

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: Diane and William Beattie, Bristol Dugre, David and Carol Johnson, Shirley Lueskow, Laura Peanosky, Gerald and Karen Sylvester.



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?

- April 14: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. First Communion for elementary students.
- April 15: Good Friday Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m. indoor worship and via Facebook Live.
- April 17: Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music.
- April 24: Second Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With special music. Pastor Keith's last Sunday service. Dinner following worship.

Tithes & Offerings April 5-13

General Fund: \$4,889 World Hunger: \$320
Disaster Relief Ukraine: \$120 Maundy Thursday: \$2
Lent: \$13 Good Friday: \$27 Easter: \$150
Helping Hand Fund: \$5 NEWCAP: \$5 Palms: \$102

*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!



May Newsletter

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the May Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Thursday, April 21st. Thank you for your assistance!

Questions of the Day for Sunday, April 24, John 20:19-31

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 did Jesus need to say, "Peace be with you"?

Tuesday: Why was it important for Jesus to show the disciples his wounds?

Wednesday: What kind of doubts were rising in their hearts?

Thursday: How did Thomas feel when the other disciples told him about what he missed?

Friday: How did Thomas feel when he saw Jesus risen from the dead?

Saturday: Why did Jesus want his disciples to proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations?



Birthday Blessings to You

April 19: Jakob Callaway-Ross

April 20: Easton Buenning, Karen Kolstad and Tyler Lund

April 21: Michelle Larson, Ruth Olson and Justin Williams

April 22: David Johnson, Diane Lynch, Katelyn Sylvester
and Richelle Vincent

April 23: Clark Kehoe

April 24: Shirley Enderby, Karen Houdek and Calista Thill



Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Dave Johnson for being our lector, to Karen Sylvester for assisting with Communion, to Nora Plym for serving as our usher, and to Carol Johnson 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, April 17, page 482; "The Empty Tomb" is based on the reading from Luke 24:1-12.



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 18: Olivia Kuhn

April 20: Gerald Poquette and Sue Poquette

April 21: Kurt Oleson

April 22: Denise Despains and Brittany Kloida

April 24: Brycen Buenning

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@mces.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.



Grant Application from Zion's Mission Endowment Fund

The application and Endowment Fund brochure are available on the table in the back of the worship center and on Zion's [website](#). Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations.

Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.

World Hunger Buzz

Today is the last day of our World Hunger collection. Thank you for your gifts to ELCA World Hunger last Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion. We've added more bees to the honeycomb because you gave \$320 last week.

