

# WE ARE ZION



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## July 2022



**Zion's 2022 Congregation Council**

Troy Cording — President	Dean Schoen — V.P.
Michelle Larson — Secretary	LeeAnn Martin — Treasurer
Katy Bauer	Kim Graf
Dave Johnson	Laura Rowe
Brad Nelson	Sarge Rudell
Mark Swenson	Jonah Zuehls
Elsa Limberg, Youth Member	

**Zion Staff**

Administrative Assistant — Marissa Tharp  
 Choir Director and Organist — Ann Buscher  
 Financial Secretary — Karen Houdek

**Who Does What at Zion** \_\_\_\_\_

**Worship**

Acolyte Scheduling — Undecided  
 Altar linens (Laundering) — Shirley Swenson  
 Assistants — Ann Buscher (Ushers, readers, communion assistants, set up communion)  
 AV Team — Troy Cording & Jonah Zuehls  
 Banners — Ann Buscher, Kathy Heimbuch and Karen Dill  
 Bulletin and Newsletter Assistance — Church Secretary  
 Candles (eternal and oil) Michelle Larson  
 Contemporary Worship — Bill Tipple  
 Hymn Selection — Ann Buscher  
 Wine and apple or grape juice — Michelle Larson

**Building Maintenance – Interior/Exterior**

Supplies — Gary Grom provides paper and cleaning products as well as purchasing small equipment for maintaining Zion's ground such as shovels, rakes, etc.                      Continued....

## Who Does What at Zion ---

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Handyman — Jack Heimbuch — experience in plumbing and electrical. (no high ladders)

### **Committees/Groups**

Caring Ministry Team — Karen Sylvester

Equal Exchange Items — Heidi Beland

Confirmation Classes — Pastor

Funeral Luncheon Teams — Ann Buscher/Carol Johnson and Michelle Larson/Karen Sylvester

Harvest of Hope Community Garden — John Radloff

Kitchen Supplies — Nora Plym

Mission Endowment Comm. — Troy Cording, meets June 3rd

Money Counters — Karen Dill and Bonnie Schoen

Nominating Comm — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Personnel Comm. — Troy Cording, meets in fall

Property Comm. — Mark Swenson

Sanctuary Arts — Kathy Heimbuch

Sew for Mission — Carol Magnuson

Social Ministry — Heidi Beland & Michelle Larson co-chairs

SPARK — Johanna Zuehls and Pastor

Stewardship & Generosity — Karen Sylvester

Youth Ministry Treasurer — Karen Dill

Worship and Music — Ann Buscher

Ruth Women's Circle — Jane Landenberg

Sarah Women's Circle — Lori Despins



**The Seven  
Marks of  
Discipleship**

*#Pray*

*#Worship*

*#Study*

*#Invite*

*#Encourage*

*#Give*

*#Serve*

## **Worship in Spirit and Truth**

Most of the 4th chapter of the Gospel of John is devoted to Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman—the woman at the well. In their conversation, they talk about the proper place to worship. For Jews, it was the temple in Jerusalem. For the Samaritans, it was Mt. Gerizim. Jesus said to her, "But the hour is coming, and is now here when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him." While places of worship, like Zion's beautiful sanctuary, are important to us and enhance our worship experience, worship is primarily a matter of the heart. As worship is the theme of this month's stewardship emphasis based on the Seven Marks of Discipleship, I would like to share some thoughts with our readers on worship as a central part of my faith journey.

I have been through four official hymnals and several supplementary hymnals in my lifetime as a Lutheran which has provided a foundation for my worship life. We commonly refer to them by their color (black, red, green, and now cranberry). Each one has been a cherished source of hymns, liturgies, psalms, prayers, occasional services, and other sources for devotion and inspiration. Each has reflected changes in language, worship styles and cultural trends while preserving the essential forms of both corporate and private worship that have guided the church through the centuries. One of the first Bible verses I learned as a child was Psalm 122:1— "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'." Those were the words spoken every

Sunday by the Sunday School superintendent at my home church as he called us together for opening worship before we went to our classes. The Holy Spirit put that gladness in my heart at an early age. Worship reminds me of how important God is to me in my daily life. It connects me with God. When I praise God, life becomes a song of praise. Leading worship, preaching, and administering the sacraments has been the greatest joy of my ministry.

