

## **Be Aware of Scammers!**

Recently, a scammer was impersonating Pastor Amanda and sending text messages to members of the congregation. The scam text would say something along the lines of her “needing to talk” to the person discreetly but can’t call because she is “heading into a meeting.” If the person responds, the scammer would ask the person to buy gift cards. Pastor Amanda will never ask a member of the congregation to pick up gift cards/certificates. Please be cautious of any number or email claiming to be Pastor Amanda. If you ever have any questions of the validity of a text or an email, please call the office at 715-735-7898, or Pastor’s home phone number, 715-330-5036.

## **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: Steve and Fay Bromund; Sarah Jagielski; Dan Lemire; Nora Plym; Mary Thielen; Sandra Zylkowski.



### **Flowers**

The altar flowers for Sunday are sponsored by the Limberg family, Judy, Shawn, Emily, Sophie and Elsa Limberg and is in loving memory of Don Limberg.

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

## **What's Around the Corner?**

- Jan. 14: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Ruth Circle, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 16: Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Jan. 18: Second Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube.
- Jan. 21: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25: Third Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. worship with Holy Communion and via YouTube. Special music by Erik Bruerer. Annual meeting after worship.
- Jan. 28: SPARK, 5:30 p.m.; Confirmation, 6:30 p.m.



## **Birthday Blessings to You!**

- January 20: Kathy Heimbuch
- January 21: Sharon Powilaites and Drake Schutt
- January 22: Shawn Limberg
- January 24: Pamela Lund and Tatem Schroeder
- January 25: Beverly DeGroot and Denise Despins.

## **Thank You to Our Worship Leaders!**

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for serving as our lector and communion assistant; to Barb Grom for setting and cleaning up communion; to Deb Mylener as our usher; to Eric Morois and Troy Cording for handling AV; to Ellen Basak as our greeter; and to Presley Schroeder as our acolyte on Sunday!



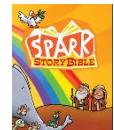
Our servers for next Sunday are Matt Hellerman as our lector; LeeAnn Limberg as our communion assistant; Bonnie Schoen will be setting and cleaning up communion; Peggy Miller as our usher; Ellen Basak as our greeter; Troy Cording and Deb Mylener will be handling AV; and Elsa Emler as our acolyte!

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**

January 20: Karen Dill



## **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 246; "The Lamb of God" based on the reading from John 1:29-42.



## **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.

## **Tithes & Offerings for Jan.6-12**

General Fund: \$3,298

Initial: \$125

Helping Hand: \$405

NEWCAP: \$5

World Hunger: \$5

Capital Improvement Fund: \$420



*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!*

## Ruth Circle Group

The Ruth Group will meet Thursday, January 15, 3 p.m. for bible study. All are welcome to attend.



## Update on the Annual Report and Annual Meeting!

The Annual Report will be ready for you on Sunday. Copies will be available on our table of resources in the narthex and on our website. Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 following the service. All confirmed members should attend.

## Sew for Missions Meeting Schedule

The Sew for Missions group will not be meeting for the month of January and February. They will resume meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## January Collection

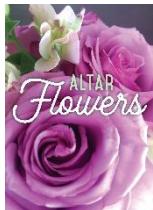
Zion is Called to Go Where Jesus Leads and our Social Ministry Committee is committed to showing our congregation ways to live out that calling in our community. During the month of January, we will be collecting items for the Peshtigo Food Pantry with a focus on comforting, warming foods.

Suggested collection items are:

- Jarred sauces and dry pasta
- Canned or dry beans
- Soups, chili and stews as well as canned items to make soup with
- Boxed potatoes, canned meat and fish
- Jams & jellies, pancake mix and pancake syrup
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, instant dry milk, canned or boxed milks
- Baking needs: flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt
- Cornbread / corn muffin mix
- Canned fruits and vegetables

## Recycle Your Sheets!

Did you receive new bed sheets for Christmas? You may bring your old ones to Zion to be recycled into beautiful new patchwork quilts by the Sew for Missions ladies. All material is welcome and put to good use. Thank you!



## Altar Flower Sponsorships

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available for 2026. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis so it's never too early to reserve a special date! You can take the flowers home after service! To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

## **Usher's needed!**

Due to illness, surgery and snowbirds we are desperately looking for people to usher. The basic duties for usher included filling the baptismal font with water, passing out bulletins, arrange for two people to collect the offering, lock the doors about 15 minutes into the service, count the attendees and record it on the orange slip for the office administrator, unlock the doors during the closing hymn, and after service pick up leftover bulletins in the pews, dump the baptismal font, check the bathrooms and lock the front doors. Thank you for your consideration!

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