

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: Donald Boerschinger, Bristol Dugre, Gary and Barbara Grom, Joyce Johnson, Jane Ladenberger, Carol Magnuson, Kurt Oleson, Diane Race, Drake Schutt



Outdoor Worship!

Mark your calendars & grab your lawn chair! Zion will Hold its final outdoor worship service this year (weather permitting) on Sunday, October 24! We look forward to seeing you! PLEASE JOIN US!

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given Karen and Jerry Sylvester in honor of Jerry and Karen's 52nd Wedding Anniversary and the 26th Anniversary of Karen's ovarian cancer diagnosis.



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?

Oct. 17: The 21st Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Contemporary Worship service.

Oct. 24: The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. outdoor worship and via Facebook Live.

Oct. 31: Reformation Day, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Recorded Special music by the Zion Senior Choir. Confirmation Sunday.

Nov. 7: All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. With Special Music.

Holy Communion Offered During Indoor Worship

Presently we are distributing Holy Communion as a part of our in-person indoor Sunday worship. The distribution takes place at the end of the worship service outside when the weather allows. For those who do not want to worship indoors, you are still welcome to join us for Holy Communion following the service, but please call the church office at 715-735-7898 to inform us of your intent so that we will wait for you if necessary. (When the weather doesn't allow, we are planning to distribute communion in the social hall with fans on and plenty of fresh air passing through, and with people exiting out the north door.)

Questions of the Day for Sunday, October 24, Mark 10:46-52

The Question of the Day helps prepare you for next Sunday's focus text. These questions are posted on Zion's website each day offering an opportunity for discussion. (Just click in the title of the post and you will be taken to the discussion window.) Try it out for a week and see how Jesus will use your time of pondering upon God's word to deepen your faith and enrich your worship experience.

Monday: Why did Bartimaeus ask for mercy? Was there a question as to whether Jesus would be merciful?

Tuesday: Why did the bystanders try to quiet Bartimaeus?

Wednesday: How did Bartimaeus make his way to Jesus?

Thursday: Why did Jesus ask Bartimaeus what he wanted Jesus to do for him?

Friday: In what ways did Bartimaeus display his faith to Jesus?

Saturday: How did the wellness of Bartimaeus connect with his healing or his faith?



Birthday Blessings to You

October 18: LouAnn Bates

October 19: William Beattie

October 20: John Heimbuch

October 21: Ainsely Emler, Nicole Oleson

October 22: David Depsins, Kaitlyn Francour

October 23: Kurt Breuer

Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Karen Sylvester for being our lector and for serving as our usher.

Help Needed

We are looking for people who would like to help wash the windows inside the church. We will provide supplies and you can do them when ever you want. Call Ann Buscher at 715-735-0317 for more information.



November Newsletter

A friendly reminder that articles and information for publication in the November Newsletter are due to Zion's office by Thursday, October 21st. Thank you for your assistance!

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays this Week

October 21: Ann Buscher, Daniel Johnson

October 23: Bradley Nelson

October 24: Candace Minzlaff



Racial Equity Challenge for October

We will be switching gears with October's racial equity challenge. We will view a 1-hour PBS program about Native American boarding schools entitled, "Unspoken." These boarding schools have been in the news lately. This program is a moving and insightful look into the history, operation, and legacy of the federal Indian Boarding School system, whose goal was total assimilation of Native Americans at the cost of stripping away Native culture, tradition, and language. It can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

On Tuesday, October 26, starting at 6:30 p.m., we will offer an opportunity to discuss this video on Zoom. All are welcome, even if you have not been a part of the discussion previously. Here is the [Zoom link](#) for the meeting. Please be aware that there will be a "waiting room" before the meeting begins. If you need a phone connection to the meeting, please contact Pastor Keith.

Volunteer Worship Opportunities!



If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a lector or as an usher please follow the link [2021 Worship Assistant Opportunities](#) & fill in the necessary information. 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. Pastor Keith will update you of the ushering duties prior to worship. Thank you for your consideration!

Accurate contact information?

Have you or a family member recently had a change of mailing address, phone number or email address? Not sure if Zion has accurate information on file? 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). Thank you for your assistance!

Stay Up to Date with Zion

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 requesting to be added to our email list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, volunteer opportunities and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!



