

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: Robert and Sue Baxter, Susan Fischer, Joyce Johnson, Dale and Kathleen Lueskow, Nora Plym, Jennifer, Baylee and Aiden Voelker.



Flowers



The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given by Dave and Carol Johnson and are in given for in honor of all of God's blessings.

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?

- April 3: Fifth Sunday in Lent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special guest: Rev. James Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop. Special music by Shawn Limberg "Gabriel's Oboe". Coffee time to follow.
- April 10: Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Special Guest: Amanda Rasnor, Camp Director, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
- April 14: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. First Communion for elementary students.

Tithes & Offerings March 21-30

General Fund: \$3,059 Disaster Relief Ukraine: \$200
World Hunger: \$195 Sanctuary Candle: \$20
Good Friday: \$10 Lent: \$15 Ash Wednesday: \$3
Maundy Thursday: \$10 Easter: \$10

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



Dinner Reservation

Don't forget to call or email Zion's office to make a reservation for Pastor Keith's retirement dinner on April 24th. Please call or email Zion's office at 715-735-7898 or zion@newbc.rr.com by April 15 to reserve a spot. Thank you!

Questions of the Day for Sunday, April 10, Luke 19:28-40

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 well would a colt that has never been ridden receive a passenger for the first time?

Tuesday: What were the two disciples thinking when they went to go get the colt?

Wednesday: How did the owners of the colt feel about the Lord needing their colt?

Thursday: If you were in the crowd, would you lay what might be your only cloak on the ground to be stepped on by this colt, and why?

Friday: What were the people so excited about?

Saturday: Why was it impossible for the crowds to be silenced?



Birthday Blessings to You

April 4: Owen Derby

April 6: Rachel Breuer

April 7: Donald Limberg

April 8: Brittany Kehoe

April 9: Elsa Limberg, Jo Ann McGee and Jerzee Trusty

April 10: Sandra Gressel

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Sharon Powilliates for being our lector, to LeeAnn Martin for assisting with Communion, to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher and to Mary Ellen Radloff for setting up Communion 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!

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 444; "Mary Anoints Jesus" based on the reading from John 12:1-8.



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: May 9. \$10 donation per participant per session is requested. People are asked to RSVP by the Friday before to (906) 214-2267.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

April 4: Drake Schutt

April 6: Duane Clarke

April 9: John Bowdin

Marinette County Elderly Services Chain Reaction

Volunteers are needed for the Marinette County Elderly Services Chain Reaction project. The project will be between May 14th and May 22nd. People can choose a date that works for them! Commitments are appreciated as soon as possible. If you are interested, you can contact Lindsey Ryswyk at 715-854-7453 or lindseyr@nces.net.

Sign Up Sheets

When you come into church please check out the bulletin board in the back of the Worship Area. Since we are not passing the clipboard you will find sheets for May worship volunteers, bars needed for upcoming concerts and food for the funeral luncheon on April 30th. For questions please call Ann Buscher at 715-735-3017.



Senior Choir is Back!

Zion Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, April 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



Coffee Time

Coffee time is back! On Sunday, following worship, there will be coffee time. Rev. James Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop, will be joining us. Stop by and introduce yourself!

World Hunger Buzz

“The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.” — Joshua 5:12

Thank you for your gifts to ELCA World Hunger last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday in Lent. We’ve added more bees to the honeycomb because you gave \$195 last week.

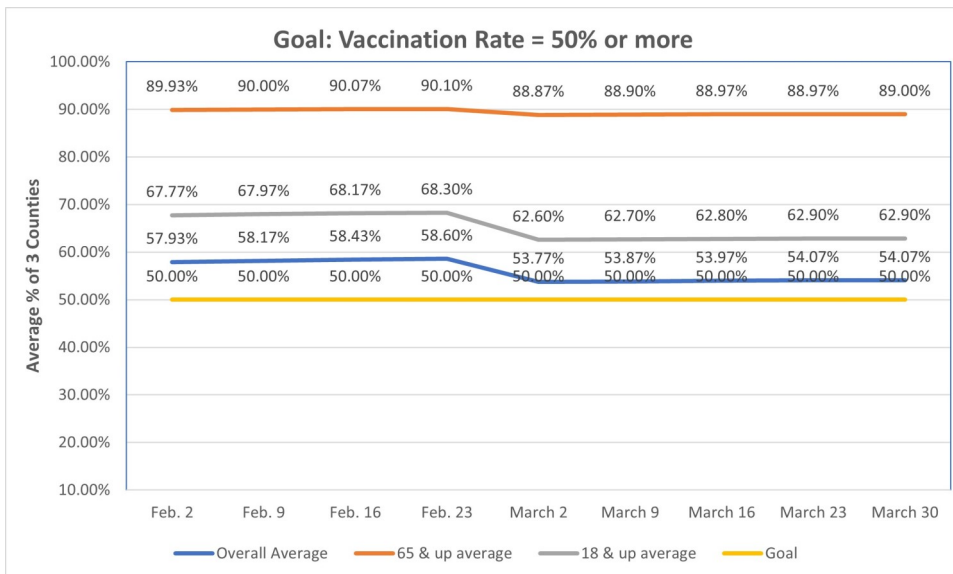
Honey bees are not native to the New World. Most crops grown in the U.S. aren’t New World natives either. Both the crops and the bees evolved together in other areas of the globe, and were brought here by European settlers. Without the industrious honey bee, American dinner plates would look quite different.