Probably the oldest and most oft-told joke pastors must endure is that ministers only work one day of the week. In reality, when I was working full-time, Sunday was the one day I didn't work. Sunday was my play day. It was the culmination of my week's work. It was and still is pure joy. Pastor Waldemar "Fram" Framstad, a dear friend and former parishioner, would often greet me at the door at the conclusion of the worship service and exclaim, "this is my happy hour!" If Sunday morning is not your "happy hour," then I encourage you to look deep within and recognize your need to be in communion with God and in fellowship with God's people.

I am so pleased to serve Zion congregation as your Interim Pastor. In that role, I take no responsibility more seriously than leading you in worship—proclaiming God's word and administering the sacraments as vehicles of God's grace. I pray fervently that this congregation will continue to engage in vibrant worship and that Zion will continue to be a place where people experience the living presence of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament and in the midst is people.

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Doug Schoen

## Congregation Council Highlights

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### COUNCIL UPDATES

The congregational council met June 14th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Pastors Report: May 2022 Attendance-105, Pastor Doug reported that he is doing home communion visits on two Tuesdays a month to help supplement the Caring

Ministry Team; he is enjoying getting to know some of the homebound members of Zion.

**May Financial Report:** General Fund increased \$9,518; Capital Improvement Fund Increased \$1,204. A proposal was made to start a Call Fund with \$2400.00 a month to be put aside.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Youth Ministry — VBS will be held August 8-11, 2022, from 5-7 p.m., Stephanie Ehle from Bethel is spearheading this with Johanna Zuehls being Zion's contact.

Mission Endowment Fund — Meeting was held June 6th and distributions totaling \$7500.00 were agreed upon by the endowment committee.

#### **Old Business:**

Kitchen Refrigerator — Council approved the purchase of a new refrigerator from Drees Electric.

Zoom Room Visit — Dave, Brad, Mark and Troy visited Mt Olive, sound quality was discussed as the most important issue. The council will be looking into the upgrading of the AV equipment in the sanctuary.

Boiler Resolution — Accepted the bid from Johnston Furnace Service including Options 1,2 and 3. Total price to be determined after account credit and energy grant.

#### **New Business:**

Unused chairs — Small chairs located just outside the worship center are free to congregation members. If people are not interested, then we will reach out to daycares, etc.

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## Congregation Council Highlights ---

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Approval of Kolstad Gift for Accountant — Council reviewed and agreed that all conditions were met to be approved as a gift.

The Aschim family requested to be removed from Zion's Membership. The council approved their request.

Membership — 26 letters were sent to inactive members. We received 3 responses to continue membership and 1 response for removal. 23 members were dropped.

Safety/Security Task Force — Dave J will head this up with discussion resuming in August.

NEWCAP Donations — The NEWCAP Food Pantry is now closed. Any monies designated for NEWCAP will be sent to other services. The Social Ministry Committee was notified so a discussion can be held on where best to donate food.

Lori Kirt has resigned from her Council position due to a heavy workload.

The next council meeting will be August 9 at 6:30 p.m.



## Salvation Army Seeks Volunteers ---



The Salvation Army is getting closer to re-opening its Youth Center for the summer. With that in mind I'm 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 inter-

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

## **Hospitalization Notifications**

If you or a member of your family should become a patient at Aurora Medical Center Bay Area and would like a visit from Pastor Schoen, please state that you are a member of Zion when



you check in. Pastor Schoen will then be notified by the hospital chaplain. You may also call the church office to notify us, request a visit, or simply to ask for prayers. If you are hospitalized in Green Bay or elsewhere, please notify the church office directly.