SPARK Bible Story

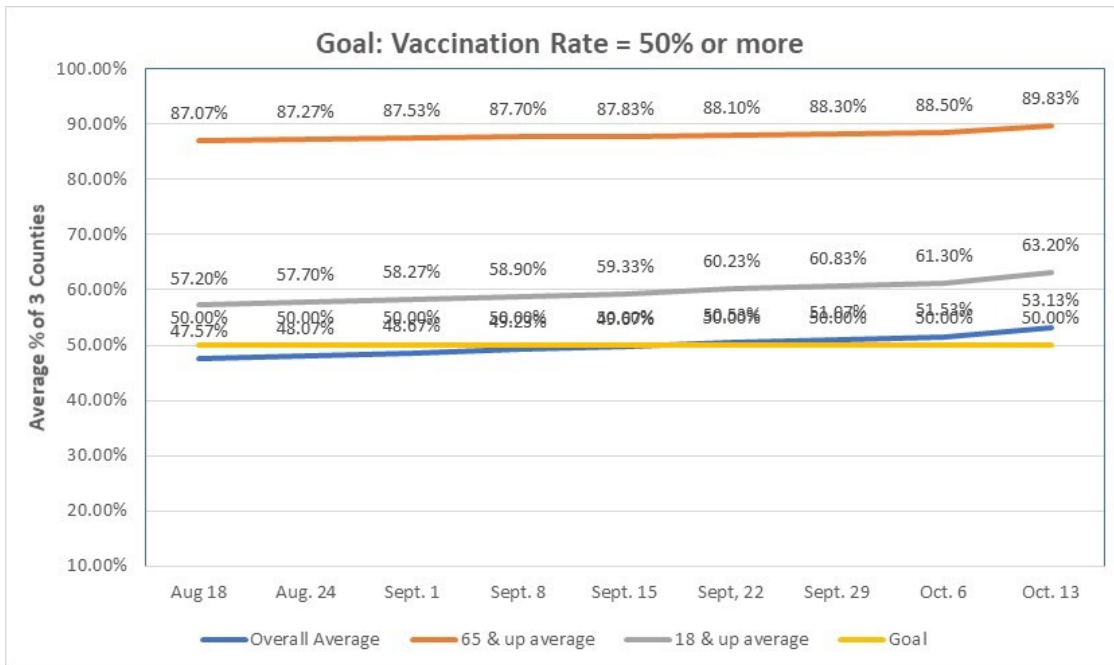
The SPARK Bible Story for Sunday, October 17, is found on page 336; "James and John" based on the Reading from Mark 10:35-45

