

# A Warm Welcome

**Welcome Pastor Nick Johannes**  
On Sunday we welcome Pastor Nick Johannes who is filling in for Pastor Keith while he is on vacation.

## **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: Michael and Dorothy Bretl, Marilyn Gould, Jane Landenberger, Dennis Mullen, Timothy and Kathy Saxton, Marlea Wienandt.



## **Flowers**

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email ([Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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?**

- Feb. 6:** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special music recorded by the Zion Choir. Pastor Nick Johannes will lead worship.
- Feb. 13:** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary Worship.
- Feb. 20:** Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Feb. 27:** Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany, 9:30 a.m. Indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

## **February Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light for the month of January is sponsored by Laura Peonsky in honor of Richard Peonsky.

## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

- February 7: Randall Schroeder  
February 8: Jordan Lueskow  
February 9: Barbara Baumgarten  
February 11: Shelby Atwood  
February 12: Donald Boerschinger, Bethany Emler and Presley Schroeder



## Questions of the Day for Sunday, February 13, Luke 6:17-26

*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:** Jesus is growing in fame. How does he feel about this?

**Tuesday:** If you were in the crowd surrounding Jesus, what would be your reaction to the crowd?

**Wednesday:** As the people are crowding around him, why did Jesus look up at his disciples and describe the ones who are blessed?

**Thursday:** Who feels blessed when they are poor, hungry, weeping or when people hate them?

**Friday:** What's wrong with being rich, full, laughing and having people speak well of us?

**Saturday:** How would you feel if you were in the crowd trying to touch Jesus and you heard him say these things about who was blessed and how they would be blessed? And, how would you feel hearing the "woes?"



## Birthday Blessings to You

February 8: Tom Dudek

February 9: Donald Boerschinger and Jared Harding

February 10: Sue Baxter and Janet Cook

February 11: Erik Breuer

February 12: Troy Cording, Joyce Johnson, LeeAnn Martin  
and Katie Somers

February 13: Emily Limberg



## Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Sharon Powilaites for being our lector and to Michelle Larson 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!



## SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, February 6, is found on page 258; "The Disciples" based on the reading from Luke 5:1-11, 8:1-3.

## **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Winter Events**

### **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: 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

### **Building on Faith: Youth Retreat**

Join us for our youth retreat and have fun building in a multitude of ways! Fortune Lake's Building on Faith: Youth Retreat will take place February 25-26 and is open to children currently in grades 3-6.

The theme of the event encompasses winter fort building, fun group building challenges, and Bible Studies aimed to help your child expand upon the faith given to them by God. Attendees will enjoy playing in the wintery surroundings, meeting new people and making connections, and camp-style songs and games.

Adult chaperones are encouraged to attend. Please contact the office to begin the registration process and select lodging options: 906-214-2267.

Registration deadline is February 17 by 5 p.m. People may [register online](#) as well.

### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Each year thousands of churches, schools, youth groups, local businesses, NFL teams and passionate individuals have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. Across the U.S. donations of money and food are collected for food pantries and shelters. You can help again this year by bringing food items to restock the pantry shelves. Ready-to-eat soup is great! Condensed soup is great! Boxed meals, microwaveable meals, pasta, beans, canned meat, fish, veg & fruit. You know the stuff. Bring it on Sundays and place it upfront by the altar. We'll collect right up to Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th. Thank you for sharing!

To learn more about this national event, people can visit [tacklehunger.org](#).



### **Tithes & Offerings Jan. 25-31**

General Fund: \$5,086.33    Initial: \$15

Piano fund: \$25

Memorial Fund for Pastor Paul Holmstrom \$300

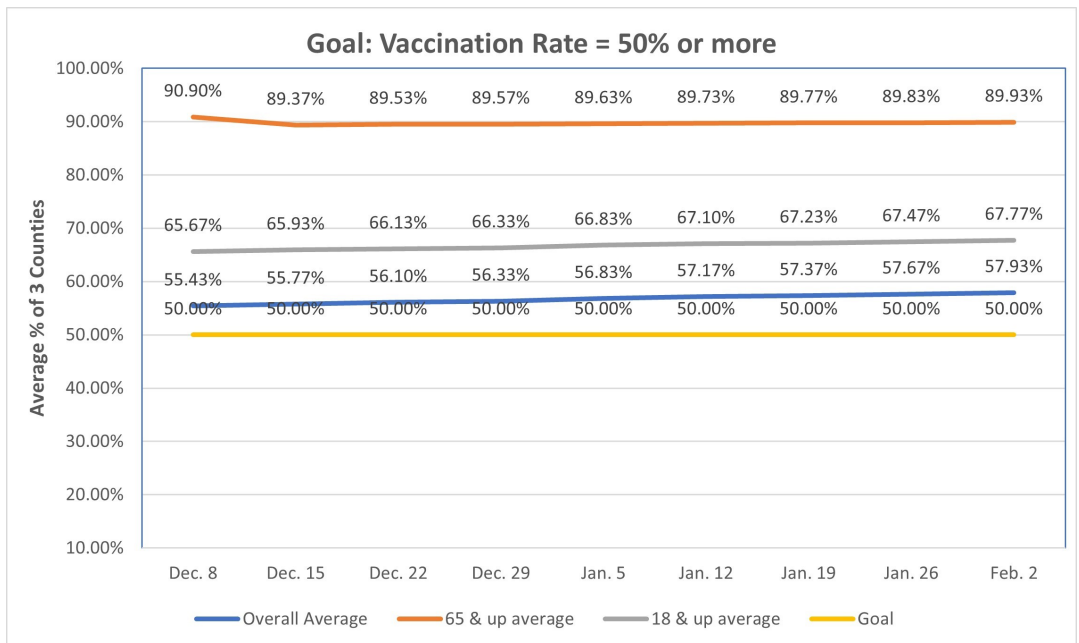
*Thank you so very much for your continued giving and generosity. Every little bit helps. You are making a difference! Again, thank you!*