### ***Join us in lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ, in prayer as we remember their Baptism***

*July 3rd, Pastor Schoen will begin recognizing those members who were Baptized in that particular month. This was done on a monthly basis Pre-COVID, and we anticipate it continuing the remainder of the year.*

- July 1: Richard Francour and Donald Schutt
- July 3: Victoria Johnson and Shirley Lueskow
- July 4: Sandra Tessmer
- July 6: Jacob Buenning
- July 9: Nick Kehoe and Patricia Rondeau
- July 10: Tayler Ehle and Wendy Ihler
- July 11: Owen Derby and Shirley Lebick
- July 14: Shirley Enderby, Peter Jensen and  
Matthew Swenson
- July 16: Tyler Lund
- July 18: Katelyn Sylvester
- July 19: Jakob Callaway-Ross, Hannah Oleson
- July 20: Charlotte Bauer
- July 21: Donald Limberg and Al Peterson
- July 23: Steve Bromund
- July 25: Diane Lynch and Richelle Vincent
- July 27: Jonah Zuehls
- July 30: Lanse Dill and William Tipple



### **Stay Up to Date with Zion**

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Are you on Zion's email list? If not, would you like to be? To be included on our email list, please send an email to: [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) requesting to be added to our emailing list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, sign-ups for distribution of Holy Communion and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!

### **Vacation Bible School**

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Vacation Bible School is back! VBS will be held August 8-11 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Henes Park, 100 Henes Park Drive, Menominee in Pavilion #3. The theme for this year is: **Waves of Mercy**.

Kids from preschool through 6th grade are invited to play games, create arts and crafts, sing songs, and hear Bible stories that connect water with God's word.

Sack lunches will be available free of charge to campers and their families at 5:00 pm and small groups will rotate between stations throughout the evening.

Registration is encouraged! Registration forms are available on the table in Zion's lobby and office and on [Zion's website](#). Fill it out and leave it in Zion's office today!



## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Events

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will be holding the following events:

**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

Each retreat includes meals, programming, opportunities to play both indoors and outdoors, time to reconnect with friends and family, and key faith formation for all ages. For more information and registration details, visit FLLC's [website](#).

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
	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
Week 4	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



THANK YOU!

Zion received the following thank you note.

**The DAR Boys and Girls Club:**

Dear Friends of Zion Lutheran Church,

You have a heart of gold! Thank you for believing in the children in our community. Your passion to give them a fun and safe place to receive a healthy meal, learn new life skills, and enjoy time with friends and adult mentors does not go unnoticed. Thank you for trusting the DAR Boys & Girls Club to be that place for the Club children and their families.

Since 1915, DAR Boys & Girls Club of Menominee/Marinette has provided a safe, nurturing environment for children in the area. Without our Club the youth in our area would have no place to turn. Today's youth face greater challenges than ever before. Crime, drugs and delinquency are just some of the pitfalls our youth face. Without havens like Boys & Girls Clubs, life for children would be much more difficult.

The DAR is blessed to have friends like you who are willing to participate to make our Club and community a better place. Thanks again for all your hard work and helping us be the place where "Great Futures Start Here!"

Thank you so much for your donation. Your donation of \$329.54 will allow us to continue our mission during this trying time. You are helping make futures a reality for the next generation of youth in our community. It is generosity and devotion that helps us do whatever it takes to meet the needs of any child who walks through our doors.

Sincerely,  
Koreen Gardon, CEO

## **The Stewardship and Generosity Corner**

*The goal of Zion's Stewardship and Generosity Committee is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.*

Every weekend in July brings new and interesting things to do starting with the July 4th celebrations. There may also be family vacations and reunions, picnics, weddings, swimming at the beach, bazaars, and a vast array of other activities that are typically crammed into the warm month of July.

Amidst all this activity it's often hard to make time to attend a worship service. If this describes you and your family, it's good to know that we are fortunate to have alternatives.

