

# WE ARE ZION



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# NEWS

## March 2022



The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship

#Pray

#Worship

#Study

#Invite

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#Give

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## Fears About the Future

As the ugly reality of COVID-19 begins to wane after the Omicron surge, we are both relieved and fearful; relieved that we may finally be able to get back to some form of normalcy, and fearful that another variant might rear its head causing more mayhem and death. Russia invades Ukraine and we fear for the future. The stock market takes a tumble due to this invasion, and we fear for the future. We see empty shelves or experience the need to wait for supplies that were always there, and we fear for the future. There are significant changes taking place in my life and yours as we prepare to go our separate ways, and it is easy to fear for the future.

As we face the fears that the unknown future creates within us, we are driven to seek something that will give us some sense of security. Psalm 33:16-17 recalls what nations do for security. *"A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a vain hope for victory, and by its great might it cannot save."* They build mighty armies and gather powerful weaponry around themselves. We too are tempted to seek worldly strength as the security we hunger for.

But the Psalm reminds us that the mighty army cannot truly save. The strength of strong men nor the strength of horses also cannot truly save. All of our plans, good intentions, safety measures, rules, policies and insurance cannot truly save us. The psalmist proclaims the truth: *"Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield."* *"We trust in his holy name."* Ps 33:20-21

Uncertain futures will never go away, and the worst could happen, but through it all we can rejoice, Continued...

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as the psalmist writes: *“Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.”* Ps 33:1 We have put our trust in the one who can and will truly save, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Pastor Keith*





Zion received the following thank you notes from grateful recipients.

**Social Ministry Team:**

WoW that's Souper!

Thank you to each and every person who donated food items for our Souper Bowl of Caring collection in January & February. Members of Zion's Social Ministry Team sorted and delivered it all during the week after the Super Bowl. We split the items between NEWCAP's food pantry and Marinette schools to help keep our community fed and cared for. Your generous hearts make a difference here. Thank you all!

Heidi B.

for Zion's Social Ministry Team

**The DAR Boys and Girls Club:**

Dear Zion Lutheran Church,

You have a heart of gold! Thank you for believing in the children in our community. Your passion to give them a fun and safe place to receive a healthy meal, learn new life skills, and enjoy time with friends and adult mentors does not go unnoticed. Thank you for trusting the DAR Boys & Girls Club to be that place for the Club children and their families. Thank you so much for your gift. Your donation of \$355.56 will allow us to continue our mission during this trying time. You are helping make futures a reality for the next generation of youth in our community. It is generosity and devotion that helps us do whatever it takes to meet the needs of any child who walks through our doors.

Sincerely,

Koreen Gardon, CEO

## Congregation Council Highlights

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The congregational council met via zoom on February 8th, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Keith's report said that January attendance was a bit lower than last year. Pastor Keith did the committal for Pastor Paul Holmstrom on January 11. He noted that the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Zion on January 20 produced 44 units donated from 40 people. He attended the Synod Faithful Innovation Training on January 22. Kiwanis Kapers will be held April 1-3. Some Rehearsals may be held at Zion. Noted that Synod Assembly in person has been canceled, host churches are being sought for each conference, to be held via Zoom May 14, 2022. The financial report shows the General Fund increased \$2,587. Capital Improvement Fund increased \$1,027. The Property Committee is working on estimate to fix the bell. Ann Buscher contacted a congregation member to look at water in kitchen for the dishwasher. Social Ministry's Souper Bowl Collections end February 13 and will be separated and brought to schools and NEWCAP. World Hunger Drive will be held during Lent. 2022 Youth Gathering has been canceled. Worshipping during this ongoing pandemic will continue as it has been with safety protocols in place. Pastor will look into midweek Lenten online offerings. 6:30 p.m. worship times were decided on for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There are 2 Amazon Kindle Tablets not being used so it was decided to donate them to the Luther Home for the residents to connect with family. Pastor Keith announced his retirement; Sunday April 24, 2022 will be his last Sunday. The date for the next Council meeting is March 8.

## Sew For Missions Update

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Sew For Missions has 49 quilts boxed and ready to go to the Lutheran World Relief.

***Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in  
Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism***

March 1: Barbara Clarke and Kenny Sallee

March 2: Lawrence Melgary

March 3: Michelle LaFond and James  
Martin

March 5: Rachel Kuhn

March 6: Katie Somers

March 7: Heidi Beland, LeeAnn Martin  
and Gage Schutt

March 8: Scott Gressel

March 9: Tom Dudek and Dawn Vincent

March 10: Marilyn Gould

March 12: Melanie Bennett and Rachel Rosenfeldt

March 13: Jo Ann McGee and Jon Strutz

March 14: Avah Schaeffer

March 15: Caleb Williams

March 17: Tatem Schroeder

March 22: Emily Limberg

March 27: Jared Harding

March 29: Adison Rosenfeldt

March 30: Bethany Wolf



**Community Camp Scholarship Letter and  
Application**

Do you know a student in our community entering grades 2-12 (in the Fall of 2022) and would like to attend camp at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp? If so, the scholarship letter and application (*for non-members of Zion*) will be available on our table of resources in the worship center and here on our [website](#). You are encouraged to have a conversation with the student about camp at FLLC and ask them to consider applying for a scholarship. Students are to have the completed application (and essay) to Zion by Monday, March 14th. Scholarship winners will be announced on Sunday, March 20th during worship.

## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Events

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will be holding the following events:

**March 14, and May 9:** Senior Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presentations and topics vary. Follow the camp on Facebook for updates and details.

**April 22-23:** "Disconnect to Reconnect," a retreat for people in grades 7-12.

The camp is approaching its March 1 free Camp T-Shirt Deadline for Summer 2022 registration. Those who register by March 1 receive the early bird discount and a free Fortune Lake t-shirt. The following programs are nearing capacity and could fill by March 1:

**Vagabonds** (gr. 6-7): July 10-15

**LEGO Camp** (gr. 3-8): July 17-22

**Night Owls** (gr. 6-8): July 17-22

**Musical Theatre Camp** (gr. 7-12 or all ages as a family): July 31-August 6,

Each retreat includes meals, programming, opportunities to play both indoors and outdoors, time to reconnect with friends and family, and key faith formation for all ages. For more information and registration details, visit FLLC's [website](https://www.fortunelake.org).

Below is shown the camp schedule for the summer.

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP			
	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 12-17	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 19-24	Intergenerational Week (all ages) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	See website \$425
Week 3	June 26-July 1	High School Week (Grades 9-12)	\$425
	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
Week 4	July 5-8	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   Mash Ups (Grades 4-8) LIT Option #1 (Grades 10-12)	\$305 No charge
Week 5	July 10-15	Villager (Grades 3-4)   Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #2 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$425 No charge
Week 6	July 17-22	Art Camp (Grades 3-8)   LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) LIT #3 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$455   \$425 \$425 No charge
Week 7	July 24-29	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Onsite Day Camp M-Th (grades K-5)	See website \$110
Week 8	July 31-Aug 6	Musical Theatre Week (All ages - see website.)	See website
Week 9	Aug 7-10	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)   Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)   Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #4 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$305 \$305 No charge
<b>REGISTRATION &amp; DISCOUNTS</b>		Register by March 1 for a FREE t-shirt, April 1 for a \$15-\$25 discount. See website for all discounts, eligibility, and program information. <b>Register online &amp; find forms at FORTUNELAKE.ORG</b>	

More info at [FortuneLake.org](https://www.fortunelake.org)

## The Stewardship and Generosity Corner

*The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.*

When I first joined the Stewardship Committee, I wasn't entirely gung-ho about it. As I vaguely recall, Heidi Beland may have reached out to me, and not being great at saying "no," I figured I'd give it a year and then gracefully step down.

Originally, my definition of stewardship was confined to raising money for the church budget—but now, 16 years later, it has expanded substantially thanks to the education Pastor Keith and others have provided me. I know now that stewardship includes a good deal about how we live our life. Among other things, it includes cultivating relationships, caring, and sharing, and not being afraid to spread God's mission of love to our neighbor. It's knowing that when we show up for people, stewardship and God's love is most definitely at work through us.

