

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: Megan, Jacob, Brycen, Easton, and Allie Buenning; Kathi Gutknecht; Tyler Lund; John and Sharon Powilaites; Oliver Swenson.



Flowers

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. 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. 25-26: Office closed. Merry Christmas!
Dec. 28: First Sunday in Christmas 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube Live. With guest Pastor Rick DeBenedetto. Coffee hour after worship.



Birthday Blessings to You!

December 22: Presley Schroeder
December 26: Jacob Marzahl
December 27: Brian Krah

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.



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.



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.

Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for serving as our lector and communion assistant; to Karen Dill for setting and cleaning up communion; to Dave Johnson as our usher; Troy Cording and Henry Zuehls for handling AV; and to Jacob Marzahl as our acolyte on Sunday!



Our servers for Christmas Eve are Dave Johnson as our lector; Sharon Powilaites as our communion assistant; Mark Swenson as our usher; Carol Johnson will be setting and cleaning up communion; Henry and Daniel Zuehls will be handling AV; and Daniel Zuehls as our acolyte!

Our servers for next Sunday are Matt Hellerman as our lector; Johanna Zuehls as our communion assistant and she will be setting and cleaning up communion; Peggy Miller as our usher; Cheryl Maxwell and Sharon Powilaites will be handling AV; and Adison 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

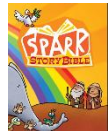
December 23: David Despins

December 26: Hope Goes, Philip Strohl

December 28: Gail Melgary

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 196; "Angel's Visit" based on the reading from Matthew 1:18-25.



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.



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.





Tithes & Offerings for Dec. 9-15

General Fund: \$4,348.50

Altar flowers: \$30

Poinsettia: \$15

Advent: \$15

Christmas: \$15

Capital Improvement: \$15

Social Hall Floor: \$5

Helping Hand: \$25

Sanctuary Candle: \$26

Nov. Disbursements: \$15,964.22 **Nov. Receipts:** \$18,968.09

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!

Pastoral Emergencies

Pr Amanda will be taking time off Thursday, Dec. 25-Tuesday, Dec. 30. She will respond to emergencies during this time, but will otherwise be unavailable.

Zion to Host Blood Drive

Zion is hosting a blood drive January 16 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.



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.

🚧 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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