

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: Barb Baumgarten, Chad, Lynn, Norah and Owen Derby, Andrew Hubbard, Amanda Litts, Richard and Patricia Peterson, Judy Stehle.



Flowers



The flowers on the altar are given by Michelle Larson and are in honor of Rachel Rosenfeldt'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?

- 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.
- March 6:** First Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- March 13:** Second Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary Worship.

Tithes & Offerings Feb. 15-22

General Fund: \$1,305 Altar Flowers: \$20
Memorial Fund for Ronnie Lueskow: \$100

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



Sew For Missions Update

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



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, February 27, is found on page 358; "The Transfiguration" based on the reading from Luke 9:28-36

Questions of the Day for Sunday, March 6, Luke 4:1-13

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: Why would the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan?

Tuesday: Why doesn't Jesus prove he is the Son of God by turning the stone into bread?

Wednesday: What stones in your life do you wish would become loaves of bread?

Thursday: In what ways has the glory and authority of the nations been given over to Satan?

Friday: Why would Satan quote the scriptures?

Saturday: How do the scriptures help when you are dealing with temptations?



Birthday Blessings to You

February 28: Pete Cramer

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

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for being our lector and to LeeAnn Martin 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 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

Disconnect to Reconnect

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 April 22-23 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. People may contact the office to begin the registration process and select lodging options at 906-214-2267. For more information or to register online, people may visit Fortune Lake's [website](#).

The deadline to register is April 15 by 5 p.m.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

February 28: Fay Bromund

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

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](#). 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.



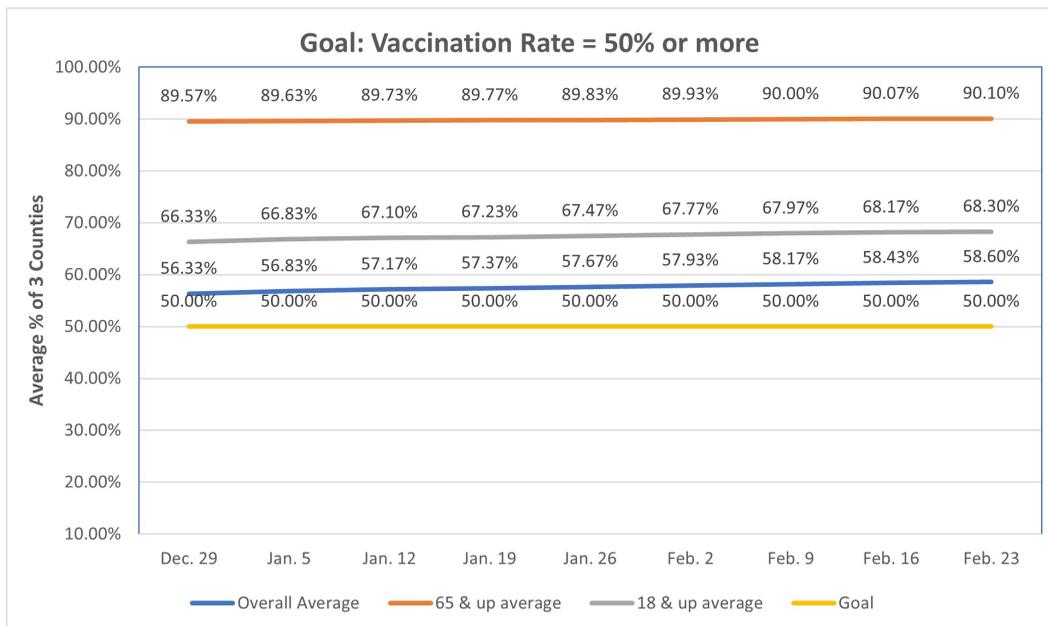
FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

Indoor in-person worship: February 27, 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.

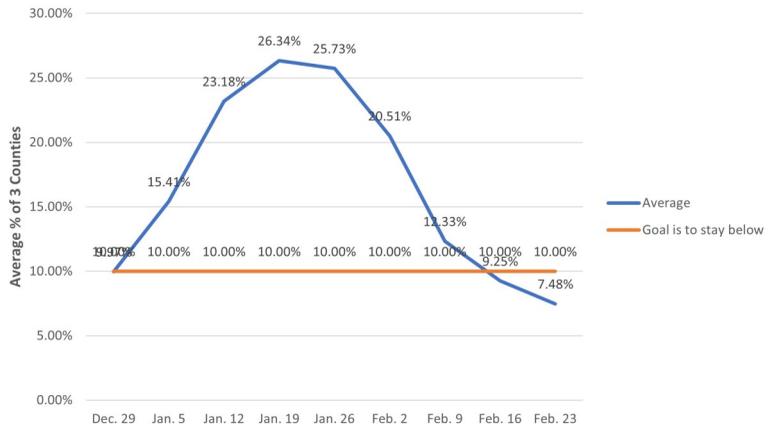
At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 58.60% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.10%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 68.30%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 7.48%, which is below our goal. Cases per 100,000 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 46.67% 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



World Hunger Buzz

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!



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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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Darrell Lancour
NHA/CEO