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: Kathleen Cramer, Richard and Barbara Francour, Michelle LaFond, Shirley Nord, Troy Schutt, Justin, Julie and Niklas Williams.





<u>Flowers</u>

The flowers on the altar on Sunday are given by Nora Plym and are with praise to God for the ministry of Pastor Keith through Zion. From your church family.

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?

- <u>April 24</u>: 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.
- <u>April 30</u>: Funeral service for Nancy Sallee, 11 a.m.
- <u>May 1</u>: Third Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- <u>May 8</u>: Fourth Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary service.

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 <u>website</u>. Please take one and share it with another one of your favorite organizations.

Applications need to be received at Zion by June 1.

Tithes & Offerings April 13-19 General Fund: \$4,674.01 World Hunger: \$245 Altar Flowers: \$30 Maundy Thursday: \$222 Good Friday: \$82 Easter: \$800 NEWCAP: \$20 Sew For Missions: \$50

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





Birthday Blessings to You

April 25: Roger DeGroot and Chad Derby April 27: Sophie Limberg, Kimberly Swenson and Sandra Tessmer April 28: Richard Peterson and Adam Thill April 29: Lori Despins, Bonnie Schoen and Judy Stehle

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for being our lector, 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. We are also looking for people to set up and take down communion and be communion assistants with Pastor Doug. Directions have been posted in the sacristy. Thank you for your consideration!

World Hunger Buzz

Believe us when we say thank you. We mean it from the bottom of our hearts! During the season of Lent you gave \$5,266 to our World Hunger collection. That's 527 bees placed on our honeycomb over the last 7 weeks. This money will make a difference in the world. In May it will be combined with gifts from churches all over our Northern Great



Lakes Synod and used to aid people all over the world. This may be the end of Zion's annual drive but we are always happy to pass money along to the ELCA for this ministry. Thank you again for your generosity and remember to leave some dandelions for the bees this spring!



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, April 17, page 492; "Doubting Thomas" based on the reading from John 20:19-31.

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.

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 25: Judith Limberg April 30: Troy Cording May 1: Chad Derby, Karen Houdek, Carol Johnson, David Johnson and Michelle Larson

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.

Stewardship Initiative

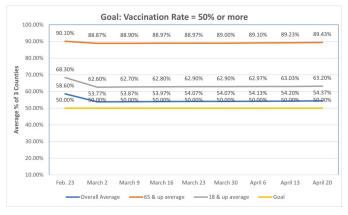
On Sunday, May 1st the Stewardship and Generosity Committee will kick off the yearlong "Stepping in Faith" stewardship initiative. This initiative will concentrate on Zion's Seven Marks of Discipleship. The month of May will focus on Prayer. Eventually, all the Marks will be addressed.

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.



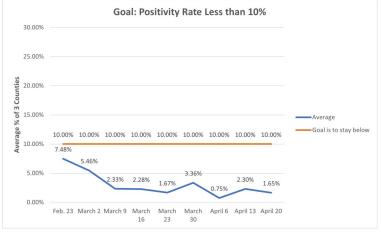
Masking is Optional

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 prac-



tices, 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 <u>here</u>.

We are collecting monetary donations for Ukraine. People may also donate online through the <u>ELCA</u> or through <u>Lutheran World Relief</u>.



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.

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

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.ORC

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