So many people are surprised to discover that stewardship is something they are already doing out of the kindness and generosity of their heart. And so, in this bleak COVID time, heading into Lent I wanted to share snippets of stories about stewarding relationships and discovering God's light breaking through.

It started in October 2021. Ann Buscher fell and broke her wrist. She thought she was okay, but when she attempted to get up, she couldn't. She called 911 and Pastor Keith and Karen who arrived about the time the Rescue Squad did. Once treated at the hospital, Ann learned they could not admit her as they had no room. She didn't know what to do. She sought guidance from Pastor Keith, and ultimately decided to return home. The Kolstad's delivered a portable bed. Her close friends and her brother rallied and initially stayed with her. Then the congregation got involved. For eight weeks Ann could do nothing

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## The Stewardship and Generosity Corner\_\_\_\_\_

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for herself. Meals were delivered, or cooked, and then served, dishes and laundry were done. She was driven to doctor appointments and therapy. She is beyond grateful to the brigade of people who came to her aid. Some still pop in to visit!

Troy Cording's wife, Becky, has breast cancer. Since her diagnosis in mid-2021, she has had surgery, chemotherapy treatments, and will have reconstructive surgery in March. Becky has a positive outlook but relies a lot on the prayers and the love and support of others. She is so grateful for the meals delivered, the handmade quilt, and the thoughts and prayers of a multitude of people.

Late last year, the Knopik family learned that their 27-year-old daughter, Allyson needs to have a very dangerous surgery to remove an intramedullary cervical spinal cord tumor which is affecting her mobility. The surgery was scheduled to take place February 1 in Milwaukee; however, it has been postponed. Even though Allyson only leaves the house for medical appointments, she has tested positive for COVID. As a result her surgery has been delayed until late March. Allyson was finally feeling prepared for what lay ahead and now this setback. It is very disturbing. A "Go Fund Me" page was established on Facebook to help the family handle travel and lodging expenses. Lisa is asking for prayers. Lots and lots of prayers. She also mentioned when asked that their daughter, Jazzie, could use someone to snowplow their driveway should the area be hit with a huge snowfall while she and her husband are gone. Phone calls were made, and the snowplowing will be taken care of. There's even a back-up in place.

These last two COVID years, caring people prepared Christmas and Easter bags for the congregation as a way of letting them know they were remembered. Last year, more caring people put

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together bags for those over 75 years-of-age to let them know they are loved and thought of.

Congregation members are busy sending cards, making phone calls, sending emails and text messages, transporting people to medical appointments, and praying, praying, praying. These small things warm people's hearts. They know they are not alone. They know they are cared for.

One thing we know. We need each other in this life. So much is happening out there that escapes us a lot of the time. We are simply busy living our lives. But we can do something. We can pay attention to the needs of people in our community. We can care for each other and reach out to someone just to say hi and ask how they are doing. Working together we can meet almost every need from meals to driving someone to and fro. It's heart-warming to know that what you're doing is helping someone who has a need even when done anonymously.

God's love is within us, and we can share it even in small ways. I know someone who hauled two neighbors trash cans in from the road. One was an elderly person who uses a walker. The other, a husband who recently had surgery. It isn't much, but it's something.

*"For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it."* - [Amanda Gorman](#)

In God's Peace and grace,  
Karen Sylvester



### **March Birthdays**

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March 2: Gerald Sylvester and Gary Wesmer  
March 3: Rhoslyn Schoen  
March 4: George Ihler and Shirley Swenson  
March 6: Michael Bretl, Diane Race and Troy Schutt  
March 8: Julie Williams  
March 9: Susan Goldsmith and Olivia Kuhn  
March 11: Cassandra Bauer  
March 15: Steve Hoheneder  
March 17: Patricia Peterson  
March 22: Elsa Elmer  
March 26: Nathan Klein and Kurt Oleson  
March 29: Martha Aschim and Craig Bates  
March 30: Aimee Powers, Alexis Rosenfeldt and Everett Schoen  
March 31: Shirley Lueskow



### **Altar Flower Sponsorships**

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Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-732-7898 or [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).



### March Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of March is sponsored by Carol Magnuson and is in honor of the glory of God.

