

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: Gina Boucher; Hope Goes; Clark, Rita, Brittany and Nick Kehoe; James Martin; Dean and Bonnie Schoen; and Julie, Justin and Niklas Williams.



Flowers

The altar flowers are given by Karen Dill and are in memory of Shirley Winter.

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?

- May 15: Fifth Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary Service.
- May 22: Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Pastor Keith's final Sunday. Dinner for Pastor Keith's retirement to follow worship. Congregational meeting prior to worship will be held.
- May 29: Seventh 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.

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 [online](#) 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.



Birthday Blessings to You

May 19: Kirsten Tuyls

May 22: James Martin

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for being our lector and for being our communion assistant; to Barb Grom for setting up communion; and to Mark Swenson 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 is found on page 526; "Peter's Dream" based on the reading from Acts 11:1-18.

"Stepping in Faith" Initiative

On Sunday, May 1st, the Stewardship and Generosity Committee kicked off the year-long "Stepping in Faith" stewardship initiative with the first Mark of Discipleship – PRAY. If you have not already received the 'Next Step' magnet and the Steps in Faith Through Prayer suggestion list, you will be able to get one at Worship on Sundays through the month of May. If you are unable to attend worship and would like the magnet and PRAY list, please reach out and ask one of our Committee Members. We pray that your prayer life will grow by using one or several of the suggestions on the list. In addition, please choose to use the following prayer to begin this week's steps in your faith journey through prayer.

Dear God, I thank you for the religious freedom I enjoy. I am blessed by this gift because so many in this world do not have this freedom. I ask you dear Lord, to help me grow in my desire to have a closer walk with you through prayer. Nudge me daily, dear Lord, to remember that you are beside me and all I need to do is reach out to you through prayer. In your holy name I pray. Amen.

Blessings!

The Stewardship and Generosity Committee

John Radloff: 715-732-0161

Bonnie Schoen: 715-923-8182

Karen Sylvester: 715-587-4206

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.

Tithes & Offerings May 3-10

General Fund: \$4,595 Sanctuary Candle: \$26

Equal Exchange: \$10

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



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

May 17: Baylee Zuraski

Equal Exchange Items Available.

Equal exchange coffees, teas and chocolates are available again in the Narthex, prices are marked. Money can be deposited in the can by the items.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Time is back! If you would like to sponsor coffee hour, contact our office at zion@newbc.rr.com or by calling 715-735-7898 to see if there is a date available.

There will only be a coffee hour if there is a sponsor.

June Newsletter

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the June Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Saturday, May 21st.

Thank you for your assistance!

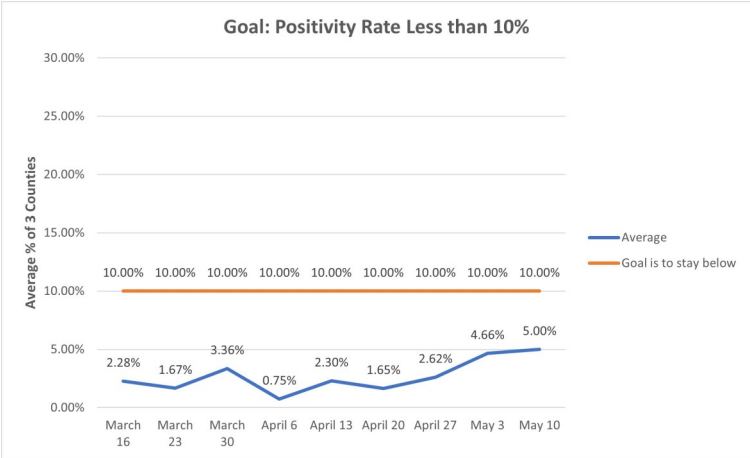
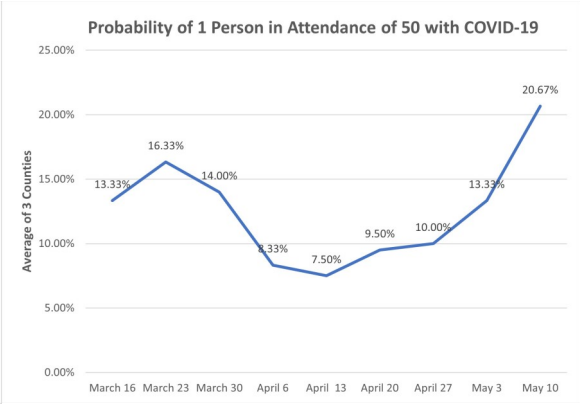
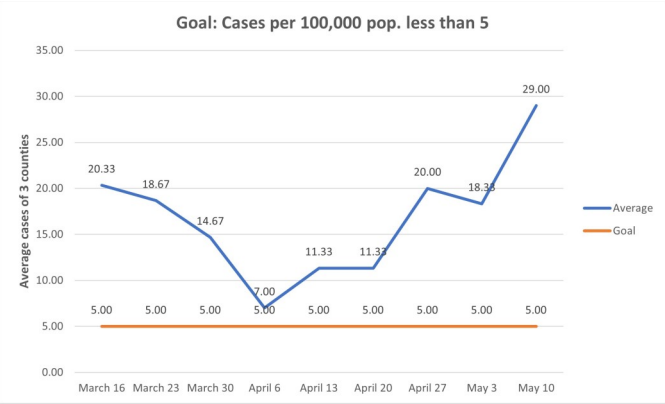
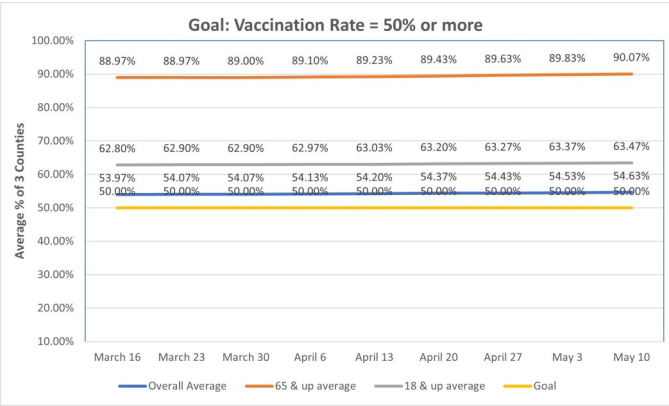


Answer the Call

Answer the Call is an annual campaign of the Northern Great Lakes Synod to request financial support for both seminary students and current pastors still paying off the debt of their seminary degree. Gifts given to Answer the Call are divided equally between Seminarian Scholarships and the Endowment ministry for Clergy Debt Relief. We invite congregations and individuals to answer the call to give, so seminarians can answer the call to prepare for ministry, and pastors can answer the call to serve in the mostly rural context of the NGLS. People can learn more about the program on the NGLS [website](#).

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.



Mobile Food Pantry

The Marinette Salvation Army will be hosting a Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry May 19 at 10 a.m. A Mobile Food Pantry contains 15,000 pounds of food sent on a truck in order to provide food for 300 households in need, on a first come first serve basis.

The Mobile Pantry will be located at the Menominee YMCA and will continue to be a drive-through process. Set up and volunteer check in will start at 8:30 a.m. with distribution beginning at 10.

All new volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver. Masks are now optional, but those working with food will be required to have gloves. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please contact The Salvation Army at 715-735-7448.



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](https://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](https://www.fortunelake.org)

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