

## **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: Alexandria Cording; Kimberly and Abbey Graf, Caleb, Emma and Willow Williams; Ronald, Stephanie, Christian and Nathan Klein; LeeAnn Martin; Diane Slack.



### **Flowers**

The altar flowers are given by Carol Magnuson and are given to the honor and glory of God.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email ([Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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 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. Coffee Hour to follow sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee

June 12: The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

June 19: The Second Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

## **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.

## **Sew for Missions Update**

Sew for Missions has been busy!! Since the end of October, the group has created and boxed 64 quilts that will go to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. Way to go!!!

The group would like to thank everyone for their monetary donations and donations of products.

## **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.



## **Birthday Blessings to You**

June 4: Matthew Swenson

### **Thank you to our Worship Assistants!**

Thank you to Nora Plym for being our lector and for being our communion assistant; to Karen Sylvester for setting up communion; 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!

### **Office to be Closed**

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

### **SPARK Bible Story**

The SPARK Story Bible reading for Sunday is found on page 536; "Paul and Silas" based on the reading from Acts 16:16-40.



### **"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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## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week**

June 1: Roger DeGroot

June 2: Macy Bodam and Jacob Marzahl

June 4: Lisa Knopik

## **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](#).

## **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.



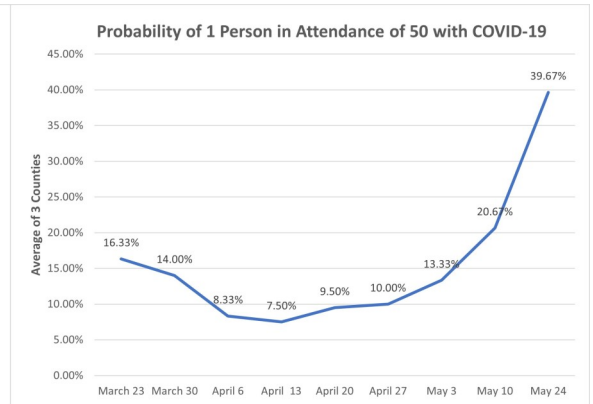
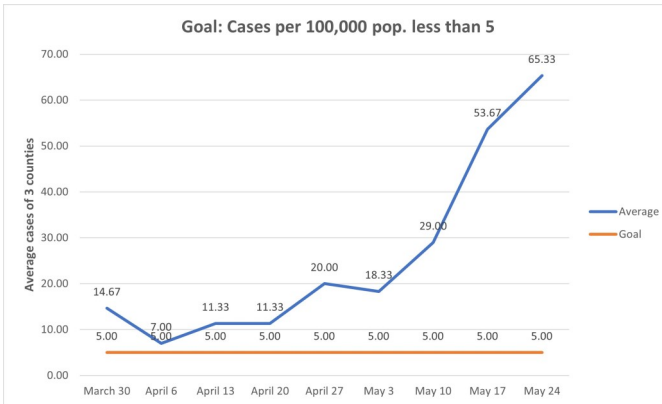
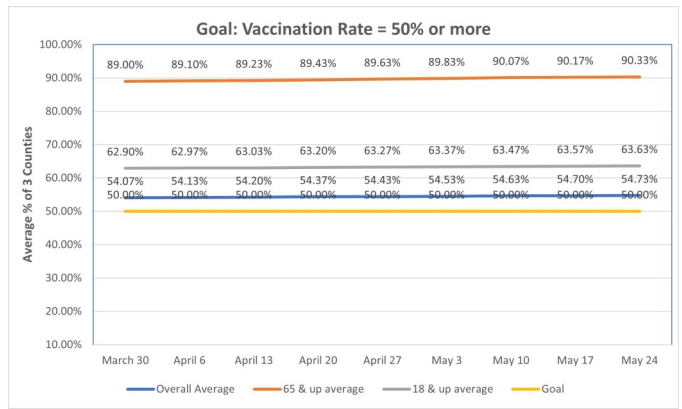
## **Coffee Hour**

Coffee Time is back! If you would like to sponsor coffee hour, contact our office at [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto: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.

**The next coffee hour will be June 5! Come and join us after worship.**

## 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](#).



### **Salvation Army Seeks Volunteers**

The Salvation Army is getting closer to re-opening its Youth Center for the summer. With that in mind, they are looking for some volunteers for the summer.

The Youth Center will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you can commit to one day a week or a couple hours during the week that would be greatly appreciated.

If people are interested, they may call Philip Hale at 715-735-7448 or email him at [philip.hale@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:philip.hale@usc.salvationarmy.org)

### **Fall Prevention and Home Safety Seminar**

Gather with friends Saturday, June 4th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to learn how the body creates balance and harness your potential to have great balance and stay safe at home!

Dr. Andrea Lyon, PT, DPT, will be presenting information that will be fun, interesting, and useful for those who want to ensure the best chance of remaining safely in their home for as long as possible. This is a free event and lunch will be provide.

People may call Lyon Physical Therapy at 906-309-0158 to reserve a spot!

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