Settling in the land of Canaan was just the beginning of the story of God’s people. Our work is not only a response to the problem of hunger but a response to God’s promise for a future where all will find rest.

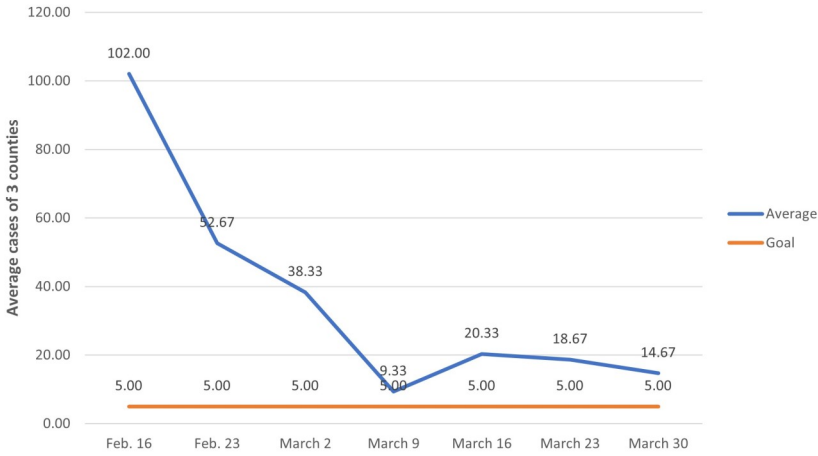


Masking is Optional

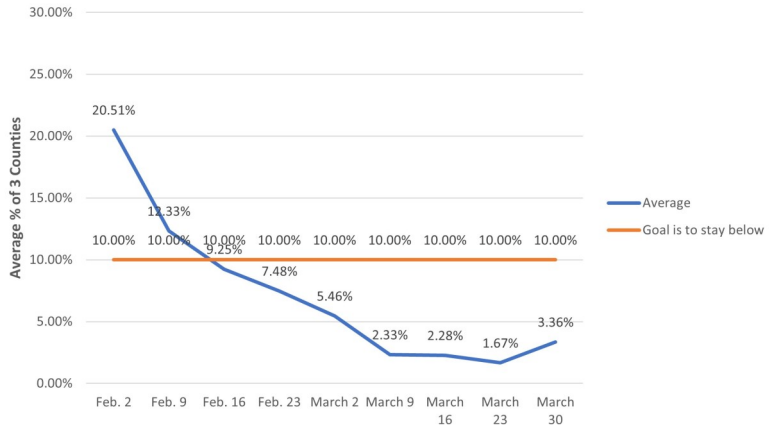
The number of COVID-19 active infections and the positivity rate have declined to safe levels. This, along with a high vaccination rate among those who typically join us for worship, guided the Congregation Council at its March 8th meeting to decide that masking will be optional for all activities within Zion’s building, including worship. The Council also decided that our worship service will go back to our pre-pandemic practices, which will include holy communion by intinction around our altar and collecting the offering, (ushers will hold the plates). We will practice a “touchless” sharing of the Peace with waves, head nods, and lots of smiling. As soon as there is someone to sponsor coffee time following worship, that too will be available. Of course, we will continue to monitor the infection rate in our community and will take appropriate actions if they become necessary.



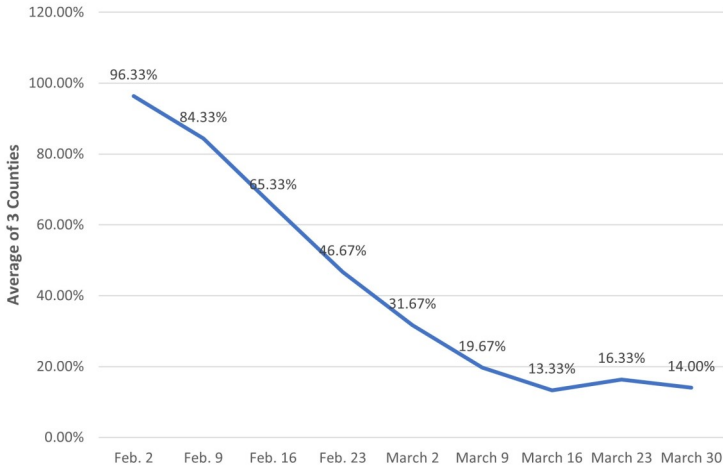
Goal: Cases per 100,000 pop. less than 5



Goal: Positivity Rate Less than 10%



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



Eastern Europe Crisis Response

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks.

Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

The ELCA presiding bishop issued a pastoral message on Ukraine and it can be found [here](#).

We are collecting monetary donations for Ukraine. People may also donate online through the [ELCA](#) or through [Lutheran World Relief](#).



April Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of April is sponsored by Michelle Larson and is in honor of Pastor Keith and Karen Kolstad.

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