### Keeping the Light Burning

If you feel inclined to sponsor the Eternal Light for one month, please notify Zion's office which month you'd like to sponsor (715-735-7898 or [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com)). July, August and December are the remaining months currently available for sponsorship. The cost of sponsoring the Eternal Light for one month is \$13.00. Payment of your sponsorship can be mailed to Zion or placed in the offering plate after Communion.

### Accurate contact information?

Have you or a family member recently had a change of address or phone number? Have you or a family member moved? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file (mailing address, phone number, email)? Zion is striving to have current information on file. Please call or email Zion's office to verify what is on file (715-735-7898) or [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) ). Thank you for your assistance!

### Donate to Zion

Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marinette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple rectangle button that reads: Donate. Click it and follow the steps to donate. If you have questions, please call Karen Houdek. She'll help you through each step of the way. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!



## World Hunger Buzz

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We really are a part of something awesome. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) works tirelessly to address hunger all over the world. Immediate relief is provided to those who are hungry and basic needs are met. But it doesn't stop there. People are connected with resources so they can produce food, access clean water, get educated, start a business, receive health care, encourage their neighbors, and strengthen their communities.



It starts with relationships and conversations. Folks know the needs in their own communities. The ELCA listens and responds as partners. Our support of these ministries is what will help change the systems that perpetuate poverty. Together, we can achieve things on a scale and scope that we never could do otherwise.

The first Sunday in Lent is March 6th. We'll have a Temple Talk that day from Zion's Social Ministry Committee and begin collecting donations to support these ministries. We'll complete our collection on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Zion will pass this gift along when our synod assembles in May.

We're going to track our fund progress with bees this year. For every ten dollars we receive to alleviate hunger we'll add a bee to our honeycomb. We're ready with 300 bees but if we collect more than \$3,000 the committee is very happy to make more bees! In the process of reporting our progress we'll tell you how interesting bees are and how important they are to agriculture.

The world produces more food today than it has at any point in human history – more than enough to feed every person – but the number of people experiencing hunger is growing. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Please give what you can. Thank you!

## STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2022-2023

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### Living Our Theology, Demanding Justice

The first time Angela !Khabeb attended an ELCA church service, she and a friend, prepared for an “evangelical” experience, brought their tambourines and Bibles. “We didn’t use either, and before we knew it, we were done with church!” !Khabeb recalled.

Curious to learn more, she visited ELCA.org and found social statements explaining the church’s commitment to diversity, gender equality and racial equity. ELCA social statements, developed through the ELCA churchwide office and funded by Mission Support, are a frequent starting point for potential members in learning how Lutheran theology applies to pressing issues.

After years of searching for a place in Pentecostal congregations that limited her leadership because of her gender, !Khabeb hoped the ELCA was where she belonged.

She continued her faith journey as an ELCA missionary serving the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia and a seminary student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. After calls in Ohio and Wisconsin, she became pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis in 2018.

Holy Trinity’s building is located less than three blocks from the Minneapolis Police Department’s Third Precinct, where Officer Derek Chauvin worked. After Chauvin murdered George Floyd on May 25, 2020, protests broke out in the precinct. Holy Trinity served as a first aid station & a food distribution center during the uprising. !Khabeb preached in the streets and latter appeared on ABC’s *Good Morning America* to discuss faith & racial justice.

The simultaneous reckoning with racial inequity and the COVID-19 pandemic forced Holy Trinity to grow in its vocation, she said.

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## STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2020-2021

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"We've made strides in our congregation, moving from the toxic theology of scarcity to the breadth and joy of abundance." The response also amplified her voice.

!Khabeb thinks the ELCA needs strong leadership if it wants to practice the same theology it espouses in social statements. **"A lot of times we look to [pastors and deacons] to do the things that all of us are called to do as baptized members of the body of Christ,"** she said. "If we see violence and division in our society, we find it also in our pews. Lay leaders are key to reminding the church of what we said we would do. God is like a mirror. Just keep holding it up and asking ourselves, 'Are we there yet?'"

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## Worship Assistant Opportunities

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If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a lector or as an 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 as needed. We are also looking for people to set up and take down communion and be communion assistants with Pastor. Karen Kolstad will be glad to train you in these positions. Directions have been posted in the sacristy. Thank you for your consideration!

