#### 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: Kurt, Gloria and Erik Breuer, Bryan Gutknecht, Michelle Larson, Timothy, Sarah Marzahl and their family, Laura Rowe, Jonah Zuehls.





#### **Flowers**

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. 20: Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy

Communion and via Facebook Live. Hymn Sing service.

<u>Feb. 27:</u> 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

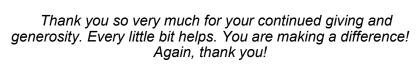
Facebook Live. Special music recorded by the Zion Choir.

March 6: First Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and

via Facebook Live.

#### Tithes & Offerings Feb. 8-15

General Fund: \$3163.50 Helping Hand Fund: \$5 World Hunger: \$5 Initial: \$10 NEWCAP: \$5 Memorial Fund for Ronnie Lueskow: \$20 Memorial Fund for Pastor Paul Holmstrom \$40





#### **March Newsletter**

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the March Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Monday, February 21st.

Thank you for your assistance!



### **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, February 20, is found on page 60; "Joseph Feeds His Family" based on the reading from Genesis 45:3-11, 15

#### Questions of the Day for Sunday, February 27, Luke 9:28-34

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 might the other disciples have felt about not

being picked to go up on the mountain with Jesus?

Tuesday: Why did Jesus take only three up the mountain with him?

Wednesday: How did they know that they were seeing Elijah and Moses?

Thursday: What did that voice from the cloud sound like?

Friday: Why did they keep silent about this event?

Saturday: Why would it be a lack of faith and perverseness that prevented the disci-

ples from healing the boy?



## **Birthday Blessings to You**

February 21: Beckham Betts

February 22: Nick Kehoe and Baylee Zuraski

February 26: Barbara Clarke and Rachel Rosenfeldt

February 27: Scott Gressel

## Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for being our lector and to Mark Swenson 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. 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!

### **Accurate contact information?**

Have you or a family member recently had a change of mailing address, phone number or email address? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file? 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). Thank you for your assistance!

# 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.



## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

February 20: Keith Despins and Colleen Madden February 22: Anna Marzahl and MacKenzie Somers

February 25: Justin Williams February 26: Joyce Johnson

## **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 <u>our website</u>. 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

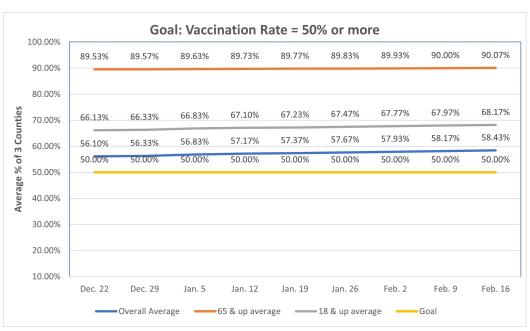


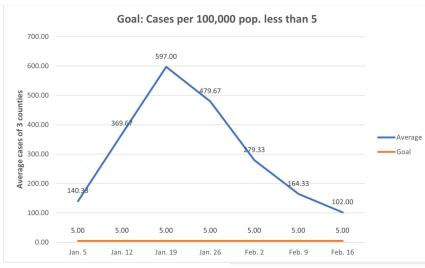
completed application (and essay) to Zion by Monday, March 14th. Scholarship winners will be announced on Sunday, March 20th during our worship.

#### Indoor in-person worship: February 20, 2022

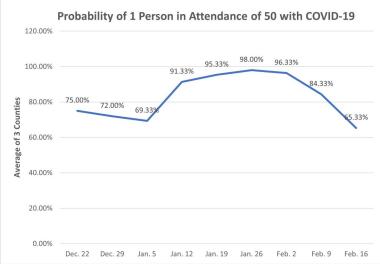
Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is canceled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first-come, first-served.) At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person 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 58.43% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.07%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 68.17%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 9.25%, which is below our goal. Cases per 100,000 have dropped but continue to be 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 65.33% 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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