

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: Steve and Fay Bromund, Joe and Georgeann Griffiths, Nila Krenos, Cheryl Maxwell, Donald and Joanne Schutt, and Julie, Justin and Niklas Williams.



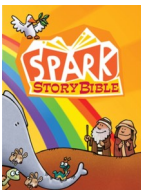
Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Bryan Gutknecht and are in honor of his daughter Johanna's birthday and his grandson Daniel's birthday.

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?

- Jan. 9: Baptism of Our Lord, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.
- Jan. 16: Second Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Jan. 23: Third Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special Music by Johanna Zuehls.
- Jan. 30: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, January 9, is found on page 242; "Jesus' Baptism" based on the reading from Luke 3:15-17. 21-22.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

January 10: Ainsley Emler and Bryan Gutknecht
January 15: Susan Fischer



January Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of January is sponsored by Ann Buscher in honor of all who share their musical talents with Zion.

Questions of the Day for Sunday, January 16, John 2:1-11

The Question of the Day helps prepare you for next Sunday's focus text. These questions are posted on Zion's website each day offering an opportunity for discussion. (Just click in the title of the post and you will be taken to the discussion window.) Try it out for a week and see how Jesus will use your time of pondering upon God's word to deepen your faith and enrich your worship experience.

Monday: What would it be like to have Jesus, his mom and his disciples at a wedding reception?

Tuesday: Why might Jesus have been invited to this wedding?

Wednesday: How do you feel about Jesus' reaction to his mom?

Thursday: How do you feel about Jesus' mom's reaction to what Jesus said to her?

Friday: With no pumps, how much work was it for the servants to fill six jars with 20 to 30 gallons each with water?

Saturday: Assuming that all this wine was more than what was needed for the party, what might the newlyweds do with all of the leftover wine?



Birthday Blessings to You

January 10: Johanna Zuehls

January 13: Oliver Swenson

January 15: Paige Dugre, Marilyn Gould, Dianne Slack and Bethany Wolf

Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for being our lector and to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher on Sunday.

If you'd like to volunteer to serve as lector or usher please contact Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017. The readings for the particular Sunday will be shared with you days in advance and a copy will be printed for you to use that particular Sunday. Pastor Keith will update you of the ushering duties prior to worship.

Thank you for your consideration!

Tithes & Offerings Jan. 1 — 4

General Fund: \$3,649 Sanctuary Candles: \$41

Christmas: \$100 Altar flowers: \$30

Capital Improvement Fund: \$100

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



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Winter Events

Winter Wonderland Retreat

FLLC is holding a Winter Wonderland Retreat January 14-16, 2022 (with an optional extension through Monday, January 17 for an additional fee). This event is open to everyone: families, youth groups and individuals!

Come and enjoy a hot sauna, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and all sorts of winter fun. The weekend will include opportunities to hear Scripture and reflect, enjoy quality time with family and friends, and play about in the winter wonderland of Fortune Lake.

People may visit their [website for more information and to register](#). January 7 at 5 p.m. is the deadline to register.

Disconnect to Reconnect: Junior/Senior High Retreat

Technology is everywhere these days, there's just no way around it. Fortune Lake invites youth currently in grades 7-12 to take a break from screens and join us at camp for an unplugged retreat.

This one night retreat will be held February 4-5 and will feature Bible Studies, games, and camp style activities designed to encourage attendees to disconnect from their electronics and reconnect with the people around them.

Adult chaperones are encouraged to attend. This helps build relationships with your youth outside of your church walls. Please contact the FLLC office for more information at 906-214-2267. The registration deadline January 28 at by 5 p.m. People may [register online](#) as well.

Senior Days

With the increased vaccination rate among the senior population in our area, we hope to safely gather for fellowship, learning, and a meal.

All are welcome! Come and join us for a day of wonderful conversation, delicious food, and great fun!

Senior Day is a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way. Gather in the Dining Hall from 10 am – 2pm and enjoy a delightful day at FLLC, including a devotion, program, lunch, and fellowship.

Dates: January 10, March 14 and May 9. \$10 donation per participant per session is requested. People are asked to RSVP by the Friday before to (906) 214-2267

Nurturing Wholeness: Young Adult Retreat

Fortune Lake's Nurturing Wholeness Retreat is open to young adults ages 18-26 and aims to do just that: allow time to recharge, center yourself, and provide opportunities for growth and learning in the realms of self care, emotional development, community, and spirituality.

Sessions offered include but are not limited to: yoga, meditation and journaling practices, cooking, communication skills, and much more.