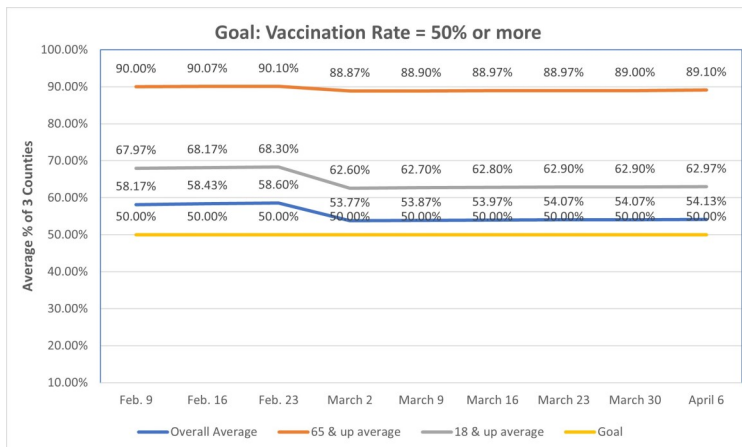


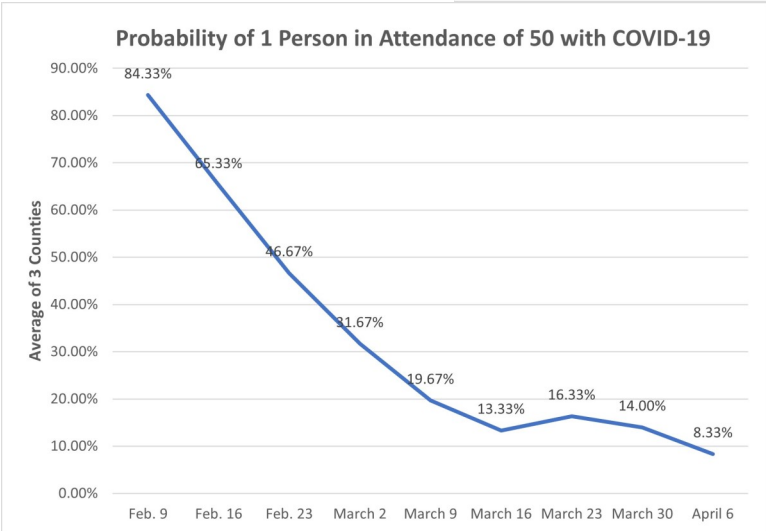
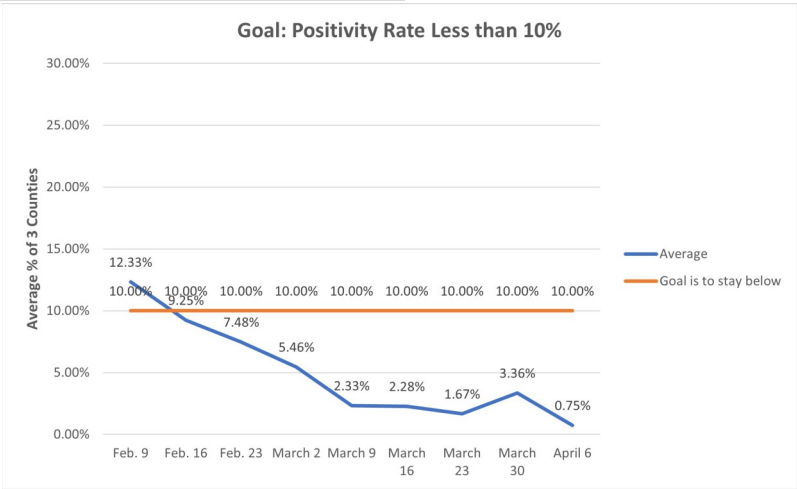
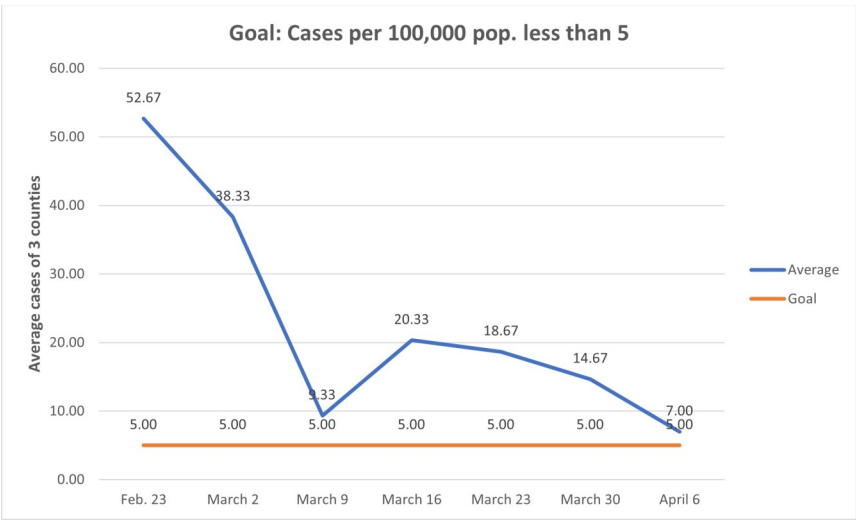
Today we'll hear that it was the women who found the empty tomb and went to tell the others. In many places around the world a woman might have the dream and skills to start her own small business, but with little savings or access to credit, getting started can be a challenge. A microloan made possible by our gifts to the ELCA's World Hunger Program can be just what she needs to start creating a steady source of income and help her family overcome poverty.

A honey bee colony is a highly organized society made up of three kinds of adult bees – workers, drones, and a single queen. Worker bees are undeveloped females and don't usually lay eggs. They are the laborers, performing all the tasks needed to maintain and protect the colony and rear the young bees. They live from six weeks to nine months. Drones are male bees and are usually only present during late spring and summer. The queen's only function is to lay eggs. She can live for several years. When she dies worker bees raise a new queen.