In person worship is always preferred as it connects you with other Christians making the worship experience more meaningful. The next best thing, however, is having the ability to watch Sunday worship live on Zion's Facebook page. This is wonderful, especially for shut-ins and congregation members, who for one reason or another, cannot travel to Zion. While tuning in is great, it may not be ideal especially if time for worship is limited.

We are blessed to have several different avenues available to us to worship God when time becomes a scarce commodity. The first is to go to Zion's Facebook page anytime during the week, whenever convenient, and click on the worship service. If time is limited, locate the Gospel reading, and then listen to it and the sermon. These two alone will lift and refresh your spirit.

Another fantastic option is to locate a great online devotion. I can totally recommend [Luther Seminary's "God Pause"](#). It arrives daily in your inbox and contains everything you need including, a short Bible reading, a devotion, and a prayer.

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## The Stewardship and Generosity Corner \_\_\_\_\_

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Another alternative is the [Northern Great Lakes Synod "Prayfaithfully" devotion](#). This one does not arrive in your inbox daily so you must connect to the Synod website. Once found this site offers daily devotions for the entire week which allows you to utilize as much of it as you wish whenever you wish.

Finally, Zion receives "The Word in Season" devotional books that cover a three-month span of time. Those small free devotional books are in Zion's lobby on the table. These are especially meaningful for people who do not have ready access to a computer, the Internet, or simply like hardcopy.

As Bonnie Schoen said in her June 12th Temple Talk, we can worship anywhere. I challenge you to see how many creative ways you can spend time with God the father, his son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

*Deuteronomy 6:5 — "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might".*

In God's peace, grace and love,  
Karen Sylvester



## **NEWCAP to close Food Pantry**

NEWCAP has been proud to assist households with their nutritional needs through our food pantry for over 20 years. As of June 1, they will no longer be providing pantry services in Marinette. They want to thank the many people in the community who have helped to keep the shelves stocked over the years.

Below are pantry resources available in Marinette County:

**Pastor Fred's Food Pantry:** Mailing PO Box 117 N15088  
Cleveland St., Amberg, WI 54102

**Peshigo Food Pantry:** Mailing: P.O. Box 53 240 McCagg St.,  
Peshtigo, WI 54157

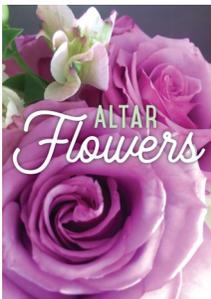
**The Salvation Army:** 80 W. Russell St., Marinette, WI 54143

**St. Vincent DePaul:** 1619 Main St., Marinette, WI 54143

NEWCAP's Marinette location will continue to offer services through its Community Health Clinic. Office hours will remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday. If you are interested in learning more about these and other programs, please contact their office at 800-242-7334. You can also, review their programs at their website at [www.newcap.org](http://www.newcap.org).

## **July Eternal Light**

The Eternal Light for the month of July is sponsored by Rachel Rosenfeldt.



## **Altar Flower Sponsorships**

Zion has altar flower sponsorships available. The cost of sponsoring the flowers for one week is \$15.00. Dates are reserved on a first come first serve basis. To reserve a date, please call or email Zion's office at 715-732- 7898 or [Zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:Zion@newbc.rr.com).

## July Birthdays

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July 3: Diana Harper

July 4: Madelyn Krah

July 6: Sarah Jagielski

July 7: Rita Kehoe, Dale Lueskow, Candace Minzlaff  
and Jonah Zuehls

July 8: Roxanne Bowdin and Jacob Ehle

July 9: Peter Jensen

July 10: Allie Greenlund

July 11: Sarah Marzahl

July 12: Michael Goes

July 13: Swenson

July 16: Alexa Oleson

July 17: Robert Baxter

July 18: William Magnuson

July 19: Traci Olson

July 21: Samantha Schroeder

July 24: Ann Buscher

July 26: Mason Krah, Kensley Renne and Leah Rose

July 27: Pastor Rick DeBenedetto

July 30: Duane Clarke, Michael Cook, Michael Minzlaff and  
Jacki Renne

July 31: Cynthia Schoen



### **Accurate contact information?**

Have you or a family member recently had a change of address or phone number? Have you or a family member moved? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file (mailing address, phone number, email)? Zion is striving to have current information on file. Please call or email Zion's office to verify what is on file (715-735-7898) or [zion@newbc.rr.com](mailto:zion@newbc.rr.com) ). Thank you for your assistance!

