# 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: Kathleen Cramer, Skyler and Bethany Emler, Hope Goes, Kimberly Graff, Godfrey and Carolyn Heitmeier, Dale and Kathleen Lueskow, Brittany and Kensley Renne



#### **Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given by Dennis Mullen in remembrance of Patrice Mullen, who passed away 5 years ago on October 29.

Please call Zion's office (715-735-7898) or send an email <u>Zion@newbc.rr.com</u>) if you would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific Sunday. The cost is \$15.

#### What's Around the Corner?

- 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.
- <u>Nov. 7</u>: All Saints Sunday, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Recorded Special music by the Zion Senior Choir.
- <u>Nov. 14</u>: The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live. Guest Pastor Rev. Lee Goodwin.
- <u>Nov. 21</u>: The 26th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.
- Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day
- <u>Nov. 28</u>: First Sunday of Advent, 9:30 a.m. indoor worship with Holy Communion and via Facebook Live.

#### 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, November 7, John 11:32-44

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 Mary kneel before Jesus? **Tuesday:** Why would Mary assume that Jesus would have stopped the death of Lazarus from happening?

**Wednesday:** Why was Jesus deeply disturbed by the grief of Mary and the others who were with her?

**Thursday:** How is belief and seeing the glory of God connected? **Friday:** How does Jesus' prayer make you feel? How did those who heard him pray it feel about it?

Saturday: What would your reaction be if you saw a dead man walk out of a tomb?



## **Birthday Blessings to You**

November 1: Georgann Griffiths November 2: Jaclynn Knopik, Jeffery Minzlaff, Phillip Strohl November 3: James Jagielski, Joanne Schutt, Jennifer Voelker November 4: Hope Goes November 5: John Kloida, Wendy Strutz November 6: Henry Zuehls November 7: Niklas Williams

### Thank you to our Worship Assistants

Thank you to Kathy Heimbuch for being our lector today and to Nora Plym for serving as our usher.



Tithes & Offerings Oct. 24-26

General Fund — \$5,604.28 Se

Sew for Missions — \$200.00

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

November 1: Carole Boerner, Daniel Lemire, Laura Rowe November 2: Michael Cook, Georgann Griffith, Timothy Saxton November 3: Kensley Renne, Jennifer Voelker November 5: Leah Rose November 7: Beckham Betts, Donna Dietrich



# Volunteer Worship Opportunities!



If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a lector or as an usher please follow the link <u>2021 Worship Assistant Opportunities</u> & 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!

## 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 emailing list. The emails consist of weekly announcements, important reminders, volunteer opportunities and the monthly newsletter (just to name a few)!

## 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!

## 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.



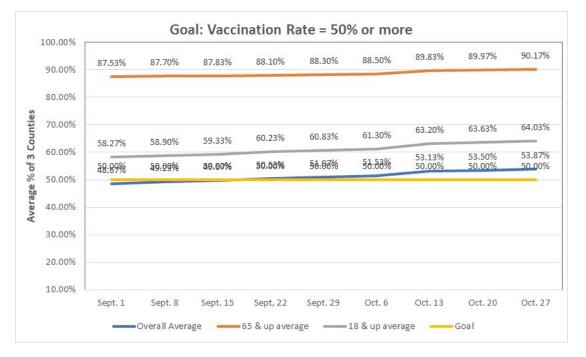
## November Eternal Light

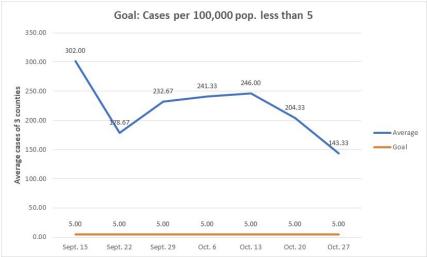
The Eternal Light for the month of November is sponsored by Pam Goes.

#### Indoor in-person worship: October 31, 2021

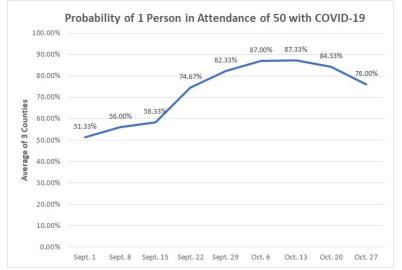
Indoor services will be held every other Sunday. Outdoor services will alternate with these indoor services. (If an outdoor service is cancelled because of weather, indoor worship will be available, first come, first served.) At this time, Zion is no longer requiring you to reserve a pew for the in-person indoor worship. <u>However, it is subject to change</u> 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 <u>Protocols for In-Person Indoor Worship</u> - <u>all adults</u> <u>in attendance are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth</u> (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: <u>Zion@newbc.rr.com</u>.

At this time, we acknowledge that there is some risk involved. Even though our local total population is 53.87% vaccinated which surpasses our safer goal of 50%; our 65+ age group is over our safe goal at 90.17%. The 18 & up vaccinated average is currently at 64.03%. We are also watching the test positivity rate. Our area's positivity rate is 10.61%, which is over our goal and persists above it. Cases per 100,000, has been dropping but 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 76% 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 <u>CDC website</u> and from a <u>website tool</u> 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.











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