## Indoor in-person worship

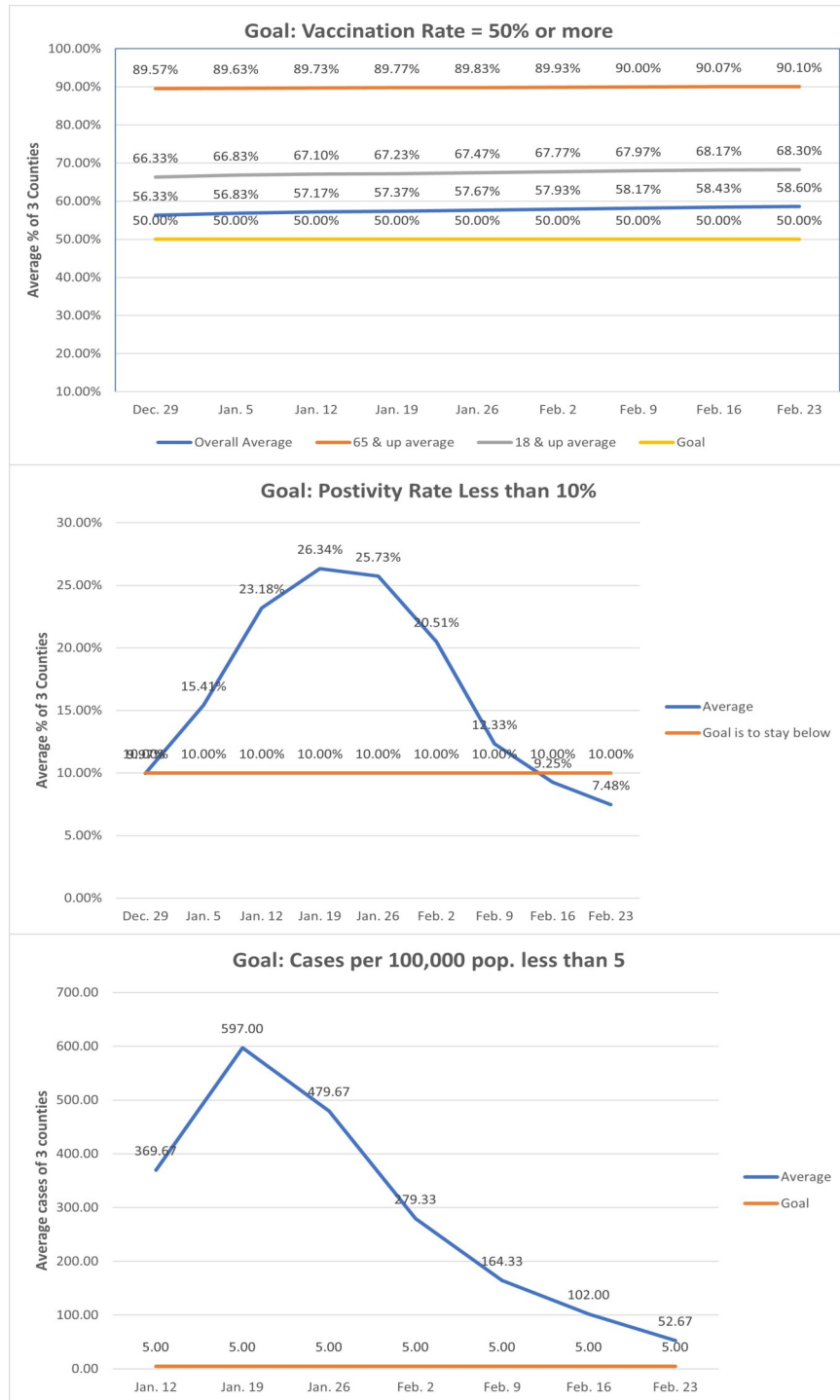
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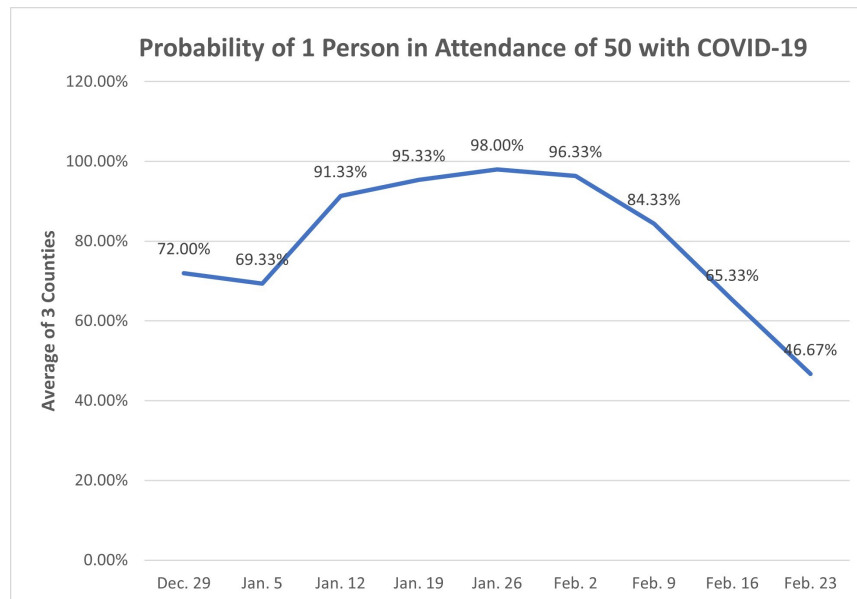
Indoor services are held every Sunday. ***At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person indoor worship. However, it is subject to change*** and is dependent upon the positive test rate and the probability rate. Social distancing practices will continue to be used (no 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).

