

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: Annette Anderson, Lanse and Karen Dill, Shirley Kaufman, Sydney Lund, Al and Sally Peterson, Mark Swenson, Maureen and Bethany Wolf.



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by an anonymous donor and are dedicated to all members of Zion, wishing them a happy Valentine's day.

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?

- 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.
- 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.

Tithes & Offerings Feb. 1-8

General Fund: \$5,199.50 Altar flowers: \$15
Piano fund: \$25 World Hunger: \$25
NEWCAP: \$50 Sanctuary Candle: \$5
Capital Improvement Fund: \$105
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$300
Memorial Fund for Pastor Paul Holmstrom \$540



The new piano is paid for. Thank you to all those who contributed generously.

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



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, February 13, is found on page 264; "The Beatitudes" based on the reading from Luke 6:17-26

Questions of the Day for Sunday, February 20, Luke 6:27-38

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: How does it feel to love your enemies?

Tuesday: How does one do good to those who hate you?

Wednesday: Do you hear the Golden Rule as good news or bad? Why?

Thursday: What does the reward look like when we love our enemies and do good and lend without expecting anything in return?

Friday: What really makes us children of the Most High?!

Saturday: What does God's mercy look like?



Birthday Blessings to You

February 14: Brycen Buenning

February 16: Thomas Hayward and Eric Powers

February 18: Maxwell Albert, Gerald Poquette and Fyfe Thill

February 19: Bill Tipple

Thank you to our Worship Assistant

Thank you to Johanna Zuehls for being our lector and 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!

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 recourses table in the worship center and here on [our website](#).



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

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 our worship.

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.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

February 15: Sydney Lund and Travis Lund

February 16: Pamela Lund

February 17: Shawn Limberg

February 19: Kathy Heimbuch

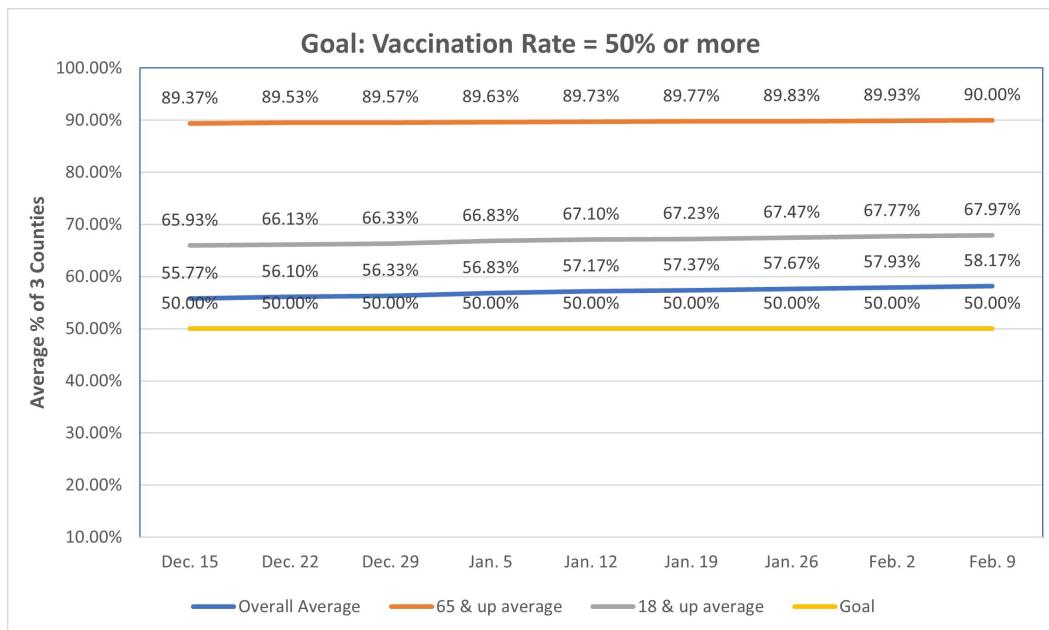
February 20: Keith Despins and Colleen Madden