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.





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](#).



Fortune Lake Summer Camp 2022

Leaders-in-Training (LIT): Grades 10-12, Week 1: June 19-24, Week 2: July 5-8, July 10-15, or July 17-22

High School Week: Grades 9-12, June 26-July 1

Youth Week: Grades 3-8, July 10-15 or August 7-10 (Villager, Vagabond, Venturer)

Mini Week: Grades 1-8, July 5-8, Mighty Ones (T-Th), Minis (also offered Aug 7-10), Mash Up

Specialty Camps: Grades 3-8, July 17-22 (Art Camp, LEGO Camp)

Jr. High Night Owls: Grades 6-8, July 17-22

On-site Day Camp: Grades K-5, July 24-29

Intergenerational Week: All ages, June 19-24 or July 24-29

Victory Camp: 18+ with disabilities, June 12-17

Musical Theater Week: All ages w/ parents, Grades 7+ without an adult, July 31-August 6

For more information about any of these summer camps, people may visit Fortune Lake's [website](http://www.fortunelake.org).

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP			
	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 12-17	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 19-24	Intergenerational Week (all ages) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	See website \$425
Week 3	June 26-July 1	High School Week (Grades 9-12)	\$425
Week 4	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	July 5-8	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) Mash Ups (Grades 4-8) LIT Option #1 (Grades 10-12)	\$305 No charge
Week 5	July 10-15	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #2 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$425 No charge
Week 6	July 17-22	Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) LIT #3 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$455 \$425 \$425 No charge
Week 7	July 24-29	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Onsite Day Camp M-Th (grades K-5)	See website \$110
Week 8	July 31-Aug 6	Musical Theatre Week (All ages - see website.)	See website
Week 9	Aug 7-10	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #4 Option (Grades 10-12)	\$305 \$305 No charge

REGISTRATION & DISCOUNTS

Register by March 1 for a FREE t-shirt, April 1 for a \$15-\$25 discount.
See website for all discounts, eligibility, and program information.

Register online & find forms at FORTUNELAKE.ORG

More info at FortuneLake.org

Stewardship Initiative

On Sunday, May 1st the Stewardship and Generosity Committee will kick off the year-long “Stepping in Faith” stewardship initiative. This initiative will concentrate on Zion’s Seven Marks of Discipleship. The month of May will focus on Prayer. Eventually, all the Marks will be addressed.

Those attending worship on May 1st will receive a magnet which we ask to be affixed to your refrigerator. We will also provide suggestions on what you might do to encourage your prayer journey in faith. You will not be expected to provide a written pledge; rather, what you decide to do is between you and God. Our goal is to help the congregation enhance their prayer life.

DAR Boys & Girls Club Blue Door Gala

The DAR Boys & Girls Club will be holding a gala Thursday, April 28th, at the Little River Country Club. The “Evening of Changing Lives” (Formerly known as A Taste of M & M Counties) is at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes various food, beverages and desserts. They can be purchased at the DAR Boys & Girl’s Club and Jack’s in Menominee and on Roosevelt.

All proceeds to benefit DAR Boys & Girls Club. Must be 21 to attend. For questions, people may call 906-863-9512.



Baptized on Easter

We begin our Easter celebration with the baptism of Winnie Lynn Wortner. She is the daughter of Joel Wortner and Delanie Schroeder. The sponsors are Randy Schroeder II and Mariah Seefeldt. We are Easter people, baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We welcome her into the body of Christ and into the mission we share!



Agnes Bennett Memorial Fund

Thirty-three years ago, a fund was set up in memory of Agnes Bennett to support Christian Education programming, activities, and supplies. It has been used in many ways. Recently, the fund helped support the purchase of the new electronic piano in our worship area. It will also be used to purchase video conferencing equipment to support educational opportunities for all ages. With that purchase, the fund will be depleted and closed. Zion is grateful for all the ways this fund has made a difference in the lives of so many throughout years, and we offer our deepest thanks to the Bennett family.

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