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though as of February 23 our local total population is 58.60% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%, our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.10%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 68.30%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 7.48%, which is below our goal. Cases per 100,000 has dropped but remains above our goal. Another measurement is a percentage of probability where, in a random gathering of 50 people, how likely is it that someone with COVID-19 would be present. Right now, there is a 46.67% chance of this happening. 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 is 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. As always, if you have questions, please call Zion's office at: 715-735-7898 or send an email to: [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

Here are the charts showing the various COVID-19 data on which the Congregation Council is keeping a close eye.







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

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is “around the corner”.

- March 2: Ash Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. The service will also be live-streamed via Facebook Live. Special music recorded by the Zion Choir.
- March 6: First Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music recorded by the Zion Choir
- March 13: Second Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- March 20: Third Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary worship.
- March 27: Fourth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music recorded by the Zion Choir.



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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Your congregation is a partner with Northland in delivering care and services to seniors in our area. Together, we have been maintaining this ministry for 104 years! We are reaching out to you now because we have a need to fill some Board Member seats. We have immediate needs on the

Northland Village Board	1 member
Northland Home Health Board	2 members
Luther Home and Luther Manor Board	1 member
Northland Lutheran Retirement Community, Inc.	1 member
Interfaith Manor/New Hope Heights Board	2 members
Northland Foundation Board	1 member

The commitment is for 5 meetings per year. Each meeting is about 1- 1.5 hours in length. We can offer attendance Via gotomeeting.com or in-person.

Please consider being a member of one of these boards. Your participation will help ensure that Northland will be able to deliver good care and services to our valuable seniors. Contact me at 715-732-5656 (direct line) or via email at [lancd@northlandlutheran.org](mailto:lancd@northlandlutheran.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darrell Lancour  
NHA/CEO

### **Easter Plants**



Once again, we are offering three different spring plants. If you would like to give one of these plants in loving memory of someone, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God, please check off the plants you prefer. Please include the wording you would like, and the amount enclosed. Return the form to Zion's office, place it in the offering

plate or mail it along with your contribution. Monday, March 14th is the deadline date. You may also call or email the office with the wording and plant you would like and send the contribution later.

I (We) would like to place one or more of the following plants for Easter Sunday. Cost per plant is \$16.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ Kalanchoe\*    \_\_\_\_\_ Tulip    \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths

\*\*A Kalanchoe is described as a blooming succulent and is pictured in the upper left corner of this insert.\*\*

Wording: \_\_\_\_\_ In Loving Memory of:    \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of:

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Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Fund #: 13 (office use only)

**Deadline Date: Monday, March 14, 2022**

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