### **Stewardship Initiative**

Starting June 5th, the Stewardship and Generosity Committee will continue the yearlong "Stepping in Faith" stewardship initiative with another Mark of Discipleship – WORSHIP. We will be handing out the Steps in Faith Through Worship suggestion list through July 24th when this particular emphasis will end. If you have not already received the 'Next Step' magnet one will be available at worship. If you are unable to attend worship and would like the magnet and WORSHIP list, please reach out and ask one of our committee members. We pray that your Worship 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 Worship. Dear God, life is whizzing by so quickly and I don't know how to slow it down. I've no time to sit, be quiet, and spend time with you. I want to thank you for giving me this life which I cherish, but I need your help to do so. I ask you dear Lord, to help me slow down - to spend 60 minutes at Sunday worship – to breath and be refreshed. I trust you Lord to make this happen in my life. 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

### **What's Around the Corner?**

Zion is buzzing with worship preparations! Below is a brief outline of what is "around the corner".

- July 3: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- July 10: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Guest Pastor Nick Johannes.
- July 17: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Guest Pastor Rick DeBenedetto.
- July 24: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- July 31: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m., indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

### **Worship Assistant Opportunities**

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!

### **Donate to Zion**

Did you know that you are able to contribute to Zion via the website? Simply to go: <http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org> and in the far right margin of the page is a nice purple rectangle button that reads: Donate. Click it and follow the steps to donate. If you have questions, please call Karen Houdek. She'll help you through each step of the way. You may also click on the "Shop Now" button on Zion's Facebook page!

## STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2022-2023

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### Where All May Dwell

Emily Norris had been serving at Augsburg Lutheran Church's winter-overflow homeless shelter in Winston-Salem, N.C., for a few years when she heard the rumblings. Many of the guests opened up to her, told her stories. One need kept arising.

"I heard very loudly that there was a deep hunger for a faith community that looked like them," Norris said. They craved space where they could worship God and not feel judged for their housing status, their past or their appearance. Heeding their calls led Norris to Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, to become a pastor.

By 2020, Norris was ordained and serving as the mission developer for the Dwelling, an ELCA faith community designed for, but not exclusive to, people in Winston-Salem who are or have been homeless. Funding comes from partnerships with Augsburg, the North Carolina Synod, the Moravian Church in America and the ELCA churchwide organization, which draws on Mission Support for the Dwelling's grant.

Starting a church during a pandemic wasn't ideal. Safety restrictions made worship impossible, and the population Norris had hoped to reach became especially vulnerable. So she did what many ELCA leaders and congregations were forced to do: she pivoted.

After assessing community needs, Norris determined that free mobile showers would be the Dwelling's anchor ministry. Visitors could take showers and receive clean underwear, socks and T-shirts donated by nearby members of the Dwelling's synod.

"It was really a profound way to start," Norris said. "Showers

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## STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION 2022-2023

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provide a sense of dignity and are therapeutic. I don't know a better way to remind people of their baptism."

Eventually the showers became permanent, with participants volunteering to help the program. By Christmas Eve, area restrictions for gatherings had been relaxed, and Norris held the Dwelling's first service. In January 2021, it began offering regular Sunday Worship.



With a living room for its sanctuary, couches and chairs for its pews, and free flowing food, the Dwelling takes seriously its mission of hospitality. "It has a feather touch, where you can come in and get comfy," said member Cheryl Morrison. "It's OK to talk to the person next to you, get up to get a cup of coffee, doughnut or muffin."

