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: Pete Cramer, Naomi Dumke, Scott, Sandra, Alex and Samuel Gressel, Allyson Knopik, William Magnuson, Rachel, David, Adison and Alexis Rosenfeldt.





<u>Flowers</u>

The altar flowers are given by Pastor Keith and Karen in thanksgiving for the wonderful partnership in the Gospel that we've shared with our Zion family for the last 23 years!

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 30: 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.

Pastor Keith's Retirement Dinner

As you are all aware, Pastor Keith's retirement luncheon had to be canceled because the Kolstad family contracted COVID-19. That dinner has now been rescheduled for May 22, 2022, directly after the special worship service taking place that day.

If attending, it is vital you RSVP to Karen Sylvester at the very latest by May 13th via email (sylvesterkaren27@gmail.com). If you prefer, call her at 715-587-4206.

Congregational Meeting

Before the service on May 22nd, there will be a congregational meeting to discuss Zion's boiler and the bell.

Tithes & Offerings April 19-26

General Fund: \$1,516 World Hunger: \$50 Altar Flowers: \$30 Sanctuary Candle: \$13 Equal Exchange: \$21 Easter: \$50 Bell repair: \$15

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



<u>Birthday Blessings to You</u>



May 3: Shirley Lebick May 5: Debra Strohl May 6: Jacob Buenning and Spencer Martin

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Johanna Zeuhls for being our lector, for setting up communion and for being our communion assistant; and to Karen Sylvester 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. 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!



SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday, May 1, page 514; "Saul to Paul" is based on the reading from Luke Acts 9:1-20.

May Eternal Light

The Eternal Light for the month of May is sponsored by Deb Strohl and are in honor of her parents, Bob and Maeble Sharon.



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.

Community Education Opportunity Offered

The Communities that Care Coalition is hosting an underage drinking educational course for <u>North Central</u>, <u>Wausaukee</u>, and <u>Goodman area parents and adult communi-ty members</u> May 9-13th. This event will be self-paced via Google Classroom and should take participants about 2.5-3 hours to complete. Must have a google email address or create one to participate. Those who fully complete the education in the classroom by May 13th will receive a \$50 VISA gift card. Please call 906-863-5665 ext.1038 or email <u>klesperance@mc-isd.org</u> to register. Space is limited!

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

May 3: Shirley Kaufman May 6: Cassandra Bauer May 7: Oliver Swenson May 8: Diane Race

Zion to host a Blood Drive

Zion is hosting an American Red Cross Blood drive May 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are needed. People may schedule <u>online</u> or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). When you schedule online, the website will ask you for a zip code before it will show you local blood drives.

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. Prayer will be the focus for May, and eventually all the Marks will be addressed.

Those attending worship on May 1st will be given a magnet which we hope you will put on your refrigerator. You will also be provided suggestions on what you might do to encourage your journey in faith through prayer. We do not expect you to provide a written pledge; rather, that decision will be between you and God. Our committee's goal continues to be to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus using the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

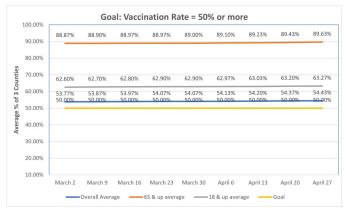






Masking is Optional

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.





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.

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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