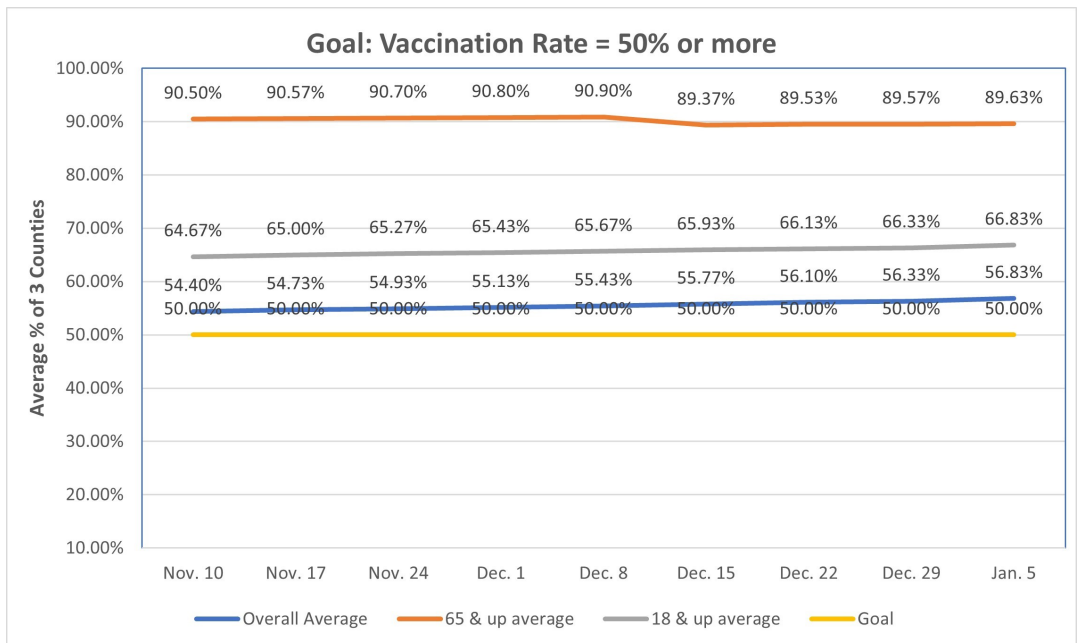
The registration deadline is January 31 by 10 p.m. People may [register online](#) as well.

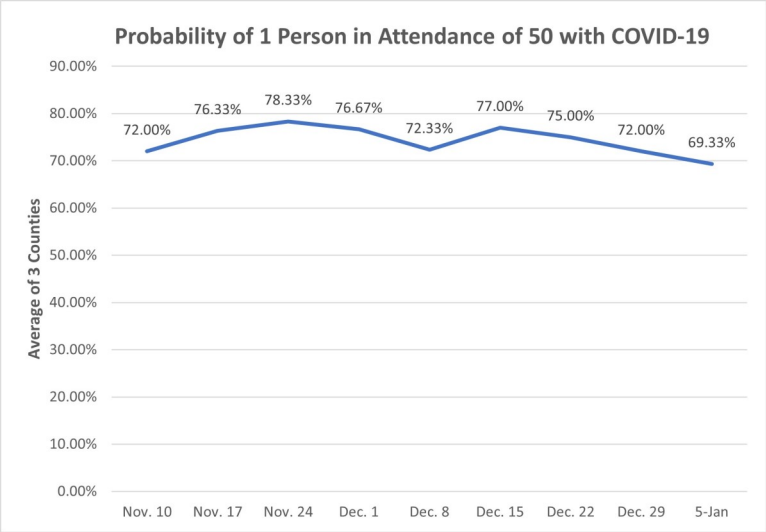
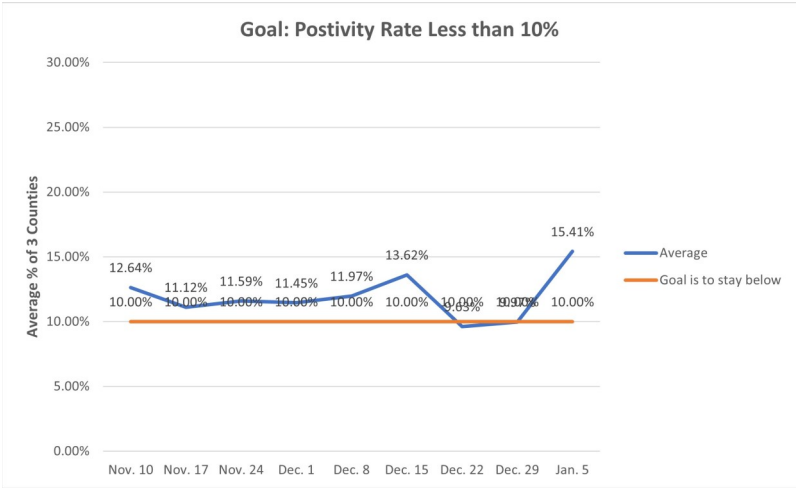
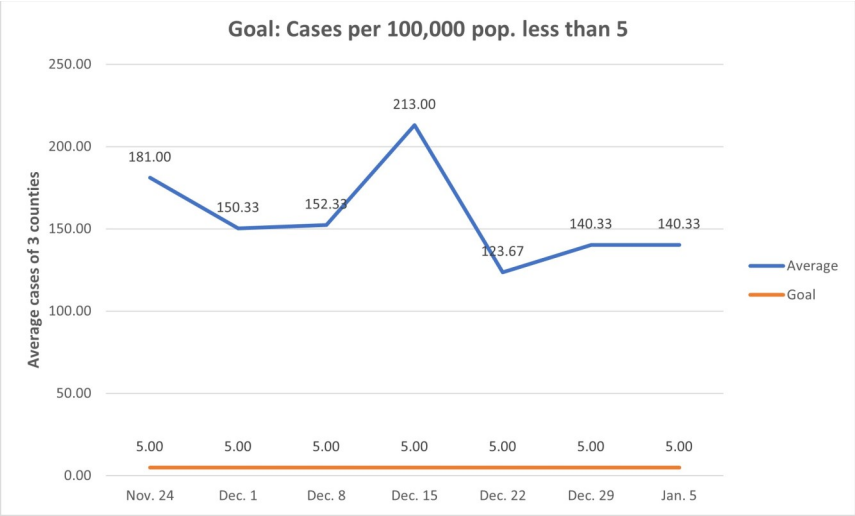
Indoor in-person worship: January 9, 2022

Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is cancelled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first-come, first-served.) *At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person indoor worship. However, it is subject to change* and is dependent upon the positive test rate, cases per 100,000 and the probability rate. Social distancing practices will continue to be used (no passing of the peace or offering plate, limited & soft singing).

Please visit Zion's website to read the [Protocols for In-Person Indoor Worship](#) - *all adults in attendance are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth* (the exception being Pastor who is leading worship). As always, if you have questions, please call Zion's office at: 715-735-7898 or send an email to: Zion@newbc.rr.com.

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 56.83% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 89.63%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 66.83%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 15.41%, which rose significantly recently. Cases per 100,000 have also dropped but it remains high. Another measurement is a percentage of probability where, in a gathering of 50 people, how likely is it that someone with COVID-19 would be present. Right now, there is a 69.33% chance of this happening. *We feel that everyone's knowledge of the risk is important. We are publishing graphs in the weekly announcements that represent the average numbers of the following Counties: Oconto, Marinette and Menominee, MI.* We are watching the trend of each graph with what are considered to be safer and safe goals in mind. The data used in the graphs are collected from the [CDC website](#) and from a [website tool](#) provided to us from our Northern Great Lakes Synod. Please make the time to familiarize yourself with the graphs/information. Should you have concerns, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Zion's office.





ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

On Dec. 30, the Marshall Fire ignited in Boulder County, Colo. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire spread throughout suburban neighborhoods, destroying at least 500 homes. While December wildfires are rare, the severe drought in the western United States created hazardous conditions that allowed the Marshall Fire to spread rapidly. This unusual fire is one of the impacts of a changing climate and will become increasingly more common. Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains to respond to the impact of the fires. We anticipate that immediate needs will include emotional and spiritual care, temporary shelters, food and other necessities. With local partners, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany survivors throughout the years of long-term recovery. Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires, until the response is complete. Or make a gift to "Lutheran Disaster Response" so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. People may visit the [ELCA website](#) to make a donation virtually or find out other ways to give.



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SVdP "Clean out Your Closet"

Area youths have joined together to encourage local residents to donate their used clothing items in order to give back to those in need in our communities. From Jan. 10-23, used clothing can be dropped off at several local organizations to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store located in Downtown Marinette. The drive is being organized by three St. Vincent de Paul youth groups, the Mini Vinnies and Youth and Young Vincentians, who are encouraging the public as well as all students at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy to join the effort to help our friends in need. Donations may be dropped off at either St. Thomas Aquinas Academy office as well as three local Catholic parishes, Holy Family in Marinette, St. Mary's in Peshtigo, and SS Joseph and Edward in Walsh. St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store supports five conferences in Oconto, Crivitz, Niagara, Marinette, and Menominee.

If you or someone you know is in need of clothing or financial assistance, please contact your local helpline listed at svdpmarinette.com/helplines.

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