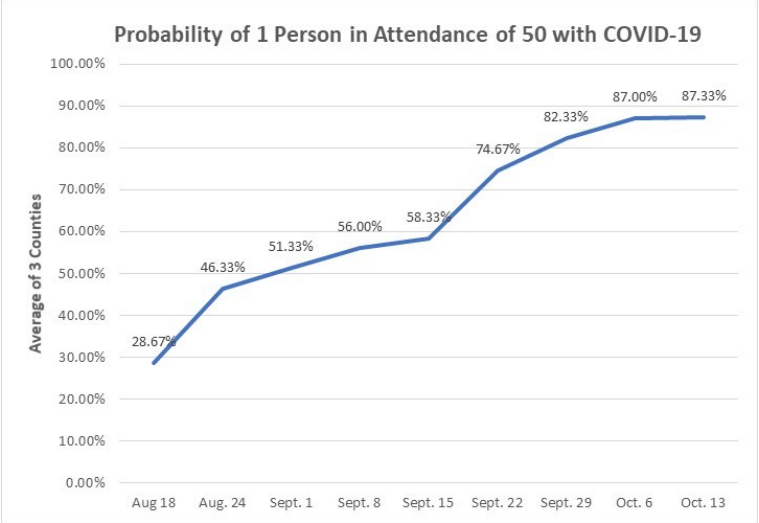
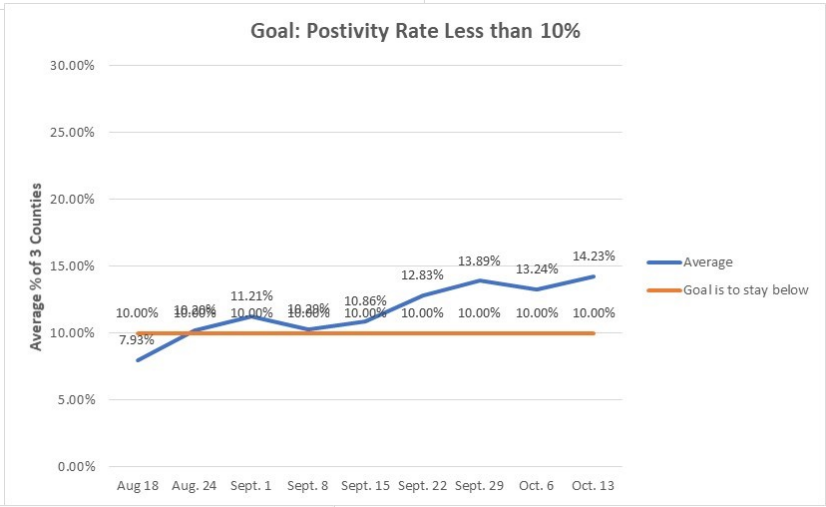
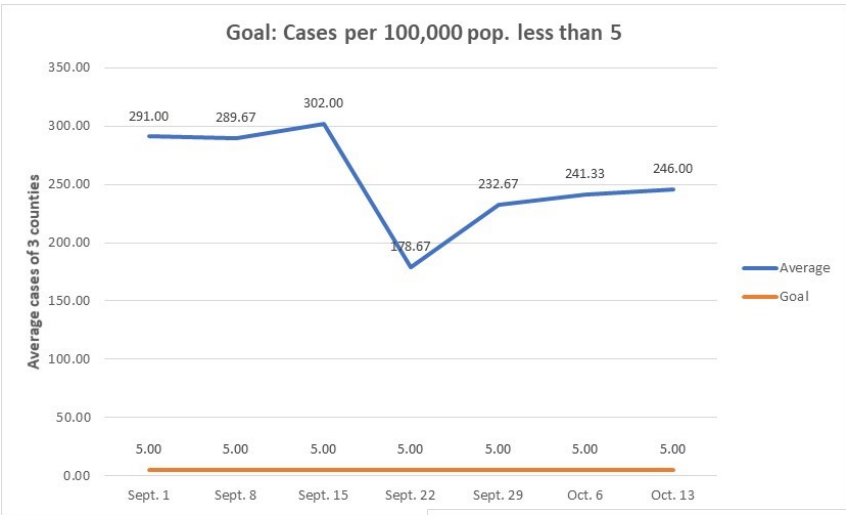
Indoor in-person worship: October 17, 2021

Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is cancelled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first come, first served.) *At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person indoor worship. However, it is subject to change* and is dependent upon the positive test rate, cases per 100,000 and the probability rate. Social distancing practices will continue to be used (no passing of the peace or offering plate, limited & soft singing).

Please visit Zion's website to read the [Protocols for In-Person Indoor Worship](#) - all adults in attendance are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth (the exception being Pastor who is leading worship). As always, if you have questions, please call Zion's office at: 715-735-7898 or send an email to: Zion@newbc.rr.com.

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 53.13% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 89.83%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 63.20%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 14.23%, which is over our goal and continues to rise. Cases per 100,000 remains high. Another measurement is a percentage of probability where, in a gathering of 50 people, how likely is it that someone with COVID-19 would be present. Right now, there is a 83.77% chance of this happening. We feel that everyone's knowledge of the risk is important. We are publishing graphs in the weekly announcements that represent the average numbers of the following Counties: Oconto, Marinette and Menominee, MI. We are watching the trend of each graph with what are considered to be safer and safe goals in mind. The data used in the graphs is collected from the [CDC website](#) and from a [website tool](#) provided to us from our Northern Great Lakes Synod. Please make the time to familiarize yourself with the graphs/information. Should you have concerns, questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Zion's office.





Notes of thanks!

Zion recently received the following letter from the DAR Boys and Girls Club:

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 \$298,04 will allow us to continue our mission in this trying time during the pandemic. 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 take to meet the needs of any child who walks through our doors.

Sincerely,
Koreen Gardon, CEO

Electronic Piano in Our Worship Area

Our Kurzweil electronic piano has been a part of our worship experience since the fall of 2000. The computer that it contained was quite a few years older. This summer it finally died. With the approval of Zion's Congregation Council, a new Yamaha electronic piano has been purchased for a total cost of \$4,772. Due to the challenges that COVID has brought to the world of commerce, it may be a few months before the piano arrives. We will be using some designated and undesignated Memorial money to help pay for the piano, and we welcome any and all additional gifts towards this purchase. Please be sure to clearly designate that your gift is for the new pian and thank you so very much!



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