**"This is a church for God's people — the homeless — and they are the foundation of what makes this church work, which in my eyes is extremely special,"** added Ryan Sprinkle, a council member. "You have people right off street with their backpacks."

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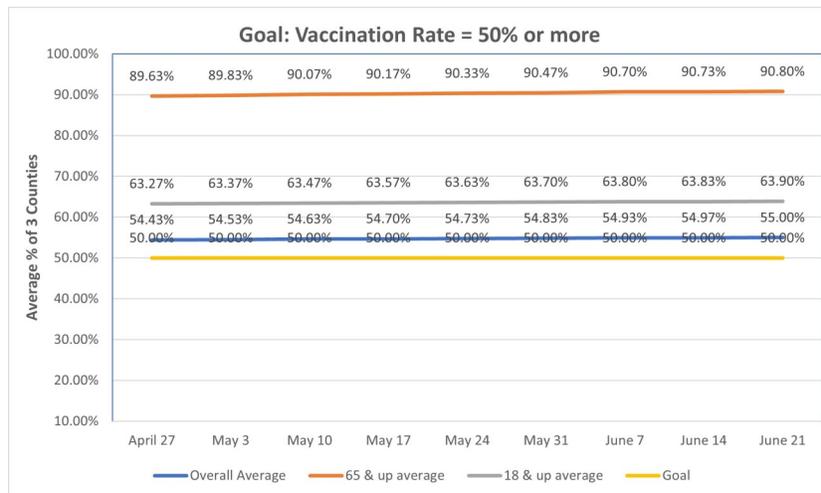
## Sew For Missions Update

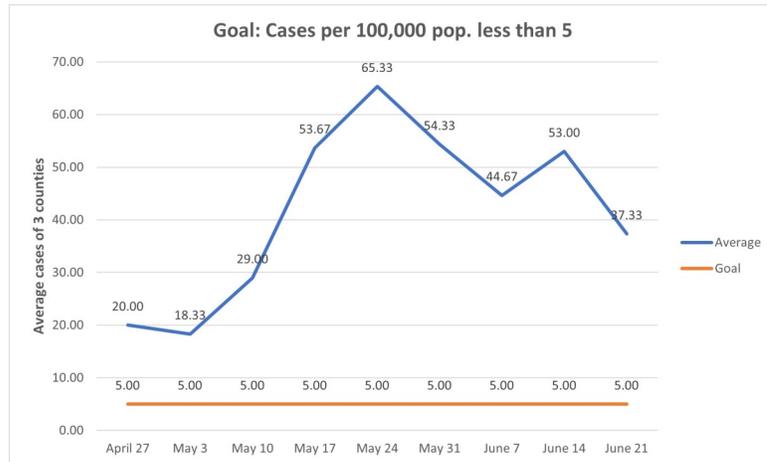
Sew for Missions has been busy!! Since the end of October, the group has created and boxed 64 quilts that will go to the ministry of Lutheran World Relief. Way to go!!!

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

## 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.





## **Eastern Europe Crisis Response**

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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](#).



## Where to find Zion's Information \_\_\_\_\_

Zion has a gauntlet of places where you can stay current with the happenings within Zion!

- ⇒ We publish a weekly Announcement sheet that includes, but is not limited to: the schedule of events for the upcoming week, Birthdays, special announcements and members to lift up in prayer.
- ⇒ Zion also has a Facebook page, that contains pictures of various activities, events that will take place (Sew for Missions & Blood Drives—just to mention a few).
- ⇒ Zion's website (<http://www.zionlutheran-marquette.org/>) has a link to display a Google Calendar—at the very top of the Home page, on the upper right.
- ⇒ We also publish a monthly Newsletter; you're reading it right now! It is available in print, on the website, and via email. If you have not received a notification via email and would like to, please email your request to:  
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