

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: Carly Bauer; Skyler, Bethany, Elsa, Ainsley and Keaton Emler; John and Kathy Heimbuch; Tyler Lund; John and Sharon Powilaites; and Sandra Tessmer



Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Michelle Larson and are in honor of Pastor Keith and Karen.

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 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.
- May 30:** Memorial Day
- June 5:** Day of Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Graduation Sunday

Congregational Meeting

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

Honoring Graduates

We will be honoring our High School graduates on Sunday June 5th. We would like to print the names of all our High School and College Graduates in our June newsletter. Please call the office with the name of your graduate, name of University or High School and degree. Please do so by noon on May 25th.

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.



Birthday Blessings to You

May 23: Mackenzie Andrist and Charlotte Bauer

May 24: Skyler Emler

May 25: Aiden Bailey

May 27: Michael Jagielski

May 28: Margaret Williams

Thank you to our Worship Assistants!

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for being our lector; to Karen Sylvester for serving as our usher and Communion assistant; and to Jane Landenberger 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!

SPARK Bible Story

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 532; "Lydia" based on the reading from Acts 16:9-15.



"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

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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.



Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

May 24: Troy Schutt

May 25: Sophie Limberg

May 26: Easton Buenning and Judy Stehle

May 27: Willow Williams

May 29: Ruth Olson and Shirley Swenson

Office to be Closed

Zion's office will be closed May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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](#).

June Newsletter

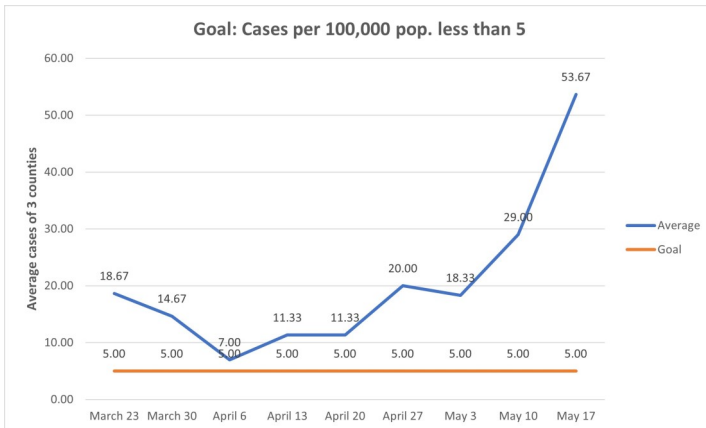
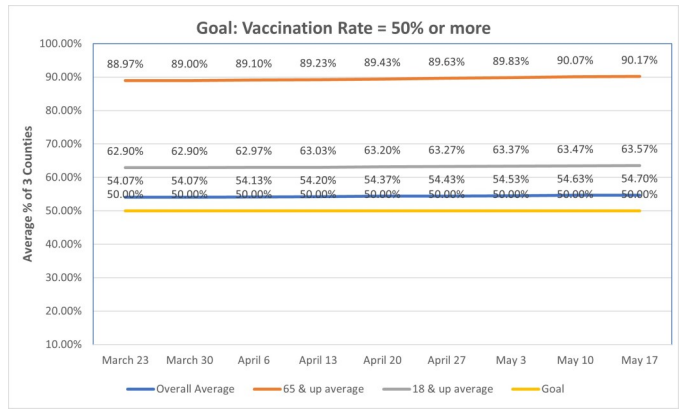
A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the June Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Saturday, May 21st.

Thank you for your assistance!



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.



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](#).



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.

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