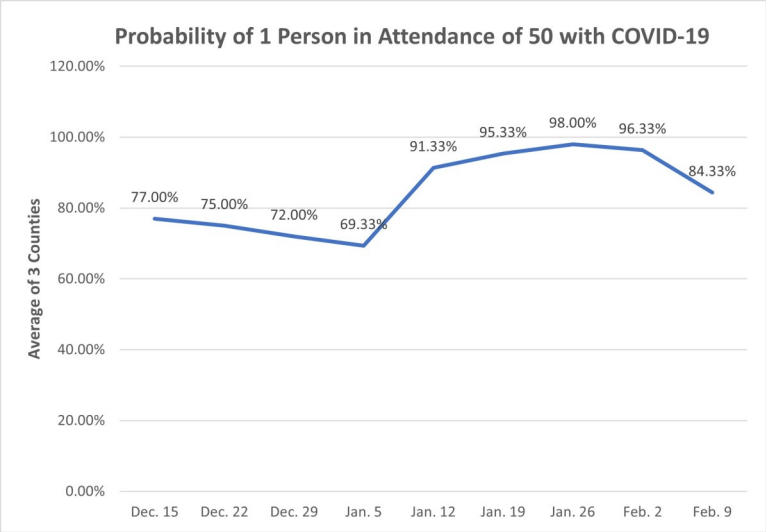
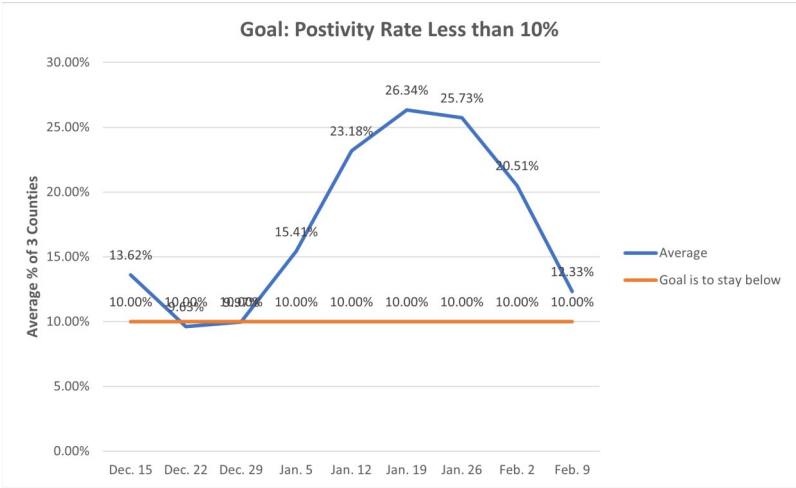
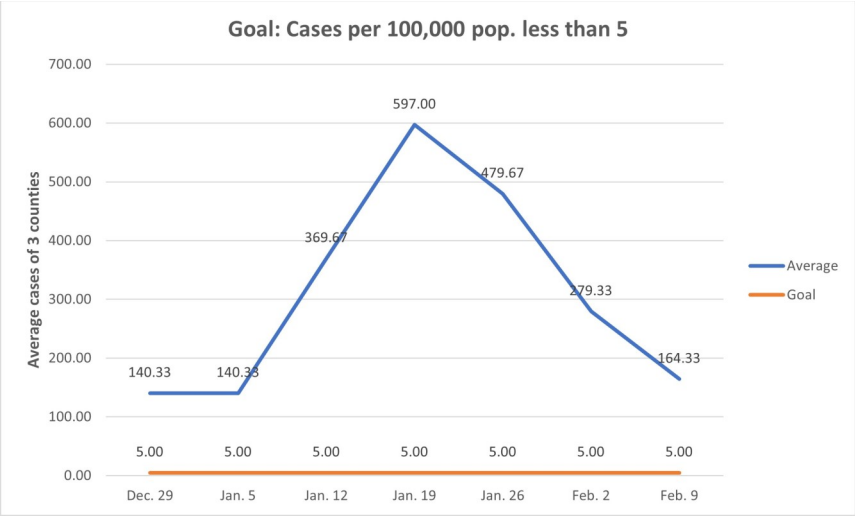


Indoor in-person worship: February 13, 2022

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.

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 58.17% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 67.97%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 12.33%, which has been dropping but remains above our goal. 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 an 84.33% 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.







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