## Indoor in-person worship: February 6, 2022

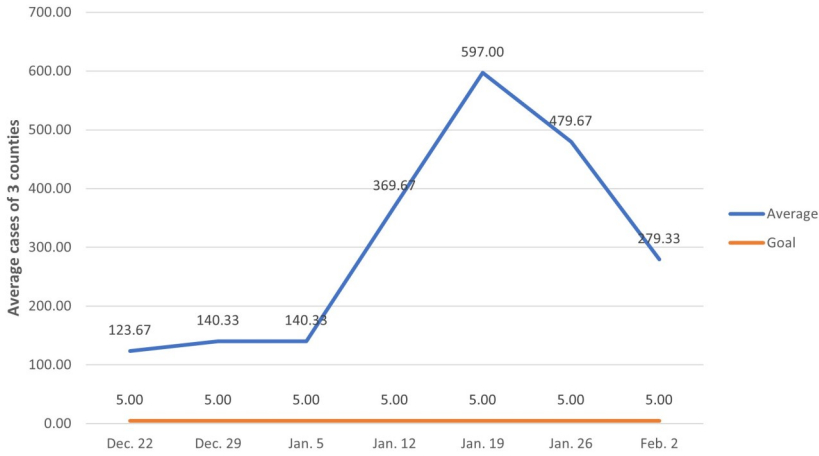
Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is canceled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first-come, first-served.) *At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person 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](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

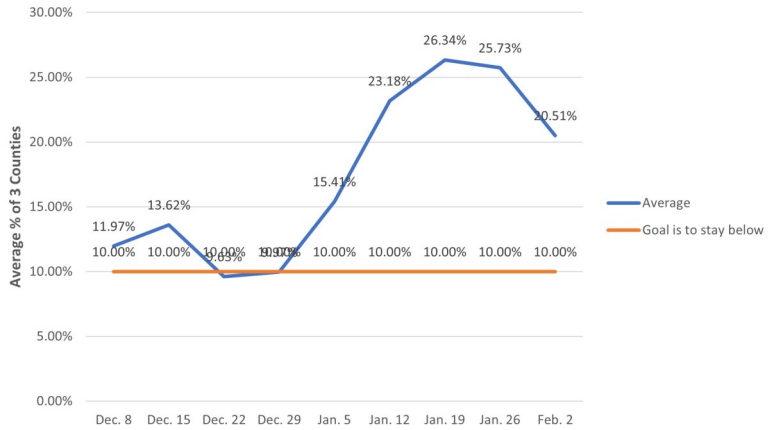
At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 57.93% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 89.93%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 67.77%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 20.51%, which rose significantly recently. Cases per 100,000 has remained high in the past week. 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 96.33% 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.



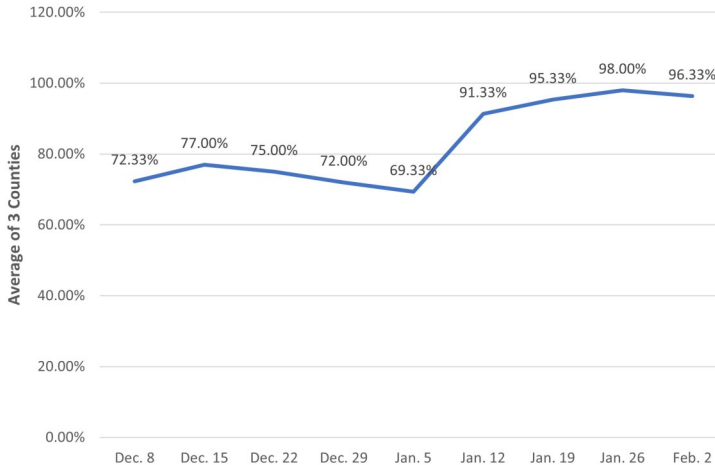
### Goal: Cases per 100,000 pop. less than 5



### Goal: Postivity Rate Less than 10%



### Probability of 1 Person in Attendance of 50 with COVID-19





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