult with each other Sun morning to determine if there is a need to cancel. If two of these three people are not available, then the second person to be consulted and help make the decision will follow as such: vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
2. If it is deemed necessary, then the following will occur:
 - a. One of the two who makes the decision will contact the office administrator to change the answering machine announcement, send out an email blast, post it on the church's FB page and website, and contact available news stations (WLUK-Fox 11 and WFRV-CBS, Channel 5). Both will split responsibility for getting in touch with the worship leaders for the day.
 - b. You are asked to check one of those five options beforehand and pass the word along however you see fit.
3. If worship is canceled, then so will all other scheduled ministry activities that day.

Christmas Caroling Youth Event

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!" – Buddy the Elf

Youth between 6th-12th grade and their friends and families are invited to sing Christmas Carols and eat cookies at the Luther Home (831 Pine Beach Road, Marinette) on Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Pr Amanda at pramandak3@gmail.com or via FB.



🚧 We're Hiring!

Custodian – Zion Lutheran Church (Marinette, WI)

Help us keep our church building clean and welcoming!

- ✅ About 4 hours per week
- ✅ Flexible schedule
- ✅ Pay to be based on experience
- ✅ Reports to the pastor

We are seeking a reliable, self-starting and detail-oriented person to maintain cleanliness and order in the Education, Office, and Fellowship Hall areas as well as portions of the Worship space. This role is essential in ensuring our facilities, which have been entrusted to us by God, remain in good condition to serve the congregation and wider community.

Generally, what you'll do:

- Clean office bathrooms
- Empty trash and recycling
- Vacuum and mop floors

A complete job description is available upon request.

📍 Apply at Zion Lutheran Church, 2714 James St, Marinette, WI or email us zion@newbc.rr.com. *Please return your application no later than **Dec 31, 2025**.*

📞 Call 